GET INVOLVED
Your Guide to Student Life at RU
This book offers you a quick glimpse into life outside the classroom at Rockhurst University. Did you know you’ll spend about 15 hours in class each week? But what about the other 100 waking hours? How you spend this time will determine how successful and enjoyable your college experience will be.

Make the most of your time by getting involved in something you’re passionate about. Find what interests you. You’ll develop leadership skills and friendships to last a lifetime.

With more than 70 clubs and organizations to choose from, our campus has something for you.

While it’s true that employers hire students with good GPAs, they also want professionals who know how to work with others, think critically and demonstrate a record of involvement. Getting involved will help you develop these traits.

And remember we’re here to help you find your niche. Don’t hesitate to contact us with questions about how to get involved at RU.

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Rockhurst is a Catholic, Jesuit university. But what does that mean? Jesuit education has an established history – 450 years old to be exact – that embraces all faith backgrounds and encourages you to grow personally and spiritually.

Here, you will be inspired to lead others, strive for lifelong learning, serve your community and find God in all things. We’re proud to be in the company of 27 other Jesuit universities in the nation, including Georgetown and Boston College.

**SMALL CAMPUS IN A BIG CITY**

Our location in the cultural heart of Kansas City, Mo., offers the best of both worlds – a quiet 55-acre campus nestled in a vibrant metropolis. This great city will be part of your college experience, with world-class museums, theaters and restaurants at your fingertips.

Spend your time attending games for our five professional sports teams, taking in the city’s diverse arts and music scene, and filling up on the best barbecue in the world.

Research indicates students who are involved outside the classroom:
- are more satisfied with their college experience.
- graduate at a higher rate than those who are not.
ORIENTATION
Get ready to gather with all of RU’s new students and get your first taste of college during our four-day orientation. This energetic, student-led event offers you the chance to learn about the services and resources available to you, get to know the campus and, most importantly, make friends. Orientation also includes Rockhurst’s traditional Finucane Service Project and Student Olympics. More information available at rockhurst.edu/orientation.

FAMILY AND ALUMNI WEEKEND
In mid- to late-September, Rockhurst alumni, students, families and friends celebrate Family and Alumni Weekend. The weekend’s special events combine family bonding time with Rockhurst-sponsored fun. Learn more at rockhurst.edu/weekend.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
With more than 70 Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) to explore, opportunities to meet people and have fun are endless. Don’t see what you’re looking for? Start a new organization and bring fellow students together. And if you’re looking for a one-stop campus programming spot, look no further than the Student Activities Board in Massman Hall or by visiting facebook.com/sab.box.

GREEK LIFE
Our fraternity and sorority community is comprised of seven Greek organizations, including four sororities and three fraternities. More than 500 members strong, Greek students are involved in almost every other campus organization and are majoring in every academic discipline. Turn the page to learn more.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS EDUCATION
One of Rockhurst’s six core values is cura personalis, which means “care for the whole person.” Rockhurst is committed to promoting and enhancing the physical, emotional and spiritual wellness of our students. Find out more about the resources, activities and programs we offer throughout the year at rockhurst.edu/studentlife.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Clubs and organizations offer numerous leadership opportunities. You’ll learn valuable skills and gain practical, hands-on experience, from running meetings to managing budgets – all useful tools to take with you into your career.
RU’s Greek life offers seven strong organizations, each with their own unique history, mission and members.

**SORORITIES**
- Alpha Sigma Alpha
- Gamma Phi Beta
- Theta Phi Alpha
- Zeta Tau Alpha

**FRATERNITIES**
- Alpha Delta Gamma
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Rockhurst Greeks completed nearly 11,500 service hours last year and raised more than $12,400 for philanthropic organizations.

**GO GREEK!**
If you’re looking to develop excellence in leadership, scholarship, service, brotherhood and sisterhood, Greek life may be a great fit for you. Joining a sorority or fraternity has many benefits. In fact, the average Greek GPA is significantly higher than the average Rockhurst student GPA. RU’s Greek organizations are consistently recognized by their national organizations for success in academics and philanthropy.

**TO JOIN A SORORITY OR FRATERNITY, YOU MUST HAVE:**
- Completed 12 academic hours
- Full-time student status
- A GPA of 2.5 or above
- No disciplinary probation

**SORORITIES**
Each fall, students have four great opportunities to learn more about sorority life. There is no obligation to join if you attend. Your first chance to explore the benefits of sorority life, as well as the recruitment process, is at Sorority Info Night. Next, learn more about each of our four sororities at Chapter Info Night.

Still not sure or have questions? Attend Panhellenic Fall Party and the annual Christmas Card Making Party to interact with current members. From there, you may register online for Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment, held in January before spring classes begin. Be sure to register early to avoid the $10 late fee.

Recruitment consists of a casual orientation, philanthropy round, a fun skit round, formal preference round and, finally, Bid Day.

**FRATERNITIES**
Interested in joining a fraternity? Get started by attending an IFC Open House. This event provides an overview of fraternity life, and allows you to interact with current members and other potential members like you.

You’ll need to attend an IFC Open House during the semester you pursue fraternity membership, although there is no obligation to join if you attend. These are held in mid-September and January. Individual fraternities hold invitational recruitment events two weeks following the open houses in the spring.

Many campus leaders, including the Student Senate president and vice president, Student Activities Board executive board members, orientation coordinators, ambassadors and social mentors are in fraternities or sororities at RU.
HONOR SOCIETIES
Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit)
Alpha Psi Omega (Theater)
Chi Alpha Sigma (Athletics)
Kappa Delta Pi (Education)
Order of Omega (Fraternity and Sorority)
Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-law)
Phi Delta Epsilon (Pre-med)
Phi Lambda Upsilon (Chemistry)
Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy)
Pi Delta Phi (French)
Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)
Psi Chi (Psychology)
Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)
Sigma Tau Delta (English)
Theta Alpha Kappa (Theology and Religious Studies)
Tri-Beta (Biology)

INTERNATIONAL/CULTURAL/MULTICULTURAL
ASIA
Black Student Union (BSU)
Student Organization of Latinos (SOL)
POLITICAL
College Democrats
College Republicans
Pre-law Club

ATHLETIC/RECREATIONAL
Spirit Squad
Dance Team
Hockey Club
Running Club
Student Athlete Advisory Committee
Tennis Club
Ultimate Frisbee

SPECIAL INTEREST
Alpha Phi Omega (Service)
Biology Club
Chemistry Club
Choir
Colleges Against Cancer
Delta Sigma Pi (Business Fraternity)
Economics Club
Enactus
English Club
Exercise Science Club
Finance and Accounting Student Body
French Club
Infectus
Green Club
Model U.N.
Nonprofit Leadership Alliance

GREEK ORGANIZATIONS
Alpha Sigma Alpha (ASA)
Gamma Phi Beta (Gamma Phi)
Theta Phi Alpha (Theta Phi)
Zeta Tau Alpha (Zeta)
Panhellenic Council

ORGANIZATIONS
FRATERNITIES
Alpha Delta Gamma (ADG)
Pi Kappa Alpha (Pike)
Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE)
Interfraternity Council

POLITICAL
College Democrats
College Republicans
Pre-law Club

PEERS
Performing Arts Society
Players
Pre-dental Club
Pre-med Club
Pre-PT/OT Club

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING
Family and Alumni Weekend
Orientation
The Sentinel newspaper
Student Activities Board (SAB)
Student Alumni Association (SAA)
Student Senate

RESEARCH COLLEGE OF NURSING ORGANIZATIONS
Student Nursing Association (RSNA)
Research Student Government (SGA)
Research Student Nurse Christian Fellowship (SNCF)

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PEERS
Performing Arts Society
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Pre-med Club
Pre-PT/OT Club

RAKERS
Recreational Dance Club
Rockhurst Transformation Alliance (Commuters, Transfers and Non-traditional Students)
Student Giving Committee
Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)
Students for Life
UNITY
VOICES for Justice

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