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Dear TCNJ Community:

With the Fall semester approaching, I am writing on behalf of the Fraternity & Sorority Community and the Office of Student Life to share information about **Phi Kappa Tau (ΦΚΤ)**. This group that uses Greek letters has lost recognition from TCNJ for violations of college policies. Though this fraternity was once recognized by TCNJ, the College revoked recognition of this organization for multiple, serious violations of the Student Organization Code of Conduct and Student Life processes in 2017. Presently, this group does not receive recognition privileges, advisement or support from TCNJ.

Despite this lack of recognition, this group may still engage in events, recruit membership, and host social activity and parties. The College may not have notice of such activities (either in advance or at all) and in any event does not sanction them. The College recognizes the valuable contributions that recognized student organizations make towards maintaining a vibrant, healthy and fun campus community for our students. The College seeks to promote recognized student organizations that foster camaraderie and appreciation of shared interests, and developmental and experiential opportunities in a healthy, respectful environment. Student organizations whose College recognition has been suspended or revoked, but continue to operate do not enjoy the support, guidance, and oversight that recognized student organizations do. Experience teaches us that non-recognized organizations, unfortunately, can be more prone to engaging in risky, unhealthy and harmful behavior, such as hazing, excessive drinking, using illicit drugs, harassment, sexual misconduct and violent acts. As student safety is paramount to what we do at TCNJ, we strongly discourage any student from joining, affiliating, or engaging in activity with this group.

Kappa Sigma (ΚΣ) and **Omega Psi Phi (ΩΨΦ)** are two fraternities that failed to complete our expansion process requirements over the last few years. Though individuals may still be engaging in events, membership recruitment, and/or hosting social activities and parties, neither of these fraternities have TCNJ recognition, privileges on our campus, nor support, guidance, or oversight from The College.

If you (or your student) are pledging or attending a party or social event, or otherwise engaging with an unrecognized group, you do so at your own risk. It is important for students to recognize that without College oversight of their pledging, risk management, or affiliation processes, non-recognized organizations are less likely to comply with College and council policies and procedures that reduce the risks associated with pledging and social events. Students should also understand that the Student Conduct Code does apply to off-campus behavior.

There are over 30 recognized Fraternities and Sororities and 230+ Recognized Student Organizations at TCNJ. All of these recognized groups can be found through studentlife.tcnj.edu and the Roar app. We would encourage you to use these resources when determining how to get involved. If you have any questions about the status of a specific organization or the potential repercussions if you engage with an unrecognized student group, or if you want to report the activity of an unrecognized group, please contact the Office of Student Life at studentlife@tcnj.edu or 609-771-2466. The Student Conduct Code has amnesty provisions for students who seek help for themselves or others who are in danger. We appreciate your help in achieving our goal of ensuring a safe, healthy, and respectful campus community.

Sincerely,



Dave Conner
Executive Director of Student Life