

The Distinguished Gentlemen's Club

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Membership Application
2017

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Spring 2017
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Description of Gentlemen's Club

The aim of the club is to introduce young African American men to the complex array of the Black male's plight and the infrastructure of the Black Greek-lettered fraternity. This will be accomplished by attendance of eight training seminars and reading of books that, in our view, best capture the dynamics of the black male image in what we deemed the search of the Black "gentlemen". **This year the program will also be offered as an Agricultural Leadership Education and Communication (ALED) 489 three-hour credit.**

Program Goals

- Improve academic standing of African American men participating in the program
- Increase positive visibility of African American men
- Improve and increase African American men's working relationship with faculty and administration
- Create an environment conducive of unity in the African American community specifically impacting males
- Introduce men to the possibility of participation in fraternity life

Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to

- Explain the concept of leadership
- Identify helpful resources which aid in academic achievement
- Demonstrate effective small group dynamics
- Apply knowledge of university, and local policies and procedures while learning the impact on themselves and other constituents
- Apply intrapersonal and critical thinking competencies
- Develop a vision for professional/personal growth congruent with one's passions, values, and skills
- Articulate the advantages and challenges of a diverse society

Program Overview

Executive Board

The Executive Board (EB) will consist of one member of each NPHC fraternity and four non-Greek members. The Executive Board will offer approximately sixty to eighty men invitations to apply for membership into the "Gentlemen's club". The candidates for membership will be selected based on level of motivation, academic status, commitment to self-awareness, and the ability to adhere to code of ethics and program policies. Membership to the club is exclusive and highly competitive, offering membership only to candidates that score high on both application and interview.

The Gentlemen's Club is an ten-week membership with new members selected each spring semester by application and interview process. The men whom are selected will be divided into four study groups of no more than 15 men. The club will meet weekly for seminars while also attending a weekly academic study session with their subgroup chaired by the Executive Board. The weekly

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seminars will cover a myriad of topics ranging from African American identity to interpersonal relationships.

Expectations of Club members

- Attend mandatory weekly DGC meetings and retreat, Meetings on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Beginning January 24th to April 18th

Retreat to Memphis, Tennessee: February 24-26, 2017 **Graduation:** April 18, 2017

- Attend NPHC fraternity's programs or service activities
- Submit a contract to their academic advisor stating they are involved in the program which requires study hours
- Select one staff or faculty member to be a point of contact for weekly check-in. This check-in is intended to be informal and brief in nature and should acts a catalyst for men to become acquainted with their professors and/or academic advisor
- Members with less than a 2.5 cumulative GPA are required to enroll in academic skills training program through Student Counseling and must receive a certificate of completion before the end of the program/course
- Pay a \$115.00 membership fee which will cover all food, supplies, t-shirt, and miscellaneous items
- Maintain contact with Executive Board
- Comply with the Gentlemen's Code of Ethics
- Complete content questionnaires

Compliance Deficiency

Failure to comply with expectations may result in immediate termination of membership and submission of all organization resources.

**Any member may be removed from the club by unanimous vote of the Executive Board or failure to adhere to the code of ethics.*

Contact Information

Any question please contact:

Sade A. Dawson at (979) 862-5636 or saded@stuact.tamu.edu

Please TYPE or PRINT in ink.

(Application due December 7, 2016) You will receive a doodle request for interview sign-up if interview is required.

Attach a photo and Résumé

T-shirt size _____

Last

First

MI

UIN

Local Address

Local Phone

Alternate Phone

Classification

Major

Email

Cumulative GPR

I will like to participate in the program for 3 hour course credit (ALED 489)

Yes___

No___

Answer the following on a separate sheet of paper: (please limit each question answer to five sentences)

1. What do you hope to gain by membership to the club?
2. What is your reaction to the word "leader"?
3. Are there certain qualities that a leader must have in order to be successful? If so, what are they? (Why or why not?)
4. Who served as significant role models for you before coming to college and why?
5. Please describe the role African American students' play on campus? Explain the role African American males play on campus.
6. What are the three most important things that African American students at Texas A&M must possess to be successful?
7. If barriers exist for African American males at Texas A&M, what are they?
8. List all major commitments and/or jobs you will or plan to engage in during the next year.

This constitutes my consent and authorization to disclose any relevant information to the appropriate parties in Gentlemen's Club concerning my character or academic status for determination of my suitability for membership. I also affirm all information on this application is correct and give permission for verification.

Signature

Date

Application Due Date: *Wednesday December 7, 2016 by 5 p.m.* to Sade A. Dawson in the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life Koldus 224. If you have, any questions contact saded@stuact.tamu.edu or (979) 862-5636.

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