



# 2018-2019 Annual Report

## *Office of the Dean of Students*

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# University Student Conduct Program

The 2018/2019 academic year saw another increase in enrollment at Montana State University. This past academic year Residence Life and the University Police played an integral role in managing and preventing university-wide conduct, which resulted in another significant decrease in several key areas. Additionally, all the deans in the Dean of Students' Office resolved conduct cases where the misconduct took place on or off campus, mostly excluding inside the residence halls. From July 1, 2018 to June 24, 2019, there were **1,248 conduct cases** (which represents all individuals involved in an incident), including Medical Amnesty cases and conduct we've categorized as "off-campus". This number represents **557 unique incidents**. These numbers are down from **1,719 conduct cases and 833 unique incidents** the previous academic year.

## Student Conduct Cases

Table A - Conduct Cases Referred From:					
Type	Res Life	UPD	BPD	Other*	Total
Conduct	670	472	30	66	1248

\*Other includes referrals from other law enforcement agencies, students, faculty and staff

The table below covers only the top five most frequently violated conduct policies for which students were found **responsible**. Though not specific conduct policies, DUIs and Medical Transports were also included.

Table B - Misconduct and Where most frequently							
Category	Total	On Campus					Off Campus
		Res Life	Stadium	Streets/Lots	Fraternity/Sorority	Other	
Alcohol	264	227	4	12	8	3	10
Drugs	131	120	0	10	0	0	1
Disruptive Conduct-Other	125	121	0	0	0	4	0
Illegal Conduct	46	8	0	8	7	1	22
Acts of Dishonesty	31	26	0	1	0	4	0
**DUIs	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
^Alcohol & Drug Transports	27	22	0	1	1	3	0
Medical Amnesty	33	33	0	0	0	0	0

\*\*DUIs also covered in illegal conduct numbers

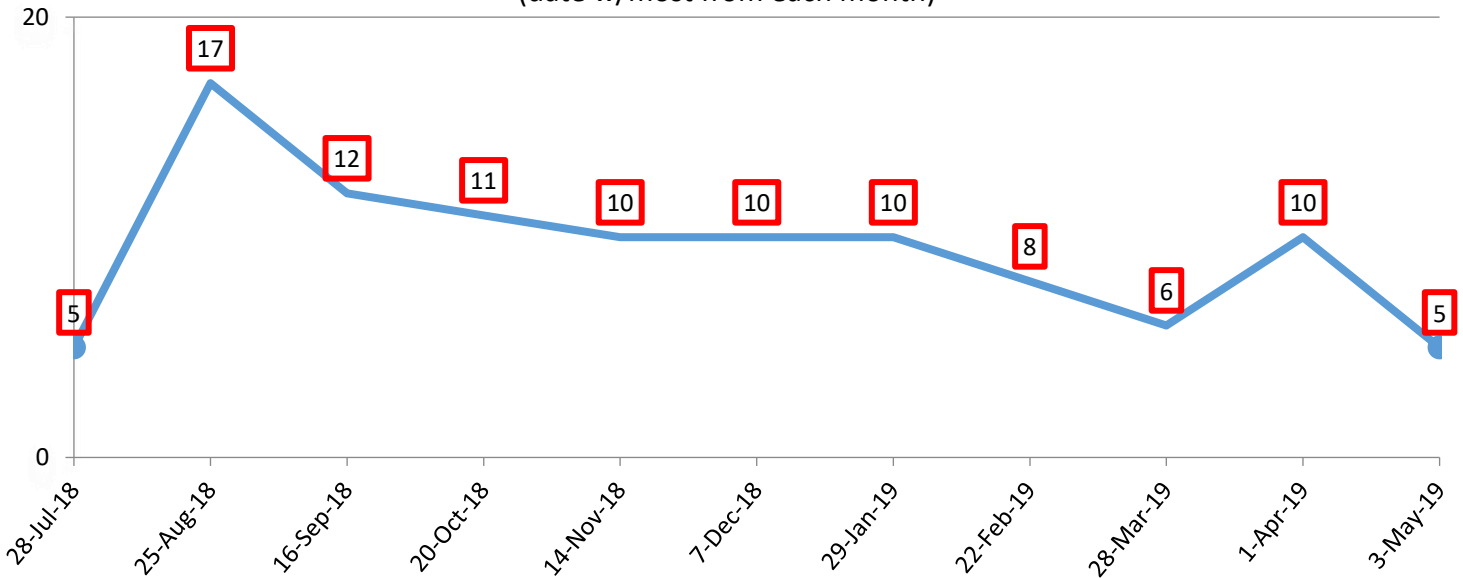
^24 alcohol-related transports & 3 drugs related transports

For comparison's sake, the **2017/18 academic year** saw **25 DUIs, 49 alcohol & drug transports, 439 total responsible alcohol violations, 207 drug violations, 157 disruptive conduct violations, 90 illegal conduct violations and 15 acts of dishonesty violations.**

The graph below depicts the date with the most **alcohol, drugs and disruptive conduct cases resulting in responsible outcomes** each month. During the 18/19 academic year, the most disruption and/or alcohol and/or drug incidents occurred on the Saturday before classes began, the weekend of a home football game, but then remained low and consistent.

### # of Cases by Incident Date

(date w/most from each month)



### Sanctioning

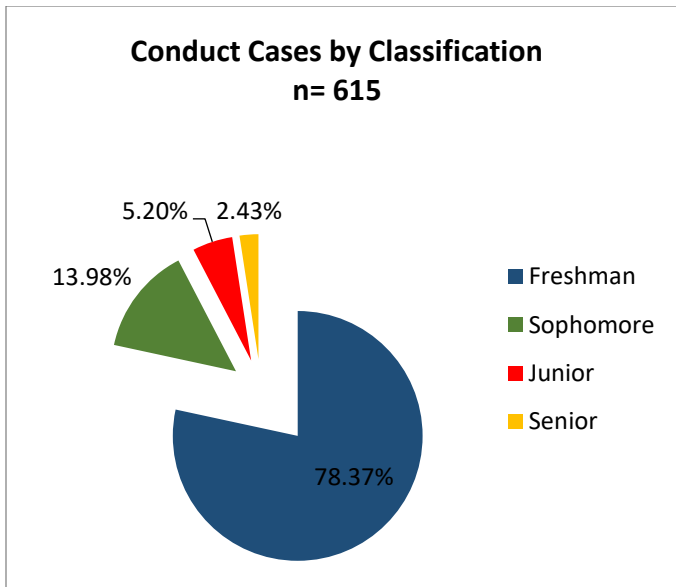
The table below depicts the most commonly applied conduct sanctions and seven of the most violated conduct policies. The **red** numbers indicate the highest correlation for each sanction. Compared to the 17/18 academic year, because there were less violations, most numbers are down. Additionally, 15 students were suspended and one expelled during the 18/19 academic year; down from 38 conduct related suspensions the previous year.

Sanction	Violation*						
	Alcohol	Drugs	Illegal Conduct	Disruptive Conduct-Other	Misuse Prop	Disrupt Conduct-FTC	Tobacco
Warning	209	94	19	76	1	14	1
Insight	216	110	6	80	1	5	0
Housing Probation	23	18	1	20	0	1	1
Educational Assign	12	7	1	16	5	1	0
Community Service	15	8	1	11	2	2	0
Success Center	14	7	0	15	2	5	0
Conduct Probation	23	16	23	14	1	1	0
MIP Class	25	3	7	1	0	0	0
Conduct Suspension	2	3	5	4	0	1	0

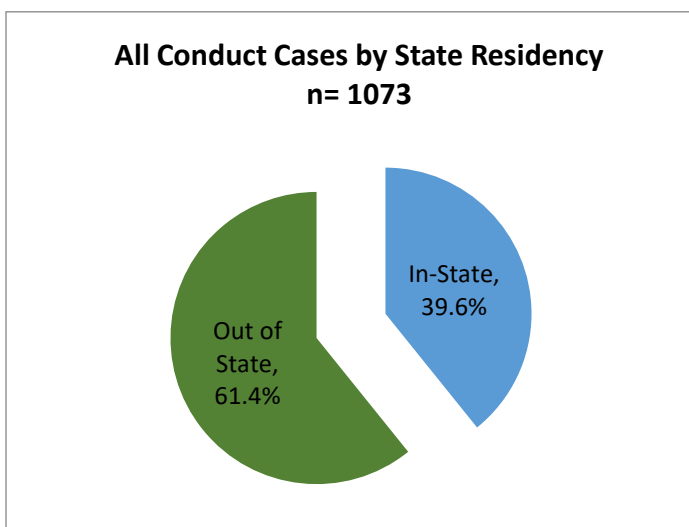
\*Multiple charges may have been part of a case where any of these sanctions were applied. For instance, it wouldn't make sense that a student would have been assigned Insight for only a disruptive conduct policy violation or tobacco policy violation.

## Descriptive Statistics

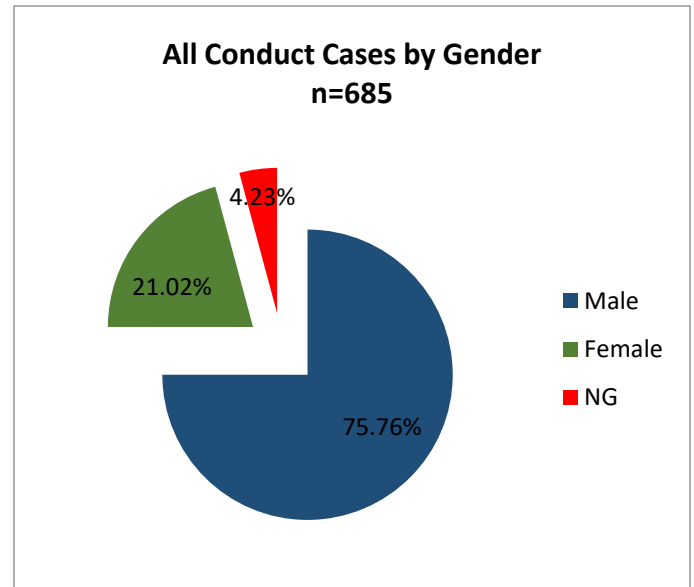
Of the 615 conduct cases for which classification information could be pulled and undergraduate students were found responsible, the data suggested 78.37% of these involved freshmen, 13.98% involved sophomores, 5.20% involved juniors and 2.43% involved seniors. In comparison, 17/18 saw 73.62% freshmen, 14.56% sophomore, 7.11% juniors and 4.70% seniors.



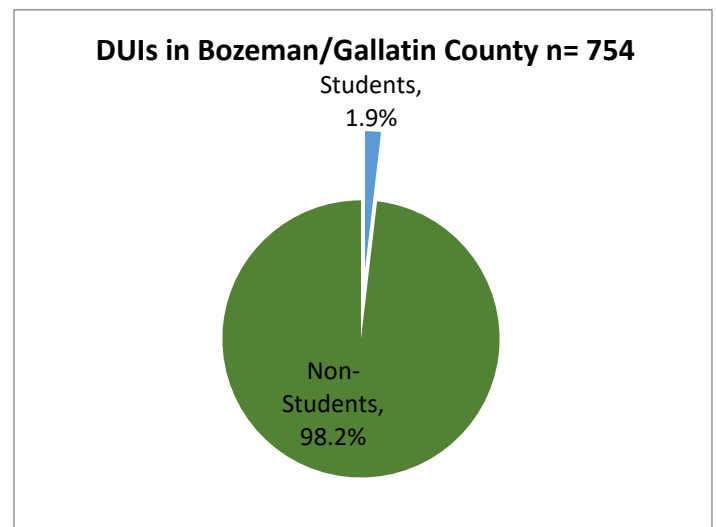
Of the 1,073 conduct cases for which residency information could be pulled, the data suggested 61.40% of conduct cases involved out of state students, and 39.60% involved in-state students. Fall 2017 data suggests a student body makeup of 60% Montana residents and 40% out-of-state residents.



Of the 685 conduct cases for which gender could be pulled and students were found responsible, 75.76% involved males and 21.02% involved females and 4.23% of the cases could not pull gender identity. The overall MSU student population is 53% male and 47% female. In comparison, 17/18 saw a 78.4% male and 21.6% female breakdown.

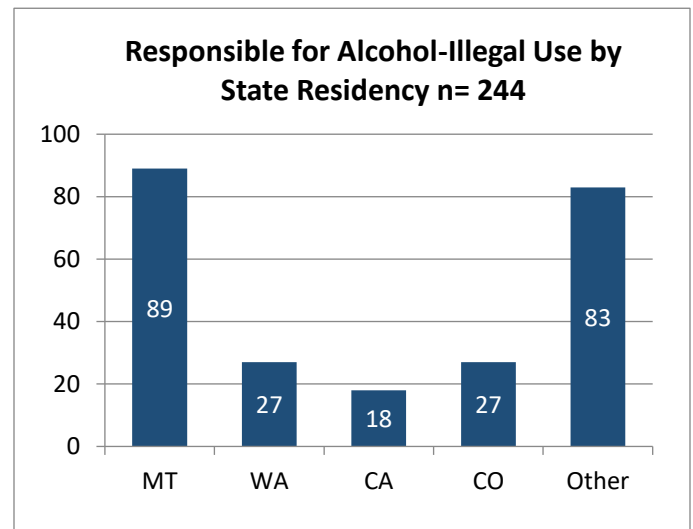
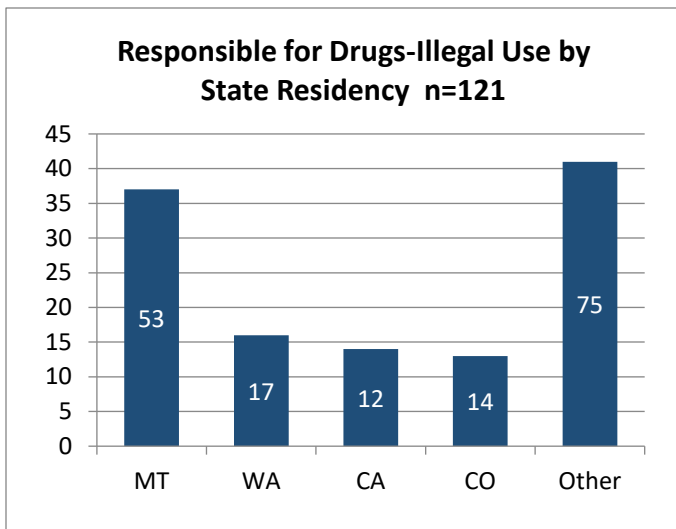


According to the Bozeman Police, there were 754 people arrested for DUI between July 1, 2018 and June 27, 2019; down from 1,569 the year prior. Our conduct records indicate 14 students were charged with a DUI during that same period, which equals 1.9% of all DUIs. As of July 1, 2018, the estimated Bozeman population was 48,532. Enrollment at MSU for Fall 2018 was 16,902, which is 34.82% of the city population.



Of the responsible drugs-illegal use conduct cases for which residency information could also be pulled, the data suggested students from Montana were found responsible for the policy violation more than any other state. Washington, Colorado, and California followed. These numbers are mostly in line with 17/18.

Of the responsible alcohol-illegal use conduct cases for which residency information could also be pulled, the data suggested students from Montana were found responsible for the policy violation more than any other state. Washington, Colorado and California followed. Again, these numbers are closely in line with 17/18.



### By College

The college to which students involved in conduct belonged and students were found responsible could be determined for 614 conduct cases. The most cases involved students from the College of Engineering (149), followed by Business (127), Letters and Science (121) and University Studies (76). The percentage of MSU students by college is listed in the table below as well. Compared to 17/18 numbers, Letters & Science saw the greatest decrease in student conduct percentage-wise.

<b>College</b>	<b># of Cases</b>	<b>% of Cases</b>	<b>% of MSU Student Population</b>
Engineering	149	24.26	24.74
Business	127	20.68	10.06
Letters & Science	121	19.70	24.16
University Studies	76	12.37	5.73
Arts & Architecture	53	8.63	6.80
Education & HHD	27	4.40	9.68
Agriculture	20	3.26	6.99
Pre-Nursing	18	2.93	6.99
Gallatin College	12	1.95	4.80

# Academic Misconduct

Compared to last year's numbers, Engineering (34.1%) and Business (21.5%) saw significant increases, while Letters & Science (32.6%) saw a significant decrease.

Academic Misconduct by College		
College	Cases	%
University Studies	3	3.2%
Engineering	40	42.6%
Business	13	13.8%
Letters & Sciences	24	25.5%
Agriculture	2	2.1%
Arts & Architecture	3	3.2%
Education, Health and Human Development	4	4.2%
Nursing	3	3.2%
Graduate School	1	1.1%
Gallatin College	1	1.1%
	<b>94*</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Included in the numbers above are 3 repeat offenders from Engineering.

Types of Academic Misconduct and Sanctions								
Violation	Lower or F Grade in Course	Lower or F Grade on Assignment	Reprimand (oral or warning letter)	Repeat or Alternate Assignment	Academic Conduct Probation	Academic Integrity Seminar	Conduct Suspension	Total*
Cheating	7	23	51	3	4	4	2	<b>52</b>
Plagiarism	4	37	52	6	8	3	1	<b>111</b>
Falsification	0	3	6	1	0	1	0	<b>11</b>
Multiple Submission	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
Facilitating Academic Misconduct	1	1	4	0	1	1	0	<b>8</b>
<b>Total*</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	

\*Includes multiple sanctions per case

# Safety & Welfare Program

In order to better respond to mental health issues and other unsafe behaviors leading to harm or death, the Office of the Dean of Students leads MSU's Campus Safety and Welfare Program (CSWP). The CSWP addresses behaviors that are disruptive, dangerous, or concerning and may include mental health and/or other safety issues. The CSWP consists of two groups, the Behavior and Intervention Team (BIT) and the Campus Assessment, Response, Evaluation Team. The BIT team is responsible for responding to cases that involve serious threat to self and others and the CARE team primarily deals with welfare issues that are not as serious. Members of the BIT are comprised of representatives from Student Health, Counseling and Psychological Services, University Police, Housing, and the Office of the Dean of Students. Members of the CARE Team include representatives from: Office of the Dean of Students, Counseling and Psychological Services, Advising Services, Center for Student Success, Residential Life, Athletics, Disability Services, and Family and Graduate Housing

Students of Concern - Risk Level and Danger			
Risk	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Danger to Self	239	198	171
Danger to Others	9	19	14
DOS Welfare Concern	192	296	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>535</b>

\*Some students were considered to be a danger to self and others.

Student of Concern - Place of Residence		
Residence	Students	%
On Campus (residence halls)	309	41.98
Family Grad	36	4.89
Off Campus	356	48.37
No information available	35	4.5
<b>Total 2018-2019</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>100%</b>

CARE Team Crashpad Cases		
2018/19	2019/2020	2020/2021
5	N/A	N/A

Student of Concern by Academic College		
College		%
Agriculture	27	3.66
Arts and Architecture	58	7.88
Business	41	5.57
Education	59	8.01
Engineering	163	22.14
Gallatin College	19	2.58
Letters and Sciences	219	29.75
Nursing	32	4.34
University Studies	42	5.70
No Major listed	76	10.32
Total	<b>736</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Dean of Students' On-Call

The professional contract staff in the Office of the Dean of Students each serve one day of the week as the “dean on-call” for students, faculty and staff at MSU. On-call meetings, phone calls and emails cover a myriad of topics including academic, personal and inter-personal concerns and are handled in a way that best serves the individual. During the academic year, 4 hours are set aside each day for on-call student issues. In the 2018-2019 academic year, the office saw 173 unique on-call cases which compares to 170 cases in 2017/2018.

## Safety Questionnaire Review Committee

The Safety Questionnaire Review Committee (SQRC) is responsible for reviewing and evaluating new and returning student applicants for admission to Montana State University who, in accordance with the University policy, disclose a criminal or other specified behavioral history of a nature that may adversely affect their own or others’ safety and success at Montana State University. The SQRC also makes recommendations to the Dean of Students for determining whether these potential students who might pose a safety concern to campus should be accepted into the University community in accordance with both University and Board of Regents Policy.

Safety Questionnaire Committee Decisions			
Decision	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Admitted (No Restrictions)	42	43	44
Admitted (With Restrictions)	68	72	80
No Need To Review	10	5	4
Not Able to Review	21	26	12
Denied	12	15	11
Total	<b>153</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>151</b>



## Retroactive University Withdrawals

The Dean of Students' Office works with students and former students who are interested in applying for a retroactive university withdrawal. A retroactive university withdrawal (RUWD) may be an option for students who were unable to complete a standard university withdrawal during the semester due to extraordinary circumstances. There were 194 decisions made in 2017/2018 for retroactive withdrawal cases.

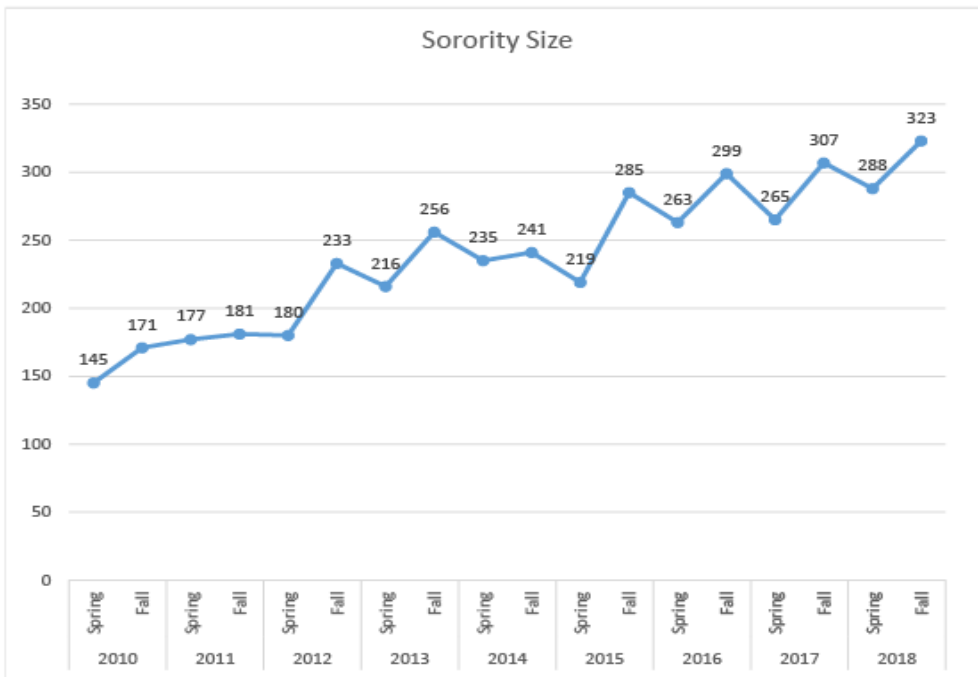
Retroactive Withdrawal Decisions		
Decision	#	%
Approved for reduction of tuition and fees (no W's) (Re-entry plan)	20	7.4%
Approved for reduction of tuition and fees (no W's)	120	44.3%
Approved for Withdrawal (W's)	97	35.8%
Denied	12	4.4%
In process or incomplete	22	8.1%
Total 2018-2019	<b>271</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Fraternity and Sorority Life

The Dean of Students' Office works closely with sororities and fraternities to ensure their compliance with University policies, and to support them in their academic, public relations, philanthropic, and recruitment efforts. We have 7 fraternities: Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Sigma Phi Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Nu and 4 Sororities: Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega and Pi Beta Phi.

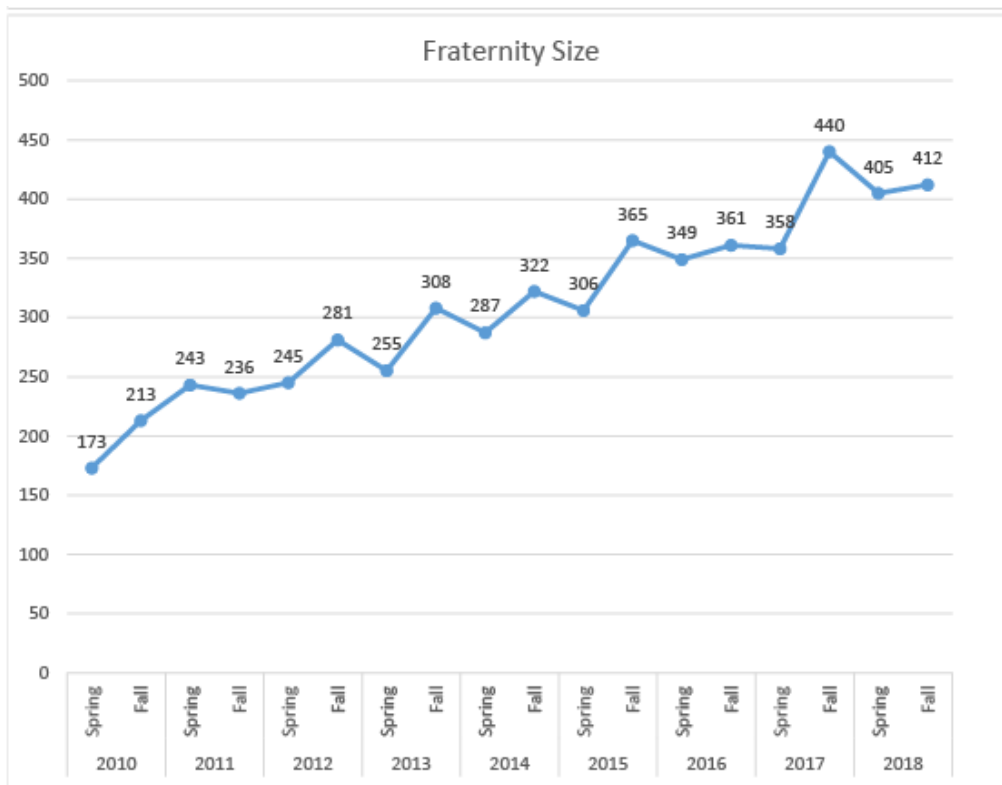
Fraternity and Sorority Membership			
Membership	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
Sorority	299	307	323
Undergraduate Female	6,367	6,729	6,828
Fraternity	361	440	412
Undergraduate Male	7,851	7,929	8,000
Total Enrollment	14,218	14,491	14,828
FSL %	4.6%	5.15%	5%

Fraternity and Sorority Scholarship			
Membership	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
Sorority	3.03	3.10	3.00
Undergraduate Female	3.11	3.15	3.08
Fraternity	2.73	2.81	2.82
Undergraduate Male	2.75	2.79	2.77
Undergraduate GPA	2.93	2.97	2.91

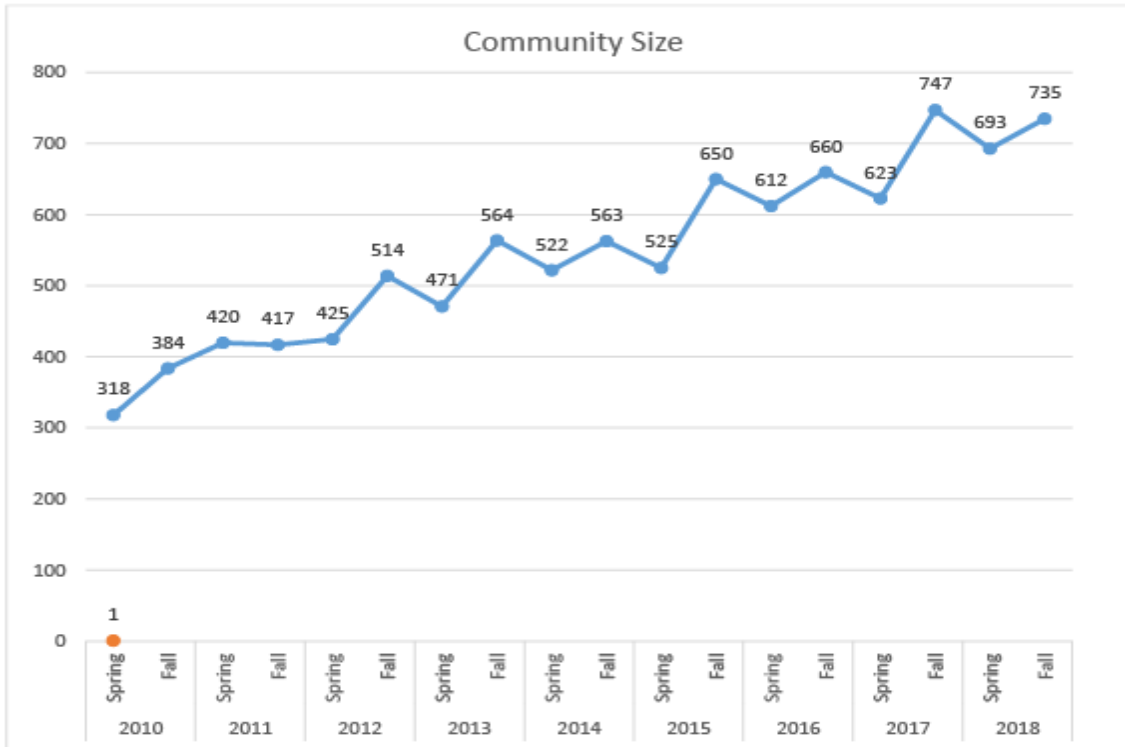


*Number of MSU student joining sororities 2010-2018*

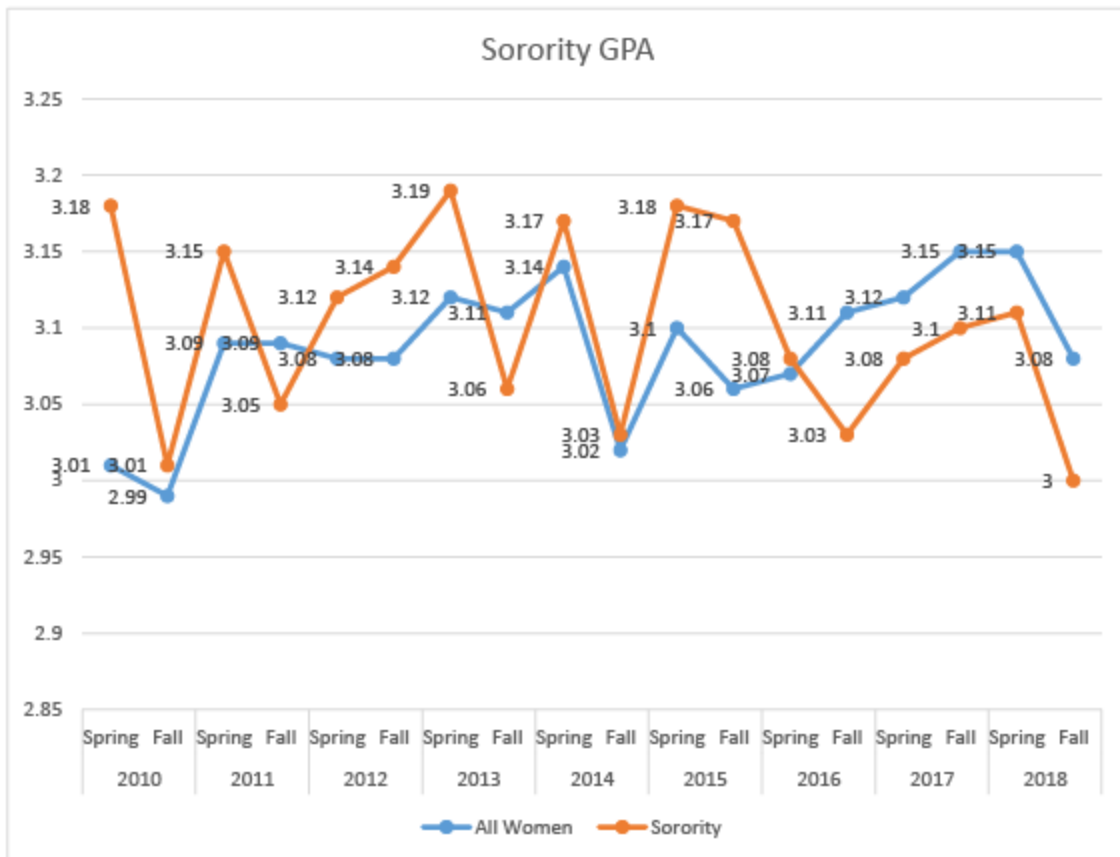
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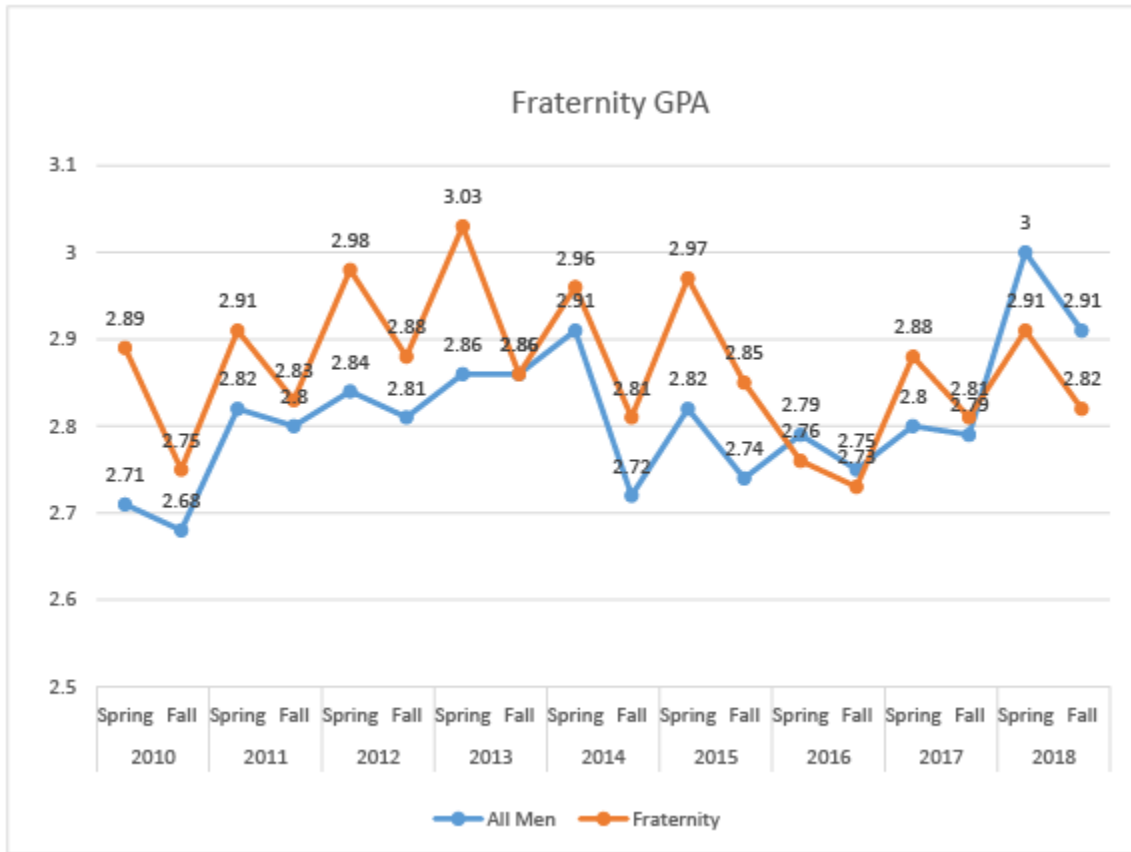
Number of MSU undergraduates involved in FSL



Avg. sorority GPA versus avg. undergraduate GPA



Avg. fraternity GPA versus avg. undergraduate GPA



# Bobcat Parent and Family Programs

During the 2018-19 academic year the Bobcat Parent and Family Program (BFPF) organized and produced two webinars (average attendance of 500) with information regarding moving into the residence halls and transitioning to off campus living. A recorded session of both webinars was made available to all parents and families as well as posted on the website as to broaden the reach of the webinars.

- The BFPF has undergone a rebranding and continues to recruit new members to the Bobcat Parents Council. The website has been updated with more access to resources for parents
- The BFPF co-hosted the first annual off-campus living resource fair in SP 2019.
- BFPF supports bi-monthly communications from the DOS with parents with a goal of increasing parent engagement.
- BFPF hosted three orientation socials in the stadium this summer. Parents and families are able to connect with each other and MSU administrators.
- BFPF hosts letter-writing sessions during each orientation session for parents.
- PFW registration will become more streamline with parents purchasing their football tickets directly from Bobcat Athletics. Our 2019 weekend will include a MOR reception, breakfast/lunch tailgate, and access to indoor activities. We have a new registration process for parents and family members that should ease the process.
- BFPF hotline remains a popular way for parents to seek information or discuss their concerns.
- BFPF produced their third annual calendar for parents and families which was still very popular with parents and families.