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Dear Parent/Guardian -

We hope this message finds you enjoying the holiday season safely and with loved ones.

With the start of the upcoming spring semester comes the opportunity for students to consider joining Fraternity & Sorority Life ("FSL" or Greek Life) at Bentley. Specifically, spring semester fraternity/sorority recruitment tends to be a sought-after experience among many first-year students. While the majority of students choose not to join a fraternity or sorority, as a parent or guardian of a student at Bentley, we wanted to introduce ourselves, our office, and to share some information about Greek Life at Bentley.

Greek Life comprises about 20% of all undergraduate students, and there are 10 chapters – 6 fraternities and 4 sororities – recognized by the University, in addition to a number of culturally-based chapters currently recognized or seeking recognition and also seeking interested members. You can learn more about our chapters and Fraternity & Sorority Life at Bentley by visiting <a href="https://www.bentley.edu/offices/student-affairs/greek-life">https://www.bentley.edu/offices/student-affairs/greek-life</a>. The Fraternity & Sorority Life page of the website contains general information about Bentley's fraternity and sorority chapters, details about our FSL Community Standards Program, Community Data (including academic reports for each chapter), and a dedicated resources for parents and family members specifically.

Should your student be interested in joining a Greek letter organization next semester, we want to ensure you understand the process, the University's expectations, and our commitment to supporting all students through the process. We recognize the COVID-19 pandemic has presented real challenges for students' abilities to connect, socialize, and feel they belong. Membership in Greek Life might be something that your student is considering. While our Greek community on campus has much to be proud of and students often report their membership in their chapter to be the best part of their Bentley experience, we are also aware of the national news about Greek Life and tragic hazing incidents that have occurred on other campuses in recent years. Our office remains committed to providing our students with the knowledge and skills to make smart and safe decisions. This includes required trainings, professional staff advisement, and transparent communication and relationship building with our chapters. We encourage you to explore the parent and family resources on our website.

If you have questions or would like to speak via phone after reviewing the content on the Bentley website, please feel free to contact our office directly at 781-891-2700. We are always available to talk through any questions or concerns you may have, and we are committed to promoting open communication with our chapters, our students, and you.

Sincerely,

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