

Pan-Hellenic groups show solidarity in service

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Tulane University students have teamed up with the [Center for Public Service](#) to present Greek Service Month, a friendly competition designed to give fraternities and sororities the chance to give back.



Members of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority pitch in with a New Orleans cleanup project. During February, Pan-Hellenic groups are doing a variety of service projects. The Greek Day of Service this year is on Saturday (Feb. 22). (Photo by Ryan Rivet)

Greek Service Month, which began Feb. 1, encourages organizations to create personal service projects.

"The Greek Community is a large percentage of the student body," explains project innovator Andrew Pritzker, a senior at Tulane. "This is a way to push large amounts of hours to contribute to the Cowen Service Challenge."

This challenge aims to encourage students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Tulane to celebrate President Scott Cowen's legacy of supporting healthy and vibrant communities through direct community service.

A variety of projects have already been arranged for interested sororities and fraternities. Options include ? but are not limited to ? helping out with Habitat for Humanity builds, volunteering at Crescent City Caf   and taking part in planned service at City Park. There are 50 spots available for each Habitat for Humanity build, and 250 spots are available for the final day of service.

This campus-wide display of Pan-Hellenic solidarity will culminate at City Park on Saturday (Feb. 22), from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Led by sophomore Edwin Lipov, the Greek Day of Service will allow the Tulane Greek community to band together to make a difference.

The service experience will be followed by a catered event on the Newcomb Quad, generously sponsored by Lipov's parents, Larry and Jan Lipov (a 1981 Tulane grad), where the winners ? one fraternity and one sorority ? of the monthlong Greek Service Competition will be announced. The winning organizations will earn prize money to be donated to the charity of their choice.

Lipov, who hopes to raise awareness about the [Cowen Service Challenge](#), felt personally motivated to help fellow students change New Orleans for the better.

"It's a good way to give back to New Orleans and get out in the city," he says.

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