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Fraternalities, sororities host Bid Day at beginning of school year



Bid Day is the single most important day for freshmen pursuing Greek life, as it determines their friends and sisters for the rest of their lives. Due to COVID-19 pandemic procedure last year, there was a push online for the safety of all involved. Though, according to the Vice President of Recruitment for the Collegiate Panhellenic Council Whitney Seiler this year's Bid Day was able to be held in person at Olsen Field to welcome new members who made it through the rush process and were preparing to run home to their new sisters.

"Bid Day is a time to bond with the people that have become your new sisters, and celebrate after a long week, and being able to do that in person this year was the ultimate blessing," Whitney Seiler said. However, the process of planning this year's Bid Day was not a simple walk in Blue Bell Park. With many variables up in the air with the unknown happenings of COVID-19 and navigating changing university guidelines, it took a series of plans to make sure all bases were covered in terms of moving from an online to a safe in-person setting.

"In April, we came up with three plans, with the ideal plan being that the first two rounds take place virtually, and the last two rounds take place in person," Seiler said. "We were dedicated to making this plan happen, so we could return to a sense of normalcy by seeing each other in person."

With the hard work of the Collegiate Panhellenic Council Recruitment Team, the girls were able to enjoy a hybrid Rush Week with an in-person Bid Day. At about 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 29, anxious new members were able to finally open their bids and burst into cries of happiness as they officially joined communities bonded by love, compassion and sisterhood. After opening their bids, the new members were

sent to board Aggie Spirit buses and were taken to Sorority Row, where they got the opportunity to run to their new homes to meet their sisters. Engineering freshman Aimee Quan was ecstatic to finally "rush home" to her new sisters in Alpha Omicron Pi. After a long day of waiting in the heat, she said getting to meet her newfound family at A&M was well worth the time. "During rush, I instantly clicked with [Alpha Omicron Pi]," Quan said. "The people who talked to me everyday and the connections we made in such a short amount of time truly showed me where I belonged. I've only been part of my sorority for a short time, but I've already found some of my best friends."

Biomedical sciences freshman Brynn Bernstein said she could not wait for her future to start with her new sisters by her side. "My most favorite part of rush was definitely Bid Day. It's such a unique experience, you meet so many people who may be one of your closest friends one day," Bernstein said. "Every time I met with the girls in my sorority, it instantly felt like home, as cheesy as that sounds. I can always rely on having a good conversation and a fun time with them."

Following this year's Bid Day, many young women left Blue Bell Park with a renewed sense of unity after a year where everyone felt torn apart, and a new family that will carry them through college as well as the rest of their lives. "I'm not quite sure what the future holds for me," Quan said. "What I do know is that my sisters have my back through it all."

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## theRUSH toFAMILY

Annie Mosis, freshman kinesiology major, reflects on her experience during bid day and the connections she's made within her sorority

Which sorority did you receive a bid for?  
Chi Omega

How would you describe your rush experience

"It was so fun getting to meet all types of girls during rush, and so cool to hear about all the experiences older girls have gone through in their sororities and school."

What does sisterhood mean to you?

"Sisterhood to me means connecting with a bunch of amazing girls who are there to support me in everything. They are a great support group who I know have my back and want me to succeed in everything I do."

How did you feel after receiving your bid?

"After receiving my bid, I was elated to get Chi O. They are everything I look for in sisterhood and they have made me feel so at home here."



(left to right) Mattie Carter, freshman general studies major; Annie Mosis, freshman kinesiology major; Wesley Noon, freshman economics major; Emma Merdian, sophomore communication major