

ROAD to GRADUATION

Alumni ADVICE

from Natalie Keilholz, Class of 2017

"Choose a place that **best suits you** and will give you the best education for your major. Don't choose a school because your best friend or boyfriend/girlfriend will be there. **It's okay to go to a school that none of your friends are going to.**"

"I know you all hear **"Don't rush past your senior year,"** but that's something I wish I would have listened to when I was in your shoes. There were so many things I missed out on or didn't enjoy fully because I just wanted to get to college."

"Take every opportunity to **spend time with your classmates.** Go to the basketball games, the baseball games, and any other event that comes up. **Enjoy this time.** You will never get to be a senior in high school again once you walk across that stage at graduation."



#177
IN US
2019

MISSISSIPPI STATE
20:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO
73% ACCEPTANCE RATE



#152
IN US
2019

OLE MISS
18:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO
83.9% ACCEPTANCE RATE



#230-301
IN US
2019

SOUTHERN MISS
17:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO
98% ACCEPTANCE RATE



#129
IN US
2019

ALABAMA
23:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO
56% ACCEPTANCE RATE

How soon is too soon: Sorority Recommendations?

As the Class of 2019 prepares to graduate, many will begin to consider joining Greek Life at their university of choice. Most sororities at almost all schools require letters of recommendation for consideration. Because of "Rush Etiquette," this can be a lengthy process, tracking down members of certain sororities and asking for recommendations. So, when should you start?
I would start getting them by the spring

semester of your senior year, any time before that I think is too early," says Caroline Simpson, a Chi Omega at Mississippi State. "It might be a good idea to start a list of all the sororities on your campus and figure out who to ask for a rec towards the end of December, so you're prepared in the spring."
Hannah Grace Talbot, a Chi Omega at Ole Miss, is no stranger to sorority rush. "I started figuring out who I would ask for

recommendations around April," Talbot says. "It is good to go ahead and get a plan during the spring so that they will have enough time to write your recommendation!"
It is important to note when the college you choose rushes. Traditionally, some start rush in the middle of August, such as USM and State, and Ole Miss brings up the rear, rushing in late September.

OLE MISS

"One thing I forgot was a jacket... It was so hot when we were moving in that it completely slipped my brain that it would turn cold so soon!"
- Hannah Grace Talbot, Class of 2018

MS STATE

"One thing I wish I would've remembered to bring to college was an umbrella. The first time it rained, I got soaking wet, even with a rain jacket on."
- Caroline Simpson, Class of 2018

SOUTHERN

"One thing I forgot to bring to college is my rainboots!! Nothing is worse than having to sit through class with wet socks on!"
- Calloway Peoples, Class of 2018

ALABAMA

"My sense of direction. :) I've never been good about navigating through new areas and it was definitely an adjustment."
- Katie Williams, Class of 2018

HARVARD

"I forgot all pictures/decorations for my dorm room. I was so focused on getting all my essentials that far away that I just didn't think about them."
- Noah Harris, Class of 2018

DORM LIST

Bed linens: bring your own comforter, two sets of sheets, and pillow(s).
Tip: Make sure you know whether your college has twin or extra-long twin beds.

Clothing: dorm closets are not known to be spacious. Be choosy about which clothes you bring. **Tip: Bring hangers!**

Storage: you will need extra storage, trust us. **Tip: Bring more than you think you will need! You can return extras later.**

Extension Cords: you won't know how many outlets you have until you arrive. For freedom in room set up, bring **extension cords.**

Computer: most colleges have computer labs but having your own is most convenient. **Tip: Buy used, if you can!**

Laundry Basket: you have to do your own laundry. No one wants to carry a pile of dirty clothes. **Tip: Get a light weight basket!**

Bathroom: Two sets of towels and wash cloths. Bring flip flops and a shower tote if you have a communal bathroom.

Kitchen: Even if you are buying a meal plan, still have plates and utensils handy in your dorm room.

Important Papers: Be sure to pack any IDs or important documents, such as: registration and financial aid forms. **Tip: Bring a copy of your birth certificate if you plan to get a job.**

Medication: If you take medicine, you should bring enough to last you until you go home again, or you need to make sure you can refill at the on campus pharmacy or near the school.

WHERE TO SHOP

- dormify.com
- wayfair.com
- target.com
- containerstore.com