



## WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY HILLEL

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- Student led Shabbat Services and Dinners
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## Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity

### Creating Leadership Opportunities for Jewish Men



#### *Our Mission:*

*Sigma Alpha Mu's mission is to foster the development of collegiate men and our alumni by instilling strong fraternal values, offering social and service opportunities, and teaching leadership skills. We will continue to attract members of all beliefs who appreciate our great heritage as a fraternity of Jewish men.*



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## Getting In: Experts Say...

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**Gael Casner:** Before your first interview, write down five aspects about yourself that would be beneficial for the interviewer to know. Figure out how you can weave this information into the conversation. Practice answering questions with a friend or a family member. At the end, ask that person to share what he/she learned about you. Does it match your list?

Also, before your interviews, research each college. Read the write-up in *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* or *The Best 376 Colleges*. On the school's website check out classes and professors, social events and clubs, and research and internship opportunities; next, read the college newspaper ([greekspot.com/collegenews](http://greekspot.com/collegenews)) to understand current issues. Write three reasons why this college would be a good match. You'll be ready when the interviewer asks why you are applying to the school.

#### **Wendy Kahn:** *Prepare Questions:*

Before the interview, develop a few good questions to ask. Do basic research so you won't ask about things that can easily be found on the college's website. Pose questions to admissions officers concerning specific academic or extracurricular programs, or internship and research opportunities. You might ask an alumni interviewer what s/he liked best about the school and what s/he would change. An admissions director recently told me that one of the best questions he's received is "What is the most pressing issue on your campus right now?"

*Share "Strength Stories."* Offer specific illustrations of your interests or activities that show how you will benefit the college. For example, you could tell a "strength story" about a *tikkun olam* fundraising project you spearheaded or a Purim spiel you wrote and directed. Note that a number of colleges with lower Jewish populations are now working hard to attract Jewish students, so your interview is a great place to showcase your role in the Jewish community!