

FIVE HOUSES



One Network

House of SAVANT



Savant is the House of Scholarship whose name reflects the French word meaning “scholar” — the House whose destiny is defined by “owning it” in academic pursuits and striving for excellence.

Members of this house know that hard work and knowledge will be the strength that will guide them towards academic success. They pursue excellence in everything that they do. As a nod to our network’s humble beginnings and Propel’s original Promising Principles, the House of Savant knows that “Good is never enough. [We] are constantly striving to reach an ever-rising standard of excellence.” This is why the scroll is on top of a staircase in the center of the House crest: knowledge coupled with dedication will be essential to climbing the steps to educational excellence. Learning is a journey and members of Savant are life-long scholars.

We also know that balance is important along the journey. Savant works hard and plays hard too. This is represented by a balance in the crest. It reminds the members of the House that they must seek to become the types of scholars who earned a crown by having fun, but keeping the goal in mind.

COLOR	Turquoise/Teal
ANIMAL	Owl
MOTTO	“Work Hard. Play Hard.”
FLOWER	Blue lotus: the spirit over that of wisdom, intelligence and knowledge.
SYMBOLS	• Staircase: lifelong learning • Scroll: Scholar • Balance/Scale: Balance & Strength

House of JUNBI



The House of Junbi hails from the Japanese word for “preparation” which easily translates to our habit of “Walking Through the Door.”

Junbians are known for their dedication to preparing for new experiences and having a positive attitude.

Drawing from the House name’s origin, strength, discipline, respect, and ethical behavior in Japan are characterized by the Samurai helmet. Members of the Junbi house recognize the amount of discipline it takes to be a scholar. Understanding the importance of proper planning and a growth mindset will help them be extremely successful.

Another symbol in the crest is a horse, demonstrating Junbians readiness for any situation. Knowing their role and being dependable is a quiet strength of members of the Junbi House. This superpower makes them great team players and strong leaders.

COLOR	Green
ANIMAL	Horse
MOTTO	“If you stay ready, you never have to get ready”
FLOWER	Gladiolas
SYMBOLS	• Samurai Helmet: Determination • Horse: Steadfastness • Shield: Preparation

House of TAFAKARI



Tafakari is the House that originates from Swahili. It was formed by a group who understood that the true strength of being undefeated warriors lies in being introspective and to reflect on one's own behavior. By understanding your past, you can move forward wiser and stronger. The members of the House of Tafakari are known for their emotional intelligence — always evaluating and working to manage their own emotions. This is where their name comes from, meaning to “reflect.”

Tafakarians are also creative and because of their ability to “look in the mirror,” they are able to improve their skills and others. Their self-awareness is a quality of a powerful leader like a lion.

Trees are represented in their house crest because of its strong roots and ability to anchor others. Patience and grace are qualities members of the Tafakari House possess because they understand that mistakes can lead to growth with the right mindset.

COLOR	Golden Yellow
ANIMAL	Lion
MOTTO	“Oh yes, the past can hurt, but the way I see it you can either run from it or learn from it.” -Lion King
FLOWER	White Lilies
SYMBOLS	• Tree: strength and • Brain • Dove: mercy and patience

House of UMUSA



Umusa is the House that originates from the Zulu word meaning “kindness”. A group of individuals that understand that kindness is the true strength that will build their character. The members of the House of Umusa are known for treating others the way they want to be treated. This means treating others with respect, and in doing so, they earn the respect of others.

Incoming members have a heart of kindness — even if they do not even see it within themselves in the beginning! That is because they learn that the great level of kindness that they must extend to all others grows over time to become a more full and beautiful character trait. This is why they take great inspiration from the symbol of the tulip: it reminds the members of the House that kindness must be grown and cared for like a delicate flower, until it blossoms into the most beautiful flower in the entire garden.

But kindness does not necessarily mean meekness or timidity. Kindness means stepping in and defending others, taking care of them and seeking what is best for others as well as ourselves. This is why the elephant is Umusa’s symbolic animal. Elephants, like members of the Umusa House, are kind, empathetic, and compassionate.

COLOR	Purple
ANIMAL	Elephant
MOTTO	“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted”
FLOWER	Tulip
SYMBOLS	• Heart: kindness towards others • Knot: our actions are entwined with those of others

House of LAULIMA



Laulima traces its origins to the islands of Hawaii, meaning cooperation and joint action.

This group of very special individuals is known for putting the collective over the individual. They always behave as a team — like a family — because they know that, like famous philosopher Aristotle once said, “the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.” If they all work together to lift each other up, then the whole team will be able to rise to new heights as one. When we share experiences, we grow stronger together.

The House does not believe, however, that being unified means being the same as everyone around them. Instead, like the history of their name, the Hawaiian culture reminds them that unity in diversity is the true strength of the House. Each member is unique and different, and these differences are appreciated and even celebrated. They choose unity over everything, even with differences put aside.

The wolf is the symbolic animal of the house, which is a quiet and consistent strength. They are complex, highly intelligent animals who are caring, playful, and above all devoted to family. It exercises great restraint in using its power until the time is right. Much like the wolf, Laulima work to become a family unit and work well together to accomplish goals.

COLOR	Light Blue
ANIMAL	Wolf
MOTTO	“Teamwork makes the dream work”
FLOWER	Chrysanthemum
SYMBOLS	• Full Moon: completion of a task or effort • Hand weave: strength of many hands working together