



## **NPC Position Statement on Citizenship, Service and Philanthropic Events**

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the world's largest organizations advocating for women, is the trade association for 26 inter/national women's-only sororities. A College Panhellenic is composed of the chapters of NPC sororities and any women's-only local, inter/national or regional non-NPC member organizations on a college/university campus. A College Panhellenic's purpose, in part, is to instill the value of good citizenship and give service to the community and campus in which it is located.

NPC encourages College Panhellenics to foster opportunities for all sorority women to be active citizens by serving their campuses and communities. Caring for others, respecting the law and improving communities through volunteering are important components of sorority membership.

College Panhellenics are encouraged to focus on efforts that can help sorority women engage with the campus and local community to help develop relationships, create meaningful partnerships and provide for transformational shared experiences. Rather than simply fundraising, College Panhellenics should focus on service events/activities.

Philanthropic, community service or fundraising events/activities hosted by College Panhellenic chapters and/or other organizations that include participation by sorority women must be devoid of destructive, divisive or abusive actions as those are directly contrary to good citizenship. All College Panhellenic chapters are expected to follow their own alcohol, drug and risk management policies and college/university policies before, during and after these events.

NPC considers it unacceptable to promote:

- Negative images of women and the sorority community.
- Demeaning actions toward others, including incivilities, cultural insensitivity and sexual harassment.
- Any actions that negatively affect public perception of the sorority community.

Such activities directly violate our time-honored organizational values, risk management policies and the highest standards of human dignity. These are the foundation of the sorority experience, and anything to the contrary must not be part of our culture.

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