



Partnerships

the Direction of the Future

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE

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Our Mission

The National Panhellenic Conference exists to promote the values of and to serve as an advocate for its member groups in collaboration with those members, campuses and communities.

Our Vision

The National Panhellenic Conference will be the premier advocacy and support organization for its members, member groups, College and Alumnae Panhellenics and a proponent of women's fraternity membership.

NPC
National Panhellenic Conference
Grow ■ Give ■ Lead ■ Succeed

NPC Facts

3,937,073	Initiated collegiate and alumnae members
81,723	Newly initiated members
2,937	Undergraduate chapters on over 650 college campuses in the United States and Canada
240,218	Undergraduate members
4,569	Alumnae chapters

2007 Partnership Highlights

- **The NPC stand against hazing** is emphasized by the decision to be a major sponsor of the National Hazing Awareness Symposium and National Hazing Prevention Week. NPC supports creating awareness and making changes that will eliminate hazing.
- **In conjunction with** other organizations, the Conference promotes National Eating Disorders Screening Day, National Alcohol Awareness Week, National Alcohol Screening Day and National Hazing Awareness Week to its member groups as well as 565 College Panhellenics and 209 Alumnae Panhellenics.
- **NPC's agreement with** Merck & Co. promotes aspects of women's health through the "Tell Someone" campaign. This program encourages women to contact their physicians to learn more about HPV. Educational materials were sent to Alumnae and College Panhellenics.
- **NPC partners with** NASPA at its annual meeting as a friends-level sponsor and provides a judge for the case study competition. NPC also is a co-sponsor of the annual NASPA summit.
- **NPC cooperates with** the Coalition Assessment Task Force to develop a program that will help College Panhellenics, interfraternity councils, campus-based Pan-Hellenic councils and multicultural councils determine ways to achieve excellence as values-based organizations. In the spring of 2007, 10 college and university pilot assessment visits were conducted. Coalition members include NPC, the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), National Pan-Hellenic Council Inc., National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations, Association of Fraternity Advisors, Fraternal Executives Association and National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.
- **NPC is collaborating with** NIC to support the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act. Over 250 alumni and collegians traveled to Washington, D.C., in April to encourage their congressional representatives to sponsor this bill.
- **NPC and NIC joined** to have an interfraternal database developed that will make it easier to contact members when issues of interest are being discussed in the Senate or House. Sorority and fraternity news as well as congressional bill information is posted at www.fraternalcaucus.org.
- **NPC members have been** working to implement the strategic plan adopted in 2005. Resolutions were presented at the 2007 Biennial Session to reach the implementation goal.
- **NPC began a partnership** in June 2007 with APCO Worldwide Inc., an award-winning public relations firm based in Washington, D.C. APCO is developing a comprehensive public relations, marketing and crisis communication plan for NPC. This proactive approach to promote sorority life is a need identified through strategic plan discussions.
- **NPC partners with** AFA by providing a monthly column called "College Panhellenic Conversations" for its e-newsletter **Association Update** and presents programs at the annual AFA meeting.
- **NPC cooperates with** FEA in supporting and providing programming at the Interfraternity Institute, whose mission is to develop informed, committed and connected leadership, grounded in purpose and principle, for the Greek-life movement.
- **An important partner to NPC** is the National Panhellenic Conference Foundation. The NPC Foundation continues to provide funding for educational programming for the Conference. Donations from individual members, member groups, Alumnae and College Panhellenics have helped support "Something of Value" and other NPC programs.

NPC... Partnering Since 1891

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) has fostered working together since 1891 when the seven (at the time) Greek-letter women's fraternities met to formulate plans for mutual support. NPC has evolved into an organization that provides support and leadership to ensure the long-term relevance and success of its member organizations.

The Conference is a unified voice for issues related to sororities and provides information for collegians, parents, the media and other constituencies about the essential contributions sororities make to society. Developing leaders, supporting high academic standards, promoting philanthropy and encouraging volunteerism are components of NPC programs and of those its 26 member groups sponsor.

NPC unites its 3.9+ million individual, lifetime members to help all women *grow, give, lead and succeed.*

Alumnae Panhellenics

The Alumnae Panhellenic Associations make significant contributions to their communities and universities through philanthropic events, community service activities and information forums. Scholarships continue to be a significant service provided by the Alumnae Panhellenics.

The Alumnae Panhellenic area advisor program provides resources for Alumnae Panhellenics beyond their local community. The area advisors generate ideas for programs, serve as speakers and help in any way needed.

Newsletters are sent to dues-paying Alumnae Panhellenics. These publications keep groups updated on trends in the sorority/fraternity area, promote the fraternal community, improve the Panhellenic image and stimulate a continuing interest in Panhellenic affairs.

The advisor to new Alumnae Panhellenics helps alumnae start a Panhellenic in their area. Four new Alumnae Panhellenics were established this year: Wilmington, N.C.; Texas Gulf Coast; Northern Utah; and Madison, Wis.

NPC Honors Alumnae Panhellenics for 2005-2007 Achievements:

Overall Denver Alumnae Panhellenic
First runner-up Coachella Valley, Calif., Alumnae Panhellenic
Second runner-up . . Jacksonville, Fla., Alumnae Panhellenic
Third runner-up Houston Alumnae Panhellenic
Fourth runner-up . . . Clear Lake Area, Texas, Alumnae Panhellenic



Local Communities

Alumnae and College Panhellenics contribute to their campuses and local communities in many ways:

- College Panhellenics gave more than 750,000 hours in community service in 2006-2007.
- Alumnae Panhellenics gave more than 442 scholarships valued at over \$453,000 in 2006-2007.

The leadership education provided through the activities of NPC and its member groups builds valuable social capital. Sorority members of all ages volunteer in their local churches and synagogues and in charitable, civic and political organizations.

College Panhellenics

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Academic achievement is a core value of all NPC member groups. NPC encourages academic excellence through quarterly newsletters, promotes October as the Month of the Scholar, showcases College Panhellenics with GPAs above the all-women's average, and has a biennial award for the College Panhellenic with the highest academic achievement. Panhellenics are encouraged to have faculty appreciation events, recognize students who are achieving academically, challenge each other to improve their scholastic averages, provide academic seminars for students, and promote the university resources available to students who want to improve their study skills.

A new publication this year for College Panhellenics is the Academic Excellence Resource. A complimentary copy was sent to each dues-paying College Panhellenic.

In 2006, NPC member groups reported on the key components of their inter/national scholarship programs: study hours, recognition of individual and chapter achievements, individualized scholarship plans, and mentoring. NPC member groups also announced that 71 percent of their chapters report having GPAs of 3.0 or above.

AREA ADVISOR PROGRAM

The College Panhellenic area advisor program provides College Panhellenics with resources beyond their local areas. These volunteers review trends, suggest best practices and provide ideas to College Panhellenics to help them remain viable organizations in their communities. The area advisors meet with representatives of the Panhellenics and are in contact by e-mail and phone.

The area advisor program also includes consulting team visits. Consulting team visits highlight the successes of the College Panhellenic and provide suggestions for improvement. Eight consulting team visits were conducted in 2006-2007.

An advisor to new College Panhellenics becomes involved when two or more NPC groups establish chapters on a campus. She provides advice regarding Panhellenic organization and procedures. This year, the four regional advisors to new College Panhellenics provided resources and assistance to help establish a College Panhellenic

at Utica College, University of Southern Maine, Davis and Elkins College, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Texas A & M Kingsville, University of Alaska – Anchorage, University of Virginia at Wise, Shorter College, SUNY Geneseo, Schreiner University, University of California at Santa Cruz, and Harvard University.

A new recruitment team visiting program will be piloted this year upon requests from College Panhellenics for such a service from the National Panhellenic Conference. The pilot program will focus on improving the Panhellenic recruitment rules, release figures, logistics and recruitment counselor program.

MEDIATION

NPC stresses that collegians use mediation to resolve situations. The mediation guidelines were developed through consultation with a professional mediator. The skills students learn to work through issues will be used in all facets of their interpersonal relationships.

“SOMETHING OF VALUE”

“Something of Value” is a program designed to help collegiate members review their values and determine if their actions reflect those values. Since its inception in 1995, “Something of Value” has been presented on 154 college and university campuses involving more than 11,000 women. The program has also been presented at eight sorority conventions and the Northeast Greek Leadership Association, Southeastern Panhellenic Association and Western Region Greek Leadership Association, affecting another 8,000 women. In 2006-2007, “Something of Value” was presented on 16 campuses.

“SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT” AND “FOCUS ON SELF-ESTEEM”

NPC has two programs that help women learn more about themselves and how to interact with others: “Something to Talk About,” which examines how to confront in a positive manner, and “Focus on Self-Esteem.” Both programs are designed to help women grow in interpersonal skills as well as self-awareness.

REGIONAL FRATERNITY/SORORITY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

NPC delegation members present programs at the annual meetings of the Northeast Greek Leadership Association, Southeastern Panhellenic Association, Mid-American Greek Council Association, and Western Region Greek Association. The program content includes “Values Congruence — Relating Values to Actions,” “Something to Talk About — Confrontation,” mediation, Panhellenic judicial procedures, academic excellence and the Release Figure Methodology. Students learn real-life skills in a nonthreatening setting. More than 6,000 undergraduates attend these conferences.



NPC HONORS HIGH-ACHIEVING COLLEGE PANHELLENICS 2005-2007

Overall Excellence

CAMPUS WITH 2-5 CHAPTERS: No award

CAMPUS WITH 6-10 CHAPTERS: Mississippi State University

CAMPUS WITH OVER 10 CHAPTERS: Kansas State University

Leadership

CAMPUS WITH 2-5 CHAPTERS: No award

CAMPUS WITH 6-10 CHAPTERS: University of San Diego

CAMPUS WITH OVER 10 CHAPTERS: University of Oklahoma

Membership Recruitment

CAMPUS WITH 2-5 CHAPTERS: University of South Alabama

CAMPUS WITH 6-10 CHAPTERS: Georgia Institute of Technology

CAMPUS WITH OVER 10 CHAPTERS: University of Florida

Philanthropy

University of Kentucky

Progress

CAMPUS WITH 2-5 CHAPTERS: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

CAMPUS WITH 6-10 CHAPTERS: Southern Methodist University

CAMPUS WITH OVER 10 CHAPTERS: University of California – Berkeley

Public Relations

Birmingham-Southern College

Risk Management

CAMPUS WITH 2-5 CHAPTERS: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

CAMPUS WITH 6-10 CHAPTERS: University of Miami

CAMPUS WITH OVER 10 CHAPTERS: University of Kentucky

Scholarship

CAMPUS WITH 2-5 CHAPTERS: Creighton University

CAMPUS WITH 6-10 CHAPTERS: University of Louisville

CAMPUS WITH OVER 10 CHAPTERS: Oklahoma State University

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