

National Panhellenic Conference | *annual report 2008*



women

defining the experience



The National Panhellenic Conference is the *voice for the sorority experience.*

We drive change to enrich lives on our campuses and communities.

We empower women to develop leadership skills.

We promote philanthropic initiatives and encourage volunteerism.

We support learning and exemplify high academic standards.

We are *women defining the sorority experience* through a forum for cooperation, operational support and leadership that ensures the long-term relevance and success of our member organizations.



Diane Derosa-Reynolds

Diane is a senior at Western Kentucky University majoring in sales and marketing. She is currently serving as Panhellenic recruitment chairman and boasts a long list of leadership achievements both as a member of Kappa Delta and for the university. She was the Panhellenic president in '07; LeaderShape advisor and on-site coordinator in '07; on the University Leadership Enhancement Committee in '06; and received the Corre Anding Stegall Award — Top Ten National Kappa Delta.

“When I went through recruitment, I was searching for new friends and wanting a home away from home. I had no idea I would not only find those things but also find myself! I have joined groups I would have never heard of, I have met people that might not have crossed my path, I have explored my leadership abilities and have had people to not only depend on, but who depend on me! I cannot believe I am facing my senior year with the women I have been through so much with; I cannot imagine applying for a job and not having every one of them by my side. My sorority experience has not only been about being yourself but becoming yourself.”

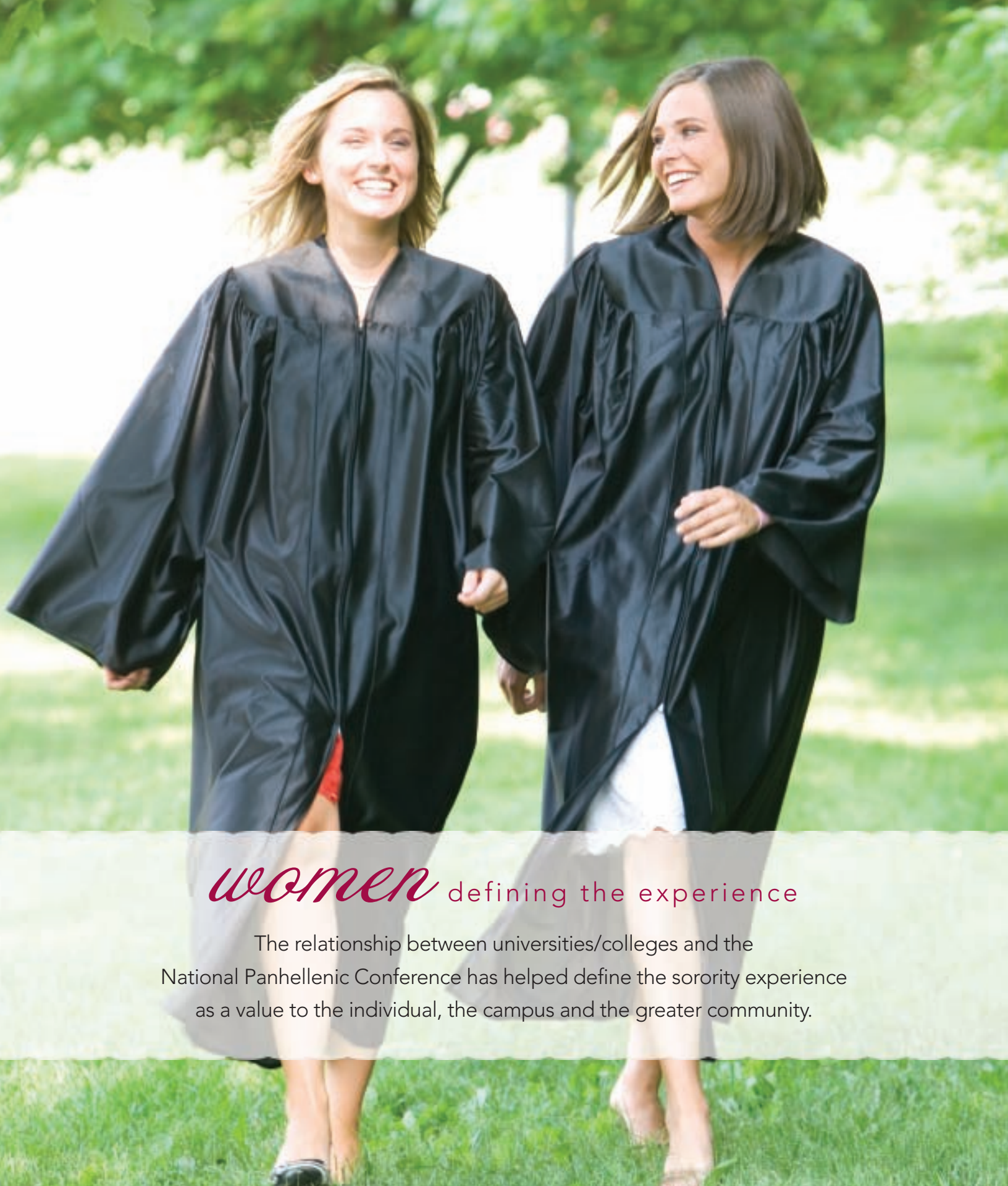
Twenty-six member organizations comprise the 106-year-old National Panhellenic Conference:

Alpha Chi Omega	1885	DePauw University	Pi Beta Phi	1867	Monmouth College
Alpha Delta Pi	1851	Wesleyan Female College	Sigma Delta Tau	1917	Cornell University
Alpha Epsilon Phi	1909	Barnard College	Sigma Kappa	1874	Colby College
Alpha Gamma Delta	1904	Syracuse University	Sigma Sigma Sigma	1898	Longwood University
Alpha Omicron Pi	1897	Barnard College	Theta Phi Alpha	1912	University of Michigan
Alpha Phi	1872	Syracuse University	Zeta Tau Alpha	1898	Longwood University
Alpha Sigma Alpha	1901	Longwood University			
Alpha Sigma Tau	1899	Eastern Michigan University			
Alpha Xi Delta	1893	Lombard College			
Chi Omega	1895	University of Arkansas			
Delta Delta Delta	1888	Boston University			
Delta Gamma	1873	Lewis School			
Delta Phi Epsilon	1917	New York University			
Delta Zeta	1902	Miami University			
Gamma Phi Beta	1874	Syracuse University			
Kappa Alpha Theta	1870	DePauw University			
Kappa Delta	1897	Longwood University			
Kappa Kappa Gamma	1870	Monmouth College			
Phi Mu	1852	Wesleyan College			
Phi Sigma Sigma	1913	Hunter College			

NPC Facts

The 26 member groups of the National Panhellenic Conference are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence. Collectively, National Panhellenic Conference member groups:

- Serve 26 different philanthropic projects.
- Contribute \$13,740,168.18 to worthy causes.
- Volunteer 1,030,540 hours of service.
- Maintain above a 3.0 GPA in 1,621 undergraduate chapters.
- Join 109,793 campus-based organizations.
- Own or manage 996 facilities where undergraduate women live.



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The relationship between universities/colleges and the National Panhellenic Conference has helped define the sorority experience as a value to the individual, the campus and the greater community.



Dr. Nancy Zimpher, Ph.D.

A widely recognized leader in higher education, civic engagement, economic development and urban education reform, Dr. Zimpher serves as the first female president of the University of Cincinnati. She continues to make significant strides as the University of Cincinnati becomes a leading urban research institution — earning the Princeton Review's 2008 best colleges list.

Dr. Zimpher is the 2007 National Panhellenic Conference Foundation Women in Higher Education Achievement Award recipient.

“My sorority background as a member of Kappa Alpha Theta has been and continues to be a tremendously positive influence in my personal and professional life. It started with one of my high school teachers who told me I must become a Theta, and she helped to make it happen. The network that my sorority sister brought to me has taught me so much — from how to have fun, to grace and etiquette, strong academic achievement and leadership skills.”

The Connection to Higher Education

In the mid-1800s women were admitted to previously male-dominated universities. With opportunities for social interaction lacking, many women felt it was in their best interest to form social societies for the purpose of friendship and mutual support. The first society for women, the Adelphean Society (now Alpha Delta Pi) was established in 1851 at Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga. The Philomathean Society (later named Phi Mu) was founded at Wesleyan College a year later in 1852. The Adelphean Society and the Philomathean Society did not take on their modern Greek names (Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Mu, respectively) until 1904, when they expanded beyond the Wesleyan campus. On April 28, 1867, I.C. Sorosis (later known by its original Greek motto Pi Beta Phi) was founded at Monmouth College, in Monmouth, Ill. Pi Beta Phi is the first sorority founded to be modeled after the Greek-letter fraternities of men.

Sororities have long been a contributing factor in the life of higher education; as the number of women on college campuses increased, so did the number of sororities. Since NPC's founding in 1902, the number of sorority chapters on college campuses has grown to 2,956.

Many societal changes have affected higher education, which in turn has influenced sorority members and the sorority experience: military conflicts, including the role of women in the military; women's rights and the women's movement; *in loco parentis*; politics; social networks and ethnic diversity. Like the universities, NPC members have met the challenges and strengthened partnerships as they defined their roles on campus, in the community and within society.

Changes in higher education have influenced sorority membership as more activities and opportunities for organizations outside the classroom have been offered. Higher education has responded to the needs of its fraternity/sorority communities by providing staff positions devoted to the members, volunteers and national organizations. Together, our mission is parallel to the focus of creating an environment and experience that will lead the student to become an active, successful and contributing citizen.



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Women involved in College Panhellenics define the experience as the most significant decision they made as an undergraduate.



Breyn Hibbs

Breyn is a senior at the University of San Diego majoring in philosophy and is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. As a high achiever, she's earned dean's list honors and numerous scholarships and is a recognized leader on her campus and in her community. She serves on the College Panhellenic Council, Associated Students Honor Council, City of Hope Breast Cancer Walk Committee and participates in multiple philanthropic organizations.

"In the world of sororities and fraternities, we often talk about living our values. I truly believe that through the promotion of such values as 'wide and wise human service' and 'mutual respect and helpfulness,' the National Panhellenic Conference is developing the compassionate and ethical leaders of tomorrow. Each time I wear my Panhellenic badge, I wear it proudly as a symbol of my affiliation with this phenomenal organization. Thank you, National Panhellenic Conference, for making my experience in a women's fraternity a positive and life-defining one. I will be forever indebted to all that you have instilled in me."

College Panhellenics

As campus-based organizations, College Panhellenics contribute to a positive sorority experience and cooperative interfraternal relations. Through all-sorority programming efforts, College Panhellenics promote high scholastic standards, leadership development and service to campus and community.

As of June 1, 2008, the 26 member groups of the National Panhellenic Conference reported:

- 2,956 undergraduate chapters representing 26 member groups.
- 248,120 undergraduate members.
- 88,776 new members during the 2007-2008 academic year.
- \$5,431,695.90 raised from philanthropic events.
- 2,582,543 volunteer hours devoted to philanthropic efforts.

College Panhellenics encourage:

- Excellence in scholarship, leadership and personal growth.
- Commitment to altruism and philanthropy.
- Expansion of the fraternity/sorority community.
- Membership growth of new chapters.
- Opportunities for recruitment of new members.

Women who serve on College Panhellenics are leaders within their own member groups; they are committed to making their campus sorority community the best; they are willing to be risk takers in trying new and innovative ideas; they are dedicated to building a cooperative, supportive community of women; they are fair and impartial in their decision making; they seek to form partnerships with campus organizations; and they recognize the significance of being one of the largest, if not the largest, women's organization on their campus.



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Women involved in Alumnae Panhellenics define the experience
as a commitment to values that spans a lifetime.



Sue Zorichak

Sue understands the important role alumnae play in the sorority experience — as a 30-year member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, she has been a national officer for 27 continuous years. As a very active alumna, she has affected the lives of women through her many years of service to campuses and communities across the nation. She is the director of editorial/quality assurance at Little Planet Learning in Boulder, Colo., and also serves as the National Panhellenic Conference Publications Committee Chairman. She was awarded the national Helen L. Corey award for service and dedication to her sorority in July '08.

“In 30 years of Panhellenic life, I’ve learned that the sorority experience is really several key life experiences wrapped up in one convenient package. My sorority experience has:

- *Instilled in me a volunteer and philanthropic mindset.*
- *Produced lifelong friendships with women from all 26 NPC groups.*
- *Developed my leadership skills.*
- *Shown me the power of team work.*

The simple fact is, being a sorority woman has inspired me to make a difference in all areas of my life.”

Alumnae Panhellenics

Alumnae Panhellenics offer alumnae leadership, service and social opportunities beyond the college years. An Alumnae Panhellenic represents an ongoing commitment of women to promote and foster the sorority experience. Alumnae Panhellenics:

- Represent 212 Alumnae Panhellenic Associations in the United States, Canada and England.
- Feature 4,567 alumnae associations from the 26 member groups.
- Raised \$380,087 for scholarships awarded to 466 sorority women.

Women are involved in Alumnae Panhellenics because they value their lifelong memberships. They believe in the sorority experience not only for the undergraduate years but for the friendship and support their member group, as well as their Panhellenic community, gives through out their lives.

Alumnae Panhellenics are active in their communities through:

- Service projects.
- Civic leadership roles.
- Educational programming, mentoring, and career counseling.
- Functions for female college freshmen and their families.

“We come together in friendship and mutual interest to promote leadership, scholarship and enlightenment. Our goal as an Alumnae Panhellenic is to be a proactive voice regarding issues that are important to our communities and to actively participate in philanthropic projects.”

— Award-winning Coachella Valley Alumnae Panhellenic



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With a focus on commonalities and an appreciation for differences, the National Panhellenic Conference's interfraternal partners together help to define a positive and rewarding experience.



Diane Blackwelder

Diane knows the value of building a strong communications network. Through her work as assistant dean of students at Purdue University, she's established key connections and served as an active voice in both campus and community affairs. Serving as a Panhellenic advisor and on the board of directors for many corporations and non-profit organizations, she has been instrumental in cultivating opportunities that strengthen fraternal bonds, create leadership opportunities and open doors for women beyond the college experience.

"I was blessed to have positive, meaningful undergraduate years as a member of Alpha Chi Omega that paved a foundation for a lifetime relationship with my sorority and other fraternal organization members. More doors and opportunities have been opened to me through this association than I could have ever imagined. My undergraduate and graduate school studies/degrees prepared and provided a framework of knowledge to succeed in a professional career in education. The ultimate payoff for sorority service and Panhellenic involvement has been through rewarding, ongoing connections from young women who discover the relevance of their sorority ties and flourish beyond the campus community."

Interfraternal Partners

Much like the partnership the National Panhellenic Conference has with host universities, there is great appreciation and mutual respect for the role of interfraternal partners. Collectively we share the same focus ... defining and leading the fraternal experience. Interfraternal partners are committed to the:

- Right of freedom of association.
- Value of lifelong learning and friendships.
- Development of an individual's potential through leadership opportunities.
- Importance of a well-rounded, self-confident individual.

Each interfraternal partner is critical to the forward movement of the National Panhellenic Conference. These partnerships influence the fraternity/sorority community by:

- Opening doors to a better understanding of diversity.
- Engaging in leadership opportunities outside the individual member group.
- Fostering open dialogue and creating trust.
- Encouraging partners to become united advocates for their community and individual organizations.

The National Panhellenic Conference is fortunate to be connected to these interfraternal partners:

- The National Panhellenic Conference Foundation
- The North-American Interfraternity Conference
- The National Pan-Hellenic Council
- The National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations
- The Association of Fraternity Advisors
- The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators
- The Fraternity Executives Association
- The Interfraternity Institute
- The North American Interfraternal Foundation
- The Capital Fraternal Caucus
- Hazingprevention.org
- The Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Issues
- The Center for the Study of the College Fraternity

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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.