



national panhellenic conference

College Panhellenic Conversations

From the Desk of the NPC Panhellenics Chairman

College Panhellenic Academy

Attending College Panhellenic Academy is the perfect way to kick off a successful Panhellenic year.

College Panhellenic Academy is a program to ensure College Panhellenic officers and fraternity/sorority advisors are equipped with the most up-to-date knowledge. This day-and-a-half-long academy will provide the opportunity for hands-on training with NPC representatives, discussion among peers and colleagues and community building.

Join NPC Jan. 12-13, 2018, at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. [Registration is open](#). Total attendance among College Panhellenic officers and fraternity/sorority advisors is limited to 275 individuals. Be sure to register before it's too late. Visit our [website](#) for information.

Please note the fraternity/sorority advisor track will only be offered at our standalone program.



College Panhellenic officer transitions & 2018 planning

A few reminders as College Panhellenic officers transition:

- Officers should be updated in the NPC database. The process for updating is outlined in the [Website Cheat Sheet](#).
- A [2018 College Panhellenic calendar](#) is available for planning purposes.

Dear friends ...

It was great to meet many of you in person at the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors annual meeting in Atlanta. If you missed our NPC update or were not at the meeting, you can read here the information on new NPC initiatives: [Handout](#) | [Slides](#).

We hope you have had some time during the past month to visit the refreshed [NPC website](#) to review the new and updated resources. Please encourage College Panhellenic officers to visit the Resources section and click the plum-colored folder to access important documents and tools.

In this newsletter edition, we are taking a look back at many College Panhellenic Conversations articles from 2017. These are stories that contain relevant and useful information for the coming year.

Thank you to each of you for your hard work and dedication to helping ensure fraternity and sorority members have a meaningful and rewarding experience on your campus. Please continue to let me, your [area advisor](#) or your Panhellenic support specialist know what NPC can do to support you and your College Panhellenic.

Interfraternally,



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Legislation passed in October 2017

NPC recently passed several pieces of legislation that affect College Panhellenics. This document explains the updates to specific policies and best practices: [2017 legislation updates](#).

If you have questions, please contact your [area advisor](#).

WICHE Data on high school graduate trends

Also during the Town Hall, Colleen Falkenstern of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) presented "Big Change to Come: The Future of High School Graduates." The data come from WICHE's "Knocking at the College Door" research that projects high school graduate trends by state and race/ethnicity through the early 2030s. Download the slides [here](#).

Continuing Conversations: 2017 Year in Review

Provided by the NPC Office

The end of the year is a time of reflection and planning for what's ahead. Included here are a number of articles published during 2017 that remain relevant and useful. Links to other helpful documents also are provided.

January 2017: The NPC member organization and fraternity/sorority advisor partnership

Both campus professionals and headquarters employees/volunteers want what is best for young women. This edition answers common questions about how campus professionals and headquarters teams can communicate more effectively to achieve that goal. [Read the article.](#)

March 2017: Best practices in philanthropy

The fundraising effort each chapter, College Panhellenic or sorority/fraternity community undertakes on behalf of philanthropies is one of the most visible representations to a campus of the fraternal community. To facilitate a healthy and cooperative environment surrounding philanthropy and fundraising on your campus, it is helpful for you as the fraternity/sorority advisor to coordinate event dates to prevent over-programming. In addition, your reviewing plans for each event helps ensure the activities align with the values of each organization, the National Panhellenic Conference and the institution. [Read this article](#) for best practices and practices to avoid.

May 2017: Nontraditional students and the College Panhellenic experience

The collegiate Panhellenic experience is one that is sought after by thousands of collegiate women each year. For most Panhellenic chapters, recruitment is an exciting yet daunting experience, as chapter members and potential new members strive to learn from one another to ensure an informed decision is reached when joining a Panhellenic member organization. One component that is unique to some institutions is the growing number of nontraditional women attending college or returning to college to pursue a degree. It is important for colleges and universities to evaluate and seek understanding of how to support and engage nontraditional students in a meaningful manner. Panhellenic life can only thrive if all students understand how to effectively join and grow as a member. [Read the article.](#)

July 2017: College Panhellenic trends and statistics

Panhellenic excellence is a strategic priority of NPC, and one of the objectives of this priority is to provide campus partners, including fraternity/sorority advisors, with Panhellenic knowledge. This month we are highlighting statistics that will enlighten FSAs as to what an “average” College Panhellenic looks like and what the overall trends were for the past year. It is our hope that this data can assist you and your College Panhellenic as a benchmark in your work for the coming academic year. [Read the article.](#) Plus, get more facts and figures from the [2017 NPC annual report](#) and [2016-17 Annual Survey Highlights](#).

August 2017: Helping sorority women build confidence

Erin Fischer, owner and CEO, The Leadership and Training Studio, describes her process of finding true authentic confidence and offers her advice for helping sorority women and potential new members find theirs. [Read the article.](#)

September 2017: Addressing today's hazing behaviors

Despite efforts over the years to define hazing or simplify the definition, staff and volunteers who oversee the investigation and accountability process still spend a good bit of time trying to help student leaders, advisors and even some national volunteers understand that what happened was an act of hazing. [Read the article](#) for a number of approaches to clarify and improve the conversations around hazing.

October 2017: NPC's foundations and its impact on today

The National Panhellenic Conference was established to help collegiate and alumnae chapters of the member organizations to cooperate with colleges and universities and foster interfraternal relationships. [Read the article](#) to review NPC's governance model and commitment to interfraternal understanding and friendship. Also, check out the latest edition of [Adventure in Friendship](#) that touches on most of NPC's landmark events and accomplishments and, more importantly, conveys something of the spirit that has always characterized NPC.