



## Alumnae Panhellenic Volunteer Opportunities With Distinguished Young Women

Since 2017, the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and Distinguished Young Women (DYW) have partnered to support a common mission to encourage leadership, confidence and scholarship in college-bound women. Through this partnership, NPC helps introduce young women across the country to the sorority experience and invites them to participate in Panhellenic recruitment.

NPC encourages College and Alumnae Panhellenics that are looking for a new service opportunity to look to local- or state-level DYW programs as one place to lend your time and talents. Volunteering with DYW can help your members give back to the community while also connecting with college-bound young women to help them learn more about the sorority experience.

### What is the Distinguished Young Women Program?

Founded in 1958, Distinguished Young Women is a free program that encourages college-bound young women to reach their full individual potential. The mission is to empower young women by providing more than \$1 billion in scholarship opportunities, developing their self-confidence in a positive peer environment and participating in a Life Skills Workshops that prepares them for success after high school.

Formerly called America's Junior Miss, the program updated its name in 2010 to put the focus on all it does to prepare young women for success after high school. To learn more, please visit [DistinguishedYW.org](http://DistinguishedYW.org).

### How Do We Work Together?

Both NPC and DYW are women's-only organizations with a focus on young women and their collegiate experience and nationwide networks of alumnae. Here are ways we work together:

- NPC and the NPC Foundation provide scholarships to women in the program who are also active in or support other women's-only organizations. Those programs are administered through DYW,
- The NPC professional staff volunteer with the Indiana state program.
- College and Alumnae Panhellenics can join the effort by providing support to local or state DYW programs as volunteers and advocates for the sorority experience.

### Alumnae Panhellenic Opportunities to Support DYW

The mission and values fostered through DYW programs are the qualities we hope to find in every potential new member who wants to join our member organizations. As such, we are calling upon our Alumnae Panhellenics to provide volunteer support to a program in your area as part of our efforts to advance the sorority experience.

Alumnae Panhellenics can support these young women, both at the local and state level, as they prepare for the program. Volunteering can include:

- Attending a local or state event to support the participants.
- Providing snacks or a meal to participants during rehearsals for an event.
- Volunteering during an event (e.g., taking tickets, handing out programs).
- Helping participants hone their interview and conversation skills.
- Offering workshops on life skills (e.g., public speaking, fiscal responsibility, etc.).

This opportunity is a wonderful way to empower young women, while also showing them the power of the Panhellenic experience and lifelong sisterhood. To find a Distinguished Young Women program near you, please visit [distinguishedyw.org/programs/states-locals/](http://distinguishedyw.org/programs/states-locals/).

If you have questions, would like more information or want to sign up, please contact Lisa Burnette, DYW national field director, at 215-438-3621 or [Lisa@DistinguishedYW.org](mailto:Lisa@DistinguishedYW.org).