



NPC Position Statement on Standards of Conduct

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the world's largest organizations advocating for women, is the umbrella group for 26 inter/national women's-only sororities. All NPC member organizations have a common set of values, including friendship, service and support. In upholding these values, NPC and our member organizations expect all Panhellenic women to maintain high standards of conduct.

NPC Unanimous Agreement I. The Panhellenic Creed sets an expectation for Panhellenic women that emphasizes mutual respect for others:

"... We, as Fraternity Women, stand for service through the development of character inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live."

Unanimous Agreement IV. Standards of Ethical Conduct further outlines how sorority members are to act in accordance with dignity and good manners. Specifically, they are expected to:

- Avoid disparaging remarks about any sorority or college/university woman.
- Create friendly relations between sorority and nonsorority women.
- Avoid negative publicity on Panhellenic matters.

NPC member organizations, through the NPC Standards, have set minimum expectations for collegiate sorority chapters and their members regarding respecting human dignity, wellness and student safety. As noted in the NPC Standards: "Each NPC member organization places high value on respect for others, human dignity, cultural diversity and self-worth." Through the NPC Standards, member organizations have also set an expectation for collegiate sorority chapters to participate annually in programming that can deepen members' learning and development in these areas.

NPC member organizations have conduct processes to address situations in which chapters or members do not meet expectations for maintaining high standards.

NPC encourages all Panhellenic women to take personal responsibility for their actions and uphold these expectations in accordance with the Unanimous Agreements, the NPC Standards and NPC member organization policies, procedures and principles.

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