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## **Sorority Women Receive Scholarships From NPC Foundation**

*Scholarships totaling \$4,000 are awarded in effort to make college more affordable*

INDIANAPOLIS — The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Foundation announces that it has awarded \$4,000 in scholarships to sorority women. The 2017 recipients are Katherine Sue Mathews from Washburn University, Kati Simpson from Chapman University and Paige Hanewald from University of Wyoming.

“NPC and its member organizations are focused on college affordability, and the mission of the NPC Foundation is to advance the 26 women’s organizations of NPC through initiatives that launch and sustain women leaders,” said Janet Brown, Alpha Omicron Pi, president of the board of trustees. “These scholarships help make college more affordable for three outstanding sorority leaders.”

The NPC Foundation scholarship committee led by board of trustees member Carol Helmus, Delta Delta Delta, reviewed 68 applications and selected the following three, accomplished students:

Katherine Sue Mathews, Zeta Tau Alpha, is the recipient of The Mary Louise Roller/Alpha Omicron Pi Scholarship, awarded to an undergraduate woman who plans to attend graduate school the following fall. As a recipient, Mathews will receive \$1,000 for displaying outstanding service to the Washburn University College Panhellenic and her sorority during her undergraduate years. She graduated with a degree in biology and will be pursuing a degree in optometry at Southern College of Optometry. “Without sorority life, I would not have had the ambition to become a leader on campus, been as successful academically or in the position I am today on the path to becoming a doctor,” Mathews said. Planning to fund as much of her professional education on her own as she can, this scholarship will go a long way in making Mathews’ first year more affordable.

Kati Simpson, Gamma Phi Beta, is the recipient of The Elizabeth Ahlemeyer Quick/Gamma Phi Beta Scholarship. She will receive \$2,000 in scholarship funds for serving her sorority community while maintaining a GPA over 3.0. Simpson was nominated by the local Chapman University College Panhellenic Association which she served as vice president of scholarship & standards in 2016 and is serving as vice president of development & philanthropy this year. Simpson is a junior majoring in communications studies and dance with a 3.89 GPA. “I have been working since I was 14 to offset the ever-increasing cost of higher education in hopes of reaching my dream to work in nonprofit dance outreach,” Simpson said. “I am endlessly grateful for this support from the NPC Foundation, and I am excited to one day as a proud alumna pay it forward to deserving collegiate sorority women.”

Paige Hanewald, Delta Delta Delta, is the recipient of the Alpha Phi/Betty Mullins Jones Scholarship, awarded to her as a collegiate Panhellenic woman who has worked to further her sorority community's reputation on her campus and who embodies the values of sisterhood, philanthropy and scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to Paige in part because she is making a difference in sorority life by serving on her campus College Panhellenic in the roles of vice president of recruitment (2016) and president this year. Hanewald attends the University of Wyoming, is majoring in secondary English and Spanish education. She is also a member of the Order of Omega. "While I may have initially attended the university to limit my student debt, I stayed because my eyes were opened beyond my individual bubble," Hanewald said. "As a sorority woman and a future educator, I have learned that it is my responsibility to expand my cultural knowledge and through that knowledge have discovered a greater understanding of language and people."

NPC is one of the oldest and largest women's membership organizations representing women on more than 670 college/university campuses and in 3,784 local alumnae chapters in the U.S. and Canada. For more information about NPC Foundation scholarships, visit <https://www.npcwomen.org/foundation/scholarships.aspx>.

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#### **About the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Foundation**

Established in 1995, the National Panhellenic Conference Foundation promotes values and ethics for sorority women and encourages all members to be active and responsible leaders in their communities. The Foundation's mission is supported through the sponsorship of NPC educational and charitable programs.

#### **About the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC)**

NPC, one of the largest organizations advocating for women, is the umbrella group for 26 national and international sororities. NPC sororities are located on more than 670 campuses with 380,565 undergraduate members in 3,234 chapters. Alumnae are represented in 3,889 associations throughout the world. For more information, including a complete list of NPC sororities, visit [npcwomen.org](http://npcwomen.org) or find NPC on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).