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2021 NPC Distinguished Service, Impact and Interfraternal Awards Recipients Announced

INDIANAPOLIS — The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the largest advocacy organizations for women, is proud to announce the recipients of three awards that recognize individuals for dedicated service to the interfraternal community.

2021 Distinguished Service Award

NPC honors Patricia Plumlee “Patty” Disque, Chi Omega, with the 2021 Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes an individual for lifelong service to the interfraternal community or NPC. Disque was a member of Chi Omega’s NPC delegation for more than 25 years, where she served in roles such as the College Panhellenics Committee chairman, Recruitment Committee chairman and Resolutions/Legislation Committee chairman. She also served as a member of many other NPC committees and served the Release Figure Methodology (RFM) Team as a RFM specialist. In addition to her NPC service, she dedicated many years of service to the Northeast Greek Leadership Association (NGLA), including serving as its treasurer.

“Patty’s continuous service to Chi Omega, NPC and the fraternity/sorority industry spans decades, and is a glowing example of unselfish dedication and passion for the sorority experience,” said 2019-21 NPC Chairman Carole Jurenko Jones. “She has fostered a legacy of friendship beyond badges and has improved the lives of so many women. It is fitting we honor her service with this award to express our gratitude for all she has done – and will continue to do – to advance the sorority experience together.”

Disque’s contributions also have been recognized by Chi Omega, Kappa Delta and NGLA.

2021 NPC Impact Award

NPC honors two individuals from the Anti-Hazing Coalition (AHC) as joint recipients of the 2021 Impact Award, which was created to recognize timely and exemplary service or leadership by a fraternity or sorority member in a role or task that has advanced the sorority movement or made a specific impact on NPC. Rae Ann Gruver and Evelyn Piazza are founding members of the AHC, which is a collaboration of the National Panhellenic Conference, the North American Interfraternity Conference and parents whose children were tragically killed by acts of hazing. Since the death of their sons due to hazing incidents in 2017, Gruver and Piazza have been leading advocates for hazing awareness and prevention.

2019-21 NPC Chairman Carole Jurenko Jones said, “No others have made more of a timely impact than Rae Ann and Evelyn. We are forever indebted to them for the many hours and incredible passion they continue to pour into this work. We are so grateful for their partnership with NPC and proud of the work they continue to do to eradicate hazing.”

Both women are members of Alpha Delta Pi.

2021 Interfraternal Partner Award

NPC honors Jonathan “Jon” Coffin, senior vice president, VOX Global, with the 2021 Interfraternal Partner Award, which recognizes an individual who has played an important role in the Conference’s advancement during the past two years. Coffin has partnered with NPC since 2016 on message development, media relations, thought leadership, content strategy, digital marketing and crisis communications.

“We cannot achieve success alone, and Jon’s support has been vital in all we have accomplished during the past biennium,” said 2019-21 NPC Chairman Carole Jurenko Jones. “He has been an outstanding partner to NPC, and we are grateful for his engagement and his commitment to advancing the sorority experience. Personally, Jon has provided me with excellent counsel, taught me so much and made our work enjoyable. I thank him for his support, guidance and expertise.”

Coffin is a member of Sigma Chi.

The award recipients were determined by the 2019-21 NPC Board of Directors that finished its term in June. Typically, award recipients are honored publicly in the fall; however, the 2021 Annual Conference has been postponed to spring 2022. All of these award recipients have been invited to be recognized in person during the 2022 NPC Annual Conference, March 31-April 1 at The Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky.

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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 nearly 670 campuses with more than 375,000 undergraduate members in more than 3,350 chapters. Alumnae are represented in nearly 3,500 associations throughout the world. For more information, including a complete list of NPC sororities, visit npcwomen.org.