NPC Position Statement on Independent College Panhellenics

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the world’s largest organizations advocating for women, is the trade association for 26 inter/national women’s-only sororities. There are a handful of College Panhellenic Associations that do not participate in the host institution’s student organization recognition process, and NPC refers to these associations as independent College Panhellenic Associations. Though independent College Panhellenics function separately from the host institution, they are fully recognized by NPC and their member chapters’ participating inter/national organizations.

Independent College Panhellenics are not typical but there are various reasons for forgoing recognition, including that the institution does not offer recognition. Becoming an independent College Panhellenic is not a decision taken lightly or without the assistance of NPC and inter/national organizations.

The functionality of independent College Panhellenics is no different from College Panhellenics that are recognized by their institutions, except the Panhellenic community receives all of its guidance and coaching directly from NPC and the participating inter/national organizations. They are expected to uphold the same expectations and requirements as other College Panhellenics, including NPC Unanimous Agreements and policies. They also abide by the policies and procedures of their inter/national organizations across all areas of chapter operations, including risk management.

These College Panhellenics and their member chapters operate with the goal of continuing to provide a valuable sorority experience on their campuses. NPC and member organizations take the lead in supplying them with the resources needed for success.

Currently Supported Independent College Panhellenic Associations

NPC currently supports the following independent College Panhellenic Associations:

**U.S.**
- Bloomsburg (Bloomsburg University).
- Cambridge (Harvard University).
- Durham (Duke University).
- Georgetown University.
- Kansas State University.
- Princeton University.
- Santa Clara University.
- University of Chicago.
- Yale University.

**Canada**
- Carleton University.
- McGill University.
- University of British Columbia.
- University of Manitoba.
- University of Toronto.
- University of Waterloo.
- Western University.

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