



News and Notes from NP25

Social media has shown plenty of examples of the positive sorority experience. I collected some to share with you: <http://animoto.com/play/Rjzex5WYZGzLiTkehuey8A> I hope this makes you smile!

The National media has had several negative press stories regarding Greeks. Theta Phi Alpha was not exempt. Before we let those stories lead us to feel the Greek experience is headed in the wrong direction, I would like to share some positive findings with you. This is from a recent NPC Press Release:

Research confirms claims that sorority members have stronger, more positive educational outcomes and retention rates than non-sorority members, according to National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), a premier advocacy organization for women and the sorority experience. For decades, research has linked sorority membership with multiple educational and psychosocial outcomes, as well as benefits to institutions such as increased retention and alumni giving rates. This joint research effort communicates the results of a national, large-scale analysis of postsecondary outcomes related to membership in a NPC sorority conducted between January and August of 2014. Data include 4,243 students across 18 randomly selected four-year institutions.

Key highlights include:

Sorority members graduated "on time" (in four years) at a higher rate than nonmembers (58 percent and 46 percent, respectively).

Sorority members were retained from freshman to sophomore year at a higher rate than nonmembers (93 percent, versus 82 percent).

Sorority members graduated in 6 years at a higher rate than nonmembers (84 percent, versus 71 percent, respectively).

When accounting for pre-college and institutional characteristics, the likelihood of graduating was two and a half times higher for members.

"For generations, our message has always been that sorority membership enhances the college experience and also provides lifelong support for members," said Jean Mrasek, chairman of NPC. "The results of this report are indeed powerful in that they validate what we advocate on a regular basis and what we know to be true — that sororities contribute to the education and overall well-being of women."

NPC is one of the oldest and largest women's membership organizations representing women at more than 660 campuses throughout the U.S. and Canada, and in more than 3,500 alumnae associations worldwide.

This study was supported by a grant and funds from NPC and the NPC Foundation, and includes findings via institutional research, registrar, financial aid and other staff from participating institutions.



Founders' Day in Arizona.

UPCOMING DATES:

May 20 - Foundation call

May 22-24 - Grand Council retreat

May 25 - National Office closed for Memorial Day

June 1 - Grand Council Conference call

June 24-27 - LC2015 Cleveland OH

June 27-28 - Grand Council meeting Cleveland

July 3 - National Office closed for July 4

July 10-12 - Board of Trustee meeting Lake Lotawana MO

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