



## NPC Position Statement on Independent College Panhellenics

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The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is one of the world's largest organizations advocating for the sorority experience, representing 26 inter/national women's-only sororities and more than 350,000 undergraduate sorority women. Through the authority provided in Unanimous Agreement VI, NPC charts the creation of College Panhellenic Associations. While most College Panhellenic Associations are recognized by a college or university, 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 inter/national member 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 uphold the same expectations and requirements as other College Panhellenics, including NPC Unanimous Agreements and policies. Members of independent College Panhellenic Associations also abide by the policies and procedures of their inter/national organizations across all areas of chapter operations, including those related to risk management.

### *Currently Supported Independent College Panhellenic Associations*

NPC currently supports the following independent College Panhellenic Associations:

#### *United States*

Bloomsburg (Bloomsburg University), Cambridge (Harvard University), Durham (Duke University), Georgetown 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 Ottawa, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, Western University.