For Immediate Release
Oct. 27, 2026

MEDIA CONTACT
Aja Pirtle
NPC, Chief Marketing Officer
aja@npcwomen.org

National Panhellenic Conference Renames Interfraternal Partner Award in Honor of Cindy Stellhorn

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. — The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the umbrella for 26 inter/national sororities, announced during its Annual Membership Meeting in Jacksonville that it has officially renamed its premier interfraternal honor, the NPC Interfraternal Partner Award, the "Stellhorn Award for Interfraternal Partnership."

The prestigious honor was bestowed upon and named for Cindy Stellhorn, executive vice president of MJ Sororities (a division of The MJ Companies), in recognition of her decades of leadership, advocacy and unwavering commitment to the sorority and interfraternal community.

For years, the NPC Interfraternal Partner Award has recognized individuals whose collaboration and support have made a lasting difference for NPC and its member organizations. Previous recipients include Tim Burke, Dan Shaver, Victor Boschini, Ginny Carroll, Kevin O'Neill, Amy Davenport, Jon Coffington, Dr. Patrick Biddix, Will Foran and Micah Kamrass.

During a recent records review, NPC leaders discovered that despite her monumental contributions to the fraternal movement, Stellhorn's name was missing from the list of historical honorees—a revelation that prompted the Board of Directors to take extraordinary action.

"When the NPC Board of Directors reflected on Cindy's years of service, advocacy and friendship, we realized that simply adding her name to our distinguished list of Interfraternal Partner Award recipients didn't seem quite enough," said NPC Board Chair Kelly Beck. "We wanted to do something more—something that would not only honor her remarkable contributions, but also recognize the example she has set for what true partnership should look like."

Stellhorn's sorority advocacy began during her student days at Indiana University, where she joined Kappa Alpha Theta. Early in her career, she worked at Cigna Property and Casualty Insurance Company before moving to Conseco Risk Management, where she established a dedicated sorority department. In 1998, she joined what was to become The MJ Companies, where she has spent nearly 30 years building trusted risk management solutions and strategic partnerships for NPC and its member sororities.

For Immediate Release
Oct. 27, 2026

MEDIA CONTACT
Aja Pirtle
NPC, Chief Marketing Officer
aja@npcwomen.org

Beyond her professional endeavors, Stellhorn has consistently served the broader community. Her involvement includes leadership roles as president of both the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee and the Coalition for Fraternal Rights (formerly the FS Action Fund), as well as service on several NPC committees and local civic boards, such as the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, Indiana, and the Independent Insurance Agents of Central Indiana.

“Cindy’s name will forever be associated with the qualities this award represents—friendship, leadership, service and an unwavering commitment to our interfraternal community,” Beck added. “We can think of no more fitting way to honor her extraordinary impact.”

Going forward, the Stellhorn Award for Interfraternal Partnership will continue to be presented annually to individuals who demonstrate exceptional commitment and service to NPC and the interfraternal movement.

###

About the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC)
NPC is the trade association for 26 national and international sororities and is one of the largest organizations advocating for the sorority experience. Through its advocacy, NPC highlights the importance of women’s-only spaces and showcases the transformational power of the sorority experience. For more information, including a complete list of NPC sororities, visit npcwomen.org or find NPC on Instagram and Facebook.

NPC
national panhellenic conference