

Minnesota State University, Mankato **Panhellenic Council Code of Ethics**

We, the members of women's sororities at Minnesota State University, Mankato agree to promote honesty, respect, sisterhood and cooperation within the College Panhellenic and our respective chapters and in our daily lives. This code of ethics is designed to inspire our members, reinforce exemplary conduct and values-based leadership, and perpetuate lifelong membership to enrich the sorority and Panhellenic experience.

We, the Greek women of Minnesota State University, Mankato commit to all the following five values, and will strive to keep ourselves and one another accountable for our words, actions, and behaviors based on the values of our Greek community, chapters, and personal standards. We openly observe that by being a member of the Greek community we are charged additional duties, responsibilities and codes of conduct as we are representing not only ourselves, but an entire group of women. We commit ourselves to adhere to this code of ethics daily and to let the values outlined within it guide the women of our Greek community as morally sound, socially excellent, and exceptionally responsible persons.

We, the women of the Panhellenic Council, agree on and commit to the following understated values:

1. Morals/Standards

We agree to promote the highest value of woman within our Greek community by always following both Chapter and Council Standards. We observe the obligation of demonstrating the highest ethical conduct through the daily actions we commit and by living our lives by the rituals we practice. We will uphold our morals by showing respect all persons of our university regardless of whether or not they are Greek and regardless of chapter affiliation. We will abide by all local and federal laws as well as national and international bylaws set forth by the organizations we represent. We will be ever mindful of the standards we pledged ourselves to and will strive continually to be our Fraternal/Panhellenic sister's keeper.

2. Scholarship

We will personally seek excellence in our fields of study but be ever mindful of our chapter's and communities academic needs so as to be ready to assist our community in academic measures when deemed necessary. As scholars we observe that our academic performance is in some form a representation of our Greek community and in order to serve our image well we must excel scholastically. We recognize the purpose of a university setting and agree to actively pursue a quality education. We agree to take our studies seriously and further our education in the academic so as to apply our knowledge acquired to our chapters and council for their benefit.

3. Unity

We will boldly disregard chapter affiliation in attempts to cultivate a united Greek community, so as to prosper from one another's views, ideals and beliefs. We agree to establish goodwill among all fraternities and sororities for the common good of our Greek community, as well as to respect ourselves and our individual chapters and the members that comprise such chapters. It is our hope that through our selfless actions towards one another our example may inspire others to follow in the same manner.

4. Leadership

We agree to actively engage ourselves as members of this campus. We will not restrict our potential and skill sets to Greek community alone but rather share our knowledge and ability with the campus and community we support. We understand our role as representatives of the Greek community and agree to tailor our actions in order to reflect a positive image. We will provide opportunities of leadership of all members of the community, and will hold them accountable for their actions and to their obligations and commitments. We will practice unselfish leadership and agree to work for the greater good of the Greek community and by doing so establish a resounding presence of leaders for the University and surrounding community to see. We will strive to build upon the tradition of creating and nurturing strong leaders and to transmit our Greek community to those who may follow after not only, not less, but greater that it was transmitted to us.

5. Diversity

As Fraternity women we agree to refrain from being exclusive in our membership as we try to diversify our community as to the extent of our ability. We observe this duty under the principle that diverse and collective minds yield far greater results than those, the minds of, similar women. We the women of the Minnesota State University, Mankato charge ourselves to acquire and maintain a state of mind that is unbiased and fair to all individuals so that our potential as women may not be hampered. We, the women of this Greek community, observe the equality of men and women and will strive to treat all persons with the highest level of respect so that through our actions we may further the caliber of our fellow mankind.

We, as Panhellenic women of Minnesota State University, Mankato, also agree on and commit to:

- Uphold and demonstrate the Panhellenic spirit in thought, word and action through our chapters as well as individual members.
- Demonstrate ethical behavior and conduct ourselves in a manner consistent with the mission and values of the College Panhellenic, each inter/national organization and our institution.
- Respectfully adhere to the Unanimous Agreements and all policies established by the National Panhellenic Conference.
- Avoid disparaging remarks about any sorority or collegiate woman and refrain from discussing Panhellenic matters with nonmembers, in accordance with the dignity and good manners of sorority women.
- Recognize friendly relations with all collegiate women, both sorority members and nonmembers, realizing the importance of creating and building friendships.
- Respectfully adhere to the bylaws and recruitment rules of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Panhellenic Association.
- Abide by all local and federal laws and NPC inter/national member organization bylaws.
- Hold one another accountable to these standards, remembering at all times that we represent not only our individual chapters but also the Panhellenic community as a whole.

As Panhellenic women of Minnesota State University, Mankato, these are the tenets by which we strive to live.