

college panhellenics conversations

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To: All Fraternity/Sorority Advisors

July means that those of you who have fall recruitment are beginning to make preparations for that. It also means that summer certainly does fly by. Here is hoping that you are enjoying a respite from the day-to-day Panhellenic work and that you will be ready for fall with a renewed enthusiasm.

Your interaction and advice is most important for the success of the Panhellenic on your campus. Let me assure you that all 26 national organizations within the National Panhellenic Conference are aware of your role in helping our chapters succeed. We don't thank you enough!

In 2003 when I was appointed to this position, I spent more than enough time talking to unhappy women who had not gotten the sorority choice they wished and wanted to be relieved of the one-year commitment when they signed the MRABA. We realized that we needed to reintroduce the "script" that should be used when the PNMs sign their preference card. This script was reissued in 2004, and in 2006 a few changes were made that were necessary for complying with computer bid matching. I am happy to say that it has **greatly** reduced the number of problems and calls. Once again a copy will be sent in the August mailing from the NPC Office, but if you find you will need a copy before you receive the mailing, it is available from your area advisor or the area advisor coordinator. In the box below, please find some additional hints from a few Panhellenic advisors who seem to have perfected the signing of the MRABA so that they have very few problems.

If you have questions or ideas, please let us know. We value your opinion and want to help you do the best job possible. Thanks to each of you!

Interfraternally,



PREPARING THE PNMs FOR SIGNING THE MRABA

1. Be certain that the recruitment counselors understand all aspects of the process of signing the form and that they understand why they should not over-encourage women to put down choices that they are not willing to join should they be matched.
2. Explain the MRABA form and show the form to the PNMs **early** in the recruitment process so they have time to ask questions before it's time to sign.
3. Have one person, preferably the Panhellenic advisor, explain the form to the PNMs at the beginning and again at the time the form is actually signed.
4. Make sure the Panhellenic advisor uses the designated script.
5. Even though your Panhellenic may use a computer program, it is best that the form be signed in person rather than online. If you must use the computer, print the form and have the PNM sign the printed form that shows her choices.
6. Have the person who receives the form ask the PNM as she leaves the room if she understands that she may be matched to any one of her choices she has listed. Have the PNM confirm that she understands.

RECRUITMENT COUNSELOR HANDBOOK

The long-awaited handbook is really going to appear soon. We expect that the completed handbook will be ready for sale by the end of July unless there is an unforeseen problem with the printing. If all goes well, we expect to send a copy to all dues-paying Panhellenics in the August mailing. Unfortunately, this will be too late for early fall recruitments, but do encourage the Panhellenic officers to read it and determine how they want to use the handbook for the following year.

PANHELLENICS NEW TO THE RFM

If your Panhellenic is not using release figures and yet has a formal recruitment, you might consider speaking with your NPC Area Advisor to see if she feels that using the RFM might help your recruitment. It is not too late for fall 2007, but the deadline is July 15.

PANHELLENIC OFFICER HANDBOOKS

The Panhellenic Officer Handbooks will be ready this fall for distribution. Additional copies will be available for purchase through the NPC Office. Please watch for these handbooks and see that the Panhellenic officers use them to train the new officers for 2008. **Educated and trained Panhellenic officers will be better leaders.**

Panhellenic women **GROW, GIVE,**
LEAD and SUCCEED



from the NPC college panhellenics committee chairman