



Letter

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Statement from the University of Kansas PHA and IFC Exec Boards

LAWRENCE, Kan. – On behalf of the 3,750 Panhellenic Association and Interfraternity Council members at the University of Kansas, we recognize that election season can be stressful, divisive and bring about tension both on and off campus. Being a fraternity man or sorority woman means acting with a core set of principles and values rooted in mutual respect, understanding, critical thinking and fostering a space for critical dialogue. The University of Kansas Fraternity and Sorority Life Community does not condone speech or actions rooted in bigotry or hate.

As predominately white organizations, we are cognizant of the situations that have taken place on our campus in light of the recent election, and long beforehand. Our community exists to provide college students with an opportunity to learn, grow and impact the world around them. We will hold all members to the values and oaths present within the ritual of our organizations. We do not tolerate racism, sexism, xenophobia, Islamophobia, violence against LGBTQ+ students, etc., particularly during this pivotal time in our nation.

We recognize and support our National Pan-Hellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council counterparts. Our Executive Boards, the Student Involvement and Leadership Center, and Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life are available for students who need assistance processing and reflecting during this time. Our community is working to provide an experience that's conducive to *all* Jayhawks. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our team, or any of the below resources on our campus.

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- Student Involvement and Leadership Center/ Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life 785-864-4861
- Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) 785-864-2277
- Institutional Opportunity and Access (IOA) 785-864-6414, ioa@ku.edu
- KU Care Coordinator 785-843-8985, care@ku.edu
- KU Public Safety Office (KUPSO) 785-864-5900, kupso@ku.edu
- The Sexual Trauma & Abuse Care Center 785-843-8985, stacarecenter.org
- Bert Nash Community Mental Health 785-843-9192 talktobert@bertnash.org

If you feel as though you have had a negative experience with an IFC or Panhellenic member, please report it through the 'Incident Report Form' on the Interfraternity Council (https://rockchalkcentral.ku.edu/organization/KU_IFC) or Panhellenic Association (<https://rockchalkcentral.ku.edu/organization/PHA>) page via Rock Chalk Central.

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