

Statement of Professional Ethics for the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors

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Purpose of Statement:

The principal purpose of this statement is to assist campus fraternity and sorority advising professionals by providing standards useful in daily practice. Observance of ethical behavior also benefits fellow professionals and students due to the effects of modeling. No statement of ethical principles can anticipate all situations that have ethical implications. Ethical principles should guide the behavior of professionals in everyday practice.

Ethical Principles:

Act to Benefit Others

- Promote healthy social, physical, academic, moral, cognitive, career, and personal development of students.
- Bring developmental perspective to the institution's educational and learning process and environment.
- Contribute effectively to the functioning of the institution.
- Provide programs and services to benefit others.

Promote Fairness

- Commitment to fair practices with all students.
- Demonstrate equal and fair justice to all students.
- Accept differences.
- Provide programs and services to demonstrate fairness.

Respect Autonomy

- Respect and promote individual autonomy.
- Respect and promote individual privacy.
- Insure student's freedom of choice.

Be Truthful, Honest, Respectful

- Respect confidentiality of students.
- Communicate openly and honestly with all people.
- Act in respectable manner in all situations.

Promote Human Dignity

- Participate in no action detrimental to others.
- Act with respect and dignity to all people.
- Encourage positive programming and service for the benefit of humankind.