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**Change starts from within.**

Delta Sigma Iota Fraternity, Inc. is deeply disturbed by multiple incidents of sexual violence that recently surfaced in many communities around the country, specifically caused by members of Greek organizations. We have taken the past several weeks to reflect on these incidents and recognize that our Greek community is only as strong as our weakest link. **We must be better, do better, and change not just for our organization, but for our community as a whole.** Our hearts and deepest sympathy go out to all victims of sexual violence, and we commend the bravery of those who are sharing their experiences.

**We hear you, we see you, we believe you, and we support you.**

Delta Sigma Iota Fraternity, Inc. restates its policy against sexual misconduct. Any instances of sexual misconduct are taken seriously by both our National Office and local Chapters. We will fully cooperate with institutions of higher education or police on any investigation. If a member is found in **violation of our policies**, he will immediately be delettered and expelled. Additionally, the chapter/colony of which the brother is/was affiliated will be investigated to determine possible suspension or closure. Our members have a responsibility to hold each other accountable and report incidents to the National Office of Delta Sigma Iota Fraternity, Inc. Each member not only represents their local chapters, but Delta Sigma Iota Fraternity, Inc. as a whole. Any incidents in violation of our national policies are a direct breach of the values and ideals our organization was built upon and strives for today.

In addition, Delta Sigma Iota continues to partner with expert resources to provide information to members. In order to educate our own members about the importance of consent and sexual violence prevention, we started our own initiative in 2016: **DSI for Consent**. Our National Office partnered with *'Only with Consent,'* an organization whose mission is to stop sexual violence through consent education by addressing rape culture and generating consent culture. Delta Sigma Iota Fraternity, Inc. is actively seeking additional partners to develop educational initiatives for our members over the next several years, as we believe these key partnerships play a critical role in membership development. Our National Office has **included mandatory education on consent, sexual assault prevention, and survivor support in our New Member Education Process**. We know there is much work to be done, and we hope these efforts are seen as just the initial steps in creating long-lasting change. Our organization is committed to developing productive and righteous members of society, and we have and will continue to take opportunities to educate members with strategies for prevention and intervention through a by-stander model.

These commitments are the foundation upon which Delta Sigma Iota will continue to build. **Delta Sigma Iota pledges to continue listening, learning, and providing an environment that emphasizes the dignity and value of every person.** We share this message in support of sexual assault victim(s) and to encourage change to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future.

Signed,

**National Office - Delta Sigma Iota Fraternity, Inc.**



If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, help is available through the following resources:

In cases of emergency, please call **9-1-1**

**RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network)** Sexual Assault Hotline: 800.656.HOPE (4673) or [24/7 Chat](#)

In instances where someone is willing to have forensic evidence collected, please contact your **local rape response/crisis center or a nearby emergency room**

If you are on campus, contact your host institution's **Title IX office**.

**[Know Your IX](#)**: Provides information for students about their Title IX rights in regards to ending sexual violence on campus.

**[End Rape on Campus](#)**: An advocacy organization dedicated to assisting students file Title IX complaints.

**[NotAlone.gov](#)**: A government website dedicated to educating students and schools about Title IX and sexual assault.

If you are within the Greek community, please report all instances of sexual misconduct to your **undergraduate Chapter Advisor**.

**Nonprofit Support and Awareness Organization:**

**[The Rape Crisis Center](#)**: Support and empower survivors and educate community to end sexual violence

**[National Sexual Violence Resource Network](#)**: Nonprofit providing information and tools to prevent and respond to sexual violence.

**[SafeHouse Center](#)**: Nonprofit providing safety, support, advocacy, and resources for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.