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## PHILOSOPHY OF THE ORGANIZATION REGARDING ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCES

Triangle Fraternity is a values-based membership development organization that focuses on building brotherhood through character enhancement, leadership development, academic achievement, commitment to service, career preparation, life-long friendship and social experiences. The Fraternity believes that alcohol abuse prevents individual members from realizing their full potential as citizens and from exemplifying the obligations of brotherhood as set forth in the ***Triangle Code of Ethics***.

We believe the moderate and legal consumption of alcohol, in and of itself, does not constitute a problem, but agree the illegal use and abuse of alcoholic beverages is widely recognized as a major problem in our society. Seeking to be a responsible member of the higher education community, Triangle is and will remain concerned about alcohol abuse.

We believe strongly in the betterment of men through the chapter experience. To support and guide that experience, our organization upholds the following philosophy related to alcohol and other substances:

- The Fraternity expects that our members follow state laws across the United States which have made consumption of alcohol illegal for people under 21 years of age and prohibit controlled substances.
- The Fraternity supports and enhances the mission of the institutions where we are present through application of student development theory.
- As a subset of the campus community, the Fraternity works to collaborate with our host institutions to address the problem of alcohol and substance misuse.
- The Fraternity works to address the negative behaviors associated with alcohol and substance misuse and abuse, and not simply the location of those behaviors. As such, Triangle seeks to address these behaviors with an educational approach.
- Through education, training, and mature adult guidance, we work to provide the tools to help students make good choices, and to understand the consequences of their choices. The organization will hold chapters and individual chapter members accountable for the choices they make.
- Triangle Ethic #8 challenges members to “*Maintain my self-respect by proper conduct at all times*”. Triangle expects personal responsibility from its members and accountability through local self-governance.
- The Fraternity follows a consistent and progressive discipline strategy with our chapters.
- We are concerned for the safety and well-being of our members.

Triangle members are drawn only from the student population admitted to the institution. Should we pledge or initiate members whose habits are inconsistent with our philosophy, we will work with the institution to help these men change, or we will remove them from membership.

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