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NALFO Responds to COVID-19 Concerns by Going Virtual for the Spring 2020 Business Meeting

The NALFO Executive Board discussed the COVID-19 situation and the upcoming Spring Business Meeting, originally scheduled to take place in Newark, NJ from May 29-May 30. After careful consideration for our member organizations and the overall health and well-being of our communities, we have decided to move forward with a virtual meeting rather than an in-person meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 beginning at 11 am Eastern Time. Registration details and full agenda will be made available to member organizations by the end of April.

Considering all efforts by our communities, municipalities and member organizations to address concerns around COVID-19 and contain its impact, the Executive Board felt that a move to a virtual format was in everyone's best interest. The Executive Board is concerned with the added stress that this health crisis has created for the headquarters of our predominantly volunteer driven member organizations. Eliminating the need for travel and having to be represented at an in-person meeting during uncertain times will help to alleviate some of these stressors.

The Executive Board also recognizes the economic impact that COVID-19 will have on our member organizations and our communities and is looking to reduce costs to pass that onto our members. Colleges and Universities around the country have shut down, sending students home or leaving some at the mercy of friends and neighbors for housing. Chapters have lost access to funding through their Colleges/Universities and fundraising events have been postponed or cancelled all together. Most of NALFO's member organizations have cancelled off-campus and graduate events in the interest of protecting their members and to comply with recent recommendations for banning gatherings of 10+ people. In addition to the economic impact on the organizations, there is an impact on the individual members of our community as jobs in several industries, housing, and access to food are being affected by quarantines, social distancing policies, and curfews.











The NALFO leadership is concerned for our communities and will continue to monitor the developing situation around COVID-19 as well as collaborate with the leadership of our member organizations to ensure that our communities are supported through this crisis. We stand by the decisions made and precautions taken by the national headquarters of our member organizations in this difficult time. Below you can find a list of statements released by our member organizations in response to COVID-19 and learn firsthand what they are doing to protect members and the community at large. Information about these efforts will continue to be updated on www.nalfo.org as new developments arise.

COVID-19 Responses from Member Organizations' Leadership

Alpha Psi Lambda National, Inc.

Official Statement: https://www.alphapsilambda.net/coronavirus

Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc.

• Official Statement: http://www.justbecus.org/coronavirus

Gamma Phi Omega International Sorority, Inc.

• Official Statement from $\Gamma\Phi\Omega$

Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

• Official Statement: https://gammas.org/coronavirus

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.

Official Statement from KΔX







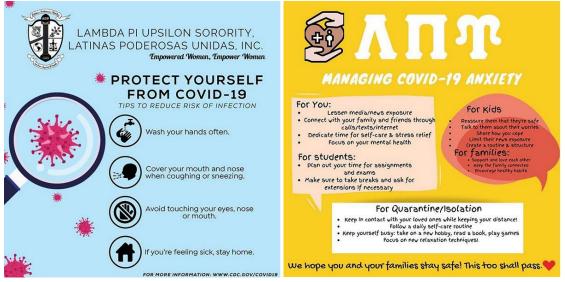




Latino America Unida Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc.



Lambda Pi Upsilon Sorority, Latinas Poderosas Unidas, Inc.



Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.

Official Statement from ΛΣΥ











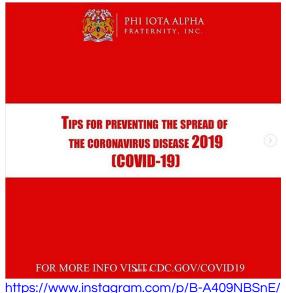
La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.



Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

Official Statement from ΩΦΒ

Phi lota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.













Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc.

Official Statement from ΣIA

Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority Inc.

National Updates regarding COVID-19

- Hermana Assistance Hermanas who cannot afford to go home or whose permanent address is on campus, should contact their Regional Director ASAP so that we can assist with resources in the area. If you are an Hermana who can house another Hermana, please also reach out your RD so that we can compile this list.
- Chapter Events All chapter events, regardless of size, are to be canceled, including those off campus. This includes regional and graduate professional events.
- **Regional Meetings** Upcoming regional meetings will be conducted virtually. Please expect addition communication from your respective Regional Director.
- National Leadership Institute & Neophyte **Orientations** - We are currently exploring the possibility of executing this virtually and will have more information by the end of the month.

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019

- People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions:

 Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

 Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

 Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

 Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available

Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.





For more information

- 1. Stay home except to get medical care
- 2. Separate yourself from other people and animals in your home
- 3. Call ahead before visiting your doctor
- 4. Wear a facemask 0
 - 5. Cover your coughs and sneezes
 - ${\bf 6.}\, Avoid \ sharing \ personal \ household \ items$
 - 7. Clean your hands often
 - 8. Clean all "high-touch" surfaces every day
 - 9. Monitor your symptoms
 - 10. Refer to the CDC website for the most up-todate information





For more information. www.cdc.gov/COVID19







