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TO CHAPTER PRESIDENTS, ADVISORS, & HQ

Subject: Thank you for your Partnership

Dear CalGreeks Members, Alumni, and Headquarters Staff,

I am pleased to be writing you with great news. As a direct result of the actions of the CalGreeks community, specifically the Interfraternity Council (IFC), alcohol incidents and transports have fallen substantially.

You made a significant impact when you took the bold decisions as a community to not register any events from IFC fraternities for two weeks in November and also to continue to re-evaluate how you ensure compliance with the policy of not purchasing any hard alcohol (any alcoholic beverage over 13 percent) for events and never allowing it in common areas. Your decision to impose escalating financial penalties for violations demonstrates the power of your actions.

In the two weeks prior to your actions, we had 18 alcohol incidents resulting in 12 transports to the hospital (an average of nine incidents and six transports per week). In the two weeks after your actions, those numbers plummeted nearly 60 percent to seven incidents and only five transports (an average of 3.5 incidents and 2.5 transports per week). The results have remained steady this spring. Since the start of the spring semester, a six week period, we have had 21 alcohol incidents resulting in 14 transports (an average of 3.5 incidents and 2.3 transports per week). Your leadership has made for a healthier and safer community. You may have even saved a life.

In light of the tremendous success of your efforts, I have asked the LEAD Center Fraternity & Sorority Advising and Leadership Development staff to work with you to figure out how we can best continue this success. I would welcome your partnership in coming up with ideas on how to address chapters whose social practices put our community at risk, specifically the unrecognized groups. These former chapters are not part of our CalGreeks community but they continue to act in ways that tarnish our collective reputation, put the health and safety of our community at risk, and present an ongoing hazard.


My team has been developing ways to make being recognized more appealing and for being unrecognized more unfavorable but, as members of the fraternity and sorority community, I would like to hear your voices and ideas. We will be working with current members through our regular

meetings. If you have ideas in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the [Fraternity & Sorority Advising and Leadership Development](#) team (<http://lead.berkeley.edu/lead/staff>).

I also wanted to thank you for your participation in last semester's Greek Summit addressing sexual assault and I look forward to hearing even more of your ideas. Your leadership on campus can and does make a meaningful difference.

Go Bears!

Kind regards,



Harry Le Grande
Vice Chancellor

cc: Chancellor Dirks