

# FRATERNITY OF MEN, NOT BOYS.

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## NHPW Success Stories

Did your chapter participate in this year's National Hazing Prevention Week (NHPW)? If so, how did your chapter participate?

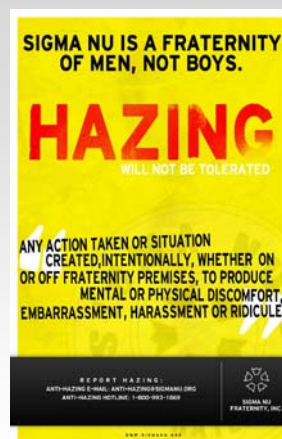
The General Fraternity would like to know how our chapters are participating in NHPW so we can give other chapters across the country ideas for participating next year. It could range from signing an anti-hazing banner hanging in the student union to organizing an anti-hazing presentation for the campus community. However small or large your efforts were this year for NHPW, it may just be the idea that another chapter needs to get started.

So, please e-mail your NHPW success stories to [fred.dobry@sigmanu.org](mailto:fred.dobry@sigmanu.org). In your email, please include your chapter, a description of the event, who participated in the event, effect the event had on your campus and your contact information. We look forward to hearing how NHPW went on your campus!

## “Fraternity of Men, Not Boys” Poster!

Have you ever thought about how you can advertise or promote anti-hazing? Well now you have the opportunity to do so with the anti-hazing poster. This poster will help create awareness that hazing is an inappropriate behavior and will not be tolerated.

The anti-hazing poster can be a great addition to your fraternity house, residential house, dorm room, apartment, or any living quarters or facility. Do the right thing and advocate for the anti-hazing movement. You have the ability to be the change you seek within your chapter, the college/university, and across the country. You can print them out on your own at <http://www.sigmanu.org/programs/anti-hazing/poster.php>.



## Educate the Chapter through GreekLifeEdu

GreekLifeEdu has become the premier online interactive course on risk management. Why should a chapter use GreekLifeEdu? In short, the program educates individual students about behaviors that compromise personal safety and challenge preconceived social norms. Customized to each student, the course provides an experience that impacts both individual behavior and community culture, reducing your organizational risk.

GreekLifeEdu presents non-opinionated, science-based content in an easily accessible, online format. Surveys, knowledge tests, and interactive exercises create a highly engaging experience for students. The course features real life student success stories that encourage participants to adopt positive behaviors and build self-efficacy. Additional “what would you do?” scenarios allow the user to practice and reinforce these new behaviors.

# Social Planning Guide

There is no denying that organizing and participating in social events is part of the fraternity experience. The key is in planning a *balanced* social calendar. In other words, not every social event has to involve alcohol. To assist in creating a balanced social calendar for your chapter, the General Fraternity is pleased to announce the release of the new [“Social Planning Guide”](#) resource.

The “Social Planning Guide” provides a step-by-step outline for the chapter’s social committee in creating a balanced social calendar, including both events with and without alcohol. The resource is broken up into six key steps for organizing the chapter’s social calendar: develop the purpose, decide the guests, plan the activities, decide the venue, add a theme...or don’t, and events with alcohol. In essence, this is [“The Bluebook”](#) for the Social Chairman and his committee.

So, if you’re trying to come up with new, creative events for your chapter, this is the resource for you. From theme parties with sororities to cultural awareness nights with the local international student association, the [“Social Planning Guide”](#) is your go-to guide on how to effectively plan and facilitate a balanced social calendar for your chapter.



## GreekLifeEdu Financial Incentive Adopted *(continued from page 1)*

It is our goal to have all members and candidates, who have not previously completed GreekLifeEdu, complete the online program by **April 1st** with a **passing grade of 80% or higher!** Reaching this goal will benefit not only the individual members and candidates, but the entire chapter.

The GreekLifeEdu program will only be successful if completed by all members and candidates. We trust that chapters will accept this special invitation to help strengthen our Fraternity and to position themselves for success. **As an incentive to participate, the High Council of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. has approved the following policy:**

*Collegiate chapters of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. may qualify for the lowest available, per member risk management assessment within their applicable tier after 90% of the chapter’s membership has completed the GreekLifeEdu education and prevention program. A per member risk management assessment surcharge of \$25 per member will be billed to a collegiate chapter in which less than 90% of the chapter’s membership has completed the program. Any such surcharge will be applied annually, toward the end of the applicable academic year (with specific time to be determined by the Executive Director).*

**To qualify for this incentive and to avoid the per member surcharge, all members and candidates of a chapter should complete the program by May 1<sup>st</sup>.** For more information about this incentive and the course, please review our [GreekLifeEdu Frequently Asked Questions](#) document and our web site by clicking [here](#).

If you are an alumni advisor and would like to see how GreekLifeEdu works, please contact Scott Smith, Director of Leadership Development, via phone 540-463-1869 ext. 350 or email [scott.smith@sigmanu.org](mailto:scott.smith@sigmanu.org) to learn how to view the program without having to set up a student account.