



**Joint Statement from the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council
at Washington State University**

**Community Wide Pause on Social Events Involving Alcohol:
Safe Measures Regarding Risk Management and Social Events**

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The Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council at Washington State University jointly announce the adoption of Joint Executive Order 1, Series of 2024, implementing a pause on all social events involving alcohol within the Washington State Interfraternity and Panhellenic Communities. The decision to implement this Executive Order was made in response to the gradual increase in the need for medical assistance and concerns regarding risk management both prior to and during these events.

As our two communities navigate through this social event pause, we are dedicated to finding solutions to create a safe environment for our members and the execution of social events. The Councils recognize that while Chapters have existing risk management plans, the effectiveness and implementation of said plans have continuously led to safety concerns. Therefore, the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils are committed to maintaining a pause on all social events with alcohol until there is a thorough reevaluation of every Chapter's risk management policy and procedure, and the clarification of expectations regarding guests and substance consumption, both before and during an event.

Both the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils want to recognize Chapters for their use of the Good Samaritan Policy, and continue to encourage Chapters to use Good Samaritan when necessary, but are concerned with the frequency of situations requiring medical assistance. The Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council are dedicated to promoting a safe, inclusive environment for all members and guests, and are dedicated to corrective action to ensure the well-being of the community.

While social events with alcohol are temporarily paused, the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils want to continue to promote Chapter Operations; such as New Member Development, Philanthropy and Service, and other Chapter activities that make our community strong and productive members of Washington State University.

We, the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council at Washington State University call on every community member to be committed to the safety and well-being of one another, and work in hand with the two Councils to develop a safe and well-defined standard regarding our community and social events. In as such, the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils will continue to provide resources and facilitate discussions regarding social event risk management and the well-being of our members. We look forward to creating a safe and prosperous environment at Washington State University.