

## **GW Greek/Affinity Housing Residential Community Agreement**

A primary focus of the Center for Student Engagement (CSE) staff is to support the educational mission of the University by supporting the residential experience of GW students through a variety of administrative, programmatic, and partnership initiatives. The CSE does this by providing service to students in five major areas:

1. Helping maintain safe and secure living environments.
2. Providing community development, programming, conflict mediation, and peer-to-peer support.
3. Developing leadership and encouraging involvement both on and off campus.
4. Creating inclusive environments where all students feel supported and feel part of their community.
5. Monitoring students' academic progress and connecting them with out-of-classroom academic support and other resources.

Your House Manager/Affinity Group Coordinator has been tasked with the aforementioned goals and responsibilities aligned with maintaining an environment conducive to meeting GW's academic mission. As a resident of the GW community, there are certain responsibilities that you assume when you move into our residential facilities; likewise, there are certain responsibilities and community expectations of your organization (members) and its leadership. This agreement has been designed with these responsibilities in mind and will serve as a written partnership between your organization's leadership, your House Manager/Affinity Group Coordinator, and yourself.

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### **HOUSE MANAGER /AFFINITY GROUP COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**Academic Success:** Living on campus is an integral part of your university experience. From having a roommate to figuring out how to study for college exams, the experience of living in an on-campus facility such as a Greek House/Affinity can have a huge influence on student learning and academic performance. I will work with my members/officers and The Center for Student Engagement (CSE) staff to address ways by which the academic success of all live-on residents can be achieved.

I understand that learning is not just in the classroom and that the Center for Student Engagement places great importance on its role as a partner in the academic mission of the University. As House Manager/Affinity Group Coordinator, I will encourage all residents to create/maintain a space that supports the academic and living experience at GW, specifically by providing an atmosphere that can be academically as well as socially stimulating and supportive.

**Safety & Security:** I understand that GW strives to provide an environment that is safe, comfortable, and conducive to academic success. I will exercise reasonable caution to safeguard the health, safety, and property of each resident, and will make a good faith effort to be vigilant to all issues that may require service or repair within the facility/designated affinity space. This includes assisting in reporting needed repairs.

I understand that residing in our facility/designated affinity space offers many conveniences to our members, both live-on and off. Some of these conveniences include proximity to classes, dining, and common programming spaces. In addition, I understand that the GW staff is dedicated to maintaining and improving the safety and security of all residents. I will encourage all members and guests to assist the staff in this endeavor by abiding by all university rules and regulations to help maintain these benefits.

**Alcohol:** The possession, sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages in a residential facility owned or controlled by the university is subject to the Alcoholic Beverage Consumption and Distribution Policy. Violations of D.C. law and university policy are considered serious and may result in fines, eviction of one's affinity group from housing, and/or an individual's expulsion from the University.

I understand that holding events in a residential facility owned or controlled by the university shall comply with GW's Alcoholic Beverage Consumption and Distribution Policy. Clubs, groups, and organizations must also abide by any policies imposed by the groups or organizations with which they are affiliated, provided these policies are not inconsistent with university policy.

Individuals who are 21 years of age and older may possess or consume alcoholic beverages at registered and approved events within residential facilities owned or controlled by the university, in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Consumption and Distribution Policy

**Drugs and Controlled Substances:** Possession, use, distribution, manufacture, or sale of illegal drugs and controlled substances is prohibited. The possession of paraphernalia associated with the use of illegal drugs or controlled substances is also prohibited. The misuse or unauthorized possession of controlled substances, including but not limited to, prescription medications, by a resident or visitor is also prohibited. The university may deem any prohibited substance or paraphernalia found in any area of an individual's room or suite to be in the individual's "possession." Violations of D.C. law and university policy are considered serious and may result in fines, eviction of ones affinity group from housing and/or an individual's expulsion from the University.

**Residents/Guests:** I am aware that the organization is responsible for the conduct of all of our visitors and guests when present in our facility/designated affinity space and will reiterate this to all members, both live-on and off. In addition, I will make sure to communicate The Residential Community Conduct Guidelines (RCCGs) and the Code of Student Conduct policies to all residents/ guests. Additionally, I am aware that GW Housing/CSE staff members reserve the right to ask any individual (member or guest) who is not a resident to leave the facility.

I understand that as House Manager/Affinity Group Coordinator I represent the University and/or the organization of which my affinity is a part, and in doing so I'm expected to conduct myself in accordance with such entities expectations. With regard to my treatment/interactions with both the residents in the facility/designated affinity space and their guests, I am encouraged to do so with the utmost respect.

**Housing & Center for Student Engagement (CSE) Staff:** I understand that as House Manager/Affinity Group Coordinator along with all members of the University community share the responsibility for reporting all violations of University policy when confronted with them. As House Manager/Affinity Group Lead, I along with all GW employees will not tolerate vulgarities, ridicule or abuse in the performance of, or as a result of, our duties. Therefore, I will communicate to my members, both live-on and off, as well as with our guests, the importance of respect and compliance with University policies; making special note that harassment of any University employee/student will result in appropriate student conduct action, possible housing agreement cancellation, and police involvement.

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## MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A GREEK/AFFINITY RESIDENT

**Academic Success:** I am aware that the University sees academic achievement as one of the top priorities of its students; therefore, creating communities that support academic achievement is a priority of the Center for Student Engagement residential staff. (My accommodations are more than just a place to eat and sleep, but a place that is a community of living AND learning.) To promote and foster this environment, the CSE's Residence Life and Greek Life staff organizes events that promote academic and curricular growth and skill development. I will do my part in making sure this initiative is met and encourage my roommates, members and guest(s) to do the same.

**Alcohol, Drugs and Controlled Substances:** I understand that ALL residents must abide by the GW's Alcoholic Beverage Consumption and Distribution Policy. Violations of D.C. law and university policy are considered serious and may result in fines, eviction from housing and/or expulsion from the University. I agree to refrain from the use, possession or sale of any and all illegal narcotics or other controlled substances while on GW property.

**Privacy:** I will respect the personal privacy and property of others, including roommates and suitemates. This includes personal drawers, luggage, closets, computers/emails, or other personal spaces or belongings, etc.

**Reporting:** I am responsible for confronting my peers when I recognize unacceptable behavior and report such behavior to my organization's leadership, House Manager/Affinity Group Coordinator, RA (if applicable) and/or GW Police Department.

**Safety & Security:** I understand that the policies of the University and residential facilities are outlined in the Residential Community Conduct Guidelines (RCCGs) and the Code of Student Conduct, and the GW Housing website. I am responsible for knowing the rules and adhering to them at all times. I am also responsible for asking questions about these policies and guidelines when I do not understand them.

**Visitors & Guests:** I am responsible for the conduct of all of my visitors and guests when they are present in our facility/designated affinity space and for their adherence to residential facility and university regulations.