

**UF Panhellenic Council**

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Members of the University of Florida and Panhellenic Communities,

The Panhellenic Council at the University of Florida would like to offer love and support during this time of uncertainty. Through all of the recent upheaval, it is of utmost importance that we are caring for the safety and wellness of ourselves and others. As a council, we recognize it is imperative that we are mindful of the global community and hold true our responsibility of “guarding good health,” as stated in the Panhellenic Creed. As Panhellenic Women, we have a social responsibility to do our part in fighting the curve.

We strongly encourage our members to make an active impact during this unprecedented time. The UF Panhellenic Council is proud to lead the way in these efforts by making a donation to the Alan and Cathy Hitchcock Field & Fork Pantry in order to fight food insecurity in our campus community as a consequence of the financial implications of COVID-19. We motivate our chapters to follow our lead in these efforts to support our campus community by taking similar strides to combat this issue. In the same vein, I encourage our individual members to donate to local food banks, invest their time in virtual tutoring volunteer programs, and take active steps to get involved in local COVID-19 relief efforts. Above all else, the best way to make an impact and fight the curve is to follow all local, state, federal government, and CDC guidelines. This includes, but is not limited to, practicing social distancing, both at home and on campus, limiting groups to 10 or less people gathering together. In concordance with this practice, Panhellenic chapters have been mandated to host virtual meetings and cancel or reschedule all in-person events through May 3rd.

The Panhellenic Council takes very seriously its responsibility to support its women, especially through difficult times. Our council will continue to host virtual biweekly council meetings as scheduled and will provide open forum spaces for chapter leadership to provide support to one another. Furthermore, I will be holding virtual office hours, by appointment, on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 PM. Please email me at [president@ufpanhellenic.org](mailto:president@ufpanhellenic.org) to schedule an appointment. Lastly, our council will continue to host mindful programming to ensure the holistic wellness of our members.

It has always been the Panhellenic vision to “promote in women leadership, diversity, scholastic achievement and service through relationships within and beyond our campus community.” In the words of Rosalynn Carter, “times of upheaval require, not just more leadership, but more leaders.” I encourage our members to model healthy practices and do their part to prevent the spread of this virus.

Kindest Regards,

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