



*Script to be used immediately before PNM signs MRABA*

## Explanation for potential new members

### Signing the Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement (MRABA)

The members of the National Panhellenic Conference want every potential new member to be informed about her options for joining a sorority. To be certain that each woman has this information, this script must be used immediately prior to the signing of the Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement (MRABA). The script may be used for either a two- or three-preference event schedule.

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Good evening. You have just completed some of the busiest days of your college career. Now you have the opportunity to make a decision that will broaden your college experience and introduce you to a nationwide network of friends.

Please carefully consider the following points as you complete your Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement.

1. Your options when considering your **agreement** are:
  - a. You may choose **not** to complete an agreement at this time.
  - b. You may choose to list as many National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) fraternities/sororities from which you are willing to accept an invitation to membership (a **bid**).
  - c. You may choose to list only one preference, but you must understand that this will limit your potential to join any other NPC group during formal recruitment should you not be placed with your single (**only**) choice.
2. When you sign this **acceptance** agreement, you are agreeing to accept an invitation to membership from **any** NPC fraternity/sorority that you have listed.
3. Once the acceptance agreement has been turned in to the representative of the College Panhellenic Association, **it cannot be altered or changed.**
4. If you receive an invitation to membership (a **bid**) from any NPC group that you have listed, and you choose **not** to accept it, you may not pledge any other NPC women's fraternity/sorority on the campus for one calendar year. **[Explain the Unanimous Agreements and show the Manual of Information, 14<sup>th</sup> Edition. Then read page UA-2, III: The Panhellenic Compact, #4.]**
5. If you do not receive an invitation to membership (a **bid**) from any NPC group that you have listed, you are eligible for continuous open bidding. You must understand that not all NPC groups will have available places for new members.

Joining a sorority will add a new perspective to college life. The sorority experience includes opportunities to develop leadership and living-learning skills as well as friendships and fun. We are confident that you will make the right decision tonight. If you have any questions, please see [*insert name of VP recruitment or the fraternity/sorority advisor*].



## What every potential new member (PNM) needs to know about recruitment

- The College Panhellenic has information available that tells you what to expect during recruitment (schedule, what to wear, etc.).
- It is permissible to ask questions when you do not understand.
- **Some events will have more PNMs** in attendance than others, and this is no reflection on a chapter.
- **You must attend all events for which you receive an invitation.**
- **Failure to attend an event may jeopardize your ability to receive invitations.**
- **Being a legacy of a group does not ensure membership** in that group.
- **Accurate financial information** regarding membership is given by Panhellenic in a **range** unless the individual groups provide this information to you.
- **Good scholarship is important to all groups** within Panhellenic.
- **All NPC groups have policies against hazing.**
- **No chapter member may promise or imply the promise of a bid.**
- You are expected to **act politely and respectfully** when attending an event.
- You should expect to **be treated politely and with respect.**
- Every woman attending a preference event **must** appear on that sorority's bid list, **but this does not ensure an invitation** to join that particular sorority because **recruitment is a mutual selection process.**
- You must be certain that you **understand the Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement (MRABA)** that you will be expected to sign immediately after attending the last preference event.
- You may choose to not join a group and therefore not sign the MRABA, but you must notify the Panhellenic advisor of this decision in writing.
- You **may choose to list only one choice** on your MRABA or may list all the groups where you attended preference events.
- You **must understand** that if you list a group on your MRABA, are matched to that group and receive an invitation to membership, **you are bound to that group for one calendar year.**
- **Men and alcohol are not permitted** during recruitment or bid day activities.