



The Interfraternity Council at the University of Colorado, Inc.

A Statement of Community Beliefs

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We, the brothers, alumni, and leaders of the independent and autonomous Undergraduate Interfraternity Council at the University of Colorado, Inc., come together to make the following statements about the common, core beliefs of our fraternity community:

- We are currently one united, independent community, comprised of sixteen national fraternities, with over fifteen hundred individual brothers who are undergraduate students at the University of Colorado.
- Fraternity men and their chapters have been an integral part of the CU community for well over one hundred-thirty years, with many tens of thousands of alumni brothers in Colorado and throughout the world.
- As individual students, we are members of our fraternities as well as hundreds of other student-based CU organizations of every type. We are first and foremost serious, degree-seeking students at the University of Colorado and we will always be loyal "Bufs" for life. We know that the primary reason to be a brother in a fraternity in Boulder is to add value to our undergraduate educations and to our baccalaureate degrees through our current life experiences.
- In accordance with our commonly held fraternal values, we strive to the best of our ability to be good and contributing citizens of our country, state, and local communities, as well as good, productive members of our fraternities, our colleges and university, and our families.
- Since the spring of 2005, our fraternity community, the Interfraternity Council, and its member chapters have been neither recognized nor registered as campus student organizations at the University of Colorado. Fraternities in Boulder have not been "affiliated" with CU since the 1960s.
- As a community, we collectively and unanimously chose not to sign the University's "Registered Fraternal Organization Agreement" in the spring of 2005. This decision was unanimously supported by our IFC leaders, our chapter presidents, our local alumni advisors, our International Fraternity organizations, our International Executive Directors, and the leadership of the North American Interfraternity Conference.
- We fully understood, both then and since, the impact of that decision. Both the Interfraternity Council and its member chapters take full responsibility for the consequences of that decision.

- Since making that decision, we have grown into a genuine, thriving community in Boulder. Working as a community, along with the Alumni Interfraternity Council, we have come together, formed new and better relationships with one another, established higher standards and expectations of ourselves and each other, and learned how to hold ourselves and each other accountable to those standards.
- We know that, individually and communally, we are an asset to our University, the City of Boulder, the State of Colorado, and the United States of America. We have developed outstanding, collegial relationships with many Boulder entities including many University Divisions and Departments, the University and Boulder Police Departments, Boulder Fire Department, the Boulder Valley School District, the University Hill community, and the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, to name a few. We also provide ongoing support and service to many local and national non-profit organizations as well as University organizations, departments, and resource centers.
- We are continually striving for the improvement of our community, our chapters, and our brothers. However, while *perfection in everything we do* is an ideal goal, it is not an appropriate standard for the evaluation of our performance. It is the Interfraternity Council's and its member chapters' constant and consistent *performance standard* to meet and exceed the performance of "all undergraduate men" by any objective measure. That includes, but is not limited to, scholarship, academic accomplishment, good citizenship, campus and community leadership, athletics, social activities and behaviors, philanthropy, and community service.
- *Therefore*, we jointly resolve that at this time we are actively seeking neither "rapprochement" nor "reaffiliation" with the University Administration. Rather, we will invest all of our time, energies, fiscal resources, manpower, and organizational endeavors in the improvement of our fraternal community. It is our goal to be the best fraternity community in the nation. This can only happen by the growth and development of even better fraternity chapters than we have today. Such chapters can only grow and develop by the recruitment and "building" of even better fraternity brothers than those of the present or the past. *This is our primary goal and our main reason for existing at the University of Colorado.*
- *In conclusion*, we firmly believe that if we do this well, our value as members of the University family will become increasing apparent to all stakeholders. When that happens, we believe that we will be asked to return to the folds of the University of Colorado community as full partners in a common future.

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