

Policy 1

Moral and Ethical Behavior

It is important to remember that you have **voluntarily** become a member of Alpha Omicron Pi. In so doing, you have accepted the mutual obligations you share with the Fraternity and its membership. Because your life is a part of us, we care about you. And therefore, as your sisters, we want to encourage behavior that is respectable and is an enduring source of pride to you and to us. This behavior transcends your college years to your years as an alumna and Alpha Omicron Pi volunteer.

In return for this obligation that the Fraternity has to you, your actions must be in keeping with ethical and accepted standards of conduct. You are to reflect credit on your fraternity and make it proud to claim you.

Having voluntarily associated yourself with Alpha Omicron Pi, you have accepted the high standards of decency and integrity that the Fraternity demands of each of its members. Through our Rituals, the fundamentals have been articulated for our membership and it is expected that our membership should follow these. However, it is an individual's own acceptance (or rejection) of these fundamentals that determines her practice of them. This is where the organization as a whole can be perceived improperly or "labeled" due to one individual's actions. Your membership in Alpha Omicron Pi is a commitment to group cooperation and an acceptance of majority rule. Therefore, you have abdicated the right to behave in any manner which would violate the group standards which you have helped to determine.

Alpha Omicron Pi members should use both caution and sensibility when deciding upon internet and social media content. Personal safety and good taste should be of utmost concern when revealing information about you, your habits, and interests and when posting photographs online. In addition, Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity owns trademarks for the name "Alpha Omicron Pi" and the letters "AOII" and AOII insignia. As such, Alpha Omicron Pi is under legal duty to protect the goodwill associated with its trademarks and has both the right and legal obligation to ask for removal of objectionable/illegal content from internet sites if the name Alpha Omicron Pi or one of its registered trademarks is used.

Each member of Alpha Omicron Pi and her guest(s) are expected to recognize the effect of her/their actions on the Fraternity and everyone with whom she/they come in contact. Accordingly, the Alpha Omicron Pi recognizes its responsibility not to unduly restrict individual members.

Any form of cheating, dishonesty, violations of confidences, indiscretion, inappropriate internet postings, hazing, unethical, inappropriate social behavior, tagging, fighting, harassment or bullying whether in person, written, printed or electronic; actions causing bodily injury, the generation of a police report or university disciplinary action; or violations of law, conflicts with the standards of Alpha Omicron Pi and is strictly forbidden by the Fraternity. Such conduct will subject the member to possible disciplinary measures, which may result in suspension.