



UNION COLLEGE COLONIZATION TO BE DISCONTINUED

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INDIANAPOLIS, September 30, 2016 – The National Council of Alpha Chi Omega has regretfully decided not to pursue a chapter colonization at Union College in Schenectady, New York.

Alpha Chi Omega is committed to providing a quality real, strong women experience to all of its members. We were so impressed by the accomplished, talented women who expressed interest in joining a new Alpha Chi Omega chapter at Union; however, the number of women interested in joining the new chapter wasn't substantial enough to continue moving forward, nor would it have provided the women the full Alpha Chi Omega experience they deserve. We are confident these outstanding women will find plenty of ways to positively impact both Union College and the Schenectady community, and we wish them all the best.

The National Council thanks the Alpha Chi Omega alumnae who stepped up and volunteered to help with Union, including those sisters who committed to taking on advisory board roles. We are also grateful for our team of dedicated collegiate growth staff and chapter consultants who worked so hard to find potential new members, and for the alumnae who served on the Union interview team and conducted interviews.

The women of the Union Panhellenic Council and the staff members in the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life were supportive and hospitable, and we thank them for welcoming us to campus. Union is a very special place, and Alpha Chi Omega hopes to explore a colonization opportunity in the future.

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About Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Chi Omega is a values-driven women's fraternity founded in 1885. As a nonprofit organization, it supports more than 200,000 living members in 143 collegiate chapters and colonies and 193 alumnae chapters across the United States. The Fraternity is far more than a social organization, more than a place to live, or a way to meet people. Its mission is to enrich the lives of members through lifetime opportunities for friendship, leadership, learning and service. Learn more about Alpha Chi Omega at alphachiomega.org and [facebook.com/alphachiomegahq](https://www.facebook.com/alphachiomegahq).