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### **ALPHA CHI OMEGA CLOSES BETA MU CHAPTER AT PENN STATE UNIVERSITY**

“In response to notification from The Pennsylvania State University’s Office of Student Conduct regarding an interim suspension of our new member education program, Alpha Chi Omega headquarters immediately commenced an investigation as a result of the university’s initial findings. Upon learning of the highly disturbing allegations of hazing, Alpha Chi Omega deployed a team of professional staff members and volunteers to the campus to investigate further. Regrettably, our internal inquiry has led our National Council to determine that the allegations are credible and warrant the immediate closure of our chapter at Penn State. Alpha Chi Omega will continue its partnership with Penn State University in this matter and will cooperate fully with the university’s own investigation.

“The health and safety of our members is paramount to the Alpha Chi Omega experience, and we are committed to fostering a healthy environment for all collegiate chapters. Reprehensible behaviors such as hazing and all activities that violate the Alpha Chi Omega member code of conduct will not be tolerated by the national organization on any campus, at any time.

We will work closely with student affairs professionals on campus to ensure that key student needs – including housing – are met for the remainder of the semester. Alpha Chi Omega has been a vital member of the Penn State community for many years and looks forward to the opportunity to return to campus 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 220,000 living members in 143 college chapters 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](http://alphachiomega.org) and [facebook.com/alphachiomegahq](https://www.facebook.com/alphachiomegahq).