

## TOP FIVE TIPS FOR

# member education advisers

### Learning the basics of the officer you support?

Check out a few important resources including the Collegiate Chapter Officers Manual (CCOM), officer quick guides and Fraternity Standards for Collegiate Chapters. The CCOM and related quick guides review specific responsibilities for each officer.

Now let's talk about Fraternity Standards. What are they and how do they apply to the officer(s) you support? Performance related to these standards will determine chapter status, support and awards. All officers should be familiar with the Fraternity Standards, what they're responsible for and how they can be used for goal-setting.

The categories that include Standards related to the vp: member education are: Chapter Culture, Health, Well-Being and Member Safety and Community.

- 1. Teamwork makes the dream work.** The member education area is unique because it often has several director positions that support the vp: member education. As an adviser, encourage the member education team to set up meetings and check-ins to help discuss ways that their areas support education in the chapter as a whole.
- 2. Our Ritual sets us apart.** We know rituals should feel special, but sometimes we get stuck in a rut! Have a conversation with officers about the strengths and weaknesses of the ritual program. Refer to ideas in the [Rituals Handbook](#) for ways that both formal and informal rituals can be incorporated in chapter programming. Do chapter members know the meanings of our rituals? The [Revisiting Our Rituals](#) guide in the Library also includes Fraternity resources when questions come up about how to do these ceremonies correctly.
- 3. Supporting educational interests.** The director of scholarship is tasked with leading the chapter's scholarship plan, both to celebrate members' academic achievements and to support those who need additional support. Chapter officers may come to you looking for ideas and the [Scholarship Handbook](#) is a great place to start. This resource includes sample scholarship plans in the appendix as well as suggestions for midterm check-ins with members on academic probation.
- 4. Welcoming new members.** The [New Member Pursuit Facilitator Guide](#) was recently updated and is a one-stop-shop for all information and tips related to the new member pursuit. A tip for advisers – review the sections on learning through small groups to support officers in being intentional about incorporating into their new member meetings.
- 5. For the DG history lovers.** Some of the DG history components have been removed from the New Member Pursuit, so the member education team may be interested in incorporating DG history in other parts of chapter programming! Host a trivia game during chapter meetings or include DG history tips in a weekly newsletter. The Delta Gamma library has a resource on the [history of our badge](#) and individual chapter histories.