



Ward-Bopp and Pendry Promoted to Vice Presidents of the NIC

INDIANAPOLIS (9/21/09) -- The North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) has promoted Benjamin J. Pendry to vice president of advancement and Meghan H. Ward-Bopp to vice president of member services.

In these new roles Pendry will continue to be the organization's advocate for NIC Standards implementation. He also will expand his leadership within the NIC Foundation (NICF) and the NIC's public relations and marketing programs. Ward-Bopp will advance the Interchange and Associate Member programs and continue to provide management of the organization's annual meeting and ongoing development of its social networking activities that includes three new web sites.

"I am proud of Meghan's accomplishments and know her ongoing leadership will continue to advance the organization and breadth of services we provide to our membership," said NIC President and CEO Peter D. Smithhisler. "Ben's on-the-ground work with students, student groups and alumni on campuses around the U.S. has advanced the NIC considerably, and I look forward to him taking this leadership role as we continue to work with our members in engaging their members and advancing the purpose and meaning behind the Standards."

A native of Crawfordsville, Ind., Ward-Bopp holds a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism from Ball State University, where she joined Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity and served as chapter president. She continues active volunteer involvement in Alpha Chi Omega, serving as national risk management and standards specialist. She was a member of the chapter's advisory board at the University of Colorado and currently serves on the advisory board for the chapter at Butler University, in Indianapolis.

A frequent presenter on college student leadership and the development and implementation of standards, Ward-Bopp was active with the NIC's annual Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute prior to joining the staff. She also served as coordinator of conferences and programs for Denver-based CAMPUSPEAK, Inc., an agency that creates and presents educational workshops for colleges and organizations. There she managed more than 40 campus-based programs annually.

Active in national fraternity and sorority programs, Ward-Bopp has served with teams of assessors for the Fraternity & Sorority Coalition Assessment Program. She also has participated in the Interfraternity Institute and has been an awards judge for the Mid-America Greek Council Association.

A native of North Wilkesboro, N.C., Pendry earned a B.S. degree from Western Carolina University. At WCU, Pendry joined Sigma Chi Fraternity, serving in numerous roles, including chapter president. His leadership resulted in induction into the Order of Omega. Today, he serves on the Sigma Chi Fraternity Leadership Training Operating Board and on the Rho Chapter Advisory Committee, which works with the Sigma Chi student chapter at Butler University, in Indianapolis. His ongoing work with Sigma Chi has earned him the Fraternity's Grand Consul Citation.

At WCU, Pendry was inducted into Phi Alpha Theta in recognition of his scholarship in history and Pi Gamma Mu for his scholarship in the social sciences. His work as Interfraternity Council president and Student Government vice president earned him induction into Omicron Delta Kappa, in recognition of his leadership.

An Eagle Boy Scout, Pendry is a member of the National Eagle Scout Association. He also is a member of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors, the Northeast Greek Leadership Association and is a frequent participant in fraternity leadership institutes/conventions as a lead and small group facilitator.

Founded in 1909, the NIC, through advocacy, collaboration and education, works to ensure that fraternities can operate in an environment conducive to their success.