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FRATERNAL HEALTH & SAFETY INITIATIVE REACHES MILESTONE 100,000 UNDERGRADUATES TRAINED
Consortium of national organizations aims to create culture of safety, support and intervention

AURORA, Colo. (April 26, 2017) – The Fraternal Health & Safety Initiative (FHSI), today announced a significant milestone in the effort to address health and safety issues for fraternal organizations, surpassing the mark of 100,000 undergraduates exposed to one or more modules of the FHSI curriculum.

Since the FHSI's launch in September 2014, its first-of-its-kind research-based curriculum has been used to educate undergraduates to identify and prevent the most pressing social issues facing college students today: sexual and relationship misconduct, binge drinking and hazing. Its goal is clear, to create a culture of support, safety, and intervention.

The FHSI Consortium consists of ten leading international and national fraternity member clients of James R. Favor & Company (JRFCo) and leading national sororities that represent approximately 100,000 undergraduate men and women on more than 550 college campuses.

"We are thrilled to have reached this milestone, and it was made possible by the dedication and devotion of numerous volunteers and staff members of our consortium members," said Marc Mores, Executive Vice President of JRFCo. "We are looking forward to expanding the curriculum to further empower students to take greater ownership over the safety of their campus and community environment. Our hope is additional fraternities and sororities will join us in this award-winning effort."

To champion the initiative's implementation, more than 500 alumni, volunteers and staff members were also trained as facilitators for the program modules, creating a united front that will help enhance student leadership on campuses across North America.

"Without a strong grasp on one's individual boundaries and a true understanding of consent, navigating healthy sexual relationships can be incredibly difficult," said Sarah Barton, Gamma Phi Beta, Taking a Stand Facilitator. "*Taking a Stand* commissions those involved to own their individual sexual choices, while recognizing the outside sources that can influence them to compromise their ideals. Through sex-positive language, this program gives the gift of empowerment and education on a topic that often leads to quick judgment and misconceptions."

Further cementing the FHSI's contribution to the fraternal community, the initiative was recognized by the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA) as a winner of the 2016 Excellence in Educational Programming Award.

Participants in the FHSI program modules reported positive results. Surveys of fraternity and sorority members who completed the *Taking a Stand: Preventing Sexual Misconduct on Campus* module indicated:

- **89 percent** felt more empowered to serve as a campus and fraternal leader in addressing sexual misconduct within their community
- **91 percent** felt more equipped to address actions of their brothers and sisters that could place them at-risk for sexual assault.

Fraternity members that completed the *CHOICES: Alcohol and other Drug Prevention* module of the FHSI program also indicated:

- **97 percent** felt more knowledgeable about what action to take and committed to follow through if in a situation where someone passed out from drinking.
- **88 percent** recommended the program be provided to all new fraternal members in the future.

"Often in our society, women's identities are defined by the biased opinions and prejudices of others," noted Kelly Dunne, Gamma Phi Beta, Taking a Stand Facilitator. "*Taking a Stand* is about empowering our members to determine their own healthy sexuality through informed choices and genuine values. This programming is also a reminder that as sisters we should be sources of support and care—not judgment or distrust."

Moving forward, JRFCo will focus on continuing to bolster its existing curriculum and expand the reach of the consortium, as well as developing supplemental resources and programs.

About the Fraternal Health and Safety Initiative

The Fraternal Health & Safety Initiative (FHSI) was developed by the James R. Favor & Company in 2013 in an effort to address risk management issues impacting the health and safety of participating fraternity and sorority members and guests present within the fraternal community. The FHSI Consortium of ten leading international and national fraternities and sororities represents approximately 100,000 undergraduate men and women at more than 550 college campuses. The FHSI provides expertise, leadership and innovation to meet the unique challenges facing fraternal organizations in today's complex world. For more information about the Fraternal Health and Safety Initiative, visit www.FHSI.jrfco.com. For more information about James R. Favor & Company, visit www.jrfco.com.

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