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Mental health is a growing concern in the United States, even more exacerbated by the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Mental health among youth and young adult populations has also received attention in recent years. However, prior research suggests a higher sense of social support among active members of the fraternity/sorority community is associated with lower depression levels. The extent to which fraternity/sorority involvement helps address mental health among members is theorized but not demonstrated in the research. Using large-scale data, this study examined mental health experiences and behaviors of the fraternity/sorority community and compared results with unaffiliated students. Findings suggest students in the fraternity/sorority community report higher levels of positive mental health.

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Featuring the perspectives of 15 sorority and fraternity life (SFL) professionals, this qualitative study highlights the challenges culturally based sororities and fraternities face on college campuses. Guided by a framework grounded in concepts of organizational culture, findings revealed three issues that culturally based SFL organizations encounter: a predominant emphasis on historically white sororities and fraternities in SFL communities, a lack of human and financial capital, as well as inadequate advisor support and training. Implications for research and practice are offered.

51 EMERGING DATA ON SORORITY/FRATERNITY-AFFILIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENTS

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Abstract: Alongside sorority/fraternity governance structures, student government is another major form of campus involvement and student representation. At times, students share both student/leadership identities: as members of a sorority/fraternity and serving as a student government officer. In this study on student government presidents, descriptive statistics were used to tell the story of student government presidents who are also members of a sorority or fraternity and in comparison, to those who are not. Findings include present-day affiliation data, as well as campus contextual elements of their experience. There are subsequent recommendations for student affairs practice.

65 BOOK REVIEW: PIETRO A. SASSO, J. PATRICK BIDDIX & MÓNICA LEE MIRANDA. (2020). FOUNDATIONS, RESEARCH, AND ASSESSMENT OF FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES: RETROSPECTIVE AND FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS. MYERS EDUCATION PRESS.

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