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RONALD YATES, COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

The National Panhellenic Conference recognized 33 colleges and universities in the United States as having added a fraternity and sorority community between 2000 and 2015. Graduation rate data from these institutions were collected from before the addition of fraternal organizations, and from six years later. Graduation rates after the addition of fraternities and sororities ($M = 57.00$) were higher than before ($M = 52.97$), ($t [32] = -4.42, p < .01$). The results of this study suggest that the addition of a fraternity and sorority community can have a positive overall influence on student and institutional success.

14 AN EXAMINATION OF GENDER AND SEXUALITY DYNAMICS IN LATINX/A/O-BASED CO-EDUCATIONAL FRATERNITIES

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Centering the stories of Queer People of Color, this critical narrative inquiry project examined the dynamics around gender and sexuality in Latinx/a/o-based fraternities. In particular, the narratives of two Queer Women of Color and a queer non-binary individual revealed how these participants decided to join their organization and what their experiences were like once they were affiliated. Through two semi-structured interviews and a reflection journaling project, participants shared how they often encountered moments of exclusion despite occasionally feeling a sense of inclusion in their chapters/organizations. Implications for research and practice are then offered.

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