

Delta Advocates

Delta Advocates** are students in the fraternity and sorority community who are trained to provide an empathetic and informed response to survivors of sexual and interpersonal violence. Delta Advocates provide a non-judgmental environment where their peers can freely discuss their experiences, and get connected to support and reporting resources on campus and in the community.

Delta Advocates collaborate with campus and community partners to engage the fraternity and sorority community in campus prevention efforts. They strive to create space for open and meaningful dialog around interpersonal and sexual violence and empower members to be active participants in creating a safer and more supportive fraternity and sorority community at Carolina.

***Delta Advocates are not a confidential resource under University Policy. Delta Advocates are expected to share information with the Gender Violence Services Coordinator, who is a confidential resource. Seeking assistance from a Delta Advocate does not notify the University of an incident.*



History

In Spring 2014, the Panhellenic Association, in conjunction with the Office of Fraternity

& Sorority Life, Student Wellness, and the Carolina Women's Center, proposed the creation of a program to provide the Panhellenic community at UNC ? Chapel Hill with access to education, support, and resources related to interpersonal violence and sexual assault prevention and response?Delta Advocates. Representatives of each of the 11 Panhellenic chapters approved moving forward with implementation for Fall 2014.

As planning began, staff from Equal Opportunity & Compliance and leaders in the Panhellenic community joined the planning group. The first cohort of 20 Delta Advocates was selected in October 2014 following a competitive application process. In order to be considered for the program, applicants are required to complete HAVEN and One Act Bystander Skills Workshop. Upon acceptance into the program, students receive an additional 18 hours of training to prepare them to serve their chapters along with ongoing training and support from UNC staff through their year-long tenure.

Starting with the 2016 cohort, the Delta Advocates program expanded to include members of GAC and NPHC chapters.

Delta Advocates received a [Parent's Council grant in 2016-2017](#) [1] to support the training and outcome evaluation of the program.

In summer 2016, Delta Advocates became a designed Student Affairs [High Impact Program](#) [2], and the program was highlighted during the fall 2016 [Excellence In Action](#) [3] Student Affairs conference.

Delta Advocates Leadership Team

The Delta Advocates Leadership Team currently includes:

Holly Lovern: Gender Violence Services Coordinator, Carolina Women's Center

Kayla Zollinger: Gender Violence Services Coordinator, Carolina Women's Center

Viviane Linos: Interpersonal Violence Prevention Coordinator, Student Wellness

Cassie Thomas: Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Rebecca Gibson: Report and Response Coordinator, Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office

Read more about the [Delta Advocates Program on the UNC Panhellenic website!](#) [4]

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Links

[1] <https://nscpp.unc.edu/parents-families/get-involved/parents-council/parents-council-grant-program>

[2] <https://studentaffairs.unc.edu/faculty-staff/student-affairs-assessment/high-impact-practices>

[3] <https://studentaffairs.unc.edu/faculty-staff/student-affairs-assessment/excellence-action>

[4] <http://www.uncpanhellenic.com/delta-advocates/>