Giving Back to Your Community

In matters of student conduct, Community Standards believes that our conduct process gives students an opportunity to learn from their decisions. We strive to help students develop personal responsibility, critical thinking skills, and good citizenship. In fulfilling its role in the education and development of students, Community Standards also has a responsibility to balance the rights and needs of the individual with those of the University community.

The UNH conduct system relies on students, professional staff, and faculty to make decisions regarding allegations of student misconduct and to advise students regarding the conduct process. The integrity of the conduct system depends not only on the fairness of the procedures, but also on the skills, knowledge and commitment of our volunteer members.

As a Community Standards volunteer, you perform an essential and extraordinarily valuable service to the entire University community.
Our Philosophy

The University of New Hampshire Conduct System is governed by three principles:

**COMMUNITY**

- A unified body of individuals: an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location; a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society.

**FAIRNESS**

- Free from favor toward either or any side: elimination of personal feelings, interests or prejudices so as to achieve a proper balance of conflicting needs, rights or demands: equity.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

- Moral, legal, or mental accountability: trustworthiness.

As a Community Standards Volunteer, you help uphold these ideals and maintain an environment that is educational as well as just.

Why Volunteer?

- Give back to the UNH community.
- Establish and maintain community standards.
- Help educate students about what it means to be a responsible citizen.
- Assist students through the emotionally difficult conduct process.
- Develop and hone your own communication, interpersonal, problem solving, and critical thinking skills.

What Is The Time Commitment?

- You will be required to attend training sessions during the year.
- Your time as a volunteer is flexible. We encourage volunteers to participate in at least one case per semester, but we have no minimum requirement. We will contact you when we have a need, and if you are available you can accept. If not, we'll try again next time.

Positions Available

Community Standards is looking for individuals to fill the following positions:

**Student Advisors**: Student Advisors are students who can explain the UNH conduct process to help the respondent understand the relevant policies and procedures and prepare the hearing.

**Hearing Panel members**: Hearing Panels are comprised of students, faculty and staff. Their role is to determine if a respondent is responsible for alleged violations. They base this decision on written and verbal statements by the respondent, the complainant, and witnesses. If the Panel finds the student responsible for alleged violations, they also make the decision about what sanctions are appropriate.

**Appellate Officer members**: Appellate Officer members review cases in which a respondent or complainant appeals the original case outcome. Appellate Officer members may be called upon to volunteer and participate in a hearing board on an as needed basis. (UNH faculty and staff only).

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