

# **Benefits of Fraternity/Sorority Housing**

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I am often asked why do I believe that housing can be an important part of the undergraduate fraternity/sorority experience. Greg Mason who has worked on several presentations with me and Capstone and I came up with some thoughts. I hope this is helpful. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at [mac@marianncallais.com](mailto:mac@marianncallais.com).

- A living/learning environment for students belonging to fraternities and sororities with facilities
- A place where members who do not reside in the facility to socialize, study, etc. For commuters, to have a place to stay between classes, when they are participating in events and just to somewhat experience a living experience is important.
- Provides a sense of community (not only in the fraternal community, but in the institution as a whole.)
- Meeting spaces – it is often difficult and sometimes costly to reserve spaces for meetings and other on campus events.
- Study spaces (we hope!). Most facilities try to have a space or create a time frame where students can study.
- Memories such as spending time on the front porch, serenades, bid day photos with members and new members is so exciting when you have a place that you call home!
- Opportunity for collaboration – enhanced academic experience because you have others to share it with.
- A more connected feeling to their fraternity/sorority and even the college/university that they might be attending.
- A place were alumni/alumnae can come back to visit.
- An environment that teaches students how to live in community.

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