

June 1, 2020

Dear President Mitchell, Vice President Schodowski, and Dr. Schep,

My name is Katie Lodjic, and I am the National Field Coordinator for Students for Life Action, which is the sister organization to Students for Life of America. Students for Life is honored to serve and mentor more than 1,250 Students for Life groups on high school and college campuses in all 50 states.

Currently, I am working to ensure that Christian colleges and high schools are not promoting or referring students to Planned Parenthood or other abortion corporations. Sadly, it has come to our attention that Columbia College is promoting Planned Parenthood. We hope that you will take our comments into consideration, and we kindly ask for your response by Monday, June 8, 2020.

We have identified the following problem:

 Planned Parenthood is currently listed as a PLACE Fellowship Community Partner: <u>https://www.columbiasc.edu/academics/womens-college-degrees/honors-fellows/place-fellowship</u>

Christian schools, like Columbia College, should be places where students are educated to respect the dignity of all human beings. By promoting Planned Parenthood, Columbia College is allowing the students in its care to be educated by the nation's largest abortion vendor that actively tells students that killing an innocent baby is fine. This is going against the very principles that Columbia College stands for as a Christian university.

In case you were not aware, Planned Parenthood committed over 345,672 abortions last year alone ^[1], and at least 100 of their facilities have been found guilty of health, safety, and privacy violations in the last 10 years ^[2]. You can find out more at www.plannedparenthoodtruth.org.

Planned Parenthood has no place on a Christian campus, and we believe that Columbia College should be protecting students and the most innocent members of society from dangerous organizations like Planned Parenthood. Columbia College should be a voice that exposes this corrupt organization, not one that promotes and supports them. In order to follow Christ and the school's mission and identity statements more fully, we respectfully ask that Columbia College:

- 1. Remove Planned Parenthood as a PLACE Fellowship Community Partner.
- 2. Be part of the solution. Develop a community partnership with Daybreak Lifecare Center (<u>https://www.daybreakcola.org/</u>). This is a life-affirming pregnancy center that provides free pregnancy tests, free limited ultrasound, STI/STD testing, options counseling, material support, and parental education. You can start by adding the link to their organization on your website.

We look forward to working with you in a private manner to resolve this issue before it becomes public. Please let me know a good time we can discuss how to further advance the prolife cause and support pregnant and parenting students on your campus, as well as how you are making progress on our requests. We are happy to help! We kindly ask for a response by – Monday, June 8, 2020.

Sincerely,

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[2] www.checkmyclinic.org