



Theta Nu Xi

Multicultural Sorority, Inc.

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RELEASE: Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority Inc. Members Will Arrive in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for 19th Annual National Convention

Chapel Hill, NC -- For its 19th annual National Convention, *Sisterhood Rising: All You Need Is ONE*, members of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. will be in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida from Friday, August 12th to Sunday August 14th. Through workshops, discussions, business sessions, and social events, this will be a weekend where members will get an opportunity to bond and forge new relationships, participate in leadership and professional development, give back to the local community via service benefiting *Women In Distress of Broward County*, select a new national philanthropy, and be recognized for their individual and chapter accomplishments during the annual Butterfly Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

To kick off the three day event, Graduate, Alumnae and Professional members will gather at the 15th annual GAP Lavender Luncheon on Friday August 12th to celebrate the Sorority's innovative and vibrant GAP program, and how it continues to keep members engaged and thriving years after they graduate from college. The rest of the day will be a snapshot of the days ahead, with business items on the agenda including annual report presentations from the National Board of Directors and legislation, an introduction of the weekend's main discussion on advocacy and social engagement, *Mobilizing Our Sisterhood*, and a sisterhood social.

"Our Annual Convention gives Sorority members an opportunity to come together and explore all aspects of what it means to be in our sisterhood at once: learning to be better leaders and grow as individuals; meeting new sisters and forging deep bonds; performing acts of service within the community where we visit; and recognizing each other for their achievements," said Edith Rodriguez, National President of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. "Each year we try to balance it all out, and we feel proud of the program we've put together for our sisters this year. We are excited for what Ft. Lauderdale has in store for us!"

Sisters designated as their chapter delegates will spend much of Saturday, August 13th engaged in business meetings to discuss and vote on crucial legislation pertaining to the workings of the organization. Attendees will concentrate on their leadership and professional development via four different program sessions, with tracks such as "Social Justice, Advocacy & Activism", "Connect, Motivate, & Empower Our Sisterhood", and "Caring Advocates for ONE Another". Three organizations -- *American Association of University Women (AAUW)*; *Girl Up*; *Girls Inc.* -- will have an opportunity to address the membership in hopes of being chosen as the Sorority's new national philanthropy. Sorority delegates will then have an opportunity to consider the information presented, weighing how each organization's mission and work aligns with Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc., and vote in a new national philanthropy.



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On Saturday night at the annual Butterfly Banquet and Awards Ceremony, attendees will enjoy a keynote address by Soror Lupe Ortiz-Tovar, a White House Champion of Change for her work in the foster care field, who has 10 years of experience in child welfare, leadership development, training, and youth-adult partnerships. Soror Ortiz-Tovar, who crossed into the organization in the Spring of 2007 at the Xi Eta chapter, will reflect upon the Sorority's theme for the past year, *REINVEST: Reactivate, Engage, Inspire, Nurture, Venture Beyond, Encourage, Support, and Transcend*.

In addition to a keynote address and a special memorial to honor Soror Kiesha Webb, who passed away in late July of this year, sisters and chapters will be recognized for their contributions to and leadership within the Sorority and their communities during the awards portion. Awards will be given out recognizing chapter advisors, service contributions, programming excellence, and lifetime leadership. Lastly, newly elected National Board members will be announced, along with the location for the Sorority's 20th Annual Convention in 2017.

The closing session on Sunday, August 14th will include the swearing in of new National Board members and a call to action around the weekend's main advocacy and social justice engagement discussions.

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Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. was founded on April 11, 1997, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with a mission to promote leadership, multiculturalism, and self improvement through academic excellence, involvement in and service to the campus and community, as well as being living examples of sisterhood across different races, cultures, religions, backgrounds, and lifestyles. To learn more about Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc., visit www.thetanuxi.org.

About Lupe Ortiz-Tovar, Keynote Speaker:

Lupe Ortiz-Tovar has 10 years of experience in child welfare, leadership development, training, and youth and adult partnerships. As Reviewers Coordinator for JBS International's Child Welfare Compliance Reviews Team and Child Welfare Reviews Project, she manages reviewers' coordination, engagement, and communication efforts for the Title IV-E Foster Care Eligibility Reviews, the Child and Family Services Reviews, and the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) Assessment Reviews. Soror Tovar holds a BA in Psychology from Arizona State University.

Recently, Soror Tovar was recognized as a White House Champion of Change: Foster Care, May 2015, for years of tremendous work and leadership relating to the foster care field, within her community and nationally. She also witnessed the signing of the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act, P.L.112-34, on September 30, 2011 at the Oval Office in the White House.