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Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. speaks out against racial injustice in Jena, Louisiana

Chapel Hill, NC - September 26, 2007 – The National Board of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. encourages its members to take a stand against racial injustice in Jena, Louisiana, and across the country.

For over a year, events in Jena, Louisiana, have reminded this country that the fight for racial and social equality is far from over. The media and local authorities have all but ignored a series of racially-charged events that began at Jena High School, until now. The initial incitement was what authorities referred to as a “prank” by white students who hung nooses on school property. Nooses, the ultimate symbol of America’s racist past, were ignored by the media, the superintendent and law enforcement. A few months later as tensions continued to rise, fights ensued. When a white student was attacked, charges against the black students allegedly involved were unusually harsh. Six black teenagers have been charged, five as adults, with a variety of crimes as serious as attempted murder. Physical assaults on any innocent party are unlawful and it is our belief that the law has been misapplied in this case.

More than fifty years after the Civil Rights Movement began, the need for Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. and similar organizations that are living examples of unity, mutual respect and understanding has become explicitly clear. The struggle to continually educate ourselves and our communities about the realities of racism and prejudice in today’s America is evident. As leaders of the fastest growing multicultural sorority in the nation, we call on all our sisters, chapters, campuses and communities to stand up for justice and equality. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “injustice anywhere, is a threat to justice everywhere.”

For information about what you can do to help, as well as a timeline of events, visit <http://www.jenasix.org/>.

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.

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