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Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. celebrates a Decade of Diversity at Ninth Annual National Convention

Chapel Hill, NC – October 9, 2007 – At the largest national gathering to date, Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. held its ninth annual National Convention on September 7-9 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina – the birthplace of the Sorority – celebrating ten years of existence.

Five of the seven national founders spoke to the sisterhood during two annual traditions of the Sorority, the Lavender Luncheon and the Butterfly Banquet. They shared the challenges and triumphs they faced when founding the Sorority, expressed their amazement and pride in the Sorority as it has grown over the past 10 years, and reminded attendees that to be a sister means embracing, accepting and respecting all regardless and because of their differences. “Not only did we find ourselves grounded by the words of five of the seven women who began this organization, but we also embraced our cultural differences on a more grandiose scale,” said Sherea Burnett (GAP-At-Large Chapter).

On Friday night, sisters flocked to the Pit at the heart of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for Decadence: Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Showcase. This event featured cultural performances by sisters from across the country and proved to be inspiring and entertaining to sisters and guests alike. “When [national founder] Janelle Poe stepped out and was singing into the crowd, I was looking around and noticed a little girl, about seven or eight years old, walking through the Pit, holding hands with her dad,” said National Vice President Jennifer Baldock. “Her face was glowing with awe and inspiration. It was at that moment that I realized what an effect we are currently having on young women who might be the future generation of Theta Nu Xi.”

Throughout the weekend, sisters collected and donated supplies for the Durham Rescue Mission, a faith-based organization that assists the needy and homeless in Central North Carolina. Sisters also had the opportunity to participate in the Force for Change 5k with proceeds of \$650 going to the Sorority’s national philanthropy, The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). NCCJ also sponsored a workshop in which sisters could learn more about the organization and ways in which they could volunteer. Other workshops focused on the effects of social prejudice on the LGBTQ community as well as strategic planning for the Sorority’s future.

While the convention festivities were joyous overall, sisters shared a bittersweet moment as they bade farewell to the outgoing National President, Jerri Kallam, who had served on the National Board continuously for seven years. Nevertheless, sisters enthusiastically welcomed eight new board members who would lead the Sorority alongside the incumbent board for the next two years.

Convention 2007 was a celebration of milestones over the past ten years and a preparation for the next ten years. “This year’s convention was one of the most memorable moments I have had as a sister of this organization,” said LeToya Stairs

(Central Florida GAP Colony). “I am so pleased that I can look back years from now and know that I was a part of such a monument in our organization’s history and was helping to make memories for our sisterhood.”

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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.

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