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## **Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. Visits Land of Enchantment for Tenth Annual National Convention**

Albuquerque, NM – September 7, 2008 – Members of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. close out a successful convention in Albuquerque, NM.

Chapel Hill, NC – At its tenth annual convention, *Route ONE: An Enchanted Journey*, members of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. kicked-off the three day event with the Journey to GAP Lavender Luncheon. Graduate, Alumnae and Professional (GAP) women came together to celebrate the ways in which the Sorority's innovative GAP Program has changed lives. Following the luncheon, dozens of professional women attended the first ever GAP networking hour. "It was a privilege to be able to connect with other career-oriented women and share our experiences, successes, and insights with one another," said Sharon Cacurak (GAP Anchor Chapter).

The Second Annual Multicultural Showcase, *An Enchanted ONEderland*, in the ballroom at the University of New Mexico brought an end to day of planned events. Performances ranged from Bhangra dancing to spoken word. "It was a great sight to see all the chapters express their creativity in ways that uniquely defined themselves and at the same time conveyed the same message," said the Lambda Chapter.

During business meetings on Saturday, five organizations, Girls Action Network, Girls for a Change, National Association for Multicultural Education, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Women for Women International, presented their messages to the membership in hopes of being chosen as the new national philanthropy. "It was such a proud moment to see accomplished women from outside Theta Nu Xi excited and honored to be considered for our national philanthropy," said Keitcha Royal (Xi Beta Chapter). Upon weighing the mutual benefits of aligning with each organization, the national delegation of the Sorority enthusiastically selected Girls for a Change, a national organization that empowers thousands of teen girls to create and lead social change, as the Sorority's new national philanthropy.

On Saturday night at the annual Butterfly Banquet and awards ceremony, Mary Molina Mescall, Executive Director of the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women, presented to the membership a message of women's empowerment. Mescall, a 30-year public servant and women's advocate, addressed the inequalities that exist between women and men stating that "the glass ceiling has many cracks in it but it is still there." Her anecdotes and impassioned words were met with rousing applause and she was honored with a standing ovation when she concluded her remarks. Mescall has received numerous awards and recognitions for her work including the Governor's Distinguished Public Service Award, the City of Albuquerque Human Rights Bridge Award, YWCA Woman on the Move Award, NAACP Freedom Award,

Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Woman, the National LULAC Hispanic Woman's Hall of Fame, IMAGE de Nuevo Mexico Award, MANA Brindis Award, Hispanic Round Table Lifetime Achievement "Walking the Talk" Award and Soroptimist "Making a Difference for Woman" Award.

At the farewell breakfast on Sunday morning, four new National Board Members were sworn into office and Philadelphia, PA was announced as the location for Convention 2009. Many left Convention having been inspired to press forward with the challenging mission of the Sorority. "Learning that sisters are balancing law school, graduate school, families, work and life in general made me realize that the only limits that exist are the ones I place on myself," said Priscilla Suggs (Phi Chapter). "I am grateful to be a part of such a successful, beautiful 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](http://www.thetanuxi.org).

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