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Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.
holds successful 12th annual conference in L.A.

Los Angeles, CA – Keeping with the spirit of the R.E.N.E.W.A.L. Initiative, members of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. ended a successful convention in California last week. More than 100 sisters from across the nation, and Korea, enjoyed the events held at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in downtown L.A.

At its 12th annual convention, *Act ONE: Renewing the Vision*, members of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. began the four-day conference with a CPK Percentage Night at California Pizza Kitchen on Thursday. A portion of the restaurant's proceeds went to Theta Nu Xi's national philanthropy – Girls For A Change.

On Friday, attendees participated in business meetings - where delegates approved a regionalized structure for the national organization - and various workshops including bystander intervention training facilitated by Kim Novak, an independent consultant and recognized national expert in student-focused risk management, hazing prevention and campus safety. Novak also led a plenary session called *The Voice of Theta Nu Xi*. That evening, Graduate, Alumnae and Professional (GAP) women were able to interact with one another during the GAP Networking Hour.

More workshops, business meetings, candidates' breakfast / speeches and the Paraphernalia Pit Stop greeted attendees on Saturday. The Lavender Luncheon, for GAP-women only, was inspiring and encouraging.

"Renewing the vision at this annual convention was definitely in the air. As I sat in the Lavender Luncheon, I realized the immense amount of sisterhood amongst me. As Founding Monarch Geeta Kapur told us to write down a name or chapter to assist, numerous names came to my head," said Annette S. Kallou of Orlando, FL. "I knew I had to revisit my morals of the reason for being in Theta Nu Xi and my decision was easily set. I am making an effort to take everything I learned and reach out to those sisters who are in need for the united bond we comprehensively state."

Saturday evening at the annual Butterfly Banquet and awards ceremony, Kim Novak returned as the keynote speaker. Whitney Smith, CEO and founder of Girls For A Change, presented two awards to the undergraduate and GAP chapters who raised the most funds for the national philanthropy. The sisters were also challenged by Founder Geeta Kapur to recommit themselves to the Sorority by getting active, staying active and supporting one another. The national board also revealed that New Orleans, LA will be the location for Convention 2011.

At the farewell breakfast Sunday morning, four new National Board Members were sworn into office, sisters approved the national budget and attendees were asked to reflect on why they chose Theta Nu Xi – and why this Sorority chose them.

"Our 2010 Convention was not only a time of reconnecting with sisters, but it was also a time to truly consider the current state and future of our beloved organization," said Jessica E. H. Womack of Durham, N.C. "While the challenges we face are sobering, Convention 2010 addressed these issues in a meaningful and constructive manner. I left feeling confident that, while the road ahead will not be easy, Theta Nu Xi is capable not only of overcoming the challenges we currently face, but also of flourishing well into the future."

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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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