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RAICES Launches: SLU Supports the Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino

New York, NY - Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. (SLU) launches 2010 RAICES, *Cultivating Our Culture: Embracing Old Traditions with a New Perspective* by supporting the creation of the National Museum of the American Latino (NMAL), which is currently being studied by the NMAL Commission (NMALC) as a result of Public Law 110-229 [S. 2739] (www.americanlatinomuseum.gov/legislation.html). NMAL would focus on the American Latino experience and their art, history and culture. The Commission will present to Congress the feasibility of such a museum in September 2010.

SLU encourages you to log onto the Commission website (www.americanlatinomuseum.gov/) and the Friends of the NMAL Commission (www.americanlatinomuseum.org) to support this initiative by filling out the Commissions' survey (www.americanlatinomuseum.gov/feedback.cfm) or sending your elected official a letter of support (www.americanlatinomuseum.org/support/page2.html).

Since 1987, SLU has been committed to serving the Latino community through its service initiatives, campus programming, and cultural enrichment. The Hermanas (Sisters) have highlighted and celebrated the richness and diversity of Latino cultures through programming such as our national RAICES (Roots) week held in September. SLU believes that this proposed museum can serve as a vital source of education about the many contributions that Latinos have made on a national level.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc., was founded on December 1, 1987 at Binghamton University as an organization that would provide sisterhood and support while also promoting academic achievement, service to the community, leadership, and cultural enrichment. Almost twenty-three years since its establishment, the organization has expanded to over 35 schools across the country, touching the lives of more than 600 women.

RAICES (Roots) is an annual national initiative held in September where over 35 chapters across the country host a week long series of events and community services revolving around the year's theme.

National Museum of the American Latino Commission consists of 23-members selected by the President and bi-partisan congressional leaders tasked by Congress to provide a report on the creation of a potential Museum of the American Latino, which would focus on American Latino life, art, history and culture.

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