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Sigma Lambda Upsilon Establishes PEARLS Program in Washington, D.C.

It is with much excitement and pride that we announce the establishment of the Washington, D.C. Sigma Lambda Promoting Education, the Arts, our Roots, Leadership and Service (PEARLS) program. The mentorship program will serve the Oyster-Adams Bilingual School in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of Washington, D.C. with a focus on girls in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Adams Morgan is a culturally diverse neighborhood which includes a large immigrant population.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon's philanthropy, Literacy, is supported by efforts to provide tools and resources encouraging lifelong learning. The premise of our philanthropic work focuses on the power of literacy to uplift our communities and foster confidence in our young people, for them to advance toward their educational, personal, and professional goals. Our first PEARLS program was piloted in the Spring of 2000 as a means of establishing a foundation of success for our communities and our nation as a whole. The DC board of directors, led by Iris Ferrufino and Cynthia Pedemonte, are thrilled to continue this tradition in our nation's capital.

We look forward to announcing key initiatives, programming, and opportunities to support this effort in the coming 2017 - 2018 academic school year. To learn more about DC PEARLS and/or to contribute, email dcpearlsprogram@gmail.com.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc., Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. was founded on December 1, 1987 at Binghamton University with the purpose of providing a voice and means for empowerment to women everywhere. The sorority provides sisterhood and support while also promoting academic excellence, service to the community, leadership and cultural enrichment to college-educated and professional women. Dedicated to uplifting traditionally marginalized communities, the sorority challenges the status quo through programming and civic engagement initiatives that are both exemplary and unique. For more information visit: www.sigmalambdaupsilon.org

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