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## Special Invitation

By: Jennifer Benitez  
National Alumnae President

Dear sisters,

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual National Alumnae & Graduates newsletter, *Journeys*. We are excited to feature updates from many of our alumnae and graduate chapters, who have been hard at work in 2004 making contributions to the sisterhood and their surrounding communities via philanthropy, professional networking and undergraduate

mentorship to name a few.

On behalf of the National Alumnae Executive Board, I want to take this opportunity to thank every one of our alumnae and graduate sisters for their dedication to LTA. Without you, we would not be where we are today!

The NAEB has also been hard at work fulfilling its goals, which are centered on alumnae recruitment and retention. To this end, a large part of our focus has been on our

upcoming National Alumnae & Graduates Convention – which we hope you will all be a part of. The weekend of events, which are catered especially for you, will also include a Bowl-a-Thon (benefiting the Pave the Way Foundation) and Alumnae Reunion. These events will not be as successful without your presence. We hope to see you on Sat Feb 26 and Sun Feb 27, 2005 in Philadelphia! For more information, visit

[www.universalwoman.org/philly05](http://www.universalwoman.org/philly05)

## Lambda Delta: Committees Go Forth

By: Cara Hewitt,  
Lambda Delta President  
Upsilon Alumna Fall 1996 #2

Lambda Delta Executive Board 2004-05 came together and created committees for the Lambda Delta Chapter. Our goal is to allow sisters to work in the area/s that they feel most comfortable with and that gives them the greatest joy in return, while giving back to the Sisterhood. Each Executive Board member Chairs or Co-chairs a committee. The committees are as follows:

Spring Conference Committee:  
Wendy Maldonado

Philanthropy: Angie Gjertson

Bi-Laws/Constitution: Mara Grimes & Roxie Goodwin

Social Committee: Maritza Figueroa-Mangene & Cara Hewitt

The committees have already met and are on a roll! To highlight a few items going on...

In addition to the Spring Conference that committee puts together, the committee is working to meet the requests of the MDA1 undergraduates by hosting workshops and panels on various topics dealing with graduate school and professions.

The Philanthropy Committee: College Goal Sunday in January to assist students with filling out the fafsa

The Social Committee: Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange in December, Alpha Delta and Lambda Delta Book Club, Happy Hours, Sister Night Out, Lambda Kids Day, etc.

Our Voter Registration Committee has come to a close. Special Thanks to Maritza Figueroa-Mangene who chaired the committee and the volunteers: Sandra Penaherrera, Mara Grimes, Roxie Goodwin, Wendy Maldonado, Angie Gjertson, Julia Matute-Kumbalasisiri, Monica Serrano, Carla Alvarez, Wendy Turcios, Margarita Ortiza, and all others who participated to make these events successful!

Keep a look out at our website for upcoming events in the Maryland Area! [www.lambdadelta.cib.net](http://www.lambdadelta.cib.net)



## Alpha Delta Graduate Chapter "Hermanas Dedicadas"

By: Yesenia Flores  
October 29, 2004

The pulse of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc., has a strong beat in the heart of our Nation's capital, Washington, D.C., and the Maryland area. The Sisters of the Alpha Delta Graduate Chapter, also known as 'Las Hermanas Dedicadas' participated in a number of community service activities to culminate the summer and kick off Hispanic Heritage Month. Moreover, we were very active and involved in organizing recent 'home-coming' activities for students at the University of Maryland – College Park and Dunbar High School in Baltimore City.

In mid August, we participated in 'El Gran Festival de la Salud', a comprehensive health fair for Latinos of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and the surrounding areas on Saturday, August 14.

This comprehensive health fair, in its second year of existence, was held at Annapolis Middle School and provided free dental and vision screenings; adult immunizations; food, entertainment, and games for children; as well as a number of related resources and literature on insurance, domestic

violence, crime prevention, opening bank accounts, substance abuse treatment, etc.

The organizers of this event were the Anne Arundel County Health Department and the Hispanic Health Network and actively partners with local health departments and relevant community groups in her professional work.

Moreover, on this day, she staffed a table to provide outreach and education to 450 attendees on the HealthChoice program, Maryland's managed care program for medical assistance recipients and low-income pregnant women and children.

Next, we collaborated with Sisters of the Lambda Delta Alumnae Chapter on Saturday, September 11, to support a local Voter's Registration Drive. Held at the Wheaton Library in Montgomery County, Maryland, the purpose of the drive was to assist persons in registering the vote. In the State of Maryland, Montgomery County has the highest number of Latino residents; unfortunately, a disconnect of services exists and

two Sisters of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc., sought to fill the need by reaching out to the Spanish-speaking population and encouraging them to vote. We staffed a table with bilingual literature, answered questions, and helped patrons to register. Moreover, they were also shown how to cast their ballot in preparation for Election Day, November 2, 2004.

We are very proud of our recent accomplishments and the work of all our chapter sisters. We are civic-minded and socially conscious women and aspiring leaders in the areas of business, legal justice, information technology, public safety, education, and health care. As our chapter continues to grow, we carry out the vision laid out by our courageous founding sisters and add the talents of those who follow in their footsteps.

For more information on ongoing and future activities of the Alpha Delta Graduate Chapter, contact our President, Ms. Erika J. Soria, via e-mail at: [ejsoria\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ejsoria_2000@yahoo.com)

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## Lambda Alpha Wants You!

By: Morgana Rolle  
Lambda Alpha President

When did Lambda Alpha's journey begin? In the fall of 2000, Florida alumni were proud to see the establishment of Lambda Theta Alpha's first alumnae chapter in history realized. Since that time, Lambda Alpha has left a lasting impression in all of the undergraduate chapters and areas in Florida, along with successful conferences and banquets, just to name a few. "When things go wrong as they sometimes will," Lambda Alpha chapter was forced to deactivate, and the absence was felt statewide. However, the deactivation was short lived and on September 20, 2004 the National Alumnae Executive Board welcomed back Lambda Alpha with open arms.

Lambda Alpha's primary goal since reactivation has been to recruit

the numerous alumni sisters in the state and inform them of its return. This goal became the "Lambda Alpha WANTS YOU!" campaign. With now close to 30 sisters strong and lead by a passionate executive board, Lambda Alpha's presence is known and appreciated.

- Lambda Alpha's "Alumni Retention Program" reaches out to the graduating Sisters of every undergraduate chapter every semester.

- Lambda Alpha also guides and encourages new Sisters with the "Alumni/New Sister Dinner" held in both Florida areas (FLA1 and FLSA2).

- Lambda Alpha being an alumnae chapter with professional sisters

exudes this Lambda Lady characteristic with a "Who's Who Networking Event" along with the Florida Graduate Interested Ladies.

- With the holiday season in full effect, Lambda Alpha has another reason for giving back to the community, offering a "Toys for Tots" community service at Lambda Alpha's Holiday Meeting in December.

Lambda Alpha's journey is far from over, with desires to hold educational workshops, a mini-conference, and a banquet, its no wonder why **Lambda Alpha WANTS YOU!**

