

LAMBDA SIGMA UPSILON

LATINO FRATERNITY, INC.

Thank you for taking the time to review the information of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. We are confident that you will find the information contained in this package useful in your decision to embark on a fraternal journey.

LSU possesses a rich history as well as many unique characteristics that helps define our brotherhood and individuality of each one of our members. LSU is one of the most diverse organization with members from all walks of life.

LSU is a non-profit, fraternal organization who prides themselves on promoting and encouraging academic excellence, providing support and guidance to the surrounding communities, promoting and educating our brothers and the public regarding cultural awareness, and promoting a strong and dedicated sense of brotherhood. These goals have molded our organization into the distinguished brotherhood you see before you.

“Latinos Siempre Unidos”

Michael Pinto
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WHY JOIN A FRATERNITY?

Fraternities produce Leaders, Scholars, Men of Commitment!

Joining a fraternity is an important decision and is a path that many men in this country have taken. Fraternities have been known and proven to develop and promote strong leadership within this country. The following statistics below indicate how many men in this country have been fraternity members:

- 85% of the Fortune 500 executives
- 85% of the U.S. Supreme Court justices since 1900
- 71% of the men in “Who’s Who in America”
- 76% of U.S. Senators
- 63% of the U.S. President’s Cabinet since 1900
- All but four U.S. Presidents since 1825

LSU offers young men the opportunity to develop as leaders and prepares them to use those skills throughout their entire lives. Prepared to enter the world, LSU Brothers embody the principles promoted by the fraternity and are poised for success.

Academics

All college fraternities stress the importance of academic achievement. It is the fundamental goal of all fraternal organizations. A successful academic career is the basis of the Greek system.

Approaching academics with discipline is a principle upheld by LSU men. A strong academic record not only prepares you for success after you get your degree, it represents your strength of mind and character to the world.

Graduation

A U.S. Government study shows that over 70% of all those who join a fraternity or sorority go on to graduate from college, while under 50% of all non-fraternity/sorority members graduate.

LSU develops well-rounded men who are encouraged to finish the collegiate experience and enter the work force with the right tools needed to thrive. LSU develops men who are committed to graduating as well as promoting the organizations goals. They are prepared to exemplify these characteristics for the rest of their lives.

Leadership

The statistics have shown that Fraternities have produced some of the most successful men this nation has even seen.

LSU creates leaders. The fraternity enables and encourages your involvement and leadership in campus and chapter activities, in addition to those in the community. These activities are often service, social, or culturally oriented.

Growth

The Greek system is continuing a pattern of steady growth that began after World War II. Since 1941, the total number of chapters on college campuses has increased every year without exception. Today, there are 5000 chapters of national-international fraternities at more than 700 institutions of higher learning.

Since 1979, Lambda Sigma Upsilon has had a steady growth. LSU is one of the largest Latino-based fraternities in the nation, encompassing over 50 Undergraduate Chapters in 12 States.



QUICK FACTS

Official Name:	Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.
Founding Date:	April 5, 1979
Founding Location:	Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ - Taino Chapter
Foundation:	The Latinos Siempre Unidos Foundation - www.thelsufoundation.org
National Philanthropy:	HIV and AIDS Research
Chapters	(52) Undergraduate Chapters, (3) Alumni Chapters
Locations:	(12) States Including; CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, MO, NJ, NY, PA, RI, TX, VA
Total Members:	Over 2,000 Brothers
Motto:	“Latinos Siempre Unidos”
Nickname:	LSU, The Upsilon
Colors:	Baby Blue and White
Cultural Identity Symbol:	The Taino Indian
Affiliations: :	National Inter-fraternity Conference - www.nicindy.org National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations - www.nalfo.org Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc. - www.musigmaupsilon.org
Contact Information:	PO Box 645 Hoboken, NJ 07030 (800) LSU—1155 (800) 587-1155 info@lsu79.org

- LSU is the first fraternity to select Greek letters relating to our historical culture, “**L**atinos **S**iempre **U**nidos”.
- LSU is the first and only fraternity to use cultural names to describe our chapters.
- LSU is the first to have a pledging process that accentuated the value of multiculturalism and Latino history.
- LSU the first Latino based fraternity to promote and participate in the art of stepping and strolling.
- LSU is the first and only Latino based fraternity to be constitutionally affiliated with a sister sorority, Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc.



HISTORY

The Roots and Creation

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - The primary roots of Lambda Sigma Upsilon date back to the year 1978 at Rutgers University, New Brunswick. At the time, the University was a hotbed of political and academic controversy. Minority students, in particular, Latinos, felt that they were not getting the same attention and services needed to succeed in their academic endeavors. This negligence was most prevalent on the Livingston College Campus of Rutgers University. During that time groups of students and protestors would conduct campus center sit-ins and take over University facilities, such as the Kilmer Library, to make the University administration aware of their negligence. It is during these events where our founders met.



LATINOS SIEMPRE UNIDOS - In the Spring of 1979, a group of students of Latino descent began talking about creating an organization that would represent and meet the needs of the Latino student population on campus, help students achieve their goals, and provide a sense of family to those away from home. They met regularly at the Livingston Student Center, where more gentlemen joined in on the discussions. Soon this small group of men reached 20 members. Some of these men recognized each other from other protests and knew that they had something in common. The group quickly realized that if united, they would be able to best suit the needs of their fellow students. After speaking for a number of weeks, they suggested that the group form their own brotherhood, a Latino Social Fellowship. These men decided that a Social Fellowship would best provide a support group to other students and also provide a family away from their own. The excitement of these gentlemen grew daily, and they would conduct regular meetings to formalize the Fellowship. At the Final meeting, in Tillett Hall at Rutgers University, Livingston Campus on **April 5th, 1979, Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Social Fellowship, Inc.** was established. The official motto of the fellowship was "**Latinos Siempre Unidos**" (Latinos Always United), thus the acronym "LSU". The twenty founders of Lambda Sigma Upsilon are:

Jorge Ball	Julio Maldonado
Felix Cabral	Angel Melendez
Jose DeLeon	Nelson Molina
Jorge Dutel	Waldo Morin
Raphael Equavil	Roberto Muniz
Frankie Gonzalez	Alberto Rivera
Luis Gonzalez	Miguel Rivera
Nelson Gonzalez	Oswaldo Rodriguez
Cesar LeDuc	Jose Sabater
Junior Maldonado	Raul Torres



HISTORY

Timeline of Important Events

- 1979:** 20 students create Lambda Sigma Upsilon, Latino Social Fellowship at Rutgers University's Livingston Campus and create its first chapter, the Taino Chapter.
- 1982:** LSU expands to William Patterson University thus establishing its 2nd chapter, the Azteca Chapter.
- 1986:** LSU becomes Lambda Sigma Upsilon, Latino Fraternity Incorporated, soon after its extension to Rutgers' Newark campus, the Pioneros Chapter.
- 1989:** Founder Alberto Rivera passes away due to complications caused by HIV/AIDS virus. Soon after HIV/AIDS research and awareness becomes LSU's national philanthropy.
- 1995:** The Tikal Chapter becomes the first chapter outside of the state of New Jersey to be founded.
- 1997:** LSU becomes a National Fraternity through its induction to the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC).
- 1999:** LSU reaches its first Ivy League school, with the establishment of the Mexica chapter at Princeton University.
- 2000:** The organization expands to Florida, with its Kogi Chapter at the University of Miami.
- 2001:** LSU opens its first chapter in New York through the Cayuga Chapter at Lemoyne College.
- 2002:** LSU adds new chapters in Virginia, the Seneca Chapter, and Connecticut, the Abakua Chapter. LSU adds its first chapter at an Historically Black College and University, the Tekesta Chapter at Florida Memorial University.
- 2003:** The Cemi Chapter at the University of Missouri introduces LSU to the Midwest.
- 2005:** LSU reaches the South West with the establishment of its Atzlan chapter at Stephen F. Austin State University.
LSU becomes a member of the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO).
- 2006:** LSU experience its's largest expansion boom and welcomes chapters in 4 new states, the Qasid Chapter in Georgia, the Niantic Chapter in Rhode Island, the Zawadi Chapter in Delaware, and the Tenochtitlan Chapter in Colorado.
- 2009:** LSU welcomes its 50th chapter, the Oneyonta Chapter at Utica College in NY.



PHILOSOPHY

Mission

We, the brothers of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc., strongly believe that many individual and collective successes can be achieved through the efforts of a culturally diverse brotherhood of college and university men who, through close association with each other, maintain honesty, commitment, respect, and trust. The maintenance of these qualities is nurtured in large part through the diversity of culture and through self-awareness and self-respect. Among the results of actions taken in these states of being are the promotion of friendship and Brotherhood, the development of individual character, the advancement of justice and opportunity, and the acquisition of soundness and excellence in education.

THIS IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR BROTHERHOOD!!!



Goals

- **Academic Excellence** - Ensuring that our brothers earn their degree is a main focus within Lambda Sigma Upsilon. We believe that our brothers will go beyond the extra mile to ensure that all academic goals are achieved.
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- **Cultural awareness and Diversity** - Lambda Sigma Upsilon maintains a strong emphasis on cultural awareness. We do not go by a typical "Greek" system (Alpha, Beta, etc.); rather we let each new chapter create its own identity, ensuring that their legacy is passed down. The diversity of the fraternity is very evident amongst our brotherhood. Over 40 countries are represented in Lambda Sigma Upsilon, thus making LSU one of the most diverse fraternities in the country.
- **Being Role Models to the School and the Community** - Lambda Sigma Upsilon is well known for its service to the campus community and the community-at-large.
- **Brotherhood** - LSU prides itself on its unique and diverse brotherhood. Brotherhood provides not only a group of individuals a sense of family away from home; it helps individuals gain a new perspective on college life. Brotherhood also provides various networking opportunities with individuals who share common interests.



NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY



HIV & AIDS Awareness

In June of 1989 one of our founders, Alberto Rivera, passed away due to complications related to the AIDS virus. As a result, LSU made a decision that from there on out, the fraternity would support and promote HIV & AIDS awareness. We continue to honor his memory in many different ways such as constructing an AIDS quilt in his memory, and by honoring our 'Undergraduate Brother of The Year' with an award after his name. However we as a fraternity feel that the greatest honor to him would be to assist those in fighting the disease which took his life.



Throughout the years Lambda Sigma Upsilon has dedicated itself in providing volunteer service to various organizations that help the community, however AIDS and the HIV virus has had a personal effect on the heart of our fraternity.

Lambda Sigma Upsilon has worked with organizations such as the Hyacinth AIDS Foundation and has participated in World AIDS week festivities and AIDS Walk NY. In 2009, LSU donated over \$3,000 to the 'Keep A Child Alive' Organization, which is dedicated to supporting and aiding children in Africa and India battling the disease. The struggle for finding a cure is not over and we will continue to help educate individuals about this disease.



HIV & AIDS Statistics

LSU encourages and promotes AID & HIV awareness and it is important that everyone is aware of the important numbers that are available. Below is information obtained directly from www.aids.gov

- An estimated 56,300 Americans are newly infected with HIV each year.
- There are approximately 1.2 million Americans who are living with HIV/AIDS.
- The CDC estimates that 21% of HIV-positive people don't know they are infected—meaning they may be transmitting HIV without knowing it.
- People of color are at *disproportionate* risk for HIV infection. Nearly half of new infections (49%) were among African Americans, who make up only 13% of the U.S. population. Hispanics accounted for 18% of new HIV infections—and make up only about 15% of the U.S. population.
- More than half of new cases (57%) were among those aged 25–44. Children younger than 13 years accounted for less than 1% of diagnoses.
- Men who have sex with men (MSM) continued to account for the largest number of new HIV diagnoses overall, followed by males and females exposed through high-risk heterosexual contact and injection drug use.
- Males accounted for 73% of all new HIV diagnoses in 2006.
- Among males, most diagnoses were for MSM.
- High-risk heterosexual contact also accounts for a considerable proportion of new HIV diagnoses among men of minority races/ethnicities.



NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES

AREYTO PROJECT

The Areyto project was designed by LSU Alumni Brother Carlos Ojeda Jr. to help retention of minority students in colleges and universities by utilizing positive role modeling, motivational presentations group discussions and one-to-one, leader-to-leader conversations.

The academic year-long program consists of a one-a-month AREYTO, or calling together of leaders, that focuses on developing the internal motivation of college students and instilling a sense of cultural pride by having leaders from the community interact with them, all the while reinforcing the importance of academics and civility through group discussions and dialogue. The interaction between the speakers and the students builds a stronger relationship between the leaders of today and the leaders of tomorrow.

The Areyto Project works with participants of established internal college preparatory and high school student visitors from the surrounding areas in the continued development and motivation toward the pursuit of higher education. These students benefit from the interaction with our speakers, as well as the interaction with our current students. By highlighting leaders of color from various backgrounds (Business, Entertainment, Politics, etc), the Areyto Project



H.Y.P.E Program

The H.Y.P.E (Helping Youths Progress in Education) Programs is a wonderful community service project in which the brothers of LSU reach out to the local academic community. The brothers work with local high schools and stress the importance of education and continuing their academic careers.



STEPPING & STROLLING

HISTORY OF STEPPING

The history of stepping dates back to the times of the indigenous Native American Indians and African tribes. It was known that the indigenous Native American people of the Caribbean and African tribes would usually step-dance at festivals, feasts, and huge celebrations and ceremonies.

Years later when Africa and the Caribbean were invaded, slaves were not allowed to communicate in their own language for fear that they would be plotting their escape. Slaves would use drums to communicate and rebel against their slave masters. They were eventually stripped from their drums so, stepping, making beats with their hands and feet, became one of the only forms of communication the slaves had.



Stepping is also said to be the predecessor to the jazz aged art of tap dance. By the mid-nineteenth century, African-Americans had combined their footwork with Irish and British clogging steps. All together they created a style called "buck and wing" which became Modern Tap Dance. Tap dancing became popular to people of every color. It was seen everywhere especially on Broadway plays and also movies.

African- American fraternities and sororities began to step, or stomp the yard, in the late 50's early 60's and throughout the civil rights movement. This was around the time where African- American fraternities and sororities would include traditional African dances as well as tap, gymnastics, and cheerleading aspects including many chants and songs.

LAMBDA SIGMA UPSILON & STEPPING



Lambda Sigma Upsilon was the first Latino fraternity to embrace the tradition of stepping. LSU believes stepping is historically and culturally relevant to Latinos by paying homage to our Indigenous and African ancestry. The founders of the fraternity were active in sit-ins and strikes because they fought for equality amongst Latinos and all minorities. African- American Greek letter organizations started to step while the founders of Lambda Sigma Upsilon were in junior high school and high school. Only 15 years later the founders felt stepping was not only an African American art, but also a Latino art because it traces back to the indigenous people of the Caribbean and the African slaves which are 2/3 of the Latino culture.

Stepping provides students, parents, faculty members, colleges, university officials, and the public a forum to better understand the unique history and traditions of our culturally rooted Brotherhood. Since 1979, brothers have performed shows at numerous colleges and universities but no one team was ever recognized as the National Step Team. Eight brothers from five different chapters ushered in the new millennium by deciding they would dedicate their time and energy to form Lambda Sigma Upsilon's first National Step Team.

The step team's performances are a way of giving back to the communities and are not for personal gain. Our mission is to make people aware of what LSU stands for, to educate and of course, to entertain. While other orgs are known for stepping with canes, Lambda Sigma Upsilon is known for stepping with real machetes. Today, Lambda Sigma Upsilon's national step team has performed in cities around the nation and is still considered one of the best Step Teams in the country.



STEPPING & STROLLING



The National LSU Step Team has received many accolades and awards, both on a local and national level. Among them being The First National Champions for LatinosStep.com

1st Place

2009 Latino Step Silk 7 National Championship Stroll Show (tied)
2008 Latino Step National Championship Step Show
2006 Latino Step Silk 6 National Championship Stroll Show
2006 Latino Step Silk 5 National Championship Stroll Show
2005 Latino Step Silk California Stroll Competition
2005 Latino Step Silk Texas Stroll Competition
2005 Latino Step Silk Miami Stroll Competition
2005 Latino Step Silk 4 National Championship Stroll Show
2004 Latino Step Silk 3 National Championship Stroll Show
2002 Latino Step National Championship Step Show

2nd Place

2007 Latino Step National Championship Step Show
2006 Latino Step National Championship Step Show
2005 Latino Step National Championship Step Show
2004 Latino Step National Championship Step Show
2002 Latino Step Strolling Competition
2002 Latino Step Miami Step Show



CHAPTERS

<u>Undergraduate Chapters</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Founding Date</u>
1. Taino Chapter	Rutgers University - New Brunswick, NJ	April 5, 1979
2. Azteca Chapter	William Paterson University - Wayne, NJ	April 3, 1982
3. Zulu Chapter	Stockton College - Pamona, NJ	May 6, 1983
4. Monarca Chapter	Montclair State University - Montclair, NJ	April 4, 1984
5. Pioneros Chapter	NJIT / Rutgers Newark - Newark, NJ	December, 13 1986
6. Emperadores Chapter	Kean University - Union, NJ	December 15, 1990
7. Resistentes Chapter	Ramapo College - Mahwah, NJ	April 18, 1991
8. Almirantes Chapter	South Orange, NJ	April 18, 1991
9. Areyto Chapter	New Jersey City University - Jersey City, NJ	November 28, 1993
10. Tikal Chapter	Bloomsburg University - Bloomsburg, PA	April 2, 1995
11. Intocables Chapter	Bloomfield College - Bloomfield, NJ	April 14, 1995
12. Diamante Chapter	The College of New Jersey - Ewing, NJ	December 11, 1997
13. Mexica Chapter	Princeton, NJ	May 19, 1999
14. Ciguayo Chapter	Fairleigh Dickinson University - Teaneck, NJ	April 1, 2000
15. Andes Chapter	Jersey City, NJ	July 21, 2000
16. Xaragua Chapter	Rowan University - Glassboro, NJ	November 14, 2000
17. Kogi Chapter	Coral Gables, FL	December 2, 2000
18. Aphrike Chapter	Monmouth University - West Long Branch, NJ	February 22, 2001
19. Cayuga Chapter	LeMoyne College - Syracuse, NY	March 4, 2001
20. Czar Chapter	University of Central Florida - Orlando, FL	March 4, 2001
21. Jaguar Chapter	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania - City, PA	March 16, 2002
22. Biaraku Chapter	Long Island University C. W. Post - Long Island, NY	March 24, 2002
23. Seneca Chapter	Virginia Polytechnic Institute - Blacksburg, VA	April 6, 2002
24. Mohegan Chapter	Fairfield, CT	April 25, 2002
25. Tekesta Chapter	Florida Memorial University - Miami, FL	October 26, 2002
26. Kyodrowe Chapter	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY	November 9, 2002
27. Guarionex Chapter	SUNY New Paltz - New Paltz, NY	March 28, 2003
28. Cemi Chapter	University of Missouri - Columbia, MO	April 4, 2003
29. Terra Chapter	Johnson and Whales University - Miami, FL	April 7, 2003
30. Coba Chapter	Kutztown University - Kutztown, PA	October 31, 2003



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<u>Undergraduate Chapters</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Founding Date</u>
31. Abakua Chapter	University of Bridgeport - Bridgeport, CT	November 20, 2003
32. Archias Chapter	Syracuse University - Syracuse, NY	April 18, 2004
33. Trovadores Chapter	SUNY at Old Westbury - Old Westbury, NY	April 18, 2004
34. Aztlan Chapter	Stephen F. Austin State University - Nacogdoches, TX	March 26, 2005
35. Dakhil Chapter	Binghamton, NY	April 15, 2005
36. Qasid Chapter	University of Georgia - Athens, GA	April 1, 2006
37. Niantic Chapter	Rhode Island University - Kingston, RI	April 8, 2006
38. Orinoco Chapter	New Jersey	April 8, 2006
39. Zawadi Chapter	University of Delaware - Newark, DE	April 8, 2006
40. Kahnianke Chapter	Oneonta, NY	April 15, 2006
41. Tenochtitlan Chapter	University of Colorado - Boulder, CO	November 17, 2006
42. Aquila Chapter	University at Albany - Albany, NY	December 1, 2007
43. Yucatan Chapter	Colorado School of Mines - Golden, CO	March 22, 2008
44. Copan Chapter	Millersville University - Millersville, PA	April 11, 2008
45. Yukayeke Chapter	Southern Connecticut State University - New Haven, CT	April 26, 2008
46. Badachu Chapter	New York City Metro Chapter - Baruch College	May 1, 2008
47. Marabou Chapter	Lynn University - Boca Raton, FL	August 1, 2008
48. Qing Chapter	Florida Atlantic University	November 25, 2008
49. Uman Chapter	LeHigh University - Bethlehem, PA	April 18, 2009
50. Onyota Chapter	Utica College - Utica, NY	April 18, 2009
51. Serikon Chapter	Tampa, FL	April 25, 2009
52. Kalinago Chapter	Barry University - Miami Shores, FL	April 29, 2009
Coaybay Chapter	Reserved for Deceased Brothers	***

Alumni Chapters

1. New York Alumni Chapter	New York City Area	June 28, 2007
2. New Jersey Alumni Chapter	New Jersey State	January 1, 2009
3. Pennsylvania Alumni Chapter	Pennsylvania State	March 1, 2010



MEMBERSHIP

Diversity

Diversity is a form of individualism, unique characteristics mixed with different beliefs and values. It is the quality of being the same while be very different



Although, originally founded as a Latino organization, Lambda Sigma Upsilon has proven to be one of the most diverse fraternities in the Nation. LSU is diverse in cultures, ethnic backgrounds, languages, socio-economic backgrounds, opinions, religious beliefs, career fields, personal characteristics, interests, and much more. Over 80 countries across the globe, covering all residential continents in the world are represented within the membership body of LSU. Not only do we have members of all from all walks of life, but we cater our programming to all members, regardless of the differences they possess.

The diversity of our fraternity gives our members a more enlightening perspective on society. We are advocates for diversity and for the unification of the human race. In LSU, we see beyond color, we see beyond race, we see beyond economic differences, we see beyond personal differences because we are all human and possess the same roots. As advocates for the unification of the human race, we have put a strong emphasis on the education of topics of diversity. We strive to teach the public about diversity and the commonalities we all share in hope that we better our communities and society as a whole. We strongly believe that ignorance is the cause of many problems linked to diversity issues and that the knowledge is the key to solving such problems.

“Strength Through Diversity”

Requirments to pledge

- Any male in good standing, as defined by the academic institution, enrolled in a 4-year fully accredited institution
- Shall have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA
- Shall have served and documented a minimum of 10 hours of community service
- Shall have serve and documented a minimum of 10 hours of library hours
- Shall be officially recognized as an Associate Member of Lambda Sigma Upsilon and shall have performed the following actions:
 - Shall have attended at least 2 official meetings of the Associate Members of Lambda Sigma Upsilon
 - Shall have attended and participated in at least 1 fund raiser thrown by the Associate Members of Lambda Sigma Upsilon
 - Shall have attended and participated in at least 1 community service event thrown by the Associate Members of Lambda Sigma Upsilon
- Successful completion of an interview.



THE LATINOS SIEMPRE UNIDOS FOUNDATION

WHAT ARE WE ABOUT

The Purpose of the Latinos Siempre Unidos Foundation is to raise funds in order to award scholarships/ grants to Latino high school and college students, including, but not limited to, Lambda Sigma Upsilon Brothers, for their leadership and educational development and to organizations whose ideals are consistent with those of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc.

The Latinos Siempre Unidos Foundation not only provides scholarships and grants, but also provide sponsorships and educational opportunities to community organizations and agencies that would reflect the mission and ideals of the Foundation.

The LSU Foundation is a 501c(3) charitable organization under the IRS Tax Code. Any contribution made to the Foundation is totally TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

WHY IS THE LSU FOUNDATION IMPORTANT TO YOU

The Foundation provides opportunities that LSU has never been able to offer to our members before. Knowing that scholarships and grants can now be offered to undergrads, alumni, and chapters means that brothers will get some assistance in continuing their education (undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral) and chapters will be able to receive funds for programs or speakers. These new opportunities will help bring us to the next level!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Not only are donations to the LSU Foundation Tax deductible, it will gives donators the opportunity to give back to something that had a tremendous impact on their lives.

Contributions will help secure the future of the fraternity and establish many opportunities with outside agencies . These are valuable partnerships that are essential to establishing the Latinos Siempre Unidos Foundation as a valuable asset to our communities.

If you would like more information about the Latinos Siempre Unidos Foundation, please contact the director, Freddy Nunez at freddy_nunez@yahoo.com or view updates on the website:

www.thelsufoundation.org



Brother Testimonials

I will tell you though that the reason I joined LSU was for multiple reasons none necessarily more important than the other. As a young Hispanic in the 70's and enjoying the opportunity to go to College which was a privilege and not a given at the time, it gave me great pride to be a part of the Taino Line and to be named Guarionex.

There was a group of 20 Hispanic young men attempting to keep Brothers in school and I wanted to be a part of that goal and a contributor to our community like never before. The Founding Fathers were genuine good people and conscientious individuals unmatched in their wit and commitment to be successful in life without stepping on the feet of anyone. They were willing to help out anyone who needed help whether a brother or not. The group was not arrogant in public and possessed a degree of leadership that made you feel a part of the organization before you even pledged. It had a group of legitimate and down to earth brothers that pulled together during hard times and socialized politely during good times.

As a member of the Taino line it gave us the opportunity to be a part of the molding of the organization's first stages. Stages which have continued to grow and which are being fine tuned up to this day. I am not surprised that because of that foundation (that of the Founding Fathers) we are still going in the direction in which we need to be going to as we approach the new millennium.

Carlos "Guarionex" Hendricks
Fall 1979
Taino Chapter
Rutgers University



As a brother for 15 years one of the main reasons for my consistent and progressive involvement in Lambda Sigma Upsilon was to share my skills and commitment to brotherhood with other young men and to be part of something very special for life.

My dream was realized April, 1999 where i was able to facilitate the reunion of men who built this organization from 1979 with young men who just joined. Where else can one person have the opportunity to reunite the founding fathers with new brothers. My commitment to this organization goes beyond letters, paraphernalia, colors or symbols. It is a dream realized where a person meets another and names him godfather to his child as in my case. It is when a brother's father passes away and the chapter names a scholarship in the father's name.

LSU has crossed cultural, religious, economic and social barriers where with one unified goal men come together for the good of others. What more can be said, but I am proud of the organization I not only pledged, but had the privilege to help lay the foundation for where we are today.

Perry M. Schwarz
Spring 1984
Monarca Chapter
Montclair State University



Brother Testimonials

The hardest part about growing up without a father was that I knew I was missing out on half of my heritage. I was raised by my mother and her Irish family my entire life, and my exposure to being Puerto Rican was limited to my Spanish classes and the rare memories of my father. I came to college knowing that I was half Puerto Rican but I never fully understood what it meant to be Puerto Rican. As I began to surround myself with friends that cared deeply about their culture, I subtly began to wonder about my own hidden heritage. At the same time that my curiosity peaked about my Puerto Rican lineage, I began looking into the "Greek life" that The College of New Jersey had to offer. I looked into a few fraternities, went to a couple of interest sessions here and there, but I could not find what I was looking for. I wanted something that would teach me not only about my culture but about others as well, whether Latino or not. I was looking for something that went deeper than Greek letters, I wanted to find the meaning of brotherhood and not just the title which was not present at the time. Thinking my search would never end, I gave up hope until my roommate and long time friend told me about an organization that he was interested in.



Together we met brothers, gathered information and began to see what this organization was about. Lambda Sigma Upsilon had everything that every other fraternity has such as colors and calls and traditions. But what struck me about LSU was the close bond that the brothers had amongst themselves and their respect and pride in all the different cultures within the fraternity. They were more than fellow members of an organization, they were the brothers of a real family along with their sisters of Mu Sigma Upsilon. They also felt a strong commitment to the universities and communities that they were part of and gave back through community service events and projects. After seeing all of that, I knew that I wanted to become a brother of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. So six other men and I took on the challenge of not only making it through the process but establishing a new chapter. Along with these men I not only learned about brotherhood, but gained real brothers that I never had before being an only child.

After two years, I know that I made the right decision in pledging for Lambda Sigma Upsilon. Our organization is so deep rooted in culture, from Taino to Azteca to Zulu, that we are unmatched in Cultural Awareness. Because of this I have learned about the richness of my Puerto Rican heritage as well as the wealth of numerous other cultures throughout the world such as that of Ecuador, Guyana, and Jamaica just to name a few. I have also learned to appreciate the treasure of my Irish heritage and that it should not be taken for granted. LSU has helped instill in me the value of an education and the satisfaction of improving the communities of which we are a part. Without LSU, I would have never formed the life-long bond of friendship, respect, loyalty, honor, and brotherhood that I am now proud to have with all of my LSU brothers. And I know that for the rest of my life I will do anything to help my brothers and will always be proud to be a brother of Lambda Sigma Upsilon.

Jason O'Keefe
Fall 1997
Diamante Chapter
The College of New Jersey



AFFILIATIONS



Founded in 1909, the North-American Interfraternity Conference is the trade association representing 73 International and National Men's Fraternities. The NIC serves to advocate the needs of its member fraternities through enrichment of the fraternity experience; advancement and growth of the fraternity community; and enhancement of the educational mission of the host institutions. The NIC is also committed to enhancing the benefits of fraternity membership. Today, the NIC has 73 member organizations with approximately 5,500 chapters located on 800+ campuses in the United States and Canada with approximately 350,000 undergraduate members. The NIC is led by a Board of Directors comprised of nine volunteers from member fraternities. The headquarters and professional staff are located in Indianapolis, Indiana



NALFO (National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations) is an umbrella council for Latino Greek Letter Organizations. The purpose of NALFO is to promote and foster positive interfraternal relations, communication, and development of all Latino Fraternal organizations through mutual respect, leadership, honesty, professionalism and education.

Established in 1998, NALFO has 21 member organizations from across the United States. We meet bi-annually for a spring convention and a fall business meeting.



Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc. was founded on November 21, 1981 at Rutgers University, New Brunswick. The founders were five Latina women determined to establish an organization that brought together all women regardless of race, creed or religion. It was their limitless vision that enabled these determined women to break down the barriers and build the bridges that connected these women. Hence, their motto "Mujeres Siempre Unidas," or "Women Always United. Throughout the years, LSU and MSU would come together to host workshops, contribute to the community and fundraise for national causes. Although many programs would be done together, each organization has their own separate events in which brothers and sisters would support.



ANTI-HAZING POLICY

No Member of Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc., be they undergraduate, alumni, graduate or honorary, shall engage in, participate and or support any actions or actions perceived to be considered hazing as defined by the local and state laws and or university/college guidelines, in which a recognized colony or chapter Lambda Sigma Upsilon is located.

Any member/s, colony or chapter found to engage in, support or participate in any willful, negligent and or intentional misconduct defined as, or perceived as hazing, shall be subject to the fines and penalties up to and including suspension or expulsion from membership in Lambda Sigma Upsilon as per our National Constitution and its by-laws.

This is in addition to any local, state or university penalties and sanctions, including any legal or civil lawsuits, charges and or convictions that may occur due to the aforementioned misconduct.

Furthermore, the National Executive Board, its officers, local members and agents acting on the fraternities behalf will provide its full cooperation, should any such investigation be conducted by any local, state and university agencies, in the event of any allegations or actions of such misconduct.

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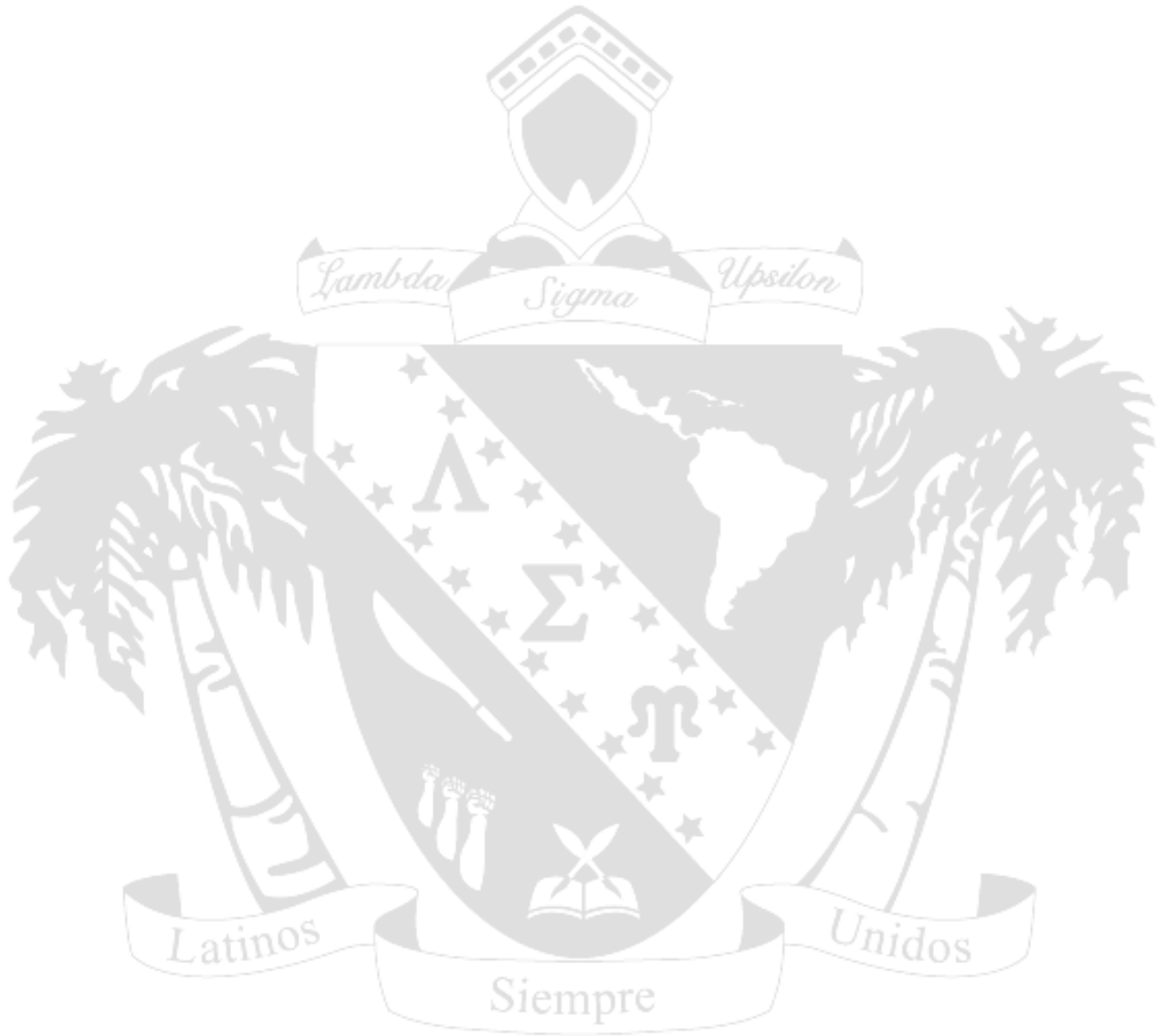
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