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ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. SIGMA NU ZETA CHAPTER CELEBRATES 16 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE HARLEM COMMUNITY

Harlem, New York, January 26, 2018– Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Sigma Nu Zeta Chapter and the Five Pearls Foundation, celebrates 16 years of Sisterhood by Recognizing Five Phenomenal Women in the Harlem community. Sigma Nu Zeta and The Five Pearls Foundation will host a Gala on February 3rd, 2018 at Eastwood Manor to commemorate the anniversary of their chapter and to honor Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated’s 2018 Year of Sisterhood.

Since 2002, Sigma Nu Zeta and The Five Pearls Foundation has over \$27,000 in scholarships to deserving young men and women of color in New York City.

For the past 16 years, we have provided a platform to serve the Harlem community through scholarships, enrichment programs for our auxiliary youth groups, and our Harlem Hospital Storks Nest Program which provides prenatal resources to women in need. We continue to explore new avenues to empower and improve of the Harlem community. As citizens of the world, we have also made our mark internationally by supporting literacy programs in The Gambia, West Africa.

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During the event hosted by Sigma Nu Zeta and the Five Pearls Foundation, will honor Five Phenomenal Women.

1. Janifer P. Wilson, owner of Sisters Uptown Bookstore & Sister's Uptown Cultural Center -- the last female black owned bookstore in New York City.
2. Tiffany M. Williams, champion for the empowerment women and young girls through her work with the Esther Project.
3. Nuri Muhammad, our Rising Pearl recipient who has been selected as she demonstrates the highest standards of scholarship and service to her community.
4. Gina I. Humber, is a national speaker on diversity and education, a NYC teacher, accomplished author, and founder of Diversity Is A Verb, LLC.
5. Ayris Granby, business owner, member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and recipient of the FinerWomanhood Award for overall excellence in demonstrating the highest ideals of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood.

"2018 is a milestone year for our chapter. We founded this chapter in the name of sisterhood and are proud to celebrate the accomplishments of these five phenomenal women" said Cathy Council, Charter Member, of Sigma Nu Zeta Chapter

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Since 1971, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has partnered with the March of Dimes Foundation to encourage women to seek prenatal care in an effort to prevent cases of low birth weight, premature births and infant deaths. Stork's Nest is a jointly owned trademark of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and March of Dimes Foundation and can only be implemented by these two organizations. Our Stork's Nest program at Harlem Hospital has been in place since 2012 and has provided services, education, and baby items to over 50 women in need in the Harlem community.

The gala presents an opportunity to both reflect on the accomplishments of our 16 years of service, but to create a foundation for the future. Proceeds from this event will help up to continue investing in the community through our current programming and scholarships.

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About Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, was founded in 1920 by five co-ed students at Howard University who envisioned a sorority that would promote the highest standards of scholarship achievement and Finer Womanhood. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, has a diverse membership of more than 120,000 college educated women with more than 800 chapters in North America, Europe, Asia the Caribbean, Africa, and the Middle East. For more information, please visit www.zphib1920.org.

The Five Pearls Foundation, is a non-profit 501©3 public charity created to bring added value to the community service projects of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Sigma Nu Zeta Chapter. The idea of the Five Pearls Foundation was conceived by ten women who dreamed of providing extraordinary service to their community. The organization's mission is to increase prenatal education and enhance youth and community development programs for under-served communities.

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