Delta Zeta Chapter Transforming Through Membership Engagement: Connecting, Collaborating, and Catalyzing
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INTRODUCTION
In line with the vision of Sigma Theta Tau International, Delta Zeta Chapter at Lehman College has been instrumental in helping to bring recognition to nursing as a science. Since the inception of this chapter in the Bronx since 1980, this chapter has created an environment that increase the scholarship of nurses. The first chapter president, Harriet Parness maintained the organization at its highest standards. She consistently upheld the organization mission through enrollment and increased scholarly nurses to continue the journey of ‘excellence’.

The other presidents such as Theresa Lundy maintained the chapter’s mission by enforcing the same standards and served as president on two separate terms. In 2014, Wanda Williams Johnson became the 7th president who took charge by reinforcing the standards and by bringing the chapter to new heights in learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses who are committed to make a difference in health in the New York City with a major emphasis in the county of the Bronx.

METHODS AND MATERIALS
The accomplishments of the chapter over the year 2016-2017
Overview of how membership was increased
Activities that were done to achieve chapter's goals
Research conferences on health care diversity meeting with legislators to discuss health care challenges
Development of unique ways of reactivating memberships "The Telephone Tree"
Donations to the underserved population (foods, Books, Toiletries, etc.)
Changes in induction ceremonies: (Undergraduate/Graduate and Leaders)
Acknowledgement of our Veterans
Reclamation. Retention and Reactivation

SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
Successful program development
Promote membership engagement through educational programs, research partnerships, mentoring, networking
opportunities and scholarship
Received Showcase of Regional Excellence Awards for 2014-2015 and 2015-2017
Received 1st Chapter Key Award in 2017, the first in 37 years.
Delta Zeta Chapter at the UN

DISCUSSION
The chapter continues to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages. Thus, ensuring inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning.
Further activities include Delta Zeta Chapter Veterans Initiative at the Bronx VA Hospital. Delta Zeta Chapter has continued our advocacy efforts by addressing the health care needs of the community, tackling the changes occurring in health care and realizing the impact that such changes have on the nursing profession.
As a result, Delta Zeta Chapter Members made visits to the District Office of Congressman Adriano Espaillat. Concerns regarding Immigration Reform and Affordable Care Act/American Health Care Act and the impact on the Nursing Profession were discussed with the Congressman.
Membership Ambassadors from the Dominican Republic and Chapter President made the Congressional Visit. Congressman Espaillat is the 1st Dominican American elected to the Congress of the United States of America and 2017 recipient of the “Friend of Nursing Award” from Sigma Theta Tau International. Quality-based improvement projects through oral and poster presentations.
Bus Outing to SIGMA Conference Washington DC and African American Museum opportunity for Delta Zeta and other SIGMA members to travel together to Washington D.C. Another Membership Engagement activity planned is the 2018 Delta Zeta Chapter Cruise to Bermuda.

CONCLUSION
Delta Zeta Chapter will continue to plan membership engagement activities to focus on:
Presidential Call to Action:
• Influence through Advocacy
• Influence through Lifelong Learning
• Influence through Policy
• Influence through Philanthropy