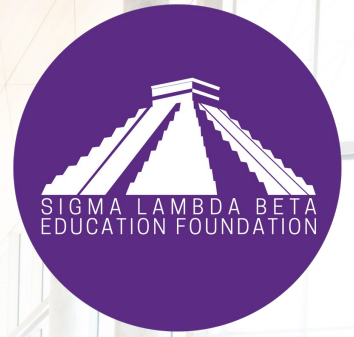


2023 ANNUAL REPORT



2023 Leadership Institute participants in Texas.

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Greetings to all SLBEF supporters!

Most of you reading this are Brothers of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. As such, it should be a fair assumption that you all know its motto. For any other potential readers, its: "Opportunity for Wisdom, Wisdom for Culture." While all the words are meaningful, and all of them together even more meaningful, I want to focus on the first word: Opportunity.

Personally, I have had the opportunity to be and do countless things because of Sigma Lambda Beta. From the age of 18 back in 1986 until now, this Fraternity has helped shape me and many of my life experiences. I expect the same is true for many of you.

An opportunity that recently presented itself came this past January when me and the Board of Trustees of the SLBEF held our annual in-person meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Not only did we get together to conduct the business of the Foundation, we also took advantage of the opportunity to reconnect and rekindle our brotherly bonds. During the visit we took the opportunity to visit the Center for Civil And Human Rights. I took a picture of a quote outside of the building that really spoke to me: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world." I read it and thought: Yes – that is what we are – and that is what we are trying to do!

The SLBEF had many opportunities in 2023 – and I'm proud to say that we did our best to take advantage of all of them. We broke new ground by receiving a large grant to sponsor DEI-focused programming throughout the SLB nation. Through our own scholarship and grant programs we provided more financial assistance than ever before to our brothers and to SLB as an organization. We also set a record in total 1-year contributions. You can read about these and more within this annual report. 2023 was quite the year!!

As I look ahead – I'm optimistic that there will be plenty of opportunities for all of us. Opportunities to make SLB better than ever before. Opportunities to help our brothers get closer to reaching their potential. Opportunities to give of our collective time, talent, & treasure. The more of us that do that, the more we will realize the opportunity to show that we as a small group of thoughtful, committed brothers, can change the world.

Fraternally,

Ricardo Zamudio

SLBEF, Chair



MISSION

We exist to steward the creation and management of funds and resources for programs that empower and foster intellectual, personal, and social development of the brothers of Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity.

FOUNDATION

\$30,578
ENTITY SPECIFIC
FUNDS

\$22,116
GENERAL (GEFF)
FUND

\$3,001
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND

\$11,460
L.I.F.T.
FUND

Brothers of Sigma Lambda Beta take a vow that is meant to last a lifetime. The purpose of being a Brother is to better our communities, country and the world. We were founded in 2001 to give Brothers another way to continue to give back to our organization throughout our lives. Giving of our Time, Talent, and Treasure will make an impact, and we are here to help.

The focus of the Education Foundation is to **RAISE | MANAGE | PROVIDE.**

The pursuit of that focus is why we solicit contributions from members, family and friends of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity. Inc.

\$67,188
Total Raised

1,621 Contributions in 2023

"MACHISMO
HURTS MEN
TOO."

APPLY FOR FUNDING TO
END MACHISMO



\$250,000!

SLB Multicultural Leaders Program is a first-of-its-kind effort to dismantle machismo and promote reproductive choice. It consists of: 1) guided discussions at Leadership Institute; 2) \$50K in entity awards to implement community and campus programs; and 3) sessions at BetaCon- all geared towards gender equity and dismantling the idea that reproductive choice is "a women's problem."

Joan Kato, MLP grant coordinator presenting to Brothers at LI 2023.

\$424,290
Total Funds

\$141,294
MANAGED E.S.F.
ACCOUNTS

\$118,456
LIFTing UP
FUND

\$106,273
GENERAL
FUND (GEFF)

\$58,267
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND

The Education Foundation's long-term goal is to manage investments that eventually grow our impact while not reducing the principle in each account. That means gifts to the foundation keep giving and giving.



In 2023 we provided \$33,655 in grants to Sigma Lambda Beta and \$3,650 to entities from Coast to Coast for local events and programs.

The General Education Fund (GEFF) covers our operating expenses but more importantly powers our entity grants program and other special funding we provide.



University of Houston Dia de los Muertos event sponsored by the Mu Chapter (Fall 2023)

LIFT

Our largest single fund, provides grants to SLB and entities for LI.

We exist to support the education-based endeavors of the brothers and entities of Sigma Lambda Beta by providing program grants and member scholarships.

Our LIFT Fund focuses on the the leadership development of our Brothers during Leadership Institute.

We provide in three core ways:
Opportunity for Wisdom Scholarship
Grants to SLB Entities
Grants to Sigma Lambda Beta



Bro Anthony Sanchez
Zeta Chapter



Bro Adam Rodriguez
Phi Beta Chapter



Bro Adrian Aranda
Eta Gamma Chapter



Bro Jose Torres-Gonzalez
Sigma Gamma Chapter

The Opportunity for Wisdom Scholarship was our first fund. With an annual deadline of April 4, we have provided thousands of dollars to Brothers to complete college. Pictured on the left are the 2023 Scholarship recipients. Learn more on our website.

\$140k+

Total Grants and Scholarships provided



THANK YOU! Without YOU we are not able to do our work. Help us tell other donors and Brothers THANK YOU... and join us as we continuing #FuelingTheLight.

Congratulate NEW donors to these giving levels, **Star Level (\$1,986)** Nery Chapeton-Lamas, Jr., Daniel Navarro, Manuel Trejo, Jose Valenzuela, BrightFunds, and at the **Scales Level (\$4,486)** Edwin Karaya, and Joan Kato.

View the complete lists of top donor levels on our website.



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