In the Face of Discrimination, The Lambda Centaur Stands For Individuality, And Becomes Immortal.

Delta Lambda Phi believes strongly in the rights of the individual, and abhors discrimination of all kinds. Honesty and individuality are principles close to the heart of every brother. Our mascot, the Lambda Centaur, is a reflection of our commitment to respecting individuality.

Traditionally the centaur (half-man/half-horse) is depicted as having an asocial bestial sexual nature. Centaurs were stereotypically opposed to marriage and other relationships.

The Lambda Centaur breaks stereotypes. Our centaur is modelled after Cheiron, the only immortal centaur. Cheiron was tutor to Hercules and Achillles. He broke all stereotypes by committing to an enduring, passionate marriage and by tempering his bestial side with intellect and good nature.

On campuses across the nation, Delta Lambda Phi is leading the fight against those who would discriminate based on stereotypes and ignorance. As a proud group of gay, bisexual, and progressive student leaders, our existence, much like our mascot, smashes stereotypes.

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THE BALANCED SCALES OF JUSTICE, THE BURNING LIGHT OF LIBERTY, AND A STRONG SYMBOL FOR PRIDE ARE THE SYMBOLIC ELEMENTS THAT DEFINE THE CHARACTER OF OUR BOLD FRATERNITY.

In Delta Lambda Phi, the 'Lambda' is a symbol that represents many things central to our character. It was chosen with great care and respect for all of the symbol's historical meanings.

In ancient Greece, the 'Lambda' was a symbol for the Scales carried by the Figure of Justice... symbolizing balance and equilibrium.

In ancient Sparta, the 'Lambda' was a unifying symbol of patriotism, worn on shields to represent the delicate balance that must exist between the liberty of the individual and his obligation to the state.

In Ancient Rome, the 'Lambda' was interpreted to suggest flame, perhaps because of it's shape, and later it became associated with symbols for enlightenment and the struggle for justice.

In the twentieth century, the 'Lambda' has emerged as a one of the strongest symbols of Gay Pride.

In recognition of the struggle for balance, equality and justice, Delta Lambda Phi proudly places the 'Lambda' symbol in the center of its name.

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ALWAYS RESPECT TRADITION, BUT NEVER FEAR PROGRESS.

Progress is nothing to be afraid of. Good ideas are catchy... innovations grow. America's fraternity tradition is growing larger, more diverse and better than ever. We are proof of that.

Since their beginnings, fraternities have grown to serve the needs of students in the various academic, professional, and social ways. Beginning as secretive academic societies, then becoming groups for the promotion of social change and moral character, later building bonds of friendships in college, America's fraternity tradition is constantly changing... and change is good.

Since Delta Lambda Phi began in 1986, in Washington D.C., our fraternity has grown to serve the needs of progressive men, across the nation, irrespective of sexual orientation. With over twenty chapters, from coast to coast, we provide opportunity for those who were previously denied. At Delta Lambda Phi, we value diversity and believe in progress. While honoring the traditions of yesterday, we boldly look forward to creating a brighter future for a more diverse student population.

As a group of gay, bisexual, and progressive leaders, we are proud to have taken our place in the diverse ever-changing American fraternity tradition.

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SECRETS, SHAME IGNORANCE, AND FEAR HAVE PUT MANY OF AMERICA'S YOUTH AT RISK, AND OUR FRATERNITY IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

Delta Lambda Phi believes that young people are the future, and every young person deserves the chance to grow into a happy, healthy adult. Yet everyday fear, secrets, ignorance and shame place many youth at risk of lowered self esteem, harassment and/or physical abuse from peers, depression, abandonment, suicide, and murder. Many of these forgotten youth are forced to leave their homes, to face life alone in the streets. They may suffer from depression that leads to alcohol or other drug abuse and even suicide.

According to an independent study on teen suicide, commissioned by President George Bush, statistics showed that this group of "at risk" children are three times more likely to commit suicide.

Everyday fear, shame and ignorance cost the lives of America's lesbian, gay and bisexual youth. Secrets cost lives.

At Delta Lambda Phi, we believe that if it the truth can save a the life of a child, no secret is worth keeping. That's why our fraternity remains deeply committed to making a positive difference in the life of each brother and in our surrounding communities. Delta Lambda Phi is making an investment in a brighter future for America's gay youth.

With the courage to be different, we take a stand for diversity, compassion, and love. We abhor those who continue to abandon, neglect and abuse America's gay youth. Hatred, shame and ignorance have no place in our fraternities "family values."

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IF YOU THINK THAT BEATING UP A FAG WILL HELP YOU HIDE YOUR HOMOSEXUALITY... THINK AGAIN.

Every basher will tell you they hate fags, but it may take them years to tell you that they are gay.

Although most people may not care about an individual's sexual orientation, those who are struggling to accept their own sexuality will often do anything to hide it.

Individuals who begin to discover same sex attractions will often do whatever they can to suppress it, deny it and hide it. Sometimes the frustration, anger and fear of discovering and accepting one's own identity can motivate one to lash out at those who are "out of the closet" or known to be gay.

As the only national social fraternity for gay, bisexual and progressive men, Delta Lambda Phi recognizes the struggle many people must face to become comfortable in a society of diverse sexualities. As an innovative fraternity, we offer support and friendship for those who are in the coming out process. With the courage to be different, we take a stand for diversity, compassion, and love.

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Being Openly Gay Does Not Have To Make You An Outsider Anymore.

Being openly gay or bisexual used to automatically make you an outsider to opportunities in the professional world, in the military, on athletic teams, and in many collegiate social fraternities. Now all that is changing.

As the first and only openly gay, bisexual, and progressive national social fraternity in the world, Delta Lambda Phi is proud to be a part of that positive change.

Since 1986, our fraternity has grown to provide opportunity for those who were previously denied. Now with over twenty chapters from coast to coast, we are changing the face of the Greek fraternal community across the nation.

With support from gay and bisexual alumni of other national fraternities and with our own growing list of alumni, our fraternity provides valuable professional connections beyond college. In our fraternity, bonds of brotherhood are based on honesty, character, and honor. Secrets, fear, shame, and ignorance have no place in our brotherhood.

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To Us, Brotherhood Means Honest Friendship.

We believe, the fraternal bond of brotherhood can only grow in an environment where honesty is valued, not feared.

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