



TRIBUTE TO LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

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Omega Phi Beta 's motto is *Sirviendo y Educando a Través de Nuestra Diversidad*, Serving and Educating Through Our Diversity. This motto stands true in everything that we do and celebrating Latinx Heritage Month is no different. During this month we take the opportunity to celebrate the legacy of those who are breaking barriers in their communities. Take Ellen Ochoa for example, she was the first Latina to travel to space and was the first Latina Director for the Johnson Space Center.

Learning about these incredible individuals allows us to keep our culture and history alive. Many of us are first generation Americans, who want to continue to celebrate and embrace our roots. We do this by having events that educate people on the role the Latinx community has played in the America we know today. The Latinx community has created businesses, built agricultural industries and even fought for civil rights in American courts.

While our stories and cultural practices may vary, it is important to continue remembering our roots. We want to continue to provide generations to come with the Latinx representation we so desperately needed. As a Latinx woman, I want to take up space in any room that I am in. I am proud to be a part of an organization that continues to celebrate the cultures that made us who we are today.