Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will celebrate 100 years of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finer Womanhood on January 16, 2020. The 2018 focus for the Journey to Centennial is Sisterhood. On July 21, 2018, Xavier University of Louisiana Alumni, sisters and friends of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. convened during their 2018 Grand Boule to visit the campus of Xavier University of Louisiana to discuss an investment in the form of a financial scholarship.

At the end of the meeting, the Alumni of Chi Alpha/Beta Delta Chapter voted to financially support Xavier University of Louisiana with an Endowment and Annual Scholarships. The Zetas ambition to create scholarships for future Xavierites impressed Kimberly Reese, Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

The women gathered at the meeting did not take the decision to fund two scholarships lightly. Many of the women spoke of their life-changing journey at Xavier University of Louisiana and when they joined their beloved Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Dr. Rosalind Hale ’69 gave an emotional speech about what Xavier and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority means to her and charged each lady to lead by example.

The ladies also acknowledged that their investment through these two scholarships were in addition to their support of the Annual Fund with gifts to Give. Love. Xavier Day or other fundraising initiatives. The goal of the membership was to fund the two scholarships by January 2020 as part of the centennial commemoration, yet they exceeded their goal in the two months following their meeting. Dr. Sylvia Perry ’05 remarked that “God blessed our efforts. The fundraising process was thrilling; as each day passed, we rallied closer to our goals. Current and alumni members of Chi Alpha/Beta Delta and Zeta Xavier alumni at large united in this tangible expression of love to our alma mater and future students.”

Alumni of the Chi Alpha/Beta Delta Chapter and sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. mark the first Greek Sorority/Fraternity to fund both an endowed and annual scholarship on the campus of Xavier University of Louisiana. To date, the Zetas have raised $38,150. Scholarship criteria will be released in the fall.