Honor Chapters will be designated on the basis of activities completed in the 2015-2016 academic year with particular attention to the relevance of chapter projects related to Sigma Delta Pi’s mission, the quality of chapter projects, the number of chapter projects in relation to the chapter’s size, evidence of direct involvement of student chapter officers, and supporting material. Please describe in detail your chapter activities and include below (not as separate files). Reports must clearly indicate which activities were 1) initiated and carried out by chapter members, 2) executed in cooperation with another organization, 3) sponsored by another organization but with attendance and/or participation by chapter members. ALL RELEVANT SUPPORTING MATERIALS (e.g., event flyers, pictures, etc.) IN DIGITAL FORMAT and as ONE (1) document/file attachment: MS Word or PDF formats. Files larger than 1 MB should be shared with sdpnational@gmail.com via a link through Google Docs (https://docs.google.com) or Dropbox (http://www.dropbox.com).

- October 22-December 15, 2015. We held our “First Annual Book Drive”. We collected Spanish books which were donated on 3/17/2016 to Aventura City of Excellence School for their Spanish program
• November 9, 2015: Our chapter started a new series of cultural presentations about Latin American countries titled "Hablemos de..." (Let’s talk about…) which has been very successful and has achieved high attendance. The first one was “Hablemos de Colombia”, presented by two of our chapter members: Andrea Ruiz and Karol Owens.


• November 13, 2015: We initiated our new series of “Andean Dance Workshops”- Artist Candy Hurtado, our vice president, held a series of dance workshops teaching students about Andean dance, music and culture.

• November 20, 2015: “Andean Dance Workshop”

• November 20, 2015: The first in a series of literature conferences organized by our chapter this year: “Masoquismo trangresor en la narrativa española del Siglo de Oro” - with Dr. Nuria Godón.
February 9, 2016: “Women with Character in Early Modern Spanish Theater”: Conference with Dr. Elizabeth Cruz Petersen.

February 11, 2016: Several of our members participated at the “Salsa night instructional” organized by Alpha Psi Lambda Coed Latin Fraternity.

February 12, 2016: “Andean Dance Workshop”
February 19, 2016: “Andean Dance Workshop”
February 26, 2016: “Andean Dance Workshop”
February 18, 2016: Several of our members attended a poetry seminar presented by Dr. Yolanda Gamboa. This activity was coordinated with our sister organization “Uniendo Culturas”.

February 19, 2016: “Cervantes y El Inca Garcilaso de la Vega a los 400 años de su muerte: lecturas transatlánticas de su obra: Conference with Dr. Michael Horwell and Dr. Yolanda Gamboa, commemorating the 400th anniversary of their death of these two authors.

March 24, 2016: We presented the Oscar nominated Colombian Film El abrazo de la serpiente. After the showing Dr. Michael Horswell gave a talk about the film and there was a section of comments and questions.

• March 29, 2016. “Hablemos de Perú”, cultural presentation presented by chapter member Julissa Mansilla and our vice president Candy Hurtado.

• April 1, 2016: “Una tarde poética celebrando a Rubén Darío”, celebrating the work of important Nicaraguan poet Ruben Dario with an afternoon of poetry recital and an exposition of the life and work of Dario by our advisor Dr. Nancy Poulson.
April 3, 2016: We submitted our entry for the SDP 2016 photo contest.

April 5, 2016: "El poder de las palabras" (The Power of Words): Conference by Dr. Tugba Sevin about the Sephardim experience reflected in Spanish Golden Age literature.

April 8, 2016: For the first time, at our request, the Comparative Studies PhD annual conference presented two panels in Spanish. Two of our members: Julissa Mansilla and our president Betsaida Casanova presented their research papers.

April 19, 2016: Our chapter has helped promote the collection of donations for a Relief effort lead by “Uniendo culturas” to help Ecuador’s earthquake victims.

Throughout the year we have also promoted other cultural activities which many of our members have attended:

1. September 12, 2015: Exhibition Poetics of Relations at the Pérez Art Museum Inspired by the writings of author and philosopher Édouard Glissant (1928 – 2011) which looked at Miami as “a site defined culturally by its diasporic communities and it looks to place these local dynamics in dialogue with more distant contexts that share similar histories”.

2. October 23, 2015: Project Space, an art exhibition that showcased the installation “An Inherent View of the World” by artist Juana Valdes (ex FAU professor) exploring the notions of culture, place, and chronology.


5. February 15, 2016: Conference “Who was Shakespeare's Cervantes” at the Betsy Hotel, Miami Beach.


In addition our chapter consistently:
- Celebrated two annual initiations: one on the Fall and one in the Spring semester.
• Tertulia Literaria – Since 2013 our chapter co-sponsored a bi-weekly tertulia literaria in the Living Room Café, which each week focused on a different literary period and discussed major works representative of each literary aesthetic.
• La Sobremesa – weekly Spanish chat sessions led by members of SDP all semester long.
• Free Spanish-language tutoring by SDP through CLAS (all semester long)
• Our leaders have attended all the ILEAD an annual leadership conference to improve their leadership abilities