Nothing Could Be Finer,
Then Knowing What’s Going On
In The Carolinas!
After the storms that have ravaged the Carolina Region this past year, one thing stands out as extraordinary. The resiliency through fellowship, of the people and their willingness to help others, even when they themselves have little. Beta Delta Pi reflects on a year of rebuilding from the destruction of Florence and how to be prepared for a new year of hurricanes.

Some chose to remain in their homes and attempt to ride out what was predicted to be one of the most devastating in US history. They bravely faced the storm head on in the hopes of being able to somehow protect their property, and livelihood. Many, left for higher ground, taking refuge from the storm and holing up several hundred miles away.

While evacuated, we didn’t know what awaited us when we returned, how long would we have to wait, when would the flooding subside? Would we still have our home? Would our friends and families that stayed be traumatized or injured? Initial predictions indicated that the damage, had the storm hit with full strength, would have been an impossible recovery. What we did get surprised us more. Our school took a community lead with Helping Hands for supplies to the community. We were able to meet people from throughout the Country, coming together to help those of us in need. Our Carolina Region reached out to each chapter with an outpouring of love. We wish we could personally thank every one of the volunteers that showed up to help during our hour of need. Without them, I am quite certain the death toll would be much higher.

Out of our resiliency we become better prepared for storms, how to protect our property, neighbors, family, and be prepared to ride out the storm. A few life lessons our community and students
Learned, be prepared for anything, before clean-up potential hazards, during stay put do not put anyone in danger, after prepare for clean-up (building/yards). Prior to the storm, gather important documents for safe keeping (waterproof bags), 30 day supplies of medication, baby items, pet food, and personal hygiene care items. If you choose to ride out the storm, have a minimum 7-10 days of food/water, flashlights/glowsticks for light, tarps, work gloves, chain saws, yard tools, and an AM/FM radio for information on the storm recovery. Vinegar, helps to break up the stale smell of no air conditioning and possible mold. Be smart about donations to reputable charities The Red Cross, make blood donations, or volunteer cleaning crews. If flooding occurs, and you suspect mold, be cautious about the environment.

Whether it is the prayers of the community, it’s luck, or its general toughness and unfaltering while in the face of overwhelming odds, these communities of the Carolina Region are strong and show no signs of weakening in whatever storms may come.

A note to the reader, as our students wrote this article Dorian was bearing down on Florida, forever changed the Bahamas, and began its slow journey to the Carolinas. The anxiety from another year of storms, is still apparent on our students lives, they have lost homes, personal items, and friends who had to move.

**DISASTER SUPPLY CHECK LIST**

- **Water** - At least a ten day supply (one gallon per person per day)
- **Food** - At least a ten day supply of nonperishable/canned food
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Flashlight with extra batteries**
- **Battery-powered or hand crank radio**
- **Medical Supplies** (prescriptions, pain relievers, etc.)
- **Special Items** (diapers, formula, glasses, etc.)
- **Tools** - (wrench, pliers, hammer, tape, etc.)
- **Sanitation** (toilet paper, personal hygiene items, towel, etc.)
- **Change of clothes & bedding**
- **Important family documents** (birth certificates, insurance/bank account info, mortgage, pet records, etc.)
- **Food, water, and medicine for your pets**
- **Kennels or crates, collars, & leashes for each pet**
- **Cash**
The Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, Alpha Lambda Pi, has hit the ground running for the start of a new and promising academic year. Letters of invitation to potential new members have been mailed. As word spreads about the great fellowship, the Alpha Lambda Pi Chapter is growing as a community.
With the beginning of the school year, new officers were chosen. The President is Alexis McBurney, the Vice President is Rachel Hagen and the Secretary/Treasurer is Sarah Hedrick. In July, the President and Secretary/Treasurer attended the Carolinas Region Honors Institute at Mars Hill University. This experience provided encouragement and fueled our passion for Phi Theta Kappa. Upon return the officers have been busy getting involved in all matters of the club activities.

The first official business for our officers was a meeting with our college president Dr. Mark Poarch, to discuss the agenda for the year and our College Project. We are excited about his support and his plans for our future service to our two campuses. He has invited our executive committee to meet with him and CCC&TI’s Executive Council in a brainstorming session next week. What an amazing opportunity we have been given.

The Alpha Lambda Pi Chapter is also about to launch Handbags for Hope to raise awareness and support those affected by domestic violence. Our chapter is partnering with TRIO to bring hope and love to women through gentle used/new handbags filled with hygienic products, personal items, candy, and bracelets of encouragement. We will create the bracelets and other items to fill the bags will be collected through boxes placed around campus in the library, TRIO office, and other accessible places. These bags will be distributed at local women and children’s shelters. We will also be putting together bags for the children with kid friendly age-appropriate items like books, small toys and baby formula or diapers, if needed.

The Alpha Lambda Pi Chapter is excited for what this year has to offer. Many more plans and service opportunities are in the works. Most of these opportunities involve partnerships with other clubs on campus. We are expanding our presence and experiencing the fruits of our efforts in Leadership, Scholarship, Service and Fellowship,
Beta Nu Upsilon chapter at Pitt Community College has started two new initiatives.

Our Kappa Scholars Seminar Series features current (or recent) Pitt CC students who have experienced exciting internships on generous scholarships. Many of them are PTK students, but PTK membership is not required to present.

These students are asked to present a 40-minute talk to faculty/staff, students, and the community on the highlights of their adventures, including details of the scholarship/internship source, and the best and worst of the experience itself. At the end is a question and answer period followed by a brief reception with refreshments. Our speakers this semester include a recent student who traveled abroad to the Netherlands, a former regional officer who did biology research at East Carolina University, and a NASA scholar who spent a week at the NASA facility in Langley, VA.

The mission of the series is to make our students aware of the opportunities available to them and also to boost the presentation skills of our speakers.

Our second initiative is called See the Region, See the World, with the idea that becoming a citizen of the world starts with being a citizen of the region, specifically the Carolinas Region. We plan to buddy-up with fellow chapters to learn about the regions of the region. Our first visit will be to neighboring New Bern. We will visit Tryon Palace, which was the headquarters of the British government in North Carolina before the Revolutionary War.
Regional events are always very special to the members of the Alpha Omega Alumni Association. We love seeing old friends and meeting new ones. We enjoy watching new members experience these events for the first time, especially at the regional level.

This year at Honors Institute your Alpha Omega Alumni decided to change things up a bit and host an escape room. Based on the Honors Study Topic, we tied clues and puzzles together, as well as other obstacles that were based on each theme. Teams had 15 minutes each to go through all of the challenges to be released from the escape room. We had 6 teams participated and all teams were successful! The winning team, Chaotic Potato, completed the clues in under 8 minutes! Alpha Omega loved watching each team work together and beat the clock! We should have known that the members of the Carolina's Region were too smart to not escape our challenge!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's escape room and for the wonderful feedback you provided. We cannot wait until next year to create something that will continue to challenge your mind and offer you a new challenge!

We have some amazing news that we are so excited to share! As some of you may remember, we were very close to reaching our goal to fully fund the Joan Keller Scholarship at Honors Institute this past July. We are happy to report that the scholarship has reached its goal of $25,000 and is now endowed! A special thank you goes out to the generosity of one anonymous donor who ensured that the remaining balance was taken care of so that we could continue to provide this amazing opportunity to our active chapter members in the Carolinas Region. With the endowment fully funded, we can now focus our fundraising efforts towards funding the endowment for the Papa John Sharpe Scholarship! We would also like to extend our extreme gratitude and love for all who have assisted to fund this amazing scholarship over the years, whether it be by direct donation, passive-giving, or by supporting your Alumni Association’s market table. It is because of your generosity that we can continue to present these opportunities to our regional members! #NothingCouldBeFiner

See y'all in November!
2019 Carolinas Region Leadership Conference

November 8 – 10, 2019

Regular Registration Deadline:

October 18, 2019
A Few Things To Look Forward To At The Leadership Conference

**Carolina Region Honors in Action Workshop**

**Break The Silence & End Domestic Violence**

*If you're interested in participating in the Domestic Violence Workshop on Friday, November 8th, 2019 from 7:00pm – 7:50pm. Attending this workshop will count towards your participation in the Regional Honors in Action Project and your Five Star Chapter Plan.*

**Carolina Region Service Project**

**Carolina Help for Foster Children**

*We will be collecting basic needs for foster kids Saturday evening of the convention, November 9th, 2019. You can find the Spartanburg Social Services Wish List here: https://dss.sc.gov/foster-care/wish-list/. Participating in the donation drive will count towards your participation in the Regional Service Project and your Five Star Chapter Plan.*

**Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser**

*If you’re interested in more information or participating please check out the form on our Regional Website (https://carolinas-region.ptk.org/Events.aspx).*

*All proceeds go towards the funding the Carolina Region’s Scholarship Endowments.*
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Shirin Alhroob, Pulitzer Fellowship
Forsyth Technical Community College

GUEST SPEAKER
John & Mark Cronin, John’s Crazy Socks
THE CULTURAL APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

This year we wanted to get together as a region to celebrate, educate, and appreciate the world around us. We will be hosting a Cultural Fair, where members of the region will have presentations of cultures/regions of their choosing.

As of October 7, 2019, we have members/chapters representing:

1. Palestine
2. Mexico
3. Germany
4. The Taino

If you would like more details on the fair, or would like to sign up, please contact your regional coordinator or a regional officer.

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**Last Minute Reminders from The Carolinas Region Officer Team**

**Competitive Edge**

Complete before **October 31, 2019** for your chance to win a Five Star Competitive Edge Pin

The Carolinas Regional Officer proposed a Five Star Competitive Edge Pin giveaway at the 2019 Leadership Conference. Five Star Competitive Edge is a professional development course to strengthen soft skills, create an action plan for your career, and give you a competitive advantage in achieving your college and career goals. So, please complete Competitive Edge and email Jason Hanson at JPHansonPTK@gmail.com to have your name put in to win a Five Star Membership Pin.

**Don’t forget to get more of an edge with the following two programs**

**Employment Edge**

Professional development course focused to prepare individuals to successfully enter the workforce. Navigate the employment process and understanding how to perfect the application components employers require.

**Transfer Edge**

This online course will inform and inspire you to grow in your knowledge of transfer success and prepare you to make the most of your transition to university.