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Jobel, Sammie, Shelley & Angela

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Sammie Aviles
VP of North Carolina

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*Fun Fact: Jobel is from the Philippines. She moved to Wilmington, NC in 2013*

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*Fun Fact: Sammie is a huge comic book nerd*
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*Fun Fact: Shelley taught herself how to juggle at age 12*

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*Fun Fact: I enjoy listening to country music—especially Carrie Underwood*
"On April 20, 2016, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College hosted an Earth Day celebration for the whole campus. There was food, games, and educational opportunities for students to enjoy. Our chapter, Alpha Upsilon Eta, made a point to educate the students on proper recycling techniques as well as host a clothing drive for the CarePartners Hospice Foundation’s Thrift Store in Asheville. Using a sorting game and Earth Day themed giveaways, our chapter members were able to teach students and faculty the proper way to recycle various materials (i.e. metals go in red bins and plastics go in yellow) as well as promote Phi Theta Kappa and the benefits of joining our Honor Society. Other members of our chapter helped the Student Government Association by manning booths. In the end, we were able to educate staff and students and collect over 200lbs of clothing for CarePartners."
Spring Brings New Beginnings

The Alpha Omicron Delta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Alamance Community College

The Alpha Omicron Delta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Alamance Community College is in transition at the moment. The incredible Laura Kassler is passing the torch to two new faculty advisors, Olivia Stogner and Jame O’Sullivan. Olivia is an English instructor and Jame is a Psychology instructor. Both are incredibly excited and feel privileged to be a part of Phi Theta Kappa! We also proudly celebrated the graduation of several officers this spring and have elected a great group of new officers.

This year, our chapter was lucky enough to attend both the Carolinas Regional Convention in March and NerdNation in April. This was the first time we’ve been able to attend the international conference! Our chapter participated in multiple philanthropic endeavors, including the Haw River Clean-Up-a-Thon.

We welcomed 77 new members at our spring induction. Dr. Janie Brown, Professor Emerita of Physical Education at Elon University, gave an invigorating, powerful speech as the keynote speaker. Dr. Algjie Gatewood, the President of Alamance Community College, and Cathy Johnson, Vice President of Instruction, showed their support and attended the event as well. Currently, we are collaborating with the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department to host a series of events for Constitution Day in the fall. The original North Carolina constitution, which is over 225 years old, will be on display at Alamance Community College. Local middle and high school students will be participating in an educational contest and our chapter will serve as one of the judges! This summer we are preparing for the Constitution Day events, getting to know one another, and meeting with Dr. Gatewood regarding the College Project.
New Alumni Chapter, Summer Fellowship, & Fall Fundraising Plans
Wake Technical Community College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Alpha Zeta

While trying to remain cool for the summer, we are enthusiastically trying to turn up the heat on our chapter’s member involvement and visibility both on campus and in the community. We recently enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship while caring for a local lake trail here in Raleigh. BAZ partnered with the Adopt-A-Trail program last year and has since been proud to call this section of trail our own. It has been a rewarding experience to have members of our community thank us for helping them enjoy their summer fun around the lake.

The BAZ family is excited to tee off a great year by hosting our first annual golf tournament this fall. This will be our chapter’s largest fundraising endeavor yet. We have already had a large amount of support from the community and anticipate a successful event. It is our hope that this fundraiser not only helps fund our chapter’s participation in local and international events (like Nerd Nation 2017), but also help us establish an annual scholarship for future Wake Tech students.

Wake Technical Community College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Alpha Zeta, is proud to welcome their new 2016-2017 officers! Although we are sad to see our previous officers go, they will not be gone for long. We are honored by and eager to support their pursuit to start Beta Alpha Zeta’s first-ever alumni chapter. Since the election of new officers at the end of the Spring 2016 semester, our BAZ family has been hard at work and dedicated to this year’s goal of becoming a five-star chapter. We started our summer out with a dive into our initial plans for both our college and Honors in Action projects. We have some really exciting ideas and are eager to see how these projects unfold.
It has been a great year thus far for the Beta Sigma Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. During the month of January there were a couple of meetings held that discussed the finalization of both the 2015 Honors in Action Project and the 2015 College Project write-ups. Chapter members were given the opportunity to discuss the projects, and the write-ups that accompany the projects, before their final submission at the end of the month. Members were greeted with snacks and drinks during the meetings, and also began to discuss the events that were planned for the year of 2016.

The month of February served as a hallmark for the history of Beta Sigma Phi. A record number of members attended the meetings and showed interest in participating during future events. A total of 19 members attended both of the meetings held during February. Prior to that, an average of 7 members would attend the meetings regularly. With a growing number of members throughout the three campuses that make up Central Carolina Community College, many great new ideas emerged for the projects that Beta Sigma Phi will undertake for the year of 2016-2017.
March became an unforgettable month for Beta Sigma Phi. In particular, the week of March 7th as preparations were being made for the induction ceremony and the trip to the Carolinas Region Annual Convention. At the annual induction ceremony a total of 89 students were formally inducted into our chapter. Human Resource Management Instructor and faculty alumnus Shirley Rijkse was invited as the guest speaker for the ceremony. Family and friends of the inductees were given the opportunity to enjoy complimentary food provided by Phi Theta Kappa following the ceremony and to participate in our favorite tenant of Phi Theta Kappa--FELLOWSHIP.

The following weekend, 11 chapter members traveled to Columbia, SC for the Regional Convention. There, three members of the chapter held an educational seminar on the introduction to Phi Theta Kappa. Beta Sigma Phi experienced another unprecedented achievement by being named a Distinguished Chapter as well as 2nd Runner-up for Most Distinguished Chapter in the region. These were a surprise to all the members and marked the first time our chapter had achieved such heights at the regional level.
April was also an important month since members of the chapter attended Nerd Nation (a first for our chapter), voted on the Honors in Action theme for the following year, and held elections for the new President and Vice President of the chapter. At Nerd nation, our former chapter President, Sarah Shannon-Mohammed, participated in the speech contest, focusing on the benefits of joining Phi Theta Kappa and finished 2nd! Our chapter was again filled with happiness after receiving multiple awards at the national level. The meetings held by the chapter during April focused on choosing a topic for the Honors in Action Project. After discussing the available topics amongst the chapter, members voted and decided on a theme for our research and project.

Nominations were also held during those meetings for a new President and Vice President. After serious thought and consideration from the members of the chapter, a new President (Rogelio Salvador) and Vice President (Briana Peterman) were chosen for the chapter and will serve for the 2016-17 academic year. These new leaders have vowed to carry on the mantle of hard work and productivity established by the previous officers.
Alpha Phi Nu Officers Eager to Carry the Torch

“It is an honor and privilege to work with my fellow Alpha Phi Nu Chapter members, officers, and advisors. It is really just one of the greatest groups of people I’ve ever worked with. These are some of the brightest, most dedicated individuals I know, and we really just come together well as a group.” states Gary Kellum, newly installed Vice President of Communications and Public Relations. To accent that point, Gary had a chance to get some input from one of Alpha Phi Nu’s former officers, Bill Thompson, who left some very encouraging words for the new officer team. “I think the chapter is in very good hands. The new officers are enthusiastic about working together, and I am excited to see so many new people want to help out. The chapter has outstanding advisors that can lead the team for the next year.”

So what have we been up to? Over the past few months, the chapter has been really busy with several projects. In April, we took part in Relay for Life. Due to some unfortunate weather and a change in schedule, the overall turnout was less than expected, but our team turned out strong with Bill Thompson at the helm.
In early May, last year’s officer team of Shea White, Don Perryman, and Bill Thompson passed the torch on to a new team of outstanding officers who hope to continue to make the chapter the best it can be. The chapter held a month-long donation drive and donated food and other essentials to the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville, NC. The Better World Books campaign also continued, with officers and members coming together to box up books to be shipped to Better World Books. Both of these projects were headed up by our new president William Graves.

Our very own Don Perryman, former PR Officer as well as a former President of the chapter, gave the student speech at graduation this year. And last, but definitely not least, the chapter has been writing articles related to hearing loss for the New Bern Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America’s monthly newsletter. With everything we’ve got going on, it’s a wonder where we find the time for it all.

As we look forward to our immediate future, we have many more things in the works. We plan to take part in New Student Orientation on July 14th alongside Study Abroad. Several members are headed to Mars Hill University at the end of July for the Carolinas Region Honors Institute. And, on top of all of that, we’ve started pre-planning for both our college project and the Honors In Action project for the year. The officers, members, and advisors of Alpha Phi Nu are very excited about the projects to come from the chapter, as well as working beside one another throughout the year.
How Important Phi Theta Kappa is to Me
By Heather Dougherty, Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter

My name is Heather Dougherty and I’d like to tell you how important Phi Theta Kappa is to me. It is my first time joining a group like this and I have to say that the very first officer meeting that we had, I had a blast. I felt welcome and didn’t feel like I didn’t belong. All the people I met were very nice and everyone who attended previous meetings were informative and helpful. We discussed the Yard Sale we have planned as a fundraiser which will be held on June 11. We brainstormed ideas for Honors in Action and our college project and discussed how traveling with Alpha Nu Sigma helps us grow as individuals as well as provides information for us to share at chapter meetings. I love being in this society of wonderful people and I enjoy learning new things while getting different opportunities to become a better leader and a better person overall.
Regional Honors In Action
Update

Theme 6: Natural and Engineered
Topic: What causes sleep deficiency and how we can overcome it

Members will have the opportunity to participate in 1 of 3 options including a workshop during the Regional Leadership Conference in November
Awareness Week:
September 26th-30th

Ideas:
- Think of what got YOU interested in Phi theta Kappa. Share your story
- Inform students about Leadership Opportunities: Running for Chapter, Regional, and International Office
- Benefits of College Fish
- Sport your Phi Theta Kappa gear
- Educate your college's faculty about Phi Theta Kappa and show your appreciation to them
- Inform students of the projects your chapter is working on and how they can help
Scholarships!

Fall Scholarship Application Opens September 15, 2016 for the following:

- Hites Transfer Scholarship
- Guistwhite Scholarship
- GEICO Pathway to Completion Bachelor's Degree Scholarship
- Coca-Cola New Century Scholars Scholarship
- Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Scholarship
- All-State Community College Academic Team

Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship
Application Deadline: October 25

Regional Scholarship:
- Joan Keller Scholarship
Application Deadline: November 2, 2016

Honors Case Study Challenge-$500
Entries Due November 2, 2016

Go to CollegeFish.org for more transfer scholarship opportunities!
Recap of 2016 Regional Events

2016 Carolinas Regional Convention: March 11-13, 2016
Columbia, SC Co-hosted by ECPI of Columbia & Midlands Technical College
- Regional Awards were given
- Educational seminars
- New Regional Officers: Appointed after campaigning, giving their speech, and being voted on
- Guest Speaker: Patrick Grady
- Awards Banquet
- Dance/ Star Wars themed Costume Contest
- Carolinas Region Alumni Association Induction Ceremony
- Door Prizes

Regional Honors Institute: July 29-31, 2016
Mars Hill University, Mars Hill, NC
Co-hosted by Edgecombe Community College & Williamsburg Technical College
- All members resided in dorms for the weekend
- Educational Seminars
- Honors in Action Lightning Round
- Seminar Groups: discussions about lightning round, debate, & speakers
- Debate: Social Networking Sites: Beneficial or Detrimental?
- Readers Theater: members read an excerpt or original work to practice public speaking skills (Honors in Action theme)
- Guest Speakers: Nicholas Rummell & Kathryn Amerson
Upcoming Regional Events

October 14-16, 2016
Carolinas Region Fall Fellowship Family Campout
Camp McCall, Bostic, North Carolina

November 11-13, 2016
Carolinas Region Leadership Conference
Davidson County Community College and
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Lexington, North Carolina

March 10-12, 2017
Carolinas Regional Convention
DoubleTree by Hilton, Durham, NC

*Please refer to the Carolinas Region Website for a complete list of dates and deadlines
www.carolinasregion.org
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