Before the start of the fall semester of 2019, our Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Omicron Mu, completed our college project. The project was based on a campus beautification day where students, faculty, and staff could come out and participate in cleaning our campus. The purpose of the project was to give back to our college and show how much we cherish its historical figures. The SCC bell, given that it’s our logo, carries a lot of importance throughout the school’s history. The bell, located in the heart of our campus signifies our motto, ‘succeeding together’ and as a chapter we thought ‘what better way to honor our school than taking care of its founding symbols. Immediately after completion, our efforts to beautify our campus were noticed by several students, faculty, and staff, most of whom hadn’t noticed the areas before the cleanup. These areas now shine bright with the endeavors of our chapter, representing school history, and how one Phi Theta Kappa chapter made a change.
Alpha Phi Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa
Craven Community College

Alpha Phi Nu Chapter went to a North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores to conduct research for their honors in action project. The aquarium is surrounded by shoreline habitats, so they have focused on Sea Turtle conservation. The Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium is unique in that it is the only NC aquarium of the three that rehabilitates and releases loggerhead sea turtles. Every year the state Wildlife Resources Commission gathers several weak sea turtle hatchlings in from the nearby beaches into the Pine Knoll Shores NC Aquarium to be rehabilitated. Once they are healthy, they are tagged with a special satellite transmitter device on their shells and released. Aquariums play an important role in conservation education. The visit helped members experience a stronger connection to nature and prompted them to reconsider their role in environmental problems and conservation action. Members now see themselves as part of the solution by keeping waterways clean and free of pollution as a result of their visit.
This semester, we wanted to show our appreciation for the faculty and staff at Alamance Community College. We partnered with our college History Club to sponsor a “Thank a Teacher” campaign in November. We placed cards and boxes throughout campus for students to nominate a teacher and tell how the instructor has helped them. Each teacher nominated was added to a drawing for an Amazon or Food Lion gift card. Each teacher also received a card in their mailbox with the nomination.

We received over 40 nominations for instructors throughout campus. After the campaign ended, we held a Facebook Live for our chapter Facebook page to draw the names for the gift card winners. We also shared each of the nomination cards that were sent to the nominees on our Facebook page.

The instructors that received nominations were very excited and appreciative of students nominating them. The college administration also loved the idea and asked the History Club and PTK to sponsor a similar event in the spring as well. We will be hosting a Valentine’s Day campaign similar to this idea. To continue our focus of being thankful, we helped serve lunch at the college holiday luncheon. PTK members helped serve and assist attendees to seats and then helped cleanup! We have had a busy semester but have enjoyed being able to give back and show appreciation for our campus support from the faculty, staff, and administration!
On September 19th, 2019, we held our Welcome Back Celebration and PTK participated! We set up a table and talked about our, “Stay Safe, Be Active” campaign.

Then on September 21st, we participated in our annual Myrtle Beach State Park, Beach Sweep! Fellowship, cookout, and a much cleaner beach were the prize of the day! Thank you to all those who participated!
October was the beginning of another busy month. We volunteered at Low Country Food Bank and helped sort through all the donations as part of our HIA Project! What an honor it was!

Then we moved on and had our second yard sale of the year! Fundraising is always an important step in being able to get to all those conferences! November was exciting as well! We had our fall induction ceremony and welcomed all our new members to our PTK family!
We also attended the “Leadership Conference” and participated in the “Sock out Homelessness” by collecting 180 pairs of socks! This was the best leadership conference ever! John’s Crazy Socks, Susan Edwards, and Shirin Alhroob all made an impact on our lives. All the workshops were amazing!

December can be hectic with finals and write ups, but we didn’t let that distract us from our fellowship! On December 5th, we held a Christmas Gathering for all members and their children! Our special guest Santa made an appearance and we made cookies and gingerbread houses. We also wrote cards to send to our military overseas! We had lots of goodies and food to share with everyone! The children were in awe that Santa was there with one of his reindeer and his elf! Wish you could have been here!

Alpha Nu Sigma hopes the Carolinas Region had a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous new year!
Domestic Violence Awareness Paint & Chat

Date: October 10
Time: 11am-2pm
Location: Robert L. Strickland South Wing 1st floor Atrium
RSVP with Donna Zeliznak @336-734-7280 or dzeliznak@forsyth tech.edu

Come join Jasmine Moore for an afternoon of painting, and fellowship as she shares her story of Domestic Violence from the eyes of a child.

National Domestic Abuse Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
Family Services 24 Hour Domestic Violence Line
336-723-8125
Pride Festival
by Curtis Walker and Shirin Alhoob

On Saturday, October 19, the city of Winston-Salem held the Annual Pride Festival. Many vendors came out in support of the festivities. It was a pleasant day, as the weather cooperated, the skies were blue, and the sun was shining brightly. There was music, dancing, and plenty of artisans in attendance showing their support and selling their wares. Representatives from the City of Winston-Salem included, Mayor Allen Joines and Jayne Waldeck from the Human Relations Department. Colleges with booths active were Forsyth Tech Community College and Wake Forest University. Many religious organizations participated, as well as Wake Forest Baptist Health. The event was held on Sixth Street in downtown Winston-Salem, and traffic was directed accordingly. Members of the College Advisory Board present were Caleb Woody and Curtis Walker. The sight of seeing many young children with smiles, eating cotton candy, or chomping on a burger, was all you needed to know that the day went well. Winston-Salem, again, was all lit for another day, as families were out and about enjoying themselves on a beautiful autumn afternoon.

Domestic Violence
by Shirin Alhoob, Jordan White, and Curtis Walker

One of the current, prominent issues today is Domestic Violence. Domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age sexual orientation, religion, or gender. The seriousness of this problem in our culture cannot be understated. Most domestic violence victims are women: 1 in 3 women report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point during their lives. Violence in the home can be problematic on many levels and can have ongoing consequences for years. College Advisory Board members Shirin Alhoob, Jordan White, and Curtis Walker had the opportunity to interview Shugart Women’s Center Director Kenyetta Richmond, on the Forsyth Tech Community College Campus. Ms. Richmond has extensive experience working with domestic violence victims, as well as being a victim herself. She informed us of the various organizations that can provide help for individuals that suffer abuse. One factor that was unknown or unspoken was that men can be victims, and there are not many organizations tailored towards that to help in those situations. Furthermore, she was able to assist us with informative services for contact in situations like these. Statistics reveal that it might take seven incidents of domestic violence before it is reported to someone. Domestic violence is a serious cultural and worldwide issue that society must remain vigilant in providing resources for those suffering from abuse. One of the outcomes of this interview was to educate our community, victims, survivors and abusers about domestic violence. The interview brought greater awareness to us and we were able to submit and post awareness flyers on several campus sites to say to a domestic violence victim: We are afraid for your safety, as well as the safety of your children; it will only get worse without help, and you deserve better than this.
Fall Semester is finally over and we all made it through a little wounded and tired but the goals were accomplished. As the semester ends, we prepare ourselves for this holiday season a time of love and giving back. The Beta Eta Pi Chapter collaborated with A Call to Salvation, a prayer organization at Central Carolina Technical College for their annual blanket and sock drive. With the donations given this year, two area facilities and a homeless shelter will receive Christmas gifts.

Imagine living where no one comes to visit and you have no one to help get you some of your basic daily necessities. Some of the Sumter and surrounding area assisted living, nursing home and homeless facilities need tender loving care. The blankets and socks are just a part of what we help to provide for the residents in these facilities. Helping others is what we strive to do. We have participated in giving back to the facilities by visiting with residents, helping with festivals and donating clothes. The quality of life a person has should never end because of where they live. We have to make a conscious effort to make a difference in the lives of others.

Although we find ways to give back at this special time of the year, we need to remember that these necessities are in need year-round. So, when your walking passes a homeless person or you see our elderly in need, remember as a Phi Theta Kappa we are called to serve and assist others. Stay true to who you are and the organization you represent!

Thank you to the members of Phi Bate Lambda, Mrs. Gwendolyn Parker, advisor for ACTS, Gamers Club and the many others who donated socks, blankets and/or time to make this holiday season shine a little brighter for those in need.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from Beta Eta Pi and Central Carolina Technical College.
The Alpha Nu Tau chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society attended the Leadership Conference in Spartanburg, SC November 8 – 10, 2019. Students, Anita Jones and Larissa Forbes, were thrilled to have the opportunity of this experience after recently joining PTK this fall. They learned so many exciting things and new information about PTK. They were able to meet and speak with our regional director Beth Carraway, among meeting many other fellow PTK members. Anita took charge in organizing a Sock-Raiser for the Wilson Community College campus and Wilson community.
On A Mission
To Warm Some Needy Feet

Collectively they were able to donate over 260 pairs of socks during the weekend as part of the Regional Service Project

We Are All Winners By Helping Those In Need

Leadership Conference at Spartanburg Community College
The Spartanburg Community College PTK chapter, Beta Sigma Psi, hosted the 2019 PTK Carolinas Region Leadership Conference, November 8-10. We had 160 student leaders, alumni, and chapter advisors from North and South Carolina in attendance. The conference included four general sessions with guest speakers, eight concurrent sessions, four leadership exercises, a college transfer fair, the infamous lip sync battle, and a cultural awareness event. This event was a huge success! According to Tatum Beck, “The Fall Regional Leadership Conference was my first PTK event, other than induction. It was one of the best experiences I have had during my college career. I learned a great deal about the Honors in Action project and leadership as a whole through the general sessions. However, this event was not just a learning event, but also an opportunity for fellowship. Through the workshops, I gained friendships with likeminded, yet unique, people outside of my county. Not only did I develop new friendships, I also strengthened ones that I had in my chapter.” Thank you to those who helped make it possible!
In October 2019, the Alpha Chi Sigma teamed up with Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society, Eta Omega Chapter, at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington (UNCW) to sell socks benefitting the Galway Autism Partnership, in Galway, Ireland (a sister organization of Phi Alpha).

Our goal was to fundraise for at least 10 pairs -- and we sold 13! We were able to run this as a service project for our local PTK chapter: When students purchased socks, the money went to Galway, and the buyer had the option of donating back socks for foster care children and families in our area as a service of PTK. Of the 13 pairs sold, 9 were donated back. Those socks are being donated during the holiday season, to foster children through an Alpha Chi Sigma community partnership with the Cape Fear Volunteer Center. It was a win-win for PTK and Phi Alpha!
As a result of this partnership, PTK was featured on the Phi Alpha Facebook page at UNCW, on their WAVELINK Social Media platform, and internationally on the Facebook page in Ireland and the UK. Our local chapter of PTK was also featured in the National Association of Social Work website across the US!

The photos and collaboration were posted on the UNCW School of Social Work Facebook and Instagram pages, the WAVE LINK site that all UNCW students organizations, over 300, are featured with highlights, and the GAP social media sites in Ireland and the Autism Europe foundation collaboration with Galway Autism Partnership and both Phi Alpha and Phi Theta Kappa. The Coordinator in Ireland said this was the largest fundraising effort from an organization, let alone one from students in the US who have never met these children or been to Ireland.

**Phi Alpha means “Love of Humanity” and Alpha Chi Sigma sponsored a special fundraiser to help to fund Support Services for people with Autism in Galway City & County in Ireland.**

**GALWAY AUTISM PARTNERSHIP** was formed by a group of parents to help “Bridge the Gap” between the needs of the community & existing services, for children on the Autism spectrum. GAP provides activities such as:

- **Autism Awareness Talks**
- **Peer to Peer Support**
- **Sensory Friendly Events**

GAP does not receive any State funding. Fundraisers like this one helps to keep their doors open.
In 2019-20, Alpha Chi Sigma has focused its mission on visibility and accessibility.

Our chapter seeks to be visible at most campus events and accessible in terms of general appeal across campus. We want to be the organization that makes people say, "Hey, I want to be a member of that group over there, they look like they’re enjoying themselves!" One example of becoming more accessible is our induction revamp. Alpha Chi Sigma’s Fall Induction ceremony featured more than 40 inductees out of the 88 that joined, two top administrators, and a new script led by our board members.

The new script married new ideas with traditional aspects, foregoing some of the traditions that have become outdated. A PowerPoint included some of the heritage and symbolism of the organization, but it focused more on the impact PTK makes in the academic world. We used recent statistics from the national office and the US Department of Education to highlight the contributions PTK is making to retention and graduation rates, and to raising the cumulative GPA of college entrants. Four members of the board presented this portion of the ceremony in place of a keynote address, and it was highly well-received. It allowed all new members to better understand the kind of organization they’ve joined, not just one that is planted firmly in history and tradition, but one that is growing and evolving with the times.
Trident Technical College held an annual Holiday Drop-In on Saturday, December 14th, 2019. This event was coordinated by student activities.

Alpha Epsilon Omicron (AEO) participated in the entire event by setting up tables and decorating them with snacks, cookies, and other various treats. AEO also provided punch to go with the tasty treats as we waited on Santa to arrive.

AEO was glad to participate again this year in this event. The whole team was festive and ready to help full everyone’s bellies.

The children were ecstatic to experience a magic show, a creative balloon lady, and more. They were able to complete various arts and crafts with the help of other student organizations.
Season Greetings
from Alpha Epsilon Omicron
Beta Sigma Phi
Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa
Central Carolina Community College

Staying Home to Take Care of Your Own

Beta Sigma Phi at Central Carolina Community College has shifted their focus on campus this year to that of their students’ wellbeing and self-awareness. This past fall semester, each project that was executed was aimed towards the student population and stress-relieving events.

Their first event, part of a multi-day initiative, occurred in the beginning of October as part of a campus-wide approach to “surviving midterms.” Snack bags, index cards with studying and tutoring tips and services, as well as some mini-games for students to play were available at this event.

Their second and third events were held mid-November in the same week. The first of these was a tabling event where administrators on campus - the college president and several deans from different departments - handed goodie bags to students, filled with candy and small knickknacks, to promote fellowship and a small breather from the stress of studying for finals. The third event was “Fall Club Day” where several volunteers from each club on campus contributed to the planning and execution of three small events: “Cocoa & Cookies,” “Color Your Cares Away,” and “Make Your Own Stress Ball.” Each of these events met their intended goal to decrease student tension during such a stressful season.
The final event that was organized by Beta Sigma Phi this fall semester was during the first week of December, when many students were busy facing the peril of writing final papers and studying for exams. Called the “Emoji Confessional,” this event was held for students to come and create their own emoji while enjoying pizza and coffee. There was also a chance for students to win emoji-themed door prizes if they filled out a short survey regarding their view on emojis and how they impact communication in society.

Each event held during the semester was attended by many students on campus and the overall morale was boosted despite the ever-present stress of finals. The impacts that Beta Sigma Phi made right at home seem to be exactly what their campus needed. After all, fellowship and scholarship do go hand-in-hand.
Emoji Confessional
Destress before finals and create and color your own emoji!
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
11:30am-1:30pm
On the lawn in front of Hockaday Hall
Free pizza, coffee, and doorprizes!
As Alpha Lambda Pi closes 2019 and reflects on the semester, we celebrate the service and the fellowship that we have experienced.

In September we participated in Club Day on campus, providing information and prizes to share the value of what Phi Theta Kappa means to its members.

October was a very busy month for us. We created Handbags for Hope and Beads of Love for residents and their children at The Women’s Shelter to bring awareness for domestic violence. Our project was bookended with two amazing programs. It began with a Red Light Green Light program about healthy boundaries in the library. And it concluded with a community-wide event where a survivor of domestic violence spoke about her journey, a bell was tapped and a candle was lit to remember those who lost their battle in North Carolina. Everything we experienced for domestic violence was powerful and moving. In mid-October we celebrated new members with an induction ceremony and recognized our own Stacey Price whose work was selected for Nota Bene. We closed the month with Creepy Caldwell on Caldwell campus and Trunk or Treat on our Watauga campus. The creative work of Mason Letterman, Abe Williams and Brandi Pastusic made our “trunks” a reality, but over 40 PTK members contributed to the success of the events – from directing traffic to supervising games to conducting spooky science experiments, etc. Between our two campuses, we shared candy with over 900 little ones.

As our chapter entered the month of November, we were awarded a mini-grant through our College Foundation. Through this award we will be able to help several students with membership fee assistance, update graduation regalia, and fund some small projects for the spring. We are overjoyed by The Foundation’s support and encouragement. As our presence at CCC&TI grows, we look forward to building strong relationships with those around us for our growth and theirs. We also dug into our work for our College Project on food insecurity on campus and our Honors in Action Project on emergency preparedness. We are discovering a great deal about the interworking of our college with both of these initiatives. It takes much time to do things well and navigate “how things work.” We are new to these projects on a formal level; however, we are eager to move forward. We are grateful for all the direction and advice that we have gleaned from other PTK chapters and programs like the recent Leadership Conference in Spartanburg. Our presence at the conference was small, simply our president Alexis McBurney and one of our advisors Melissa.
McCarraher; however, they shared a wealth of information and met John of John’s Crazy Socks – a world of passion and opportunity.

Beads of Love

Handbags of Hope
Creepy Caldwell & Trunk or Treat
Induction

Working Hard
What’s Next for Alpha Lambda Pi?
Just Wait & See.
Our Adventure Continues...
"Dear Ariayanna,

I wanted to tell you that our next induction ceremony is on Tuesday. If you join before then, we can put you on the stage! You are also welcome to bring up to 15 people. Just let us know how many you plan to bring.

Thank you!

"Dear Leah,

Happy Thanksgiving! Will you be able to lead our PTK song on Tuesday? You could also sing something else...

We'd love to have you."

"Dear Colleagues,

Good morning! Thanks for your support for our College Project. Interview a friend or family member this week, and let me know you did it."

We strive to communicate often and clearly to potential and participating members as well as members who have not yet been active in our chapter.

Our methods: Individual e-mail, collective e-mails, phone calls, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, specially designed images, newsletters, flyers, print letters, invitations to events, display tables, videos, and more.

We also ask for support from the talented people on our campus... faculty and staff.

We count on our collaborators...

Leah Jones, Grants Coordinator and Opera Singer
Scarlet Geddings/Kandice Golden/Kara Gunter and others in the Business Office
Connie Gleaton, Laney Cornelius, Lisa Beaver, and others in the Physical Plant
Dr. Walt Tobin, College President, Donna Elmore, V.P. Academic Affairs, Melissa Plummer, Dean of Arts and Sciences, and others who support us.
Renee Bussey, Student Services Coordinator

Sometimes we make requests that are out of the ordinary, beyond the job... and these requests take courage.

We have courage. We believe that when we ask, we will receive. We've built a foundation of trust and mutual respect. We've given back. We've said thank you more than once, and we've publicly recognized those who help us.

Congratulations, Mr. Heck!

Membership Advisor, Mr. Donald Heck celebrated his 10-year milestone as a Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Advisor for Alpha Tau Rho! He received his pin of honor.

Honors in Action (HIA) Project Committee

HIA Project in full swing! Some of our Honors in Action Project Committee had the opportunity to receive hands-on research with Master Beekeeper, Mr. Eric Talley, in Hubert, NC.
PTK Awareness Week

We had a lot of fun spreading our PTK Spirit all week long! Students enjoyed entering the Raffle for a Coastal Carolina Community College tote bag.

Meghan Baskerville-President ready for another day of telling students all about PTK!

Wayne Gonsorcik- VP/Leadership and Kevin Waters-VP/Scholarship. Vice President of Leadership,

Wayne Gonsorcik, showing us what leadership is all about! He offered to hold a student’s baby while she talked to another Chapter Officer about the benefits of PTK during PTK Awareness Week.
Fall Festival

Guess how many candy canes are in the jar? Contest. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes- Gift Cards and Halloween buckets of goodies! Some students got really competitive and even broke out a ruler to measure the circumference of the jar to make the best guess possible. It was exciting and a lot of fun!
Honors in Action Committee presents their research on the significance of pollination and a bee’s role in our ecosystem to the Career and Life Skills students on Campus. Concluding with the plan of action to bring a Pollinator Garden to campus.

Honors in Action Project: Pollinator Garden

The Honors in Action Committee collaborated with the Career and Life Skills students on Campus, (which made this project even more special) to create a Pollinator Garden to help preserve bees. The Career and Life Skills Program are students with various disabilities. Taking part in this project really helped give them a sense of empowerment and an opportunity to work on developing various skills, such as working in a garden.
and on a team. It was a complete honor to work with these students and see their smiles as they helped create this garden.

Upon completing the garden, we even had our first visitor: A bright, yellow butterfly!

An event that we didn’t include is our “Getting the Most out of PTK” Workshop. This where we met with students in a computer lab to go over the benefits of PTK. We walked students through the PTK website and showed them how they can get the most out of their PTK membership. Our Vice President of Service, Victoria Lundgren, has also been working very hard on our College Project! PTK Members mentored early college students. Our Chapter has been working hard all Semester long! We look forward to what’s to come this Spring.

**Last General Members Meeting and International Christmas Feast/Potluck**

We discussed our plans with General Members about Spring and everyone had the opportunity to bring a dish to share from a country of their choice! We played games, made ornaments, and gave away gifts to everyone who attended. The most popular game we played was the Candy Cane Taste Tester. A student would spin a dial, land on a color, and have to taste the candy cane of that color. A red candy cane could be cherry OR fish?

*We had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs playing.*

*Great time of fellowship!*
Phi Theta Kappa of Surry Community College did a fundraiser in which we collected items for the food pantry at our local Department of Social Services. The items in this food pantry are provided to foster children during on-site visitations and during emergency placement; however, some of these items are also given to those who are receiving expedited food stamps. Phi Theta Kappa of Surry Community College wanted to help local foster kids. When we discovered that the food pantry was almost empty, we decided to set up a donation drive, so students and college staff could bring in the requested items. We talked with multiple employees of Social Services along with someone who has fostered eight kids to decide which items were most needed.
We also hosted a raffle and yard sell, so we could raise funds for multiple projects, one of which was to help feed the foster kids. We held onto these funds until we received all of our donations, so we could purchase needed items that were not donated. With these funds we purchased an additional 78 needed items. We also had received over 300 donated items. We sorted these items into categories, so we could see how much we had of each item and which items still needed to be purchased.

The donated items were placed into categories such as soup, fruits, diapers, feminine hygiene products, baby food, beans, vegetables, spaghetti-o’s, macaroni and cheese, cereal, and pop-tarts, and easy to make meals. Additional items were purchased and delivered to the Department of Social Services, and we helped stock their pantry.

Items are being sorted by Carlee Davidson, pictured right, while Phi Theta Kappa member Tanner Boone, pictured left, brings in donations.
Brennan Day, pictured left, Terri Weddle, center, and Carlee Davidson, pictured right, standing behind the cart of all donated items, at the Department of Social Services

The pantry after it was stocked with all donated items from Phi Theta Kappa of Surry Community College.
We are pleased to share with you all that this year we had numerous entries for our scholarships, and were able to award our Joan Keller Scholarship at Leadership. Our winner was Ms. Laurel Henning from York Technical College.

Laurel shared with us that she is pursuing an Associate of Arts degree, with plans to transfer to King University to double major in Business and English after graduation. She enjoys playing the piano and learning to speak and write Mandarin Chinese, where one day she hopes to become fluent. Laurel stated, “If I’m not studying something, I’m usually devouring a book, laughing with my friends and family, or eating chocolate.” Laurel became a Phi Theta Kappa officer last spring, and her dream is to be a part of bringing good, Christ-honoring books into the world. According to Laurel she is “…grateful for the opportunities for service and personal growth PTK has provided. The Joan Keller Scholarship is such a blessing to me because it has provided the final bit of funds, I need for my final semester at York Tech. So far, I am debt-free! I am so honored to have been selected. Thank you PTK!”

Thank you very much to all our applicants and thank you Laurel for being the amazing person that you are! We wish you the best of luck with your future endeavors. On a final note, remember that we will be award both scholarships every year, and we encourage every single one of our amazing members to apply!

Greetings from the Leadership Team of the Dark Side! As many of you head into your holiday break and gather with friends, family, and loved ones, we wanted to take a moment to announce that Pepe Zerda, who has been such a pivotal Dark Side advocate and Carolinas Region supporter for many moons, has chosen to step back from her role as primary Alpha Omega Advisor. While her presence will be missed by many, she has entrusted us with her biggest passion project—this region and its alumni members. We wish her good health and warm cookies this holiday season.

—AO Advisors Brandy and Sarah

Pepe Zerda has been the heart and soul of Alpha Omega since its beginning. Her dedication and guidance has shaped our association in so many ways that there are too many to count. We owe everything we are today to her. She will be deeply missed but her legacy will live on. I can not thank her enough for the foundation that she has built for us. I wish her nothing but the best and she will be greatly missed and loved. However, I know that we are blessed to be in Sarah and Brandy’s hands. I am excited for the future of Alpha Omega and the path that we are on.

Kristina Schurmann, AO President

See y’all in March