

A Publication of Carolinas Barbershop Harmony



Hello Beverly, There's alot happening in NSC!

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SO much is happening in NSC! Keep up to date (see below...) with what's happening, upcoming or what might interest you and your members...and please contact us for more info, issues, or requests.

~Beverly Greene, VP Communications

2024 NSC Convention April 19-20 Update

The Convention plans continue to excite! We have Quartet and Chorus Contests, a Chorus Showcase, a Woodshedding/Tag Room, Hospitality

Suites, the Show of Champions, Afterglow, and plenty of singing! Keep up to date on our NSC website page.

And did you know the C&J rules changed? You only need nine (9!) members including the Director to qualify for the chorus contest, instead of the previous 12. This is one more reason for a smaller chorus to join us on stage in April!

For Convention Registration and for Hotel information, Click Here.

For all the rules and details on entering either the Chorus or Quartet Contests, click here for our Google Drive folder.

Calling all Volunteers: NSC Convention

We need your help to make this District Convention and Contest the best ever! If you are interested in helping out for part of your weekend, please click this link and fill out a volunteer interest form. A member of the Convention Team will be in touch during March to match your talents with a needed job and time slot. Volunteer opportunities range from helping at registration, monitoring doors during the contests, helping ensure that the judges get here from the airport (and back), set up and teardown before and after the contests, assisting with the Showcase and District Hospitality Room, plus many others! Thanks in advance for your consideration!

~ Bob Boone Email (or text 910.695.3263)

HU: Two Harmony University Scholarships Available

Our District is sponsoring two scholarships to the Society's Harmony University, which is July 28-August 4 at the University of Denver. Each scholarship recipient will need to spend only \$50 for tuition; the District will pay the remaining tuition cost. Each recipient is responsible for transportation to and from the event as well as for housing. Scholarships are available to front-line and assistant directors as well as other chapter musical leaders. Preference will be given to first-time attendees.

Click here for detailed information about the unforgetable experience that is Harmony University,

Scholarships are available to front-line and assistant directors as well as other chapter musical leaders. Preference will be given to first-time attendees. Applications will be accepted up to and including March 31, 2024. Apply here: https://form.jotform.com/230985906686069

Harmony University is a life-changing experience. The faculty is fabulous and attendees will have a great time. The various colleges dealing with music are Arranger, Coaching, Directors, Performance, and Voice. More details are available online at https://www.barbershop.org/events/harmonyuniversity-2024/colleges_tracks

Please make sure this opportunity is shared with your membership. Remember, the application deadline is March 31. Decisions will be announced in the week after.

~Rob Hopkins, NSC VP for Music and Performance

HU: Four 1/2 Tuition Educator HU Scholarships

NSC Youth in Harmony & Outreach is pleased to announce four (4) 1/2 Tuition Educator Scholarships for this summer's <u>Harmony University</u>, 2024. If awarded, the scholarship will be paid directly to HU in the name of the applicant.

<u>Click here to download the application</u>, and submit to <u>vp-youth@carolinasdistrict.org</u> by April 15th, 2024. Priority will be given to first time attendees.

Additionally, applicants are encouraged to apply for the <u>educator</u> <u>scholarship from BHS</u>. BHS is also providing a 1/2 tuition scholarship for 2024.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. NSC looks forward to once again sending educators to HU to experience this amazing event, and spread the impact of Barbershop.

In Harmony, ~<u>Kenneth Tice</u>, VP-Youth

Take Advantage of NSC Coaching Opportunities

A prime opportunity for quartet and chorus **coaching** is available to all groups that attend this summer's **Lakeside Harmony Weekend**, **July 26-28 at Clemson University**. More information will be forthcoming about the many talented coaches we will have available.

But you don't have to wait until then! The 2024 Music and Performance budget includes money for coaching. In particular, I encourage choruses to take advantage of this opportunity. The cost will be only \$50 toward the expense of bringing in a coach. We want to make this program available to a lot of groups, so we will expect that the coach will be willing to accept a modest stipend and be able to drive to your location. Please contact Rob Hopkins with your indication of interest in setting up such a coaching session.

~Rob Hopkins, NSC VP for Music and Performance

LHW/HX at Clemson with Dixie is happening again!

The teams have been diligently working on all the fine details, for both our **Lakeside Harmony Weekend**, and **Harmony Explosion Camp (HX)** for high schoolers. **Plan on joining us July 25-28 (HX) or July 26-28 (LHW) at Clemson U** for a stellar weekend! (NOTE: Previous edit listed dates in August...please accept my sincerest apologies! ~bg)

And, the list of coaches and VIPs for **LHW** is stellar! (Did we hear **Riptide** will be in attendance?) We'll update even more information as it is made public. We promise you it is worth it!

HX UPDATE: <u>Click through to the web page for HX</u> for all the amazing details for 2024! We have Debbie Cleveland for coaching, and even more VIPs for you! If you have information with a school contact, please <u>contact our VP-Youth</u>, <u>Dr. Kenneth Tice</u>, and he will help with that conne.



HX chorus on stage Saturday night, 2023

Our very own Audience Favorite Wade Hampton Singers Awarded Funds from NSC

The Palmetto Statesmen and the Carolinas District recently awarded \$3,000 to the Wade Hampton High School choral department for the Wade Hampton Singers success at the recent BHS Midwinter NextGen Music Festival in New York City. This was the third BHS Midwinter Convention that chorus teacher Amy Moyer and her students have attended. We are so proud!



Pictured are Larry Gilhousen, Amy Moyer, Dr. Carlos Grant and the Wade

Hampton Singers.

LeadAc Files Available for Viewing & Download

Thank you for making this Year's Leadership Academy a resounding success. 84 of your friends joined us for a half day of learning, fun and camaraderie! We hopefully had something for everyone with the following classes: President's Class, Secretary Class, Music and Performance Class, Director's Class, Treasurer Class, Chapter Marketing, Youth Outreach, How to make money from your show program, and a general catch all session for anyone else to hold a discussion of their choice.

If you wish you could have made it, have no fear. All the sessions were taped and they are available on the <u>Carolina's District Website under</u> <u>Resources/Leadership Academy</u> and directly on <u>Google Drive</u>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **<u>Bob Boone</u>**, Leadership Academy Dean.

Save the Date! HoD 2024 Meetings

The full BoD and Chapter Presidents are to attend our 2024 House of Delegates meetings (virtual), or send a representative. Everyone else is welcome too! **Saturdays: April 6, October 17, 2024**

And There's Even More...

We have heard rumors of many very successful **Valentines deliveries** in our District. Congratulations to all who contributed to these huge efforts!

Both **Perry White** (Pres, CEO) and **Rick Taylor** (Regional Director) from <u>Harmony Foundation</u> attended our District's Board meeting Sunday evening, to give us updates on their latest efforts.

Note: We continue to work on categorizing and making **District documents** available to all members. Click for access to our **Google Drive folder**, **Carolinas Barbershop Harmony**.

The Calendar Your Link to Upcoming District Events and Chapter Shows

Click the link for the official **District Calendar**, that includes time and place. Here's a recap of what's scheduled to date. Contact District



Secretary Justin Slack at **<u>secretary@carolinasdistrict.org</u>** to get your chapter show cleared for posting to the District calendar, etc.

April 6 - NSC HoD Meeting (Virtual) Apr 19-20 - NSC Convention - Southern Pines/Pinehurst, NC June 30-July 7 - BHS International Convention - Cleveland, OH July 24-27 - NSC-DIXIE Harmony Explosion Camp - Clemson, SC July 25-27 - NSC-DIXIE Lakeside Harmony Weekend - Clemson, SC July 28-Aug 4 - BHS Harmony University (HU) - Denver, CO April 4-5, 2025 - 2025 NSC Convention - Pinehurst, NC

Important Links

> Carolinas Barbershop Harmony

<u>> Barbershop Harmony Society</u> (BHS)

> All Past & Present Harmonizer Issues

> HU Warmup Series on YouTube

Please send in letters, photos and comments with your opinions, ideas and experiences to share, and ideas to ponder.

Yours in Harmony, Beverly Greene, VP Communications VP-Communications@carolinasdistrict.org



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