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## NSC January '25 News

Membership Stats a/o 1/1/2025: NSC Active Membership: 487  
NSC Registered Active Quartets: 43

### Happy New Year! A Plethora of New News Below...

- **\*\* Officer Updates** required in BHS Database
- **Leadership Academy 2025 - Feb 8** - Register Now!
- **NSC Contest:** Register your Chorus and/or Quartet in our Spring Contest
- **NSC Showcase:** The Chorus Showcase is your (non-competitive) chance to entertain and win the audience favorite!!
- **NSC Annual Convention:** Registration
- Info and Request to update your **online presence**
- Officer Installations - Fayetteville
- **Singing Valentines**
- Lakeside Harmony Weekend: Where and When for **LSW** and **HX**
- Where to be for **full immersion** into this hobby called Barbershop
- Easy way to **donate your financial support** for our District and Chapters
- And last but not least, our trusty Calendar of upcoming events

#### NSC CHAPTERS

### Kick Off 2025 in Compliance (and Style)

**MOST IMPORTANT** (besides singing): **ALL CHAPTER SECRETARIES**  
please be certain to update your 2025 officers in the **BHS Member Database!**

#### LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

### Register! Leadership Academy for Everyone February 8: Just days away!

The **2025 Joint Carolinas and Sunshine District Virtual Leadership Academy** will be held via Zoom, on **Saturday, Feb 8, 2025**. We encourage as many members of the district as are able to attend this free event. So many classes to choose from, especially if you desire a new perspective, or are a relatively new Barbershopper. We need your input, your involvement to make this district something grand...

Click through to Eventbrite (below) to read all the details, or [click here](#) for a pdf.

[Register now for the event on Eventbrite!](#)

[Bios of the instructors are available here \(pdf\).](#)

Login available beginning at 8:30 AM. Come visit with old friends or make new ones while you wait for the festivities to begin!

~For more information, contact [Bob Boone](#), Dean Leadership Academy

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[NSC ANNUAL CONTEST](#)

## Enter Your Quartet or Chorus (or Both) in the Spring Contests

The system is now open to enter your quartet or chorus in the District Spring conventions. As has been our model for the last couple years, this is the only contest weekend for Carolinas Barbershop Harmony, and winners will be selected for:

- District Quartet Champion
- District Senior Quartet Champion
- District Novice Quartet
- District NextGen Quartet (competitors under age 26)
- International Quartet representative
- International Senior Quartet representative
- District Chorus Champion
- Most Improved Chorus
- District Plateau Winners based on chorus size
- International Chorus representative
- International Senior Chorus representative

[Click here to Enter the Contest](#)

The deadline for entering the contest is **Saturday, March 22.**

In addition to sharing your talents with an appreciative audience, all competitors will have the opportunity to receive feedback from the judges on how to take your performance to the next level.

Please contact [Steve Curulla](#) if you have any questions about the contests.

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[NSC ANNUAL CONVENTION & CONTEST](#)

## Audience to Select Winner of Chorus Showcase

If your chorus wants to perform for the District but is looking for a more flexible option than the traditional two-song contest set, then the **Chorus Showcase** is for you! We've offered this opportunity for the last couple of years and it's proven to be very popular. Choruses in the Chorus Showcase will have 10 minutes to present whatever packet they choose. No rules on # of songs, conforming to Barbershop style, musical accompaniment, or limitations in talking. Just entertain us!

This year we are enhancing the event by having the winner of the Showcase be determined by audience vote (as long as there is more than one chorus performing in the Showcase format). Please note: choruses can enter either

the Chorus Showcase or the traditional contest, but not both. As a result, choruses performing in the Showcase format are not eligible for the District championship chorus award and other titles. Performers in the Chorus Showcase will receive feedback from the judges, and will need to purchase a full contest registration.

Contact [Steve Curulla](#) if you have any questions.

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#### [NSC Spring Convention and Contests](#)

## **The Best NSC Weekend: Convention 2025!**

Our NSC **Spring Convention and Contest** is less than 3 months away, **April 4-5 in Pinehurst, NC!** Please come and entertain us, applaud us, get some great feedback, and have the (best barbershop) weekend time of your life! **Registration for Convention attendees will be available in just a few days.** And competitor registration is already available (see above).

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#### [AROUND THE DISTRICT](#)

## **Are you Showing Your Best Face? Websites, Facebook and Other Ways...**

For all Chapters, we'd like to ask you to please update your website or Facebook accounts, to show current information or a current post.

The accessibility of information for your chapter and chorus is much enhanced by having an active presence on social media and the web. Some cost, many are free. Don't miss out on the chance to be encouraging and inviting for anyone searching for information about you, be it current or former members, or an unknown interested party. Make yourselves known!

If you need advice or help, please reach out to [Chris Bianco](#), VP of Marketing

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#### [NSC Installations](#)

## **Installation of Officers, Fayetteville**

**Fayetteville** celebrates their 2025 officer installation:

**Jessica Cerri**, First Female President of the Fayetteville Chapter

**Jeff Osborne**, President of the Carolinas District

Send us your Chapter and chorus pic for future issues!



Jessica Cerri with Jeff Osborne



Jeff Osborne with Nicholas DiLorenzo

### NSC Chapters

## Singing Valentines, Anyone?

*A Singing Valentine  
is the  
Sound of Love.*

When you are out and about in town, in restaurants, stores...When you are sharing a **Singing Valentines**, we'd love to see your pics and adventures for the next issue!

Please send them to [Beverly Greene](#)

### LHW and HX 2025

**Lakeside Harmony Weekend: July 18-20, 2025**

**Harmony Explosion Camp: July 17-20, 2025**

**&& At Furman University, Greenville SC**

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**See you there!**

### BHS NEWS

## Endless Opportunities to Experience our Best!

1. We'll be at **MidWinter** in San Antonio next week, cheering on our own Seniors' Chorus, **Carolina Harmony Express**, and our Seniors' Quartet, **Aspire!** [There is both a live and delayed broadcast available here](#), if you are not attending in person.

2. **Carolinas Annual Convention and Contest** is **April 4-6** in Pinehurst NC. Registration will be available...in just a couple of days!

3. The latest NEW ADDITION to the opportunities in barbershop is the **Un-**

[Convention in Nashville](#) over Memorial Weekend, **May 23-25!**

4. Don't forget a mountaintop experience: our [2025 International in Denver, June 29-July 6!](#) It's a "don't miss" event, with an enhanced chorus contest draw to make it even better in 2025.

5. As it's often called 'The best week in singing', [Harmony University](#) will be held again **July 22 - Aug 3 in Denver**. Classes, coaching, choruses...you name it, you can experience it!

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[Harmony Foundation and Donations](#)

## A Way to Support your District, Chapter, etc.

"**Harmony Foundation** believes that singing is an integral part of having a joyful life. The community you have built fits perfectly within our mission to support communities of singers and all the benefits they provide in each others lives.



Our **Donor's Choice** program is a great way to facilitate support to many segments of singing communities through one gift. **When donors make unrestricted annual financial gifts to Harmony Foundation, they have the choice to dedicate portions of that funding to their District, Chapter, and/or Brigade while at the same time helping Harmony Foundation support the other barbershop programs through our grant cycle as well.** This allows you to focus on singing, fellowship, and embracing all the benefits of singing that are at the core of our mission while maximizing our expertise to work for you! " [Click here for more information.](#)

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## The Calendar

### Your Link to Upcoming **District** and **BHS** Events



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 **Richard Harris** at

[secretary@carolinasdistrict.org](mailto:secretary@carolinasdistrict.org) to get your **chapter show** cleared for posting to the District calendar, etc.

Jan 28 - Feb 2 - **BHS Midwinter Convention w/Aspire and Carolina Harmony Express** - San Antonio, TX

Feb 8 - **NSC Leadership Academy** - NSC District via Zoom

Mar 22 - **NSC House of Delegates** meeting via Zoom

April 4-5, 2025 - **2025 NSC Convention and Contest** - Pinehurst, NC

May 23 - 24 - **BHS Un-Convention** - Nashville, TN

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## Important Links

[> Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

[> Barbershop Harmony Society \(BHS\)](#)

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Please send in letters, photos and comments with your opinions, ideas and experiences to share, and ideas to ponder. We hope to see you at our 2025 Leadership Academy on Feb 8 via Zoom!

Happy Holidays!

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