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Omicron Pi Chapter Newsletter

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The 2018-19 Kappa Delta Pi Initiation Ceremony was cancelled due to a tragic shooting on our campus. The day before our event, a student opened fire in a classroom killing two classmates and injuring four others. While our hearts were deeply saddened by this horrific event, our Niner Nation united and arose stronger as one. Our Kappa Delta Pi family supported us throughout this time and we appreciate their graciousness.

While we did not have official ceremony, all initiates became official members of the Society. Membership packets were made available to each new member so they could receive their certificate and proudly wear their honor cords at commencement. This spring, we welcomed 108 new members of our Omicron Pi Chapter listed below. All new members will be invited to participate in next year's initiation ceremony on April 29, 2020.

Danielle Abbott
Pierre Agena
Sony Anderson
Alison Arno
Justin Barnes
Tracey Battle
Amie Begg
Jasmine Bishop
Brooke Bowen
Sarah Brayboy
Kierra Brown
Regena Brown
Riley Byrnes
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Meris Sewak
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Lindsay Simonton
Amy Smith
Meghan Smith
Decledra Smith
Charlene Stamm
Vincent Starko
Porscha Street Elton
Annette Teasdel
Rachel Temple
Amelia Terry
Kimberly Theora
Shericka Usher
Dakota Walker
Rochelle White
Robert Wright
Paola Yanez
Jessica Yates
Dare York

President Sarah Hutchinson's Parting Message

Dear Omicron Pi Chapter KDP Members,

It has been an honor to serve as your President for the 2018-2019 school year. I have been provided with many opportunities for professional development and endless growth opportunities as an educator, such as attending Kappa Delta Pi's Convocation during the fall. I have been very proud to talk about my involvement with Kappa Delta Pi's Omicron Pi Chapter in several job interviews, as well as expressing a desire to be a life-long learner to many principals and future colleagues.

I want to thank our incoming members of the 2019-2020 school year for being understanding of the cancellation of our initiation ceremony, due to the tragic event on April 30. We appreciate your understanding, and know that it is an honor to be a member of Kappa Delta Pi regardless of participation in an initiation ceremony. We are so excited for each of you to be a part of the Omicron Pi Chapter at UNC Charlotte. While the days and weeks to come will be challenging, know that you all have a supportive family here at UNC Charlotte, Cato College of Education, and in the Omicron Pi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi. I wish you all a great summer and Go Niners!

Corey Lock Chapter Scholarship Recipients

The Omicron Pi Chapter is pleased to announce President Sarah Hutchinson and Vice President Casey Sarano are the recipients of the 2018-19 Corey Lock Chapter Scholarships. Both recipients each received a \$150 check to be used toward purchasing supplies for their future classrooms. Congratulations Sarah and Casey!

Teacher Toolbox Tuesdays Professional Development Workshops

During 2018-19, 14 Teacher Toolbox Tuesdays (TTT) were provided to over 720 teacher education candidates. These one-hour professional development workshops provided pre-service teachers skills beyond their coursework. The Omicron Pi Chapter hosted workshops on informative topics to help undergraduate students prepare for the teaching profession. In addition, KDP hosted workshops exclusively for student teachers to provide them with additional tools that can help them succeed in their current classrooms.

All workshops are taught by faculty or NC New Teacher Support coaches at UNC Charlotte who provided first-hand information and valuable tools to ensure success as a beginning teacher. Additionally, KDP books are given as door prizes to attendees (*The ABC's of Classroom Management*, *The ABC's of Teacher Wellness*, *The ABC's of Job Hunting*).

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