

The Nest



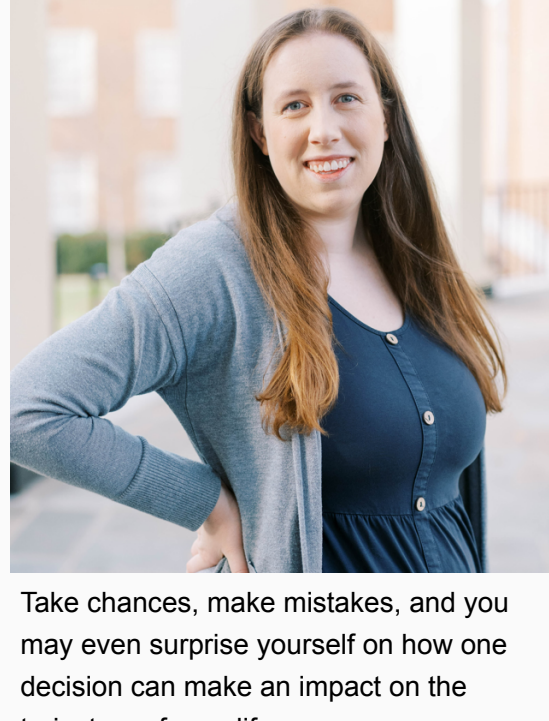
A Busy Fall for NCHO!

Welcome from President Erin Schneller

I am excited to serve North Carolina in the role of NCHO President and look forward to all the great things to come in our next 50 years as an organization.

My vision is that NCHO continues to be an organization where students and professionals are able to spend intentional time to connect and learn from one another in the state. I have seen such amazing work from our executive council members to our membership and I could not be more proud to call North Carolina my professional home.

As you look ahead to what your own future may hold, my best piece of advice is to never tell yourself no.



Take chances, make mistakes, and you may even surprise yourself on how one decision can make an impact on the trajectory of your life.

NCHO 2023 Annual Conference Highlights!



Thank you to everyone who joined us at North Carolina State University to celebrate **50 Years of Excellence** of NCHO at our conference!

See below for award recipients for this years' conference:

Best of NCHO

The Art of Managing Up

Carrie Barnhart (NC State) and Becca Gillison (UNC Chapel Hill)

The Best of NCHO presentation will be featured at SEAHO 2023 in Charleston, SC this upcoming February! If you were unable to join this session, you have another chance to support them!

2023 NCHO Award Winners

Graduate Student of the Year Award: Yahira Robinson (UNC Greensboro)

Outstanding New Professional Award: Hannah Flory (UNC Chapel Hill)

Outstanding New Professional Award: Abbey Rhoads (Wake Forest)

Outstanding Mid-Level Professional Award: Michael Martin (Johnson & Wales)

The Al Calarco Commitment to Excellence Award: Meghan Luzader (NC State)

The Scott Braswell Housing Function Award: Pete Fraccaroli (NC State)

Alexis Kamerman Dedication to Social Justice and Peace Award: Savannah Matherly (NC State)

Creation of a New NCHO Award

Susan Grant Award for Outstanding Mentorship

Mentorship is critical to the development and sustainability of future HRL practitioners. To recognize the contributions and importance of outstanding mentors, NCHO has established the The Susan Grant Award for Outstanding Mentorship. An extraordinary mentor and leader for more than 30 years in the state of North Carolina, Susan Grant played a pivotal role in nurturing the next generation of housing professionals.

Thank you to our 2023 Conference Host Committee!

CJ Jackson

Savannah Matherly

Tom Searce

Dr. Jameco McKenzie

Josh Levine-Ingebreton

Jenna Jeslis

Crystal Harvey

Markyl Wilson

Ivy Ferreira

Jordan Lo Faso

Nadia Sharpe

Jamal Bennett

Executive Council Updates

Welcome to the NCHO Executive Council (2023-2024)

President: Erin Schneller

President-Elect: Zachary Short

Past President: CJ Jackson

Business Manager: Crystal Harvey

Communications Coordinator: Ivy Ferreira

Technology Coordinator: Caroline Carpenter

Professional Development Coordinator: Savannah Matherly

Annual Conference Chair: Nadia Sharpe

SEAHO Representative: Gia Lee

New Professional and Graduate Student Representative: Reaiah Rutherford

Small College and University Representative: Marjiece Cunningham

Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Liz Shephard

Thank you to our outgoing NCHO Executive Council Members (2022-2023)

Past-President: D'Najah Pendergrass Thomas

Business Manager: Stephanie Rewitzer

Communications Coordinator: Medina Thompson

Assessment Coordinator: Caitlin Corker

Professional Development Chair-Select: Abbey Rhoads

ARHC Liaison: Gene Washington

Annual Conference Chair: Tori Jackson & CJ Jackson

Senior Housing Officer (SHO) Representative: Ramona Richmond

Small College and University Representative: Donovan Smith

New Professional Representative: Tori Jackson

Member-at-Large: Joey Gemuenden

NCHO Words of Wisdom from Our 2023 Past-President D'Najah Pendergrass Thomas

- *What do you love about NCHO?*
 - The commitment to caring for the professionals in North Carolina. To work with integrity and offer high-quality development and experiences. Our commitment to recognition as well.
- *How has the 2023 NCHO Conference impacted you?*
 - I left with renewed hope. I truly believe NC is the BEST state to do this meaningful work in, with the BEST practitioners in our field. Hands down!
- *What's one way you would want someone to get plugged into NCHO?*
 - Recognize people in your world who are doing good work and making an impact. Join a committee and leave your mark. Attend an event and grow.

Moving Towards 2024



Student Leadership Drive-In 2024

We welcome all of your student leaders who work directly with or alongside Residence Life and Housing programs to **Methodist University on Saturday, March 23, 2024!**

Early Registration

October 20 - November 20, 2023

Cost:

(Early) \$45/person + Eventbrite fees

Program Proposal submissions will be collected starting **November 1, 2023.**

Visit [our website](#) to learn more about this wonderful leadership opportunity for your students and view registration information!



NCHO Committee Opportunities

Submit your interest here! We encourage you to submit your interest by **November 17**, but we will also be accepting rolling submissions.

Professional Development Committee

What to expect if you join:

- Meet twice a month via Zoom for committee meetings
- Serve on a subcommittee project related to one of the below:
- The Nest professional development content
- NCHO Podcast
- Summer DEI Book Club
- Ongoing/professional development workshops/resources

If you have any additional questions regarding this committee, please email **Savannah Matherly** at smather@ncsu.edu.

Annual Conference Planning Committee

What to expect if you join:

- Meet on an as needed basis via Zoom for committee meetings
- Attend a site selection visit
- Serve on a subcommittee related to one of the areas below:
 - Educational Sessions
 - Professional Development
 - Vendor Fair/Corporate Partners
 - Social Events/Excursions
 - Marketing + Registration

SEAHO Service Awards

Due **Sunday, December 10, at 11:59 p.m. (EST)**

Each year, each SEAHO member institution may submit one (1) person from its staff to receive a **SEAHO Service Award**. The awards are intended to offer the institution an opportunity to recognize a staff person who has made significant contributions to residence hall students and the housing organization. This award does NOT require supporting documentation in the form of nomination letters, etc. Senior Housing Officers (SHOs) typically submit the name of the recipient for their institution.

If you wish to nominate a colleague, please contact the **SHO** for your school. Visit: <https://www.seaho.org/page/awards>



Scholarship Opportunities

SEAHO 2024:

Deadline to apply is December 1, 2023

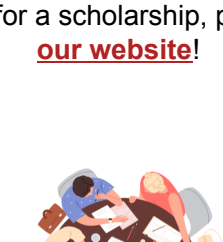
RELI 2024:

Deadline to apply is April 12, 2023

NCHO 2024:

Deadline to apply is August 30, 2024

To apply for a scholarship, please visit [our website!](#)



Want to Get Involved in NCHO?

The following positions are still open for our 2023-2024 Executive Council:

- **Senior Housing Officer (SHO) Representative**
- **Membership Coordinator** (mid-term, one-year appointment)
- **Assessment Coordinator**
- **Annual Conference Chair-Select**

Application materials will need to be submitted by **November 17, 2023 at noon.**

To learn more, please visit [our website!](#)



State of NCHO Survey

We ask that you take a moment to fill out the **State of NCHO Survey**. If you did not get a chance to at the 2023 Annual Conference. This valuable feedback will be used to continue to move our organization in a positive direction.



NCHO Podcast

The **NCHO Podcast** provides housing professionals with opportunities for networking, discussion, and ideation about topics related to the industry. Each episode features new guest speakers who will answer your questions about recent topics.

Check out our first two episodes on our [website](#) or on **Spotify!**

Have an idea for a new episode or want to submit your questions for the next episode's guests?

Submit your ideas to the form below or reach out to **Professional Development Coordinator, Savannah Matherly**, at [smather@ncsu.edu!](mailto:smather@ncsu.edu)

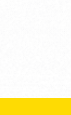
Want to Write for The Nest?



Are you interested in submitting an **article** or **flyer** for our next edition of **The Nest**? This is the place for you!

To submit, please email communications@ncho.org with your article/flyer.

We look forward to featuring your work in our newsletter!



Follow us on our socials above to stay connected!
#nchoconnect #seahoolyear