

# News

## Texas' Road To Recovery

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Imagine looking out a window and seeing the street outside turned into a river and instead of cars being used as transportation, boats were being used to escape the ever increasing flood waters.

This view is what the citizens along the Gulf Coast of Texas saw as Hurricane Harvey made landfall on August 25. At the time Harvey hit Texas, it was a

category four storm, making it the first major hurricane landfall since 2005, the year Hurricane Wilma hit Florida.

Harvey made landfall quicker than expected and came in with 130 mph wind and rain beating the areas of Rockport, Corpus Christi, and Houston. Many areas of the Gulf Coast in Texas received more than 40 inches of rain, causing major floods

throughout the coast.

This powerful storm resulted in 17,000 rescues and displaced 30,000 people; the most recent numbers say at least 70 people have lost their lives due to this massive storm. Hurricane Harvey lingered on the Texas coast for four consecutive days, which made the flooding worse. Due to the size and catastrophic effects from this storm, the name Harvey will never be used to name a tropical storm again.

In an interview with junior Yessy Anorve-Basoria, she discussed the hardships of having family members from Texas. Anorve-Basoria has relatives in Houston and knows the difficulties they are currently facing in the aftermath of Harvey. Even though her family was able to make it out safely before the hurricane hit, Anorve-Basoria believes the government and families should plan for these types of catastrophes so no one is completely caught off-guard when another major storm hits.

As a way for Meredith students to get involved in the

relief efforts, she recommends students give old clothes, blankets, hygiene necessities, and diapers. Although Houston has a long recovery down the road, Anorve-Basoria says, "The United States has a reputation in recovering from disasters and Hurricane Harvey is no exception. Recovery will be a slow process, but there is a great support system in America."

Currently, the Communication Club, Student Government Association, and the Office of Student Leadership and Service are collecting items such as hygiene products and cleaning supplies to help Hurricane Harvey victims. Donation box locations are: Carlyle Campbell Library, the Cate Center, Belk Dining Hall, Jones Chapel, and the first floor parlors of residence halls.

The on-campus donation drive will continue until Sept. 15. After the drive is over, students who still want to contribute to relief efforts can give monetary donations to charities such as the American Red Cross, the Houston Humane Society, and Texas Diaper Bank.

## Office of Career Planning Invites Students to Internship Discovery Expo

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On Friday, September 15, the Internship Discovery Expo will be held in the Cate-Park Center from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The expo provides an opportunity for Meredith students to interact with a multitude of possible internship employers in one place.

Internships are a valuable part of the Meredith College experience and provide essential experience to add to resumes. Dana Sumner, the director of the Office of Career Planning, enthusiastically encourages students to attend.

The team in the Office of Career Planning is excited about the strong interest from employers in participating in the Internship Discovery Expo on September 15. These employers represent a variety of sectors and industries so there is something for everyone.

If you are exploring a major and interested in learning more about what you can do with that major, looking for an internship this semester or next semester, wondering what employers are looking for in "career ready" students and graduates, or

graduating in December or May and looking for a full time role, then the Internship Discovery Expo is for you.

In a casual, relaxed atmosphere here on campus be ready to make a great first impression, develop your contacts, and learn more about opportunities available to you. As she points out, the expo represents a wide variety of fields and types of opportunities. Niki Bell, OCP's marketing intern and a senior, had this to add: "It's a unique way for students to practice networking skills in an environment

with less pressure and formality. We want students to come out, put their best foot forward, and explore all of the booths! Students are encouraged to dress 'snappy casual' to make a good impression with our invited employers."

You can find out more by going to your CareerLink (now powered by Handshake) page. Employers that will be represented include the American Red Cross, Delve Interiors, Marbles Kids Museum, the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, SAS, Sherwin Williams, Wells Fargo, and more.

## SPARKcon 2017

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SPARKcon, the Triangle's annual festival for creativity and the arts, will take place this year during the weekend of September 14-17 on Fayetteville Street in downtown Raleigh.

Now in its twelfth year, SPARKcon is planned by Visual Art Exchange, a gallery located on Martin Street just blocks away from the festival.

Designed to be an open-sourced, community-centric series of events, SPARKcon is divided into fourteen individual "sparks" covering a variety of artistic and creative endeavors, spanning dance, art, literature, food, and more.

Over 2,000 visual artists, performance artists, dancers, actors, poets, and so on will collaborate to produce 200 events

over the course of the four-day festival.

SPARKcon does more than showcase local artists of all ages; it also allows visitors to participate, with options including collaborative street art, free dance classes, open mics, and writing workshops.

In past years, Meredith College's Artist's Alliance has reserved a 5'x5' square for one of artSPARK's more iconic events, street-painting. Everyone is sure to find something that piques their interest!

While most events are free, street-painting requires an entry fee, and a few after-hours events have a small admissions charge. Events begin Thursday evening and continue through Sunday evening.

A full schedule and list of



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"sparks" can be found at <http://sparkcon.com/>.

Located just 15 minutes from campus, SPARKcon is sure

to offer a fun-filled weekend and an unforgettable experience of Raleigh's creative culture for all to enjoy.