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Treasure Coast FPRA Chapter Can Assist With APR Certification

TREASURE COAST – Through a membership with the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) you can obtain the only nationally recognized certification in the public relations field - Accreditation in Public Relations (APR). This year marks the 50th anniversary of APR. Currently, more than 5,000 professionals from the agency, corporate, association and education fields hold the APR mark.

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Unlike other professional certifications, such as CPA, Accreditation in Public Relations is a voluntary demonstration of competency; as such, it reflects a strong commitment to the profession. Earning accreditation also provides a distinction that can set individuals apart and open doors to career advancement and higher compensation. Through their high professional and ethical standards, Accredited professionals contribute to greater understanding of public relations as a vital management function, and undermine those who would refer to our craft as spin, our professionals as flacks, and our currency as misrepresentation and disinformation.

If you are a public relations, profession interested in acquiring your APR certification contact: FPRA Member Jennifer M. Trefelner, APR, at 772-464-5200, extension 116 or email jennifertrefelner@johncarrollhigh.com.

Founded in 1984, the Treasure Coast Chapter of Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) serves the needs of public relations professionals in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties with the goal to advance the profession of public relations, promote high professional and ethical standards and build the reputation of the profession on the Treasure Coast. For more information visit: http://www.fpratreasurecoast.com.