

Southwest Region

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First Quarter Highlight: Responding to Hurricanes Helene and Milton

At the end of September, Southwest Florida was impacted by Hurricane Helene, which was followed shortly by Hurricane Milton in early October. Staff in the region, including Ayers-Rigsby and De La Torre Salas are continuing to work with partners in the region including local governments, state parks, aquatic preserves, and others to document impacts to the archaeological sites.

Photo 1: Ayers-Rigsby examining a root ball at an impacted archaeological site



Photo 2: De La Torre Salas with families at Lakes Park

First Quarter Highlight: Honrando Nuestra Historia

This quarter, FPAN SW led by De La Torre Salas worked to lead a statewide series of events recognizing Latine culture across Florida. This series, [Honrando Nuestra Historia](#), takes place in collaboration with heritage organizations across the state including the Cape Coral Museum of History, the Clewiston History Museum, the Bonita Springs Historical Society, Collier County Museums, Mound House, the Randell Research Center at Pineland Florida Museum of Natural History, the Marco Island Historical Society, and the Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge System. Over 400 participants came to the event held with with Ding Darling at Lakes Park.

Other Highlights

- De La Torre Salas led a Heritage Disaster Preparedness Workshop with University of Florida and Pineland
- De La Torre Salas and the Marco Island Historical Society partnered to 3-D scan the Olde Marco Inn.