Family Day Recap
Over 400 parents and their students gathered to enjoy a full day of 49er spirit events

Family Day, along with Homecoming 2013, was held February 2. The day began with the Chancellor’s breakfast and ended with the Homecoming game as the UNC Charlotte men’s basketball team took on the University of Massachusetts Minutemen.

Check-in began at 8:30 a.m. in the Student Union where parents were energized by the pep band who helped to warm up the crowd on the chilly morning. Parents picked up their registration packet which included basketball game tickets, name tags, a raffle ticket, earphones and chance tickets for door prizes. Before the breakfast, family members took the opportunity to walk around the Student Union, grab a cup of coffee from Starbucks, and browse the 49er gear and books in the Barnes & Noble bookstore.

The Chancellor’s breakfast guests were greeted as they entered the multi-purpose room by Chancellor Phillip Dubois and his wife, Lisa, along with the Niner Nation Family parent volunteers. The host for the breakfast was Student Body President, Conor Dugan. The breakfast began with the Gold Dusters dance team performing a spirit routine. Chancellor Dubois then gave a speech about the current and future plans of UNC Charlotte. He also asked the guests UNC Charlotte trivia and those who answered correctly received a UNC Charlotte “Chancellor pen.” Dr. Art Jackson, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, also gave a speech about the importance of being a part of Niner Nation Family and how much it has grown since it was established five years ago. Kesha Williams, Assistant Director for Parent and Family Services, then explained the logistics for the day’s events.

The breakfast buffet was sumptuous and included breakfast burritos, scrambled eggs, hash brown casserole, fresh fruit, juice and salmon. Something new that was offered this year was a doughnut station where guests got to be creative and make their own custom doughnuts.

During the breakfast, Conor Dugan and Lisa Dubois chose the winning raffles. The prizes included one $200 two $100 Target gift cards, a two-day stay at the Marriott, a $500.00 Barnes & Noble gift card. A

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The newsletter from the Office of Parent and Family Services

A semester of free parking was won by Tempestt Swinson; a week of the use of the Chancellor's parking space for a week was won by Anna Lindamood; the free meal plan was won by Matthew Kocot. The biggest prize of the raffle, the semester of free tuition, was won by Raven Johnson.

After the breakfast parents and students walked to the parking lots next to the Student Union for tailgating. Greek organizations, student groups, and parents and family members set up grills, chairs and games of cornhole alongside tents from Niner Nation Family, Cheerwine, UNC Charlotte Police and others. Freebies, food and drinks were given away at many of the tents. Live music ramped up the energy and a hot dog eating contest gathered a large crowd of onlookers.

Nominees for Homecoming Court gave short speeches and thanked those who voted for their support. The Homecoming Cup winners were chosen and announced. Student organizations, residence halls, UNC Charlotte organized groups, and learning communities had friendly competitions to prove who had the best 49er spirit. Third place went to Sigma Tau Gamma and Sigma Kappa, second place went to Chi Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Delta and Chi Phi took first place. Jumping castles and giant inflatable slides added extra fun to the lively atmosphere.

When the tailgate ended, parents and students moved on to Halton Arena to cheer on the men’s basketball team against the Massachusetts Minutemen. The Homecoming crowd was huge — the game was sold out! The 49ers were a bit behind during most of the first half but then took the lead at halftime.

Homecoming Court winners, Anthony Mendez and Grace Wallace, were announced during the halftime break.

During the second half of the game, both teams played hard, treating fans to a nail-biting final few minutes until the buzzer when the 49ers won with a final score of 66-65.

Family Day 2013 continued the tradition of families sharing 49er Spirit and time together through fun events. Family Day offers the opportunity for parents and students to enjoy campus life together. It's also a chance for Parent and Family Services and the University to say thank you to students and parents for their support.

What won't continue is future Family Days co-occurring with Homecoming basketball games. That will all change when football starts up for the first time in the Fall. The next big Niner Nation Family event will be Family Weekend, September 13-15. The main event then will be UNC Charlotte 49ers football as we play the North Carolina Central University Eagles. So, save the date and plan to register this summer when the registration form becomes available online.

Video slide show of Family Day 2013

— Sazia Bashar
V-Day: 1 Billion Rising

The Office of Women’s Programs is a unit of the Dean of Students Office. Women’s Programs strives to raise awareness of and address the needs of women on the UNC Charlotte campus. Princess King is the Director for Women’s Programs. Every year Women’s Programs supports this mission by hosting a variety of programs, one of which is an annual performance of “The Vagina Monologues.” The play, written by Eve Ensler, is based upon interviews with women on topics such as birth, discovery, and sexual abuse. The material ranges from funny to serious with frank sexual content, but it’s designed to leave the viewer with a sense of empowerment.

This year the play was presented over three nights, February 7-9 with about 300 in attendance.

The Vagina Monologues has been an influential forum of discussion between the actresses who perform and the audience members who attend. Originally on the Broadway stage in 1996, the play was performed by Ensler and two others, but now it is usually performed with a larger cast or diverse women.

This annual production has become a tradition on campus. Proceeds from the performance benefit Safe Alliance, part of the Charlotte Children and Family Services Center, which provides services to those victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and other types of trauma. Every year Safe Alliance has a theme; this year’s theme is “V-Day: 1 Billion Rising.” V-Day is a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls. Going on its 15th year, V-Day goals unite those against violence, show collective strength and solidarity across borders and generate broader attention for the fight to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation (FGM), and sex slavery. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money, and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations. On the 1 Billion Rising website it states, “A global strike, An invitation to dance, A call to men and women to refuse to participate in the status quo until rape and rape culture ends, An act of solidarity, demonstrating to women the commonality of their struggles and their power in numbers, A refusal to accept violence against women and girls as a given, A new time and a new way of being.”

Women’s Programs partnered with the Student Health Center to encourage students and their families to come support the play. Princess King says, “We hope that people left feeling like they have a voice, and with donating to Safe Alliance, this is a way to give back to the community and also bring awareness.”

— Linzey Thompson
DEPARTMENT FEATURE

Enrollment Management

Whether this is their first semester, last semester, or somewhere in between University of North Carolina at Charlotte students are slowly settling into a routine for the spring semester - and Enrollment Management is helping students establish that routine for their academic success.

Comprised of six entities, Enrollment Management is made up of Undergraduate Admissions, Office of Financial Aid, Office of the Registrar, Office of Adult Students and Evening Services, Residency Determination Office, and Call Center Operations and Solutions Management.

“We’re behind the scenes coordinating communications for enrolled and incoming students including mail, email and social media,” Lisa Meckley, Division Communications Manager for Enrollment Management said.

Enrollment Management, while mostly operating behind the scenes, is busy with the division’s new Facebook page and with other forms of communication. Also, for future students, Meckley operates UNC Charlotte Future 49ers Facebook page with information regarding housing, meeting current students, and application deadlines. She also operates UNC Charlotte Parents of Future 49ers Facebook page as well, offering information on deadlines, campus tours, events, and other information geared toward admission. “Facebook is great for real-time information,” Meckley said.

Meckley’s goals for the future include finishing a communication plan to enhance the communications for all departments in the Enrollment Management division. In order to enhance this plan Meckley has some ideas for strengthening communication with families.

First, the Call Center Operations Department is a great resource. If there is a trending topic or issue coming through the Call Center then Enrollment Management can evaluate the problem, address the topic or issue and fix the process as necessary.

Secondly, it is important that parents realize that bills come in the form of an E-Bill sent to the student’s email account. Parents should become authorized users so they too can have access to the E-Bill. “My advice to parents is if they want more information regarding their student they should have their child make them an authorized user on the account,” Meckley said. Meckley also encourages parents to read their emails and ‘like’ the Facebook pages for continuous information. You may use this link for directions on how to authorize a user.

Third, Meckley points parents to the UNC Charlotte website for immediate answers to questions. By typing the keyword in the search bar on the homepage, parents can immediately access and utilize all those resources provided online.

Finally, the most important piece of advice Meckley offers is to stay on top of the March 1st priority deadline for FAFSA and to search for scholarships early on in the year.

Another division within Enrollment Management is Undergraduate Admissions. They too offer valuable advice for settling into an academic routine this spring semester.

“For freshman my best advice is to commit to classroom success early on and go to class. And for transfer students it’s important to familiarize yourself with UNC Charlotte’s academic calendar and catalog and be aware of the differences from your previous institution,” Admissions Director Claire Kirby said.

“Understand the importance of advising, I think advising is the most useful resource students have,” Kirby added.

Kirby also encourages students to familiarize themselves with the resources available to them on campus, including the Library for beginning and completing assignments, research, and reading; the Writing Resource Center for help with term papers and essay assignments; and the Center for Academic Excellence for help succeeding in college.

“UNC Charlotte has a unique student population and there is a little something for everyone so that everyone can find their place to fit in. Enjoy your academic experience and engage in the university,” Kirby said.

— Christina Kaemmerlen
SAFETY AND SECURITY

Keeping Safety in Mind

With the spring semester heating up and classes in full swing students should also be mindful of safety around campus. UNC Charlotte’s Police Department offers valuable tips for students to keep in mind while on campus this semester:

- Always lock your doors when you leave your dorm room or apartment
- Keep a close watch on your personal items. Computers and cell phones are hot targets - always guard your valuables
- Always try to walk with friends and be aware of your surroundings
- When parking in the parking decks and other locations around campus secure your items and lock your car doors.
- When out walking always send the message that you’re calm, confident, and know where you’re going
- Don’t accept rides or gifts from someone you don’t know well and trust
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or situation and leave as soon as possible.
- Know the neighborhoods where you live, go to school, and work. Keep in mind locations of fire and police stations and campus blue light phones.
- Stick to well-lighted, well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots, or alleys. Take the safest route when traveling on foot.
- Don’t display your cash or any other inviting targets such as iPods and cell phones.
- Carry your backpack or purse close to your body and keep it closed. If you are just carrying your wallet. Put it inside your coat or front pants pocket, not in your back pocket or in your backpack.
- Have your car or house keys in your hand before you reach the door.
- If you think you are being followed switch directions or cross the street. If they’re still there, move quickly toward an area with more people. Don’t be afraid to yell for help.
- If you have to work or study late make sure there are others in the building and they are aware of you. When you are ready to leave call for a safety escort.
- If someone tries to rob you give up your property – don’t give up your life. Report the crime to the police immediately. Try to describe the attacker accurately. Your actions can help prevent others from becoming victims.
- Be alert and report all suspicious activity.

This and additional information can be found on UNC Charlotte’s Police and Public Safety website

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DEVELOPMENT

Dubois, University receive Energy Leadership Award

UNC Charlotte Chancellor Philip L. Dubois was among the recipients of the Charlotte Business Journal’s Energy Leadership Awards.

In naming Dubois, the publication cited the chancellor’s advocacy of the Energy Production and Infrastructure Center (EPIC).

“This isn’t just some nice idea that the university thought up in a vacuum, but it had been developed as a response to industry,” said Dubois in the Charlotte Business Journal article “Chancellor shapes university’s efforts.”

In the journal article, the chancellor discussed what made EPIC a priority for the University, and how the University could make contributions to the energy sector by providing trained students, conducting research and offering long-term professional development.

Dubois was among 10 individuals to receive an Energy Leadership Award from the publication. The recipients were selected based upon their impact on job growth; their influence on building the Carolinas into a national or international player in the industry; and their impact on energy policy on the local, state or national level.
As parents, we want to support our college student in every way that we can. We want him/her to know that we are aware that they are working hard. We want them to know that we are proud of them. We want to be present to see the fruits of his/her efforts, and to see them shine. The problem is that sometimes we simply can’t get to campus and we need to do our supporting from afar.

What do you do if your student is participating in that important athletic event, playing or singing in that important concert, performing in that play, dancing in that show, being inducted in that honor society, or receiving that prestigious award and you can’t make the trip to the college to be there? As a parent, you’re disappointed and you feel that you’ve let your student down. Intellectually, you know that you have no choice, but emotionally, it is difficult.

Although nothing is the same as being able to be there in person for your student, here are a few suggestions that may help you through this disappointing situation.

- Be sure that you tell your student how proud you are of her and that you wish that you could be there. You know that she knows, but it’s good to hear.
- Acknowledge that this is emotionally difficult for everyone, but know that your student will understand. Although he’ll probably be disappointed too, if you’ve been there to support him all along the way, he’ll understand that you’d be there if you possibly could.
- Recognize that your student may not be the only one who will not have family at the event. Several students may be too far from home for parents to attend.
- Consider whether there is an alternative that you might be able to attend. If the conflict is the date rather than the distance, could you get to a dress rehearsal or playoff game?
- Send something special to your student that will arrive on the day of the event. If this is an especially important event, send flowers, balloon bouquet, Candygram, something out of the ordinary, to mark the event.
- Send a special, handwritten letter expressing your pride. (Chances are that your student will cherish that letter and keep it for a very long time.)
- Call your student just before or just after the event to wish him good luck or see how things went.
- Find another family who may be attending the event and ask them to “adopt” your student. They can make a special point of seeking her out, perhaps deliver a card from you, perhaps take her out to dinner to celebrate or accompany her to the event.
- Consider whether you know any other family members or friends in the area who might be able to attend in your place.
- Ask your student to take lots of pictures, or to ask others for their pictures to send to you.

- Ask whether the event was videotaped and whether you can obtain a copy of the tape. Sometimes colleges will tape an event for their archives and would be willing to make a copy for you. If a videotape is available, ask your student to sit and watch the tape with you when he comes home. He can narrate and share the experience with you.
- Recognize that, although your student will undoubtedly miss you being there, he has probably developed a circle of close friends and contacts who will support him. Part of the college experience is expanding the circle of support beyond the immediate family. No one will ever take your place, but your student is gaining the ability to turn to others in his life for support and encouragement.
- Remind yourself that your disappointment is two-fold. You may be worried that your student will miss your presence, and you are also disappointed for yourself. You want to be there to share the experience. Acknowledge your personal disappointment. It is valid and real.

If, throughout your student’s elementary and high school career, you were the parent who faithfully attended every event in which your child participated, missing an important event at college may be a new and emotionally difficult experience. Knowing that this may be only the first of many such occasions in the future is of little comfort. Recognizing that there are ways that you can still show your student support may help. Remember that your student is gaining a sense of independence and understanding. He/she knows you care – even from afar.

— from collegeparent.org

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**Top 10 Most Helpful Parental Actions**

1. Encourage your student to visit the Writing Center.
2. Suggest your student become involved in one of the many clubs and organizations on campus.
3. Share your expectation about alcohol/drug choices.
4. Talk to your student about finances, budgeting and credit card usage.
5. Encourage your student to think about a career and a major.
6. Keep the lines of communication open; yet, let them become their own problem-solver.
7. Visit your student and let him or her show you their new home.
8. Expect your student to change while away at college; encourage their independence.
9. Remind your student about the importance of going to class and being prepared.
10. If you think your student needs more help than you can give long distance, remind them that their tuition pays for campus resources. To be successful sometimes that means reaching out for help by utilizing resources on campus like the Counseling Center, the Writing Center, math tutors, and Advising.
Academic Affairs Corner

As students return to a rigorous academic schedule, the Spring semester of the academic year is an excellent time for them to get involved in co-curricular activities. Getting involved on campus is Secret #5 of the “Secrets to Doing Awesome at UNC Charlotte.” Getting involved in athletics, leadership activities, fraternities or sororities, religious or cultural organizations, the arts, or service groups at UNC Charlotte enables students to discover new interests, develop new skills, and make lasting contributions both to the University and to the broader Charlotte community. Studies of successful college students tell us that the time and energy students spend participating in educationally meaningful activities is an important measure of a student’s academic success and personal growth. Participating in co-curricular activities often improves student satisfaction, grades, and graduation rates. Co-curricular participation is also an excellent résumé builder because students have the opportunity to develop skills in leadership, project planning and implementation, fund-raising, writing, or public speaking to name a few. Encourage your student to get the most out of his or her college career by getting involved!

Student Organizations and Service Opportunities

UNC Charlotte’s over 350 student organizations offer a wide variety of co-curricular activities to ensure that students have every opportunity to get involved. Students who are interested in joining an organization please visit (http://studentorgs.uncc.edu/) A comprehensive list of student organizations is also listed on the Student Organizations Students are also welcome to start new organizations that fit their needs and stimulate intellectual and experiential activity on campus.

Organized Service Projects

In addition to student organizations on campus, UNC Charlotte offers a number of service events both on and off campus in which students can participate. Participating in community service activities provides students with opportunities for personal and professional growth while making positive contributions to society. The Office of Volunteer Outreach (volunteer.uncc.edu) actively promotes the inclusion of community service in every aspect of the university experience. There are several campus-wide events taking place this semester that are sponsored by the Volunteer Outreach. For example, January 18th was the annual MLK Day of Service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., followed by the Homecoming Day of Service on February 1st. Two Alternative Spring

Get Involved!

Joan F. Lorden
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

KaBOOM! playground build in West Charlotte.

Students volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank.

Mentoring at James Martin Middle School

Service Opportunities

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Student Organizations

136 Academic or Honor Societies
38 Greek Organizations
45 Athletic Clubs
11 Performance or Media-based Organizations
37 International and Multicultural Groups
29 Religious or Spiritual Organizations
23 Service
40 Political and other interest groups

Break trips jointly organized by Volunteer Outreach and the UNC Charlotte Habitat for Humanity Chapter will send student volunteers to Birmingham, Alabama and Portsmouth, Ohio to build Habitat homes. The annual Relay for Life event on April 5th raises funds and awareness to support the American Cancer Society, and the Stop Hunger Now campaign, also in April, raises money to support hunger relief efforts in Africa and Latin America. Additionally, students from the four Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools that comprise Governor’s Village (John M. Morehead STEM Academy, Nathaniel Alexander Elementary, James Martin Middle and Zebulon B. Vance High School) will visit UNC Charlotte during the spring semester. For more information on these events and other events, please visit the Office of Volunteer Outreach website or follow Volunteer Outreach on Facebook at UNCC Volunteer Services or Twitter @VolunteerUNCC.

Of course, the best way to be a successful student is to dedicate sufficient time and energy to academic work—completing reading and writing assignments, reviewing course material on a regular basis, asking questions in class, and forming study groups. However, getting involved on campus helps students balance academic work, reduces stress, meet new people, and often apply information learned in the classroom to real-world situations. Please encourage your student to study hard and get involved!
Advice has been given to students almost all their lives, whether it's from parents, friends, high school counselors or teachers. Then from there it is up to the student whether to follow it or not. The advice that college advisors offer shouldn't be brushed off so easily though. College is perhaps the most crucial time for student - it can determine what the future may hold. Henrietta Thomas, Director of the University Advising Center, knows this well after working with UNC Charlotte students for 23 years.

Thomas mostly advises transfer and undecided students and says a majority of the students come in not knowing what to major in. “We tell them go with the things you like or feel like you are good at,” she says. “They really don’t know how to define that.” She says the problem is usually that some students have a variety of interests so it is hard for them to narrow their choice down while others fear they may be choosing the wrong thing, though there is no such thing as ‘wrong’ as long as it fits the student.

It has always been common that some students are pressured by family members or friends to choose a major that will lead to a career that is “respected” and pays well rather than what a student may be passionate about. “But if you’re not happy, then the people you are trying to please won’t be happy at the end of the day either,” says Thomas. “You have to do what’s best for you.” Thomas had experienced many cases like this with students. One was an Anthropology student she was an advisor for. He loved the major, but he thought he couldn’t do anything with it. He then decided to major in Business, but ended up failing in almost every class. She was able to convince him to go back to Anthropology - which he did - and now he is doing graduate level work for a university.

The best advice Thomas says she can give is for students to be open to different opportunities and not have tunnel vision about careers. “We have so many students who think for example, ‘If I get a history or English degree I am just going to teach.’ That’s not necessarily true. There are lots of things you can do with each major.” Students have the hardest time realizing that it’s possible that success can come out of any degree. It also depends on how a student measures success. Is it measured by how much money you want to earn? “If you are doing that, you will not be very successful in the long run.” It also depends how students can apply their skills and abilities in the area that suits them best.

Aside from the advice being given, students should develop and maintain a relationship with their advisors. “I definitely believe a relationship needs to be there so students can get the information they need to be on track [4-year-plan].” Since students put a lot of effort and money into their college educations, with a good relationship with their advisor they can take the guidance and advice to stay and this track -and hopefully not get piled up with too many loans at the end. This can also make the relationship more comfortable so then students can talk to advisors rather than asking others who may not have the correct information.

Don’t be afraid to ask advisors any question because they can be essential with helping to get things like internships, employment and graduate school information. “We want students to know that we are here to help and not to deter them in any way. Sometimes they will see the mandatory meeting and preregistration as a burden so they want to skip or avoid it, but it is there for their benefit.”

Thomas is an advisor, but she is also a parent herself so she can see both sides when it comes to advising and her own children. “I feel like a parent’s role is not to dictate the major and I have seen many situations where the students say that it’s what their parents want them to do, but sometimes it just doesn’t always work for the next generation.” Parents should be careful not to make the assumption that the path they followed should be the same their children should. If students enter college but don’t know what they want to do, it may be better to go in undeclared so then they can explore to discover it themselves. Parents can reassure their kids that they are supportive of the decisions they decide to make. Thomas says “Let them have that independence because so much of what the college experience is about is the growth and the student being able to be independent decision-makers for the rest of their lives.”

Q: What advice would you give if a student wanted to drop a class?
A: Just not understanding the role of advising, that is something students may not attend to as well; also not being prepared when they come to an advising appointment. Advisors don’t dictate what you should do and students should have an idea of what they want to be done. It is your investment.

Q: When is the best time for students to set up advising?
A: We want to make sure we have enough time for every student so they should come well in advance of the register time which the registrar assigns online. As soon as you get the email we recommend setting a schedule online. Earlier is better, there is no benefit in waiting. Also, often students get confused with the registration appointment time that they are given by registrar and the time when to come for advising (two different things).

Q: What do you feel students don't do enough when it comes to advising?
A: Just not understanding the role of advising, that is something students may not attend to as well; also not being prepared when they come to an advising appointment. Advisors don’t dictate what you should do and students should have an idea of what they want to be done. It is your investment.

Q: What advice would you give if a student wanted to drop a class during the semester?
A: Definitely consult with an advisor. We email students with midterm reports containing D’s and F’s or by phone if there are many. We ask them to come in and talk about the situation. Then we look at the situation and see if it is possible for them to complete enough work to pass the class or if it’s not possible.

— Sazia Bashar
UNC Charlotte Is Green Conference Award Winner

CHARLOTTE – Jan. 28, 2013 – UNC Charlotte is a recipient of this year’s Charlotte Chamber Wells Fargo Green Award sponsored by the GreenWorks Committee. The presentation was made at the Chamber’s NorthWest Chapter's Green Conference at Pine Island Country Club on Jan. 17.

This year’s awards recognized two member companies in two different categories:

Green -- A company that represents innovative “green” business with clean energy production, distribution, or storage, energy efficiency, environmentally friendly production, conservation and pollution mitigation industries, and training and support within these industries.

Non-green - Having implemented an innovative green product, service or process; created an environment that fosters and encourages creative green thinking; and whose experience has been shared with, and can benefit, other businesses or the greater community.

UNC Charlotte earned its title in the Green category from a simple idea discussed in departmental meetings that developed into a campus-wide initiative. The idea was to remove trash cans from all of the classrooms and reduce the size of the trash bin in all of the offices. Working together, the Housekeeping and Recycling departments created a fundamental shift in operations by taking the focus off the trash and putting it on resources and recycling.

This simple shift has increased recycling of bottles and cans in all academic buildings by 25 percent over the last two years and increased office recycling by 10 to 15 percent in the last few months. Everyone at UNC Charlotte is an integral part of the team and essential as they create a green campus.

Habitat for Humanity, winner of the non-green division, began building LEED certified homes in 2011. Since then, they have developed a template to achieve LEED certification on all future projects. As a result, Habitat Charlotte homeowners will not only enjoy the benefits of more comfortable indoor temperatures and healthier air quality, but also be able to realize sizeable savings on their utilities bills.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Charlotte 49ers Women’s Basketball vs. VCU
Come out to Halton Arena and cheer on your 49er Women’s Basketball team, as they take on conference rival VCU in their last home game of the season!
Thursday, February 28, 2013 – 7:00pm; Halton Arena
Free

Garden Tour
Join a staff person for a guided tour of the greenhouse or gardens. The first Tuesday of every month we offer a guided tour, free and open to the public. We will gather at the greenhouse before heading out to explore the gems of the season.
Please note: the outdoor gardens cover varying terrain with mulched paths.
Tuesday, March 5, 2013 - 10:00am - 11:00am
McMillan Greenhouse
http://gardens.uncc.edu
Free

Charlotte 49ers Baseball vs. Wake Forest (ACC)
Come out to Robert and Mariam Hayes Stadium to watch your Charlotte 49ers take on in-state rival Wake Forest!
Tuesday, March 5, 2013 - 12:00pm
Robert and Mariam Hayes Stadium
http://Charlotte49ers.com
Free for UNC Charlotte students. General Admission tickets and season tickets may be purchased through the Charlotte 49ers ticket office.

Charlotte 49ers Softball vs. Elon
Come out to Phillips Softball Complex to watch your Charlotte 49ers as they take on in-state rival Elon in a double-header!
Wednesday, March 6, 2013 - 3:00pm - 7:00pm
Phillips Softball Complex
http://Charlotte49ers.com
Free

Charlotte 49ers Baseball vs. Kent State
Come out to Robert and Mariam Hayes Stadium to watch your Charlotte 49ers take on the Kent State Golden Flashes in a weekend series!
Friday, March 8, 2013 - 4:00pm - Sunday, March 10, 2013 - 12:00pm
Robert and Mariam Hayes Stadium
http://Charlotte49ers.com
Free for UNC Charlotte students. General Admission tickets and season tickets may be purchased through the Charlotte 49ers ticket office.

Charlotte 49ers Softball vs. Gardner Webb
Come out to Phillips Softball Complex to watch your Charlotte 49ers as they take on in-state rival Gardner Webb in a double-header!
Friday, March 8, 2013 - 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Phillips Softball Complex
http://Charlotte49ers.com
Free

Charlotte 49er Men’s Basketball vs. Saint Joseph’s
Come out to Halton Arena and cheer on your 49er Men’s Basketball team, in their last home game of the season, as they take on conference rival Saint Joseph’s! Student tickets are FREE! For more information, contact the Athletics Ticket Office at 704-687-4949. Wear Green and Go Niners!
Saturday, March 9, 2013 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Halton Arena
http://Charlotte49ers.com
UNC Students: Free | Adults: $10-25