As the season slowly changes and trees regain their foliage, parents and students will begin to think about the next academic year. Common questions to ask are: Which classes should I take? Where do I want to live? Who do I want room with? And what’s my budget? When considering where to live, the most important question students and parents must consider will be: Is where I’m living safe?

As students begin to search for off-campus housing this spring, UNC Charlotte Off-Campus Outreach will be unveiling a new initiative called Niner Choice.

The Niner Choice Program is a task force between UNC Charlotte, the Office of Off-Campus Student Outreach and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. The goals of the Niner Choice Program are to promote increased security measures in University Area apartment communities, to increase relationships and communication between off campus apartments and the University, to help students and their families make informed decisions regarding off campus living options by providing them with criteria to consider, and to educate the apartment managers on how to make their properties as safe as possible for students.

To be a part of the Niner Choice Program, each apartment community will have to meet security requirements that have been set by the task force. The two standard levels for this program are the green and gold standard designations. A green standard will indicate the property meets the standard for safety and security. These include student only units, a peephole at each front door, dead bolt locks on exterior doors with three inch screws, windows are in working order and a the apartment has a working smoke detector. In addition, each building number will be visible from the street and will have sufficient and reasonable lighting in all areas of the property.

The gold standard means the property exceeds the standard for safety and security. Gold standard properties will meet all of the requirements for the green standard and 5 out of the 10 additional requirements, including solid core doors if leased by the bedroom, high security strike plates on exterior doors, self-closing and locking front doors, lock and door re-enforcements, licensed and insured security company, fence surrounding the property, vehicle gate, blue light phones, surveillance camera and an alarm installed in each unit.

By providing these standards, we are hoping to provide students with an environment off-campus that is both safe and enjoyable as they matriculate through their college experience. As you search for housing, please ask the apartment manager if the property is green standard or gold standard. For more information, check out our Off Campus Outreach website at offcampushousing.uncc.edu.

— Sean Langley
Assistant Director for Off Campus and Volunteer Outreach

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Moriah MacDonell, a senior at UNC Charlotte and the student assistant for the Office of Women’s Programs, will graduate in May. She got involved with the women’s program her first semester at UNC Charlotte. She attributes some of her personal development to finding it. “The job itself is a rewarding experience because it’s rare to have a job as a college student that helps to clarify what I want to do for a career,” she said. She embraces the opportunity to raise awareness and money for worthy causes like the domestic violence shelter because it makes her feel like she’s making a difference in the world.

Most college students have a college job that is about money and not about passion. And most of the time, it doesn’t have anything to do with their post-49er careers. But MacDonell loves that she gets to make a difference at UNC Charlotte and the community, and she plans on taking all she’s learned into her future as an art therapist. Art therapy, like any therapy, is about helping a person improve the quality of his or her life by getting clean of drugs or working through their problems. But how they get there is a little different.

Art therapist use paint brushes and clay as therapeutic tools. You could think of it as canvas counseling. MacDonell will graduate with a bachelor of fine arts degree with a concentration in painting and a minor in art history. She plans on going to graduate school and has already been accepted to her top choice: Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, Calif.

In her four years with the women’s program she has earned a membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars with its 3.4 GPA minimum, won several awards in arts shows on and off campus and played and coached an intramural volleyball team on campus.

Leaving UNC Charlotte will be bittersweet, MacDonell says the best part of her job is working with her boss Princess King, Assistant Director for Minority Student Support Services and Women’s Program. Not only does working with King increase her love for the program, but being in an environment with creative individuals adds to her passion for the department.

— Jadora Ross

The Vagina Monologues

A long history at UNC Charlotte

For more than 10 years, UNC Charlotte has hosted the “Vagina Monologues,” the wildly popular play created by author, Eve Ensler. She created the show based on interviews with more than 200 women worldwide. Ensler’s monologue collection features several comedic and inspiring accounts of real-life experiences those women faced.

The “Vagina Monologues” provides a women with a sense of empowerment and individuality. This year, UNC Charlotte’s interpretation of the show dealt with some of the serious issues that women face like sex and love, orgasms, rape, violence and female genital mutilation.

Princess King, assistant director for minority student support and women’s programs, added a new spin to the program and invited both faculty and students to audition to be in the show. In the past, only students were invited to participate. “It was something we had never done before, it was exciting to have something new,” King stated.

Faculty had their own monologue night on Jan. 30. Students had their night on Feb. 1. While audience got to see them performed together on Jan. 31.

“The event is a great opportunity to raise awareness to end violence against women,” King states. “We have had people come to us and said that they have watched [our] “Vagina Monologues” and have been inspired by our performances, it’s amazing.”

All proceeds from the event benefit Safe Alliance, a nonprofit that provides hope and healing to people in crisis. The event was part of the V-Day Campaign, a global movement launched by Ensler, to end violence against women.

In the past, the event has raised between $2,500 and $3,000 through silent art auctions, ticket sales, merchandise sales and raffles. This year the event raised more than $5,000.

Needless to say, King plans on continuing the show for many years to come.

— Christina Nesbit
SAFETY AND SECURITY

Code Blue Phones

There is no doubt that UNC Charlotte’s community and campus get bigger each year. As campus grows with the addition of new buildings and football fields and thousands more students join us each year, the need for more security grows along with it.

UNC Charlotte’s department of Police and Public Safety does their best to keep campus safe, and they do a great job of keeping students informed on incidents on or around campus and offering tips to help keep students and faculty from becoming a victim of crime.

One of the biggest weapons in their arsenal is the Code Blue Phones. You can spot the blue-lighted poles all around campus and they are our lifeline in a time of need. Pick up a phone and you’re immediately connected to the department’s dispatcher, asking you what they can do to help.

And it’s not just in emergencies, says officer Jerry Lacomte. They’re for students who need assistance or if they spotted something suspicious, as well. If your car breaks down, you feel uncomfortable with a situation or you need a police escort to another location on campus, pick up a blue phone and ask for help.

The 400 phones that blanket the campus are checked monthly to ensure they are working properly.

Students are never alone on campus; help is only a call away.

— Jadora Ross

Code Blue is a Way of Life at UNC Charlotte

UNC Charlotte has a lot to interesting academic opportunities but the one most well known is probably the Honors College.

The Honors College is for students who are academically talented, enthusiastic about academics and motivated. The college offers a great amount of benefits to students who are accepted into it. Some benefits include added connections to professors, honors housing, academic conferences and preparation for graduate work.

The Honors College is made up of several different programs, each of them with their own admission requirements. The Honors College offers administrative support to for all of the honors programs across campus. To apply, students need to have a GPA of a 3.0 or higher, a well-written personal essay and a letter of recommendation addressing your abilities. The program accepts students in their first two or three semesters as well as transfer students.

Students who are accepted into the program are given a challenging workload. The programs offer a balance of coursework, community involvement and leadership experiences. Students are expected to attend seminars with intensive reading and writing assignments. Students are also encouraged to participate in discussions where they are able to express their own opinions and use their critical thinking skills.

But it’s not all about the books. The Honors College brings an added social benefit as well, like honors housing. Once accepted to the Honors College students become a part of a family. It promotes community and provides students with a sense of belonging.

The Honors College is open to all majors and continues throughout all four years. Graduating in the program requires the completion of the honors curriculum and a capstone project or thesis. Parents who are interested in their student getting involved with the Honors College should encourage their student to fill out the application. Ask your student to take his or her academic career seriously when they first get here so that they have the option of joining a program like the Honors College when they’re ready.

— Jennifer Jones
As the weather warms and we begin to see the first signs of spring, activities on campus begin to heat up. Spring break is behind us, and students have survived midterm exams and projects. By now, your student should have an understanding of his or her progress and academic standing in each course.

But now I want to draw your attention to some very important changes to UNC Charlotte’s course withdrawal policy that could impact your student. Starting this fall semester, undergraduate students will not be allowed to withdraw from more than 16 credit hours over their academic careers at UNC Charlotte. A withdrawal refers to a course students drop after the specified add/drop period. You can see those dates at registrar.uncc.edu/calendar. When a student withdraws from a course, a grade of “W” appears on the transcript, but the student’s GPA is unaffected. A student must make the decision to withdraw before the ninth week of classes.

Limiting withdrawals is a major change in UNC Charlotte policy. Currently, students are able to withdraw from an unlimited number of courses. The new withdrawal policy will require students to think very carefully about the academic and financial consequences of withdrawing from a course or from the semester. After a student has reached the 16 credit hour limit, he or she will be unable to withdraw from another course and must accept the grade earned at the end of the semester. That include students who are unable to withdraw but stop attending the class anyway.

Deciding to Withdraw

Please discuss this new policy with your student. Next semester, more than ever, a student’s decision to withdraw from one or more courses should not be taken lightly. Before withdrawing, students should consult the following people on campus for guidance:

The instructor: Students should speak to the faculty member teaching the course. The course instructor can have an honest conversation about a student’s progress and potential to successfully recover from a bumpy beginning based on course requirements and opportunities.

The advisor: All undergraduate advisors are well-trained on the university’s new policy to help your student make an informed decision about whether to withdraw from a course. Students should make an appointment to discuss the short and long term academic implications of withdrawing from a course, and they should carefully consider how this decision might affect his or her GPA, requirements for the major and progress toward graduation.

A financial aid officer: There are possible financial repercussions for course withdrawal. Students who withdraw from a course will be responsible for 100% of the assessed tuition and fees charges. Students who withdraw from classes before completing over 60% of a semester may be required to repay all or a portion of the federal financial aid received for that term. If your student receives financial aid, he or she should meet with a financial aid assistant director to understand how his or her financial aid package will be affected. The Office of Student Financial Aid - finaid@uncc.edu - is located on the first floor of the Reese Building.

Dean of Students Office: We recognize that in life unfortunate and unpredictable situations may arise. Only in these situations may students apply to withdraw from one or more courses with extenuating circumstances – provost.uncc.edu/withdrawals/faqs#extenuating-circumstances. A student who believes his or her condition falls into this category should contact the Dean of Students Office – dso.uncc.edu – for advice and direction.

Staying Enrolled

Get help: If a student with an unsatisfactory midterm grade decides to remain enrolled in the course, he or she should seek support on campus. The university wants students to develop a sense of ownership in their education, and we can provide resources to guide them along the pathway to academic success. There are a variety of offices and services provided on campus for students who hope to turn unsatisfactory grades around. Please remind your student to seek free assistance at the University Center for Academic Excellence – ucae.uncc.edu. The Writing Resources Center - writing.uncc.edu/writing-resources-center – can help students develop valuable writing skills through one-to-one writing instruction. Likewise, various departments on campus offer peer tutoring programs for students who want to improve their classroom performance.

Work hard: Last year, I shared with you the secrets of being awesome at UNC Charlotte on my e-newsletter “Academic Corner” – seas.uncc.edu/helpful-hints/secrets-success. If your student wants to dramatically improve his or her classroom performance, share secrets two, three and four with him or her. Encourage your student to go to class prepared and ready to participate in the discussions and activities of the session. Secret nine reminds us that being a student is a full-time job and for every hour spent in the classroom, students should be willing to dedicate two to three hours of study time outside of class.

Earlier this month, most first-year students received midterm grade reports. If your student receives an unsatisfactory grade report next semester, he or she will have to make some important academic decisions. I encourage you to talk with your student about this new policy and what it means for his or her career at UNC Charlotte. For more information on the new withdrawal policy, please visit the Office of Academic Affairs’ webpage at provost.uncc.edu/policies/withdrawals.
Larry Gourdine is glad to call North Carolina and UNC Charlotte home after his journey through academia. Gourdine earned his undergraduate degree at Murray State University in K-12, health and physical education and his master’s degree in public health at the University of Tennessee.

Originally, Gourdine began his work in North Carolina when he worked in policy initiatives in Raleigh. He eventually transitioned to NC State University as the Assistant Director of Health Promotion and provided help to students impacted by all forms of violence. Gourdine then moved to the University of Georgia where he served the same purpose.

After working as a Bulldog, Gourdine moved to Northern Illinois as Assistant Dean where his horizons were broadened to all issues impacting students’ educational goals. Gourdine was responsible for meeting with students, hearing their problems and then helping them find the right on-campus resources and services.

In short, he’s a problem solver. A fixer, there to help students deal with their on-campus issues. And he’s brought that expertise to UNC Charlotte now.

Gourdine has a strong passion for helping students. “[To me] there is no better job or greater area to work in than working in higher education.”

At UNC Charlotte, the Assistant Dean of Students is responsible for responding to any crisis that may get between a student and his or her education.

“Everyday is a different challenge that I try to solve,” says Gourdine.

Gourdine is a point of contact to all students on campus. Students are able to see him on a walk-in basis as well as be referred to him by other students, faculty or staff.

“I love the environment, love working with students. … This is my purpose in life, to help people as much as I can.”

In coming from The University of Illinois as the Assistant Dean of Students, Gourdine has high goals for his new position at UNC Charlotte. He plans to make sure students know he’s there for them, wanting to help, and that his office is at their disposal, should they ever need it.

In addition to serving as the Assistant Dean of Students, Gourdine also serves on the Campus Behavioral Intervention Team; Tuition, Housing and Dining Appeal Committee; and the Commencement Speaker and Bell Ringer Selection Committee.

Gourdine notes that he is “Looking forward to getting acclimated to UNC Charlotte and becoming a familiar face on campus that students can trust during times of crisis.”

— Christina Nesbit

Summer School can make life easier

There are a lot of reasons students should sign up for summer school, but some students still don’t see the benefit. Maybe the stigma from high school summer classes still lingers in the their minds. Or they might just think the classes will be flat-out boring.

This couldn’t be farther from the truth.

Summer school gives students the chance to get ahead in their program and the chance to graduate early. UNC Charlotte offers summer school classes that apply to all majors and minors just like a normal fall or spring semester would.

Students can benefit from summer school by catching up on credits they may have missed due to changing majors or not completing a course. Summer school is offered to both full and part-time students who are looking for the credits. Students from other schools can sometimes be found wondering the campus over summer taking a class here because it’s closer to their parent’s home than their alma mater.

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**DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE**

**Davis moves into permanent role**

Veteran UNC Charlotte staff member Christine Reed Davis recently assumed the new role of associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students. She had served as interim dean since June 2013 and looks forward to helping students take full advantage of University life -- from orientation to graduation.

“The mission of the Dean of Students Office is to help students navigate their University experience,” said Davis. “That experience takes many different forms including attendance at orientation programs, participation in leadership and service opportunities, being held accountable for and learning from conduct that does not meet University expectations, involving parents and family members in the University experience, understanding academic procedures and policies and managing crises.”

Davis leads a multifaceted office that oversees new student and family services, fraternity and sorority life, student conduct, volunteer and off-campus outreach, veteran students outreach, women’s programs, minority student support services, parent and family programs and Latino student support services.

In addition, Davis serves as the chair of the Campus Behavioral Intervention Team, chair of the Tuition Housing and Dining Appeals Committee and as a deputy Title IX coordinator for the University.

“I believe that the biggest challenge facing the Dean of Students Office and my staff is the general perception of students regarding the office,” said Davis. “Many students perceive visiting the office as a negative due to the fact that student conduct is handled as a function of the Dean of Students Office. My biggest goal, and greatest challenge, will be to rebrand and redefine the office within the student culture.”

And she has started already. Davis stated new programs, such as monthly “Niner Noshes” where she invites small groups of students to lunch to learn more about their University experience, and traditional communication vehicles such as print and Web will serve as starting points to make the office more transparent and accessible to students.

Although rebranding an entire department could be a tall order, Davis undertakes the challenge with more than 17 years of experience at UNC Charlotte.

She joined the University in 1997 as a residence coordinator with the Office of Housing and Residence Life and within two years was promoted to assistant director for staff and judicial programs in the Dean of Students Office. In 2006, she was named senior associate dean of students and director for student conduct and outreach.

Lured north in 2012, Davis served nearly a year as assistant dean for conduct for Boston College prior to returning to UNC Charlotte to be interim dean of students.

“I had a strong sense of the various programmatic and service-related functions within the Dean of Students Office thanks to amazing mentorship by the previous Dean of Students, Dr. Michele Howard,” said Davis. “This role felt like a natural career progression for me, and coming back to UNC Charlotte after a brief period of time away at another university felt like coming home.”

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Students can begin registering for summer classes on March 24.

Summer school officially starts May 19. The lists of courses offered for summer school are posted in the Banner system, and students can view these classes by logging into their 49er Express account. Summer school offers flexible class schedules with choices between online courses and on campus courses offered over 10- and five-week sessions. The variety of classes offered gives students a choice in how they want to schedule their time. Many students still find the time to work or take that internship they were trying to secure all spring semester.

The cost of summer school is determined by how many credit hours a student enrolls in along with the traditional fees that are charged during all semesters. Students can find the cost of summer classes on the its website — summerschool.uncc.edu — under the tuition and costs tab. And just like any other semester, students can apply for financial aid. Those forms are also on the summer session’s website.

— Jenny Jones

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The Collegiate Recovery Community at UNC Charlotte supports students in recovery from addiction.

The CRC offers weekly 12-step meetings, peer support, seminar classes on recovery issues and eligibility for a $1,000 tuition scholarship if the student has a minimum of six months of sobriety and a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Housing for students in recovery will be offered on campus starting fall 2014. Off-campus housing is currently available with community partner The Loft at Hope Homes. Please contact Carol Rose if interested in the CRC or for housing needs at crose3@unc.edu or 704-687-0813.

The CRC is planning a 6K trail race at Reedy Creek Park on June 21st. For more information go to: www.heroesinrecovery.com/heroes6k/charlotte-nc/
Meal Plan changes for 2014-15

Revamped plan offerings designed for flexibility, value, and the modern student lifestyle

That was then

Back when all on-campus housing comprised four high-rise residence buildings, the Residence Dining Hall (RDH) was the only place on campus for hot food three times a day. A meal plan took the form of circles printed on a vinyl sheet that was folded multiple times and affixed to the back of the UNCC ID. Students would unroll the sheet for the cashier to punch. Every hole represented a meal eaten, every skipped-over circle was a meal not used. It was a very simple, low-tech system.

As the University grew, new residence halls were built with multiple living configurations like suites and apartments. Meal plans changed and expanded, too, as did dining options. Favorite national brands were established all over campus: Chick-fil-A, Salsarita’s, Bojangle’s, Subway, Starbucks, Einstein Brothers Bagels, Papa John’s and Wendy’s all have presence at UNC Charlotte. Declining Balance (DB), by itself or as part of a traditional and block meal plan, provided easy, card-sweep access to all the retail choices.

This is now

Crown Commons opened in the Student Union as the new all-you-care-to-eat dining hall in 2009. Its gas-fired pizza oven, made-in-front-of-you cooking stations and ability to apply endless customization to numerous entrees made RDH appear as tired as the linoleum floor in grandma’s kitchen. Equally dated and due for an upgrade were the meal plans UNC Charlotte offered. Plans had become overly complicated and ill suited to the fast-emerging trend of eating several smaller meals during the course of a day. Social meals with friends are now as likely to be for mid-morning coffee or a late evening burger but “traditional” meal plans are modeled on old-fashioned breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Time for a change, just in time

UNC Charlotte Business Services in collaboration with dining services partner, Chartwells, spent two years studying meal plans and developing a new model. The goal was to retool meal plans so they would provide:

• simplicity in purchase,
• meal flexibility,
• greater value,
• be financially sustainable,
• balance facility use and balance/lessen wait lines.

How 2014-15 Meal Plans measure up

Simplicity – Plans are based on housing assignment and hours earned.

• Students living in “required housing,” which are residences without private kitchens, require selecting a meal plan as part of the housing contract;
• There are two meal plan choices for first year resident students (freshman/those with 29 or fewer credit hours), four for sophomores, five for juniors, six for seniors.
• Commuter students may pick any offered plan, regardless of class status.

“Traditional plans” consisting of a number of meal swipes per week are no more. All plans for 2014-15 offer either unlimited swipes or are block plans that have a set number of swipes that may be used at anytime throughout the semester. All plans have either $200 or $300 attached Declining Balance (DB) funds that can be used at any dining facility, including all the national retail brands.

Flexibility – Expanded dining options give more choices for students.

In a few weeks, after four decades of service, RDH will close and South Village will have a new dining facility, one that will, says Bill Bremer, resident district manager for Chartwells Dining Services, “serve students with a 22nd Century program.”

The, new “unlimited plans” (seven days or five weekdays) allow students to eat smaller meals throughout the day on a frequent basis. No more having to load up on a full meal to get their money’s-worth. Students can stop in for cereal and juice before class, grab a sandwich for lunch, a yogurt at mid-
afternoon, some dinner, and then coffee and dessert later. Meal
swipes are truly unlimited throughout service hours, and, at
South Village, can be used for meals from a take-out venue.

In addition to flexibility in when they eat, the new dining
facility further expands the flexibility of what they eat. SoVi,
like Crown Commons, is set up in multiple stations, with food
preparation and action stations in the front of the house.

“This gives us a real opportunity to improve choices,” said Bill
Bremer, Resident District Manager for Chartwells Dining Ser-
vices. “We will go from seven to eight entrees per meal to 15-18.
There will be expanded menus for vegans/vegetarians and those
with dietary-restrictions [e.g., gluten and dairy sensitivity]. And
just about everything can be customized to individual prefer-
ence.”

Greater Value – The design of the plans is based specifically
on data from meal plan use on the UNC Charlotte campus.

“We know that students with traditional plans tend to lose
meals,” said Bremer. A primary reason is because those plans
limit the amount of meal swipes given per day and the time in
which those meals can be taken. “If a student has meal times
fixed by their plan but a class schedule that’s all over the place,
that student is going to miss meals.” So, to provide greater val-
ue, traditional meal plans had to go.

“Block plans are used more fully,” Bremer explains, “because
swipes can be anytime throughout the semester. There’s no rea-
son to lose meals.” Therefore, block plan choices remain and
have been refined based on how students historically use them
(first-year students typically use more meal swipes per semester
than upperclassmen).

The new unlimited swipe plans may be the best value for
many students, particularly first or second-year students who
will take most of their meals and make most of their first social
connections in the dining hall. Athletes and those who enjoy
bigger meals as well as those who prefer to eat smaller portions
several times a day will also benefit from an unlimited plan.
And with two new, state-of-the-art dining facilities to use —
Crown Commons in the Student Union and SoVi at South Vil-
lage, meal plan dining is more convenient than ever before.

Unlimited meal swipe and block meal plans also come with
either $200 or $300 in DB. The amounts were chosen to be prac-
tical; dining habit data indicates these are amounts proven
to be sufficient for most students.

Financial sustainability – Meal plan sales provide a frame-
work to ensure maintenance of existing dining facilities and
expansion when needed. Business Services’ mission statement
mandates providing “essential human, financial, facility and
administrative support to the university…” Supplying whole-
some food from properly equipped kitchens is most certainly
essential! The last part of that mission statement, “…customer
focused, results oriented, fiscally sound, and integrity bound,”
is equally important. Plans designed to give students the most
value for the dining services they need and expect falls fully in
line with that mission.

Balance facility use and wait lines – All restaurants experi-
ence peak times around meals, but dining venues on a college
campus are subject to concentrated surges around class times.
The new SoVi dining hall at South Village will take some pres-
sure off Crown Commons by providing convenient premier
dining for the thousands of students who will live on the South
side of campus. Unlimited meal swipes mean that quick meals
and snacks can be had in the dining halls, too. And while a
burger from Wendy's and nuggets from Chick-fil-A will always
be very popular, expanded healthy and customizable entrée op-
tions will attract students who seek greater balance in their diet.

New plans take advantage with expertise in the kitchen

The trend in dining halls now demands broader menus and
greater opportunity to eat a balanced diet. Chartwells, the din-
ing services partner for UNC Charlotte, has a full team of cam-
pus chefs with over 100 years of combined experience. And,
to underscore their commitment to good nutrition, Chartwells
added a full-time Registered Dietitian (RD) to their culinary
staff. The Chefs and the RD work together to plan menus that
match with that mission.

Want to know more?
• Read about what's coming to South Village Dining Hall.
• Meal Plan dining information page.

– LouAnn Lamb, Marketing Director for Business Services
UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAR. 28
Charlotte 49ers Women's Tennis vs. Middle Tennessee
1 p.m. / Wagner Tennis Complex
Non-ticketed sports event; free during regular season

Visiting Lecturer: Carl Zimmer
8 p.m. / UNC Charlotte Center City - Auditorium
Free

WEDNESDAY, APR. 2
Charlotte 49ers Softball vs. North Carolina
6 p.m. / Phillips Softball Complex
Non-ticketed sports event; free during regular season

FRIDAY, APR. 4
Charlotte 49ers Baseball vs. Evansville
2 p.m. / Robert & Mariam Hayes Stadium
Ticket information

FRIDAY, APR. 5
Relay For Life: Style Your Hat
7 p.m. / Northeast Recreational Field Complex
Free

SATURDAY, APR. 6
Charlotte 49ers Football Spring Game
12 p.m. / Jerry Richardson Stadium
Ticket information

TUESDAY, APR. 8
Faculty Lecture & Reception: Thomas Gentry
6:30 p.m. Bioinformatics – Room 105
APR. 10 - 16
Spring Awakening
7:30 p.m., Robinson Hall, Black Box Theater
College of Arts + Architecture event calendar and tickets

APR. 24 - 26
Devising Shakespeare: The Shrew Project
7:30 p.m., Robinson Hall, Black Box Theater
College of Arts + Architecture event calendar and tickets

TUESDAY, APR. 29
Last Day of Classes

SATURDAY, MAY 3
Charlotte 49ers Softball vs. NC State
3 p.m. / Phillips Softball Complex
Non-ticketed sports event; free during regular season

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Spring Commencement
Schedule and information

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Davis refers to her new position as her “dream job” and notes that her history with the University made for a smooth transition eased by pre-established relationships with departmental staff and campus partners.

“This University is powered by the energy, dedication and perseverance of the people who are here, and that is what I love about UNC Charlotte,” said Davis. “I enjoy the collaboration, care for others and genuine interest in making UNC Charlotte the best it can be for everyone.

“That statement is not solely directed at the administration and faculty but also to our students who take on leadership roles, sacrifice their time to serve others, provide feedback about their experiences (both positive and negative) and persist through personal hardships and crisis to walk across that commencement stage,” Davis continued. “I am motivated and energized every day by my interactions with our community.”

Davis lives in Charlotte with her husband and their two children. Inspired by her son’s participation in his school’s cross country team, Davis recently started the Couch to 5K challenge and hopes to complete her first 5K by the end of spring.

— Lindsay Richter
Too many college students practically live on ramen noodles and vending machine snacks. That's not brain food! A meal plan makes sense, even if you live off campus.

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