



## UNCG named top workplace for commuters



UNCG was named the top university nationally for employees who commute in the 2016 Best Workplaces for Commuters “Race to Excellence” awards.

Best Workplaces for Commuters is a national program that recognizes employers offering outstanding commuter benefits. In addition to being one of 30 universities named to this year’s list, UNCG received the “Best Of” award in the university category.

“This recognition reaffirms our efforts in offering a multimodal transportation system that emphasizes sustainability,” said Scott Milman, executive director of Campus Enterprises at UNCG. “We’ve built strong partnerships with mass transit organizations and companies like Zipcar and Zimride to provide a variety of alternative transportation options that reduce car emissions and help students, faculty and staff save money.”

Commuter benefits include free fare for city buses, shower facilities and fix-it stations for cyclists, ride sharing, car sharing and an emergency ride home program.

UNCG was the first employer in the Triad to be named to the Best Workplaces for Commuters list in 2010.

Best Workplaces for Commuters is managed by the National Center for Transit Research at the Center for Urban Transportation Research. Employers that meet the National Standard of Excellence in commuter benefits, a standard established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and maintained by the Center for Urban Transportation Research, are eligible for inclusion in Best Workplaces for Commuters.

For more information about the national recognition, visit [bestworkplaces.org](http://bestworkplaces.org). To learn more about UNCG’s transportation options for employees, visit [parking.uncg.edu/sustainable](http://parking.uncg.edu/sustainable).

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## Trustees discuss millennial districts, tuition rates, Athletics review



The UNCG Board of Trustees met Dec. 9 in the Kaplan Center for

Wellness. Some highlights of the meeting:

### **Tuition and fees set for 2017-18**

Current undergraduates have their tuition rates fixed - the tuition will not go up as long as they are enrolled full time?? through graduation? (?up to? eight consecutive semesters). That freeze is part of a state bill passed last summer.

Incoming first-year students next fall will pay 2 percent more in tuition, which will be fixed as long as they are enrolled full time (for eight consecutive semesters). The 2 percent cap was set by UNC General Administration.

Student fees next fall will increase for all students by 3 percent.

### **Two millennial districts**

Much like it did with the creation of the Gateway University Research Park - a millennial campus operated by UNCG and N.C. A&T State - UNCG is planning to create two more districts to spur collaboration with the private sector and enhance student learning.

One millennial district would center on health and wellness, a theme of the new strategic plan. This district will include Spartan Village and the Kaplan Center for Wellness, in addition to Sullivan Science and the Nursing / STEM building that will replace McIver Building.

The other would focus on the visual and performing arts. It will stretch along much of Tate Street - including the Music Building on McIver.

The trustees voted their approval. These districts will now need approval from the UNCG Board of Governors.

### **Power of history /power of interpretation**

Dr. Benjamin Filene and one graduate student gave the trustees an update on Museum Studies' work related to UNCG Auditorium.

A long-range goal is for Filene and the Museum Studies program in the Department of History to bring a proposal to the Board of Trustees in May 2017 for an exhibition in UNCG Auditorium about Aycock's historical context and legacies. In February 2016, the board voted to remove its former (Aycock Auditorium) name and name it UNCG Auditorium.

Last semester, the Museum Studies graduate students in the Department of History focused on "commemoration" at UNCG. They explored the many ways people have been commemorated at a university.

Graduate student Katherine Simmons presented the interactive map the Museum Studies Class of 2018 created in the fall, of UNCG's "commemorative landscape." It is posted on the website ["Building Legacies at UNCG."](#)

The site features detailed biographies, commemorative histories, and imaginative visions for re-commemoration. UNCG's Special Collections and University Archives and Electronic Resources & Information Technology in Jackson Library collaborated with the students on the project.

### **Review of Athletics**

A consultant from Collegiate Sports Associates presented its study of the UNCG Athletics program. A few of the key points were:

- Athletics should have a defined identity at UNCG - a defined role and place at this university.
- UNCG should focus on the competitive success of men's basketball. And men's basketball should be the focus of athletic marketing. "A successful men's basketball program provides the best opportunity for athletics to enhance the university's reputation and its local, regional and national brand."
- Maybe more games should be played in Fleming Gym, instead of nearly all men's games being played in the coliseum. That would generate money.
- An on-campus multi-purpose convocation and events center should be considered when men's basketball becomes consistently more

successful.

### **Parking rates will rise**

The trustees approved an increase in the parking rates - the first increase in three years. It will take effect Aug. 1, 2017. The price for an employee surface lot permit (this is where many faculty and staff park) will go up \$22 next year to \$333.

By Mike Harris

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## **Matyok message to December graduates: ‘Use your passion’**



You’ve spent your time at UNCG searching for answers. Now, you are the answer.

That was the message heard by graduates Dec. 15 as UNCG awarded more than 1,700 degrees at commencement.

“What is needed is action,” said commencement speaker Dr. Thomas Matyók. “The challenges facing us cannot wait for answers – they need people who will act now in new ways.”

Matyók, department chair and director of graduate studies in the [Department of Peace and Conflict Studies](#), encouraged the new alumni to find their true passions in order to stay the course and make a difference in the world.

“Passion makes it all worthwhile,” he said. “Use your passion as a way of creating a newer and more humane world. No task is too small.”

UNCG awarded approximately 1,314 bachelor’s degrees, 363 master’s degrees, 76 doctoral degrees and six specialist in education degrees at this morning’s ceremony. Among the sea of blue and gold were the first graduates of the School of Nursing’s [Veterans Access Program](#), an accelerated bachelor’s in nursing degree program for medically trained veterans.

According to Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr., these numbers represent passionate change-makers poised to shape the future.

“Be assured that the training and preparation at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro have made you ready to meet this world head on,” Gilliam said. “And indeed, it is time for all of you to begin to take your giant steps – to make your mark in the world.”

Matyók echoed the chancellor’s remarks, leaving the graduates with one final piece of advice before tassels were turned:

“Find your passion, take responsibility for positively changing a part of the world and building peace, and begin writing your biography today.”

[See full story at UNCG Now.](#)

Story by Alyssa Bedrosian

Photography by Martin W. Kane

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## MLK Celebration at UNCG Auditorium Jan. 18



The Martin Luther King Jr Celebration: An Evening with DeRay McKesson will be held in UNCG Auditorium Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m.

The event will be hosted by UNCG and N.C. A&T State.

DeRay McKesson (in visual) is an educator, civil rights activist and leading voice in the Black Lives Matter movement.

In 2015, McKesson was named one of the World's Greatest Leaders by Fortune magazine. Last year, Time magazine recognized him in its list of the 30 Most Influential People on the Internet. McKesson is currently the interim chief human capital officer for Baltimore City Public Schools and a fellow at the University of Chicago Institute of Politics. He is a 2007 graduate of Bowdoin College and received an honorary doctorate from The New School in New York City in 2016.

Among the associated events earlier in the day, at NC A&T, will be a panel discussion on "Activism and Civil Disobedience," Dudley Multipurpose room, NC A&T campus, 2-3:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [intercultural.uncg.edu](http://intercultural.uncg.edu).

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## UNCG'S unique connection to movie 'Hidden Figures'



With the film "Hidden Figures" opening to rave reviews and big box office receipts this past weekend, UNCG remembers alumna Virginia Tucker '30, a trailblazer for the female mathematicians – known as "computers" – highlighted in the film.

Tucker was one of five women to join the first human computer pool at Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory (now Langley Research Center) in 1935. Langley was the main research center for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), the precursor to NASA.

When World War II broke out in 1939, more women were recruited as computers to conduct wind tunnel testing and other critical research for the military. Tucker recruited heavily at institutions across the East Coast, including UNCG (known then as the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina). According to Margot Lee Shetterly, author of the book that inspired the movie, UNCG graduated one of the largest cohorts of women who went on to work as human computers.

By the early 1940s, Tucker was the head computer, tasked with managing hundreds of women in computing sections across the laboratory. In her book, Shetterly writes:

“Over the course of twelve years, Virginia Tucker had ascended from a subprofessional employee to the most powerful woman at the lab. She had done so much to transform the position of computer from a proto-clerical job into one of the laboratory's most valuable assets. ... Between 1942 and 1946, four hundred Langley computers received training on Tucker's watch.”

In 1947, Tucker left civil service for a position as an aerodynamicist at Northrop Corporation, one of the nation's leading aviation companies. Although she was no longer at Langley, her legacy continued to pave the way for female mathematicians, including the three African-American women whose inspiring stories are told in the movie “Hidden Figures.”

By Alyssa Bedrosian

Photography courtesy of Martha Blakeney Hodges Special Collections and University Archives; Virginia Tucker at her desk at Langley in 1946

For more details, see [Encyclopedia of UNCG History entry](#) by University Archivist Erin Lawrimore.

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## A lot of mud, a lot of endurance: Shields takes national cyclocross title



UNCG Nutrition's Emily Shields is a national champion in cycling.

The second-year graduate student won the Women's Collegiate Club National Championship title at the 2017 Cyclocross Nationals in Hartford, CT, on Jan. 4.

“This specific discipline is called cyclocross,” she told UNCG Campus Weekly in an email interview. “Cyclocross is a 1-2 mile loop, kind of like the terrain on a cross country running course. The race is 45-60 minutes and the number of laps you do depends on how fast the leaders' lap times are.”

UNCG Cycling is [a student club](#) at UNCG. As their Facebook page notes, the club is free to join although members are responsible for their own equipment.





CW asked how she secured her bikes, equipment and uniform. “I race professionally for Ken's Bike Shop, so I already have my own bikes and equipment - so I just had to purchase the UNCG uniform.”

How long has she competed? “I have been racing cyclocross for 13 years. I began at a cyclocross race my dad was promoting that was part of the North Carolina Cyclocross Series - and fell in love with the sport then. I also race road and mountain bikes but cyclocross is definitely my favorite.”

So how do you train for a national title while being a graduate student? “It does take a lot of energy and it is difficult being in grad school, but I love it so it is worth it. You just have to have good time management skills and motivation to race and train while being in school. The North Carolina Cyclocross Series is a really good way to train for the bigger races.”

In addition to racing in college level races, she also races throughout the country in professional races, she added.

See more in this [Cyclocross Magazine article](#).

See a [YouTube interview with her](#) immediately after her win.

By Mike Harris

Photos from the race by Alan Garvick, courtesy Emily Shields.

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## UNCG’s ‘Super Star Steppers’ - two employee teams finish in top-3 statewide

Two UNCG teams came in close to the top in the North Carolina Miles for Wellness Challenge 14, Celebration Trail: 100 Years of National Parks.

With 5,343 miles walked, The Hare Styles came in second place in the state in the Bionic Hare Division, and the Bryan Cruisers came in third. Bionic Hare is a new division, for teams who walk an average of more than 105,000 steps per week per member.

Both teams will be awarded a trophy by Katherine Hilliard, Statewide Wellness Coordinator, and the teams will receive state recognition in the Office of State Human Resources Newsletter.

Other leading UNCG teams included the Hare Balls, the Action Potentials, the Circulators, the GRE: Graduate Ramblers Ensemble, PHE Nominal and UNCG Anthropology.

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## UNCG Spartan Recovery Program update

On December 12, 2016, UNC Horizons, a program of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, traveled to Greensboro to host a luncheon for female members of UNCG's Spartan Recovery Program (SRP). Horizons, a substance abuse treatment program for pregnant and parenting women and their children, including those whose lives have been touched by abuse and violence, hopes to cultivate a community that will encourage participants to take advantage of the support resources offered. UNC Horizons staff chose to seek input from SRP's female members about recovery issues specific to women, after meeting several of the members at the Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Recovery Conference in Raleigh this fall. Future collaborations are under discussion. Terri Spears serves as Coordinator for the Spartan Recovery Program.

UNCG's Spartan Recovery Program (SRP,) a program of the Counseling Center in Student Health Services, a division of Student Affairs, is proud to share that our 19 active members had an average GPA for the Fall 2016 term of 3.68 with seven members achieving a GPA of 4.0. UNCG students in recovery from alcohol and other drug addiction benefit from the network of recovery support services that promote the personal, academic and professional goals of students in recovery. These accomplished SRP members prove that Spartans do not have to compromise their recovery or their academics during their pursuit of an enriched college experience.

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## Thanks for reading Campus Weekly

Thank you for reading UNCG Campus Weekly. Readership has increased in the past year. The current CW Google Analytics show 122,536 pageviews between July 1 and December 31, 2016. (That's an increase over the same period in the previous year, which showed 117,278 pageviews.)

The top five posts in the past semester, based on pageviews?

- [Food trucks this fall](#)
- [In memoriam: Dr. Deb Cassidy](#)
- [63 faculty members honored at Promotion/Tenure event](#)
- [UNCG Nursing deemed "Center of Excellence" again and again](#)
- [See the stars \(and planets too\)](#)

(Also in the top 10 are lots of accesses to the CW Categories. For example, lots of readers obviously access the [People category](#) - this allows you to conveniently read this week's People posts by simply scrolling, plus you can read previous weeks' People posts as you continue scrolling. Readers do the same for Notes, for the Spotlight category, etc.)

Campus Weekly now uses iModules in its weekly email notice to faculty/staff - the CW email sent on Wednesday mornings is a convenient way for readers to access the weekly posts. As an example of one month's average, the average number of recipients who opened the weekly email in the 4 issues of Nov. 2016 was 903 per issue.

How to send a submission or story idea? Email the submission to editor Mike Harris at [mdharri3@uncg.edu](mailto:mdharri3@uncg.edu). (I'll reply with a quick "thank you" reply when I process the submission within a few days.) Or submit them via a form at the CW Submissions page: <http://ure.uncg.edu/prod/cweekly/submissions> (again, you know I received it with a quick "thank you" reply). If it's to promote an event, send it 2-3 weeks before the event, so we have time to edit it for length/style and readers can mark their calendars. For other posts, send it by Thursday before the posting date - in other words, about 6 days before the weekly Wednesday publication date. We edit posts on Friday and Monday, post them on Tuesday as we prepare the email, and send the CW email on Wednesday morning.

By Mike Harris

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## 22 ACC Nursing graduates earn UNCG bachelor degrees

Twenty-two graduates of Alamance Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program earned their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees from UNCG in December as the first class of a partnership between the two colleges, known as RN-to-BSN (Registered Nurse-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing).

Beginning in January 2015, UNCG's School of Nursing faculty provided online classes and met with 25 graduates of ACC's Associate Degree Nursing program one day per week on the ACC campus. Students were charged UNCG distance learning rates and fees. Because the face-to-face class was offered on the ACC campus, students who already lived in Alamance County saved time and travel expenses.

"One of the reasons for the success of our program is the partnership we have with ACC," said Jacqueline DeBrew, UNCG Program Director. "ACC provides the classroom space, makes parking accommodations for us, and helps with student recruitment."

After three semesters, that first batch of 22 students graduated with their BSN degrees from UNCG. Three other students will complete additional elective hours before their graduation.

Admission preference is shown to ACC second-year nursing students and RN graduates. Other RNs in the area can join the cohort as space allows.

"In our new ACC cohort starting in January 2017, we expect to have around 33 students," said Linda Anderson, RN-BSN Outreach Program Specialist at the UNCG School of Nursing.

The American Association of Colleges of Nurses reported that 77.4% of employers expressed a strong preference for BSN program graduates. BSN-educated nurses typically receive 2-3 times the clinical training as Associate Degree in Nursing graduates. Consequently, BSN nurses earn higher salaries because they are better equipped to deliver more complex, high-quality patient care services.

The format of the program also contributes to its success, said DeBrew. Students have two courses, taught in a hybrid format, each semester. The two courses share one time slot, so the students are able to attend class once a week for four hours, but earn credit for two courses. One class meets face to face, while the other meets online and then they switch the next week.

"We also have dedicated faculty who are passionate about RN/BSN students and are willing to make the drive, learn a new campus, to teach their courses," said DeBrew.

"These BSN credentials make nurses more competitive in today's job market, and that competitive edge will give Alamance Community College students exactly what they need," said ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood. "This really bridges the gaps and ensures that more of our students and people from this community will have opportunities before them that they've never had before."

[Copy courtesy ACC web site.](#)

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## Dan Hendrickson's vision for campus health



For Dr. Dan Hendrickson, UNCG's new medical director of Student Health Services, college campus health is his ultimate calling. As a parent of three college athletes, and a physician who's spent most of his career serving a student population, he knows the student is not a number.

One new thing Hendrickson has brought to UNCG's student health center operations is a student advisory committee, or a group of eight to ten students who help assess UNCG's health services.

He is also looking forward to collaborating with the new Kaplan Center for Wellness, the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services and other campus health resources.

In 2015, UNCG was chosen by Active Minds as one of five campuses in the nation distinguished in prioritizing health and in creating a healthy college community, and Hendrickson is pleased to build on that accomplishment. His vision for a campus health center focuses on understanding day-to-day life on a campus, offering integrated services to each individual student. He says there is no one size fits all for managing the health of a campus community.



Before coming to UNCG, Hendrickson spent 18 years as director of medical services and head team physician for the University of Michigan Athletic Department, and was a staff physician at their University Health Services. Before that, he was an assistant professor of clinical medicine at the Penn State University College of Medicine and an attending physician in the Department of Medicine at Lehigh Valley Hospital. He has covered many championship events and Bowl games with Michigan Athletics, as well as the New York City Marathon, and has served as a volunteer at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid.

With “education in his blood,” as he says, Dr. Hendrickson takes it as his mission not only to provide accessible and high quality health services to all students, but also to teach them about their health care options.

“We have the ability to work with a multidisciplinary approach, because there’s so much here,” he says.

By Susan Kirby-Smith

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## Kellett/Maytok

Dr. Pete Kellett (Communication Studies) and Dr. Tom Matyok (Peace and Conflict Studies) have collaborated to co-edit two books grounded in a transformational approach to communication and conflict. A transformational approach is based on the idea that conflicts must be viewed as embedded within broader relational patterns, and social and discursive structures—and must be addressed as such. Together, the books represent current leading edge communication scholarship across a broad range of contexts, from close personal, family, and working relationships, to engaged community, regional, and global scholarship and praxis from a variety of places in the world.

The first book, “Transforming Conflict Through Communication in Personal, Family, and Working Relationships” was published by Lexington Books in November. The second book, “Communication and Conflict Transformation Through Local, Regional, and Global Engagement,” was published by Lexington Books last month.

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## Kathryn M. Crowe



Kathryn M. Crowe (University Libraries) co-edited the book “The Future of Library Space, v. 36, Advances in Library Administration and Organization” with Samantha Schmehl Hines. It was published by Emerald Insight in 2016. Crowe is interim dean of University Libraries.

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## Murphie Chappell

Murphie Chappell (Office of the Chancellor) received new funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety for the project “UNCG Service Expansion for Victims of Campus Violence.” According to the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act, less than five percent of rapes on campuses are reported to authorities and reporting is more likely when reporting mechanisms are clearly established, publicized and handled in a consistent and appropriate manner. In order to increase the effectiveness of the response to violence and increase reporting, UNCG will develop and implement the Campus Violence Response Center (CVRC), a vital project focused on increasing knowledge of, and access to, comprehensive campus and community services for victims of sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and other forms of campus violence. UNCG CVRC, the first of its kind in the UNC system, was formed from the best practice family justice center model. The CVRC will create a single point of access where many partners with a united mission respond to provide comprehensive services to all victims of campus violence.

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## Mary Anderson



Mary Anderson (Associate Dean of Students, Dean of Students Office) received her Ph.D. in Educational Studies with a concentration in Higher Education Administration at the December 2016 Commencement Ceremony. Her research focused on first-year readjustment to family culture, including the roles of generation status and parental attachment on re-entry shock.

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## Looking ahead: Jan. 11, 2017

MLK Jr Holiday, offices closed.

Monday, Jan. 16

Classes begin for Spring 2017

Tuesday, Jan. 17

MLK Jr Celebration: An Evening with DeRay McKesson

Wednesday, Jan. 18., 7 p.m., UNCG Auditorium

Artist talk: Eric Juth

Thursday, Jan. 19, Gatewood Studio Art Center Gallery

Men's basketball vs. The Citadel

Saturday, Jan. 21, 5 p.m.

Film/discussion: "Starving the Beast," co-sponsored by Faculty Senate

Monday, Jan. 30, 6 p.m., -EUC Auditorium

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## In memoriam: Jean Buchert

Dr. Jean Buchert died Friday, Dec. 2. A former professor in the UNCG English department, she taught Shakespeare from 1957 to 1991. She was known as an engaged educator who was invested in her students' accomplishments and as a trailblazer for women in academia throughout the United States.

Before coming to UNCG she studied in Rome, Italy, on a Fulbright Scholarship, completed her Ph.D at Yale University in Renaissance literature and taught at University of Rochester in New York for two years. She also taught for three years at the University of Missouri at Columbia, where she had completed her bachelor's and master's degrees in English.

At UNCG, Buchert was chair of the Academic Cabinet, secretary of Phi Beta Kappa at UNCG and a board member of the SAT College Entrance Exam. For more information, look to the Greensboro New & Record obituary [here](#).

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## At semester's start, lime green is very eye-catching

For the past six years on the first two days of classes, UNCG has seen a flood of lime green scattered around campus. Students wearing these

lime green shirts are known as UNCG SPEARS. These student volunteers are placed all over campus to point the way for new students trying to navigate our campus. This past August, 197 students participated in the SPEARS initiative and were seen helping answer questions and guide students. Be on the lookout for more lime green January 17 and 18.

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## **See/hear: Jan. 11, 2017**

UNCG Nutrition master's student Emily Shields represented the UNCG Cycling Club at the 2017 Cyclocross Nationals on Jan. 4. She took the national title. It was muddy and intense. See her interview immediately after the race - and the story about the race.

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