



Millennial Campus for UNCG



The University of North Carolina Board of Governors has approved a proposal from UNCG for the establishment of a Millennial Campus designation, creating opportunities for growth, development of innovative academic experiences, and the creation of unique public-private partnerships for the university.

The approval designates two areas of the campus as new districts for future development: one primarily along Gate City Boulevard, which will focus on Health and Wellness, and the other along Tate Street, which will focus on Visual and Performing Arts. These areas of focus are directly tied to UNCG's strategic plan and enable the university to leverage existing assets and resources as it explores future opportunities. Collectively, the Millennial districts will encompass approximately 73 acres of existing campus property, as previously outlined in the [Campus Master Plan](#).

With the Millennial Campus designation, UNCG can enter into arrangements with private-sector entities to develop university property or facilities for new ventures.

"The Millennial Campus designation will allow The University of North Carolina at Greensboro to develop innovative partnerships that fuel economic growth, innovation and job creation while also creating unique, meaningful academic experiences for its students," said UNC system President Margaret Spellings. "This approach will not only help transform UNCG and its region, but also create tremendous long-term value for our university system and for our state."

"We thank the Board of Governors for their support and confidence," said UNCG Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. "We are ready and eager to work with our community to bring these bold, exciting plans to fruition. At UNCG, we are not only planning for the future; we are taking Giant Steps to get there. Millennial districts are game-changers; they are catalysts that will help transform the university and our city. Ultimately our goal will be to create innovative partnerships that not only help us create a vibrant academic environment, but also bring economic development, jobs and valuable resources to our region."

The Health and Wellness District is uniquely positioned to encourage and stimulate applied research and education through the university's numerous community-based partnerships with organizations like Cone Health, High Point Regional Health System and Well?Spring Services, Inc. Further, the ability to leverage university assets, including new Spartan Village student residences (open August 2017), the Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness (built in 2016) and the future Nursing and Instructional Building, provide considerable opportunities to advance health promotion, quality of life, human development and economic well-being in the Piedmont Triad and beyond. Several existing or planned UNCG buildings dedicated to nursing, science education and research, not directly on Gate City Boulevard, are also included in the Health and Wellness District.

The Visual and Performing Arts District along Tate Street will encompass approximately 20 acres. The newly combined UNCG College of Visual and Performing Arts is already a vibrant community of artists with approximately 1,500 students, 100 internationally recognized faculty and excellent facilities. It produces more than 350 performances, exhibits, lectures and other community events annually. In addition, by maximizing arts-related facilities, like the campus' Weatherspoon Art Museum, UNCG Auditorium and Taylor Theatre, the university

can build on its strengths and cultivate public-private partnerships to further develop opportunities for learning, teaching and service to the Greater Greensboro community.

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Dean Kiss' experiment blasts off June 1



A UNCG-led spaceflight experiment – that may ultimately help humans grow plants on Mars and the Moon – will launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center on Thursday, June 1, at 5:55 p.m. on SpaceX CRS-11.

Spearheaded by [Dr. John Z. Kiss](#), dean of UNCG's [College of Arts and Sciences](#), the joint NASA-European Space Agency (ESA) experiment is the third in a series of studies that examine how light and gravity control plant growth and development. The knowledge gained from the experiment, [Seedling Growth-3](#), will help scientists understand how to effectively and efficiently grow plants in space.

"Plants are integral as we plan for long-term manned space missions and the development of colonies on the Moon and Mars – bringing all food and supplies necessary for a long-term mission or for colonization is not tenable," said Kiss, who also serves as a professor of biology. "To make human habitation of other worlds a possibility, we need to be able to grow crops in greenhouses in space. If astronauts can grow their own food, then we have created a new paradigm for space travel and habitation.

Additionally, the results may help improve crop production on Earth, particularly in harsh environments.

Kiss serves as the principal investigator for NASA, and Dr. Javier Medina serves as the principal investigator for ESA. Kiss and Medina will send 16 experimental containers – with approximately 1,700 mouse-eared cress (*Arabidopsis thaliana*) seeds – to the International Space Station, where they will grow into seedlings under varying light and gravity conditions.

Video of the movement and growth of the seedlings will be downlinked to Earth in real time and analyzed at Kiss' lab on UNCG's campus. Later this summer, NASA will return the seedlings to the lab for molecular analyses, and starting in the fall, UNCG students will participate in data collection and analysis.

The project, funded by a grant from NASA, will continue until 2019 in order to allow for analysis of the extensive amount of data generated from the spaceflight experiment.

Kiss has worked closely with NASA for three decades, serving as the principal investigator on seven spaceflight experiments prior to Seedling Growth-3. In 2014, he received the NASA Outstanding Public Leadership Medal "for exceptional contributions in spaceflight research in the fundamental biology of plants in support of NASA's exploration mission."

To view a live stream of the launch on Thursday, visit spaceflightnow.com. For timely updates on the experiment, follow Kiss on [Twitter \(@JZK60\)](#).

By Alyssa Bedrosian

Visual: SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket carrying the Dragon cargo spacecraft from Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space Center, courtesy NASA

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UNCG's Summer of Sondheim begins this week



The UNCG [College of Visual and Performing Arts](#) is bringing the sounds of renowned composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim to the Triad in June with the 2017 Summer Sondheim Concert Series.

The series is being offered to the community for the first time as part of UNCG's [North Carolina Summer Repertory](#), an opportunity for students, alumni and industry professionals to participate in a "summer stock" theatrical experience.

Performances begin on Thursday, June 1, with a preview concert performance of Sondheim's "Sunday in the Park with George," conducted by UNCG alumnus and doctoral student Justin P. Cowan. Opening night for the show is Friday, June 2, at Triad Stage's Pyrlle Theatre, with additional performances on June 3 and 4.

In addition, UNCG will present "Sweeney Todd" in concert – conducted by alumnus and musical director for Broadway's "Wicked" Dom Amendum – June 21-24 at Triad Stage. While both works will be performed "in concert," they will be presented fully-staged and in their entirety.

Not only does the non-curricular program provide a professional stepping stone for current students, alumni and community members, but it brings outstanding musical theater to Triad residents and visitors during the summer months.

"This is an opportunity to see Broadway performers right here in Greensboro, working alongside our students and members of the community," Cowan said. "Audiences will get to hear and see full orchestras on stage with the actors, creating a fully-immersed musical experience to complement these classic stage works."

Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or in person at the Triad Stage Box Office. A limited number of student tickets are available, and student tickets must be purchased in person or by calling 336-272-0160.

To learn more, visit ncsr.uncg.edu.

By Alyssa Bedrosian

Photography by Martin W. Kane, of a 2016 Sondheim production

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Vice Chancellor Cherry Callahan announces forthcoming retirement



Dr. Cheryl (Cherry) Callahan will retire as UNCG's vice chancellor for student affairs effective January 1, 2018.

Vice Chancellor Callahan has been involved in higher education for over 40 years, with a focus on student affairs administration.

She is a "double alumna," having earned her Ph.D. in Child Development and Family Relations at UNCG, her Master of Arts degree in Counseling from UNC Chapel Hill, and her bachelor's degree with honors in Sociology from UNCG.

Prior to her tenure here at UNCG, she worked at Delaware State University as Staff Counselor and Director of Orientation. She joined UNCG Student Affairs in 1979 as Assistant to the Vice Chancellor. Ascending the administrative ranks from that role to Assistant Vice Chancellor to Associate Vice Chancellor, she became Interim Vice Chancellor in 2010. The following year, upon the conclusion of a national search, the "interim" title was removed.

What is she most proud of during her time in leadership of Student Affairs? "More recently, it is the establishment of the Veterans Resource Center, which provides support and guidance for our growing veteran population," she said. "Over time, there are many things including the establishment of our first Office of Disability Services, now the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services, and the Greek Legacy Endowment, which is funded by Greek alumni and funds leadership development for our current fraternity and sorority members."

She has taught numerous courses with a particular emphasis on the freshman experience and leadership at Delaware State, Wilmington College and UNCG. Her professional interests include mentoring students and young professionals, managing crises, leadership development, and serving her profession in a variety of ways, most notably the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators which she served as President in 1998-99. She also served as Chair of the [NASPA](#) Foundation Board from 2012 to 2014.

She has served as a SACS reaffirmation committee member at various institutions since 1996.

She has served on numerous nonprofit boards, volunteered in a variety of roles across the Greensboro community including service as an emergency services volunteer and instructor for the American Red Cross. She is also a past president of the Junior League of Greensboro, which focuses on women's leadership development and community engagement. She has received recognition and awards both in her professional work and in her community while also presenting dozens of workshops and professional sessions across the country on a variety of topics related to student affairs, leadership development, fundraising, alcohol education and volunteerism.

In a memo, Dr. Dana Dunn, provost and executive vice chancellor, said, "'Cherry,' as she is known to scores of students, staff, and faculty, has provided exceptional commitment and service to UNCG, her alma mater, for the past 38 years. She will be greatly missed by students and colleagues alike." The provost detailed the impact she has had not only locally, but nationally.

What does Callahan look forward to most when she retires? "Having more time to spend with family and especially my two daughters, who are incredible professionals in their own right."

A national search for Callahan's successor will be led by Dr. Alan Boyette, senior vice provost, with support provided by the Isaacson Miller search firm.

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Bonus Leave Payout Program

TO: All UNCG Benefits Eligible Employees

FROM: Michelle Lamb Moone, Associate Vice Chancellor & Chief Human Resources Officer

At various times over the past 15 years, the North Carolina General Assembly has awarded bonus leave in lieu of salary increases to the UNCG's leave-earning employees. UNCG is now offering eligible employees the opportunity to cash in bonus leave benefits by

participating in a voluntary Bonus Leave Payout Program.

Program Details: Eligible employees may request to be paid out a minimum of five hours and a maximum of 20 hours of accrued bonus leave.

Requests for a payout must be made using the electronic form embedded in the 2017 Bonus Leave Payout FAQs or via the following link: http://web.uncg.edu/hrs/Benefits/Bonus_Leave_Payout/.

All requests must be submitted by no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2017. Once a Payout Request Form has been submitted, a request may be later reversed by submitting a formal email to Emily Foust at e_foust@uncg.edu. Reversal emails must be submitted by no later than noon on Friday, June 9, 2017.

Additional provisions include:

- Participation in the program is strictly voluntary. Those who are eligible, but do not wish to cash in any eligible bonus leave are under no obligation to do so. Your bonus leave will remain in place.
- Bonus leave payments will be subject to retirement contributions and supplemental tax rates totaling 44.25% of the gross payment.
- Bonus leave payment amounts will be calculated based on the employee's current annual salary.
- Bonus leave payments will be included in the June 2017 payroll.

How to Request a Payout: Employees who are interested in participating in the program will follow these instructions:

- 1) Review the Bonus Leave Payout FAQs (http://web.uncg.edu/hrs/Benefits/Bonus_Leave_Payout/) to ensure understanding of all aspects of the program and to acknowledge reading the FAQs.
- 2) Click the "Request Bonus Leave Payout" box to be automatically directed to a second FAQs page. (This registers your review of the FAQs.)
- 3) Click the "Next" box to submit details of your payout request and to complete the request form.

If you are uncertain as to whether or not you have a bonus leave balance, are having difficulties completing the online form, or have questions regarding specific aspects of the program, please contact Emily Foust, Benefits Manager at e_foust@uncg.edu or (336) 256-0342.

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Greg Bell will be AVP of Graduate Education



Dr. Greg Bell, currently serving as director of graduate studies of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, will be UNCG's new associate vice provost of Graduate Education, effective August 1.

Bell joined the faculty of UNCG in 2005, when the Mathematics and Statistics department was finalizing the PhD program in Computational

Mathematics. Previous to coming to UNCG, Bell earned his PhD from University of Florida and was a visiting assistant professor at the University of Louisville and a postdoctoral researcher at Penn State University. His most recent work has appeared in North Carolina Journal of Mathematics and Statistics and Topology and its Applications.

In his department at UNCG, Bell has seen the enrollment in graduate programs grow from 14 to 40 students. He says the most enjoyable thing about being director of graduate studies is working with the students, and developing the program for them.

“I’ve enjoyed watching them transform from students to colleagues. And I’ve learned that graduate curricula need to be adaptable.”

While Bell has been director of graduate studies, the department has initiated new concentrations within the master’s program to meet the needs of career-focused students in data analytics or actuarial mathematics. In recent years, Bell has led incoming graduate students in a seminar on teaching mathematics, incorporating the students’ ideas and innovations as well as new technology.

“Working with these students has taught me that there’s always room to innovate and improve,” he said.

As the associate vice provost of graduate education, Bell looks forward to meeting with directors of graduate study from various departments, and helping to address their needs. He also plans to focus on graduate student professional development and on strengthening relationships with local industries.

“We are very excited to have Dr. Bell join the Graduate School as associate vice provost for Graduate Education,” said Vice Provost of Graduate Education Dr. Kelly Burke. “He brings years of experience working with graduate students and is highly interested in developing programs that attend to their professional development and enrich their graduate experiences.”

By Susan Kirby Smith

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Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., and Bobby Long receive University Honors



Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., and Robert E. (Bobby) Long, Jr., are the 2017 Charles Duncan McIver Award and the Holderness/Weaver Award recipients, respectively.

Known as ‘University Honors’, the McIver and Holderness/Weaver Awards recognize North Carolinians with exemplary public service records, and represent the most prestigious public service honors given by the university. The awards were conferred in a formal ceremony at the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering.

“UNCG holds the commitment to public service and civic engagement in the highest regard,” said UNCG Provost Dr. Dana Dunn. “Both of our honorees exemplify these qualities and set the standard for selfless service in our community, our state and far beyond our borders. UNCG was founded on the principle of service; these gentlemen are the living embodiment of that legacy.”

The Charles Duncan McIver Award is the highest honor for non-UNCG alums. Named for the founder of UNCG, the award recognizes extraordinary service at the national or international level. This year’s winner, Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., has enriched communities across our state and nation for more than five decades through his generosity to the arts, higher education and a better quality of life for all citizens.

Bryan has served on the boards of Arts Greensboro, Greenhill Center for North Carolina Art, North Carolina Public Television Foundation and is Honorary Director of the Eastern Music Festival. He has received numerous awards for arts patronage and is also a benefactor of the Key West Art and Historical Association and major contributor to the Santa Fe Opera House. Bryan’s service to higher education includes

membership on the Board of Trustees of Guilford College for more than 40 years and at UNCG he has served on the Excellence Foundation and Board of Governors for over a decade. In 2005, he received the North Carolina Award in Public Service, the highest civilian honor given by the state.

Named for the first woman on the UNCG Board of Trustees, Adelaide Holderness, and Greensboro businessman and entrepreneur H. Michael Weaver, the Holderness/Weaver Award recognizes extraordinary service at the state and local level. This year's honoree, Bobby Long, promotes prosperity and growth in the city of Greensboro and surrounding communities through his leadership and generous support of business and industry, athletic programs and facilities, institutions of higher learning and the arts. He is the founding chair of the Piedmont Triad Charitable Foundation Board of Directors, the governing body which runs the Wyndham Golf Tournament, and has long been involved in countless Triad-area public service and economic initiatives that are essential to the region's enrichment.

Previous recipients of the Holderness/Weaver Award include Shirley Frye, educator and community volunteer; Rev. Mike Aiken, executive director of Greensboro Urban Ministry; Richard Whittington and Preston Lane, co-founders of Triad Stage; Alan W. Cone '72 MEd; Sally Schindel Cone '72 MEd; Dot Kendall Kearns, public education advocate, among others.

By Eden Bloss

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June 5 “Barbershop Talk Conference” an extension of Coakley’s research



UNCG will host the first annual Barbershop Talk Conference addressing issues of youth education and health on Monday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at UNCG's Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness.

The event features a variety of engaging speakers – including Wake Forest professor and former television host Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry and world boxing champion Riddick Bowe – as well as workshops, sports clinics, health screenings and a barbers' panel.

Offered free to elementary, middle and high school students and their families, the conference is an opportunity for the university and community to come together in order to help local families support their children's success in education and health.

“We want to provide a format that is welcoming and fun and can serve the purpose of helping youth start their summer off on the right track,” said Dr. Tanya M. Coakley, professor of social work at UNCG and organizer of the event along with UNCG's Dr. Rod Wyatt, Dr. Joe Green, Dr. Bryan Terry and Dr. Jeffrey Shears. “Our goal is to provide resources that empower parents to play a strong role in their children's lives.”

The conference serves as an extension of Coakley's current research project, which investigates how barbershops can help foster better communication between fathers and sons in the African-American community. The project is funded by a National Institute of Child Health and Human Development grant.

Coakley's vision is to create the same kind of comfortable “barbershop environment” at the conference so that families can talk openly about important issues. While her current research focuses on men and sexual health, the conference is designed for boys, girls and their families and covers a broad range of topics related to education and health.

The event is sponsored by the UNCG Office of Enrollment Management, the Department of Social Work, the School of Health and Human Sciences and the Ethel Martus Lawther Fund Lecture Series. A free lunch will be provided to participants.

To register for the event, [click here](#). For more information, [click here](#).

By Alyssa Bedrosian

Photography by Mike Dickens: Dr. Coakley (right) at Prestige Barber College

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Local healthcare leader recognized as Distinguished Alumni

Joan H. Evans, Executive Vice President of Innovation and Transformation for Cone Health, has received the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award from the UNCG Bryan School of Business and Economics.

“Joan has been a force for transformation and innovation at Cone Health, and nationally within the healthcare industry,” said Bryan School Dean McRae Banks. “She has had a profound and positive impact on the organization in every role she has held, obviously of increasing importance as she progressed through the organization. As a member of our Board of Advisors she has been a strong supporter of, and advocate for, the Bryan School. Most importantly, she embodies three of the four pillars of our educational approach: innovation, organizational sustainability, and ethics. Joan is a great example of the type of person we want all our alumni to become.”

Evans spent the first three years of her undergraduate education at UNCG, where she was a merit scholar. After deciding to pursue certification in physical therapy she transferred to the Medical College of Virginia (Virginia Commonwealth University), where she earned a B.S. in Physical Therapy. Within five years of beginning her career as a staff physical therapist, she was promoted to chief of physical therapy at The Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro. With more career growth came her decision to pursue her MBA at UNCG, which she completed with highest honors while working full-time. A former professor said, “Joan stands out as one of the best students I ever taught. None of her classmates were able to match her ability to juggle the coursework, career, and family demands at her level of success and with such grace.”

Her career assignments grew as she continued to learn and excel as a leader. Since 2014, she has served as Executive Vice President of Innovation and Transformation, and is a member of the Cone Health executive leadership team. With her leadership, Cone Health has risen to the top 2% of U.S. News & World Report’s Common Care ranking. Joan was recognized with the Best Organization for Leadership Development Award from the National Center for Healthcare Leadership and the National Success Story Award from Press Ganey for measurable improvements in quality, service, and cost.

“I am certain that there are many accomplished and impressive alumni who were nominated for this award. However, all of us at Cone Health agree with the selection committee that there is no one more accomplished in her chosen field, more respected in her home organization and more deserving of this honor,” says Cone Health CEO Terry Akin.

In addition to her work with Cone Health, Evans is principal of South Rim Consulting, where she mentors aspiring leaders through executive coaching, strategic planning, conflict resolution, and organizational change. She is a graduate of Leadership Greensboro, serves on the Bryan School’s Dean’s Advisory Board, the Elon University Board of Advisors, and the board of the Greensboro Science Center.

###

Safe Zone Summit at UNCG

The UNCG Office of Intercultural Engagement invites you to register for its Safe Zone Summit, on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Elliott University Center.

What is the Safe Zone Summit?

The Safe Zone Summit is a brand new initiative born from conversations within our LGBTQ+ Education Task Force, and is intended to provide an opportunity, outside of our standard Safe Zone Training, for faculty and staff to explore aspects of LGBTQ+ identity more deeply and meaningfully. Consider this an information-packed, build-your-own-adventure rest area on your journey of continuing education around gender, sexuality, and creating a more inclusive campus.

Who can attend?

The Safe Zone Summit is tailored to faculty and staff however, feel free to also invite graduate students that work in your department.

What will the day look like?

The Safe Zone Summit is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 11, from 9am-1:30pm. The majority of the Summit will consist of three 45-minute time slots where attendees will be able to choose from two breakout topics that best fit their interest. We will close out our day with brief, guided group discussions. These groups are meant to provide space for processing what you've learned, and for considering how to best apply new strategies, skills, and knowledge in your daily work.

How do I register?

That part is easy! [Fill out our Safe Zone Summit Registration Form](#) before Friday, June 23, 2017.

What else do I need to know?

Nothing. Simply mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 11, 2017, from 9 am-1:30 pm, and expect an email at the beginning of July with more details.

We appreciate your commitment to inclusion at UNC Greensboro, and look forward to engaging and learning alongside you during this important opportunity.

By Elliott R. Kimball, Office of Intercultural Engagement

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Shred-a-Thon 2017 will be June 23

UNCG Campus Community members, Friday, June 23, at 8 a.m.-1 p.m. will provide an opportunity to shred paper documents with sensitive/confidential information for free. The event will be in front of Foust Building on Administration Drive. The mobile shredding truck that will be stationed there is designed to process large amounts of paper on site, users can even choose to watch the secure destruction on a closed circuit TV on the truck. Confidential materials from your office or home are welcome. This event is limited to UNCG Faculty, Staff, Students and Alumni. Help will be available to unload your car. Staples, envelope windows and small paper clips are fine to be included with the material but no binders will be accepted. Please be sure all paper is out of any binders before bringing your material. Use proper lifting technique and teamwork to move paper to the event; paper is deceptively heavy.

This is a one day event so please prepare your material early; the next opportunity will be June 2018. Last year about 16,920 lbs. of material was shredded and recycled, which is roughly equivalent to 143 trees worth of paper.

For any questions or assistance with getting records to the event please contact Ben Kunka, bakunka@uncg.edu.

Records that have permanent or historical value, based on the approved records schedule, are to be transferred to University Archives. Instructions for transferring records to University Archives are available at http://uncg.libguides.com/university_archives/transferring_to_archives. If you have questions about transferring records to University Archives or the historic value of your records (both paper and digital) contact Erin Lawrimore at erlawrim@uncg.edu.

UNCG is required to comply with the North Carolina Public Records Law concerning the retention and disposition of records. Records are to be disposed of according to University and State approved schedules. The UNC General Records Retention and Disposition Schedule is available at http://its.uncg.edu/records_management/. If you have questions about records management, contact 6-TECH at 256-8324.

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UNCG Baseball takes SoCon Championship, heads to NCAA Tournament



With some key home runs, some smart “small ball” and strong pitching and fielding, UNCG Baseball defeated Furman in the winner-take-all final game Sunday in the SoCon Tournament.

The Spartans, with the SoCon’s automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, will face the ACC’s Clemson in the first round.

The tournament championship is its first in the SoCon. It is their first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 1997.

UNCG will play Clemson on Friday, June 2, at 7 p.m. All session tickets are available now through the Clemson website here or you can purchase individual game tickets starting at 5 p.m Wednesday. You can also watch all the games on ESPN3 or the ESPN App.

###

UNCG has first dockless bikeshare on East Coast



The first dockless on-demand bike share program on the East Coast is coming to UNCG. The technology is integrated into smart bikes and a smart phone app (no kiosk needed), and can be returned to designated bike racks throughout campus and the City of Greensboro. And rides will be economical.

This LimeBike, UNCG & City of GSO Partnership will have an official campus launch Thursday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the Walker Circle behind the library tower. LimeBike CEO Toby Sun will be on site to share his vision for the program, along with comments from UNCG and City of Greensboro DOT officials, followed by demonstrations, free rides, Q&A and complimentary snacks.

Parking in Walker Deck will be complimentary. For directions: <https://parking.uncg.edu/access/>

The initiative will help bolster our university's health, wellness, and sustainability goals. UNCG was the first Bicycle Friendly University in North Carolina, recognized by the League of American Cyclists in 2011.

UNCG is launching with 125 bikes in celebration of UNCG's 125th anniversary.

The LimeBikes will be located at bike racks throughout campus with hubs at Kaplan Center, Oakland Deck near the pedestrian underpass, Elliott University Center and College Ave.

By Eden Bloss

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UNCG's 125th Anniversary web site launches June 2



June 2 marks the beginning of UNCG's 125th anniversary celebration, a yearlong commemoration of UNCG's distinct history of opportunity and excellence as the university looks forward to the future.

The celebration kicks off exactly 125 days before Founders Day, Oct. 5, with the unveiling of a [new anniversary website](#), commemorative video and visual mark.

The interactive site includes downloadable "digital swag" for social media, smart phones, tablets and computers, a drone tour of campus, digital yearbooks and other unique ways for the UNCG community to explore the university's history and participate in the celebration.

The university was chartered in 1891 and welcomed its first class of students – approximately 200 women – nearly 125 years ago on Oct. 5, 1892. Now, UNCG is the largest university in the Piedmont Triad with nearly 20,000 students and more than 2,500 faculty and staff.

A special 125th anniversary event will be held on Aug. 8 in conjunction with Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr.'s State of the Campus Address. On Founders Day, the university will host a campus-wide celebration with a free concert. Additional details will be announced later this summer.

Throughout the year, students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends are encouraged to share their UNCG story on social media using the hashtag #UNCG125. Anniversary-related posts may be featured on the anniversary website.

This anniversary is more than a milestone. For the university, it provides a context for sharing our story consistently. We want to be sure all our stakeholders know about our 125th and join us in celebrating our history and our future. You can help by actively participating in this yearlong celebration. It's easy.

- Use the materials we have provided on our [125th anniversary toolkit site](#). This includes assets like logos for your communications and marketing materials, PowerPoint templates for your presentations. Consistency is very important.
- Add the 125th Anniversary logo to your email signature - and use it on UNCG materials. The signature and instructions are available at the toolkit site too.
- Use the excellent 125th anniversary video at your events and in your presentations. It is a great way to introduce UNCG to almost any audience.
- Make sure your department's web site has the special 125th Anniversary headers and footers across all web properties. Much of this will be handled automatically. But if you need help, just contact IT.

The yearlong celebration will continue through May 2018, and there will be more materials, assets, events and opportunities to come throughout the year, so stay tuned.

The 125th Anniversary Celebration web site, launching Friday, will be 125.uncg.edu.

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Looking Ahead: May 31, 2017

UNCG LimeBike launch celebration

Thursday, June 1, 10 a.m., Walker Circle behind Jackson Library

Sondheim Concert Series: 'Sunday in the Park with George' (preview)

Thursday, June 1, 7:30 p.m., Triad Stage

UNCG 125th celebration launch

Friday, June 2

Housing Hangout: Recovery Housing

Friday, June 2, noon, MHRA, Room 3605

NCAA Tournament: UNCG Baseball at Clemson

Friday, June 2, 7 p.m., ESPN3

Staff Senate Full Body Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m., Alumni House, Virginia Dare Room

"Creatives on Call" with Lien Truong

Thursday, June 15, 6 p.m., Weatherspoon Art Museum

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Dr. Heidi Carlone



Dr. Heidi Carlone (Teacher Education and Higher Education) received new funding from The Cemala Foundation for the project "STEM Teacher Leader Collaborative: Growing capacity for STEM in high-needs elementary schools." This focus of this project is an Introductory Summer Institute for 60 teachers (20/year for three years) to support their implementation of quality science and engineering (STEM), the abstract notes. This effort is a part of the STEM Teacher Leader Collaborative (STEM TLC), a network of elementary teachers and teacher educators committed to nurturing STEM equity and empowering teacher leaders with STEM education. The funding will help grow the STEM TLC beyond the 60 teachers who have already participated in our professional development. The Summer Institute introduces teachers to an award-winning curriculum [Engineering is Elementary (EiE)], developed by the Museum of Science Boston. EiE is interdisciplinary, collaborative, hands-on, and demands 21st century skills. The long-term goal is to transform elementary STEM education in the NC Piedmont by supporting, connecting and retaining STEM-capable elementary teachers.

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Dr. Benjamin Hickerson



Dr. Benjamin Hickerson (Community and Therapeutic Recreation) received new funding from Penn State University for the project "A Systematic Evaluation of Park Renovation at Fairmont Park East Parkside."

This sub-contract is part of a larger research project evaluating the impact of park renovations occurring at Bartram's Mile and The Rail Park in Philadelphia, Penn. These renovations are part of Philadelphia's Reimagining the Civic Commons initiative. The purpose of this sub-contracted project is to assess visitor characteristics at defined segments of the parks. Unobtrusive observation of park user behaviors (number of visitors, type of activity, time of day/day of week, visitor flows within the area) and user characteristics (age, race, sex, group size) will be made within these segments. The System for Observing Play and Recreation in Communities (SOPARC) will be used as the tool for visitor counts and observations.

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Dr. Olav Rueppell



Dr. Olav Rueppell (Biology) received new funding from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for the project "Visiting Research Professorship at the Peace & Stability Operation Institute." Honey bee viruses are a serious threat to honey bee health. We lack understanding of their dynamics within honey bees and transmission across generations, as well as the immune responses to them, the abstract states. This work has two aims to contribute knowledge in these areas: 1. Characterization of the transcriptome of virus-infected honey bee eggs. 2. Develop a method to repeatedly sample from honey bee queens to follow viral infections and investigate whether queens can recover from viral infections.

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Dr. Nancy Walker



Dr. Nancy Walker (Music) and her husband, Tim Lindeman, received the 2017 Award of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in the Progress of Better Music in the Greensboro Area from the Euterpe Music Club of Greensboro.

Walker is professor of music (voice) in the UNCG School of Music. Lindeman is professor and chair of the Music Department at Guilford College.

The Euterpe Music Club was formed 125 years ago and is "dedicated to the study and practice of the best in music, past and present, and the development of talent and musical appreciation in the community." The Award of Merit is given to an individual or group each year.

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See/Hear: May 31, 2017

UNCG Baseball took the SoCon title last weekend - and the team gathered on Monday to see the ESPN NCAA Baseball Tournament pairings telecast. The announcement? They will face Clemson in their first game, this Friday. The trip to the NCAA Tournament is their first in 20 years. See Coach Link Jarrett and shortstop Tripp Shelton speak about the SoCon title, and the upcoming NCAA Tournament.

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