2016 State of the Campus Address Aug. 17

The State of the Campus Address will be Wednesday, Aug. 17, in UNCG Auditorium.

Seating begins at 10 a.m.

The traditional luncheon in Moran Commons and Plaza will follow.

“Please join me as we begin a new year,” Chancellor Gilliam said in his invitation to faculty and staff.

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Key dates for August-September, 2016

The UNCG residence halls are ready. Move-in days will be the latter part of next week. As we welcome a new academic year, here are some dates to consider adding to your calendar:

New Faculty Orientation
Monday, Aug. 15, 8:30 a.m., all day. See details.

State of the Campus Address, followed by faculty/staff luncheon
Wednesday, Aug. 17, seating begins at 10 a.m., UNCG Auditorium
UNCG student move-in days
Wednesday, Aug. 15 – Friday, Aug. 17. Details at hrl.uncg.edu/living-campus/fall-move-in-guide

Graduate School’s New Student orientation (Either of two days)
Tuesday, Aug. 16 or Thursday, Aug. 18.
Details at gsr.uncg.edu/orientation

Party Like a Rawkstar, dance party for students
Fri, August 19, 8 p.m. (first of many Rawkin’ Welcome Week (RWW) events)
EUC, Cone Ballroom

RRW Wild West Showdown
Saturday, Aug. 20, noon, College Avenue

Chancellor’s New Student Convocation
Sunday, Aug. 21, at 4 p.m., UNCG Auditorium

RWW Charlie’s Fountain Fest
Sunday, Aug. 21, 5 p.m., Moran Commons

Classes begin.
Monday, August 22, 2016. Spartan SPEARS in lime green shirts will help provide direction for students.

RWW Fall Kickoff for students
Tuesday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m., College Avenue

RWW, Dive in Movie for students
Friday, Aug. 26, 6 p.m., Kaplan Center for Wellness

Spartan Service Day (volunteering in community)
Saturday, Aug. 27, 9 a.m. See oshl.uncg.edu

RWW, HRL Carnival
Saturday, Aug. 27, 5 p.m., Quad Lawn

Faculty Senate meeting
Aug. 31, 3 p.m.

Staff Senate meeting
Thursday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m., Moran Commons, Room 109

Collage concert
Saturday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., UNCG Auditorium

General Faculty Meeting and Convocation
Thursday, Sept. 15, 3 p.m., Alumni House

Family Weekend
Sept. 25-27

Compiled by Mike Harris

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Teaching teachers about HERPS
Led by a team of UNCG researchers, professors and graduate students, 50 top-notch science educators from five different states gathered at Haw River State Park this summer for a weekend herpetology curriculum workshop.

The goal? To teach teachers how to get others – whether students in the classroom or park and nature center visitors – excited about North Carolina’s reptiles and amphibians.

Five years ago, researchers from UNCG, UNC Pembroke and Elon University received a $2.7 million informal science education grant from the National Science Foundation [grant no. DRL-1114558] for the HERP Project, which stands for Herpetology Education in Rural Places and Spaces.

The grant focuses on igniting a passion for North Carolina’s herps, or reptiles and amphibians, developing a connection to the local environment, engaging people in conservation and field ecology experiences and promoting the public’s participation in scientific research. Additionally, the grant focused on educational research on students’ science identities.

“The purpose of the grant was to look at instructional techniques,” said Dr. Catherine Matthews, principal investigator and professor in UNCG’s School of Education. “People tend to know very little about herps in general, especially the herps in their own back yard.”

Matthews and her team have developed a curriculum centered on reptiles and amphibians for teachers, science center educators, informal educators and park rangers. The curriculum is available online for free, but in an effort to disseminate the materials more widely, they decided to host the weekend workshop to share their work.

“The program is mostly about doing science, not talking science. We had them out in the field. If you’re actually out doing science, it’s much more interesting,” Matthews said.

Using large net funnel traps and turtle sniffing dogs, the educators captured, studied, marked and released frogs, snakes, turtles and lizards in the wild. They also learned valuable lessons to take back to their students.

“We were able to put tools in the hands of nature center directors, park rangers and teachers,” Matthews said.

*Story by Jeanie McDowell
Photography by Martin W. Kane
Full story at UNCG Now.*

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**Faculty and staff volunteers needed to welcome students Aug. 29**
Dear Faculty and Staff,

It is time to welcome our newest Spartans to the UNCG community.

Student Affairs and Housing and Residence Life will need our support for the annual House Calls big event. The purpose of the House Calls program is to welcome new students and provide them with an opportunity to interact with faculty members and administrators on a personal level. Research supports the significant impact curricular and co-curricular interactions have on student educational achievement. Consequently, this program is a valuable asset to the UNCG campus as we strive to be a more engaged and learner-centered community.

Volunteers are essential to help reach the approximately 2,500 new first year residential students joining the UNCG community this academic year. This is your opportunity to see students in their personal living environment, hear about their first week of classes, and show your Spartan Pride!

House Calls will take place on Monday, August 29, 2016, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. If you volunteer for this program, you will be assigned to a team of UNCG colleagues to visit first-year students in one of the residence halls on campus. As a volunteer you will have an opportunity to do the following:

- Interact with 15-20 students in a residence hall environment. You will greet students in their residence hall room, and initiate a brief conversation with them about transitioning to college and their first week of school. You may be asked a few general questions about the university and your role in the community.
- Provide students with a “welcome bag of success” provided by Housing & Residence Life to support their transition to college and overall academic success.
- Have dinner with fellow volunteers, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Elliott University Center (EUC), Alexander Room. Volunteer check-in will begin as early as 5:15 p.m. and volunteers will be dismissed to their assigned residence halls between 6:15-6:30 p.m.
- Participate in a brief orientation. During dinner, Housing and Residence Life staff will provide the necessary information and materials to prepare you for your House Calls experience.

REGISTER: To volunteer for this program, click the link below to complete the volunteer form: Volunteer for House Calls

Deadline for volunteer sign-up is Monday, Aug. 22, 2016. For more information, contact Erica Farrar, Senior Assistant Director for Residence Life and Academic Enhancement (erica.farrar@uncg.edu), or the main HRL office at 336-334-5636.

Best Regards,

Dr. Dana Dunn, Provost
Dr. Cherry Callahan, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

See more at hrl.uncg.edu/large-events/house-calls.

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Facilities Operations Safety/Employee Recognition Day
UNCG Facilities Operations Safety/Employee Recognition Day, observed annually, is an occasion held for the purpose of raising awareness of engaging in safe work practices to reduce injury while at work and public recognition of employees.

Held on June 9, 2016, employees started Safety Day at Ferguson Auditorium, where they heard from various speakers on different aspects of safety, including statistics on how Facilities Operations did on reported injuries in the last year.

Safety Day/Employee Recognition Day is also a day to recognize employees who go above and beyond in the areas of Safety, Collaboration & Teamwork, and Customer Service. Employees are nominated by their peers and selected by the Employee Recognition Awards Committee. Congratulations to Vince Whitt, Rickey Craft and Amanda Teer (in visuals) for winning the awards this June.

The full list of 2016 Facilities Operations Summer Employee Recognition Nominees:
Vincent Whitt
Cynthia Barnes
Amanda Teer
Paul Bigelow
Ricky Craft
Kevin Siler
Chris Aaroe
Maryann Burditt
Chris Chilton
David Alton
Jon Soter

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Help lower textbook costs for students

Are you an instructor who is concerned about the impact of high textbook costs on your students? Explore possible open textbook solutions by attending an hour and a half workshop and writing a short textbook review. Receive a $200 stipend for your efforts!

Did You Know...?

? The high cost of some course materials can impede students’ academic success.

? The College Board estimates that the average undergraduate can expect to pay $1,225 for textbooks and supplies in 2014–15.

? The cost of textbooks is rising at a rate of 4 times inflation.

? Seven out of 10 students don’t purchase a required textbook during their academic career because of cost.

? 60 percent of students have delayed purchasing textbooks until they’ve received their financial aid.

(Source for bulleted information: the Open Textbook Network.)

Open Textbooks

Open textbooks can help alleviate the burden of textbook costs for students and provide faculty with content that can be customized for their course. Open textbooks are full, real textbooks, used by many faculty across the country, and licensed to be freely used, edited, and distributed.
What You Can Do

Attend the Open Textbook Workshop — a two-hour session where you can discover open textbooks in your field. After the workshop, you’ll be asked to write a short review of an open textbook. Your review will benefit other faculty considering open textbooks. You’ll receive a $200 stipend for your participation and written review.

What: Open Textbook Workshop and Textbook Review
Where: 216 Jackson Library
When: Friday, September 9, from 2-4 p.m.
Who: The workshop will be led by Rajvi Jhangiani (Psychology Faculty at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Vancouver, Canada) and Merinda McLure (Health and Human Sciences Librarian at Colorado State University Libraries).

Take 5 minutes [http://tinyurl.com/gw94hhk](http://tinyurl.com/gw94hhk) by August 26, 2016. Capacity is limited and open textbooks are not available for all subjects. Preference will be based on textbook subject area availability.

If you have questions about this workshop or open textbooks, please contact Beth Bernhardt at beth_bernhardt@uncg or 336-256-1210. You can also visit the [https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/](https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/) for more information about our open education initiatives.

This workshop is sponsored by The UNCG University Libraries.

*(See related story is next week’s CW.)*

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Looking ahead: August 10, 2016

Staff Senate Full Body Meeting
Thursday, Aug. 11, UNCG Police Station

State of the Campus Address
Wednesday, Aug. 17, seating begins at 10 a.m., UNCG Auditorium

UNCG Athletics 50th Anniversary Celebration
Friday, Aug. 19, Soccer Stadium

First day of classes, Fall semester
Monday, Aug. 22

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In memoriam: Dr. Mary Floyd

Dr. Mary Floyd, former professor of history and former associate provost at UNCG, died on June 6. She had retired in 2010. She was living in Indianapolis.

A historian of Latin America, she received her PhD from Indiana University in 1982 and began her career at UNCG in 1983. At the time of her retirement, a post on the UNCG History web site noted, “As a teacher, Floyd always displayed an exemplary commitment to improving her students’ writing skills. She was also a pioneer in two important departmental initiatives. When the department launched a departmental advising system, Floyd took a leading role in making it successful. She also was among the first in the history department to develop online courses.”

Donna Honeycutt, who had been her assistant in the 1990s, shared this news with Campus Weekly.

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Fall 2016 Part Time Job Fair
The UNCG Career Services Center will host the Part Time Job Fair on August 24 from 12:30-4 p.m. in the Cone Ballroom. This event attracts over 1,000 students. If your department is still aiming to hire students, this may be a good opportunity for you. Please contact Katie Geise if you have any questions - kngerse@uncg.edu or 335-5455. Additionally, please share this information with any students that you interface with.

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**Dr. Bert Goldman, who died Aug. 2, served in School of Education 43 years**

Dr. Bert Goldman, emeritus professor of Curriculum and Instruction, died Greensboro on August 2 in Greensboro. He served in the School of Education for 43 years.

Goldman taught at Tufts University, Tulane University, Mary Washington College, the University of Virginia and SUNY - Albany before joining the UNCG School of Education in 1965.

He served as dean of the Office of Academic Advising at UNCG from 1970 until 1985. In the 1970’s and early 80’s he also served as UNCG’s first men’s varsity tennis coach. Also, he was instrumental in founding the North Carolina Hebrew Academy at Greensboro (now B’nai Shalom Day School) in the early 1970s.

From 1987-88 he served as acting chair of the Department of Educational Administration, Higher Education and Educational Research in the School of Education at UNCG. He was co-editor of nine volumes of The Directory of Unpublished Experimental Mental Measures. Further, he wrote the grant that founded UNCG’s Master’s program in Educational Research and Evaluation.

In 2000, based on his exemplary record of teaching, research and service, Goldman was appointed UNCG’s Faculty Marshal by Chancellor Sullivan. He served as Faculty Marshal until 2005. In 2009, he received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award, the highest honor bestowed on a civilian by the Governor of North Carolina. Goldman retired from UNCG in 2008 (with a surprise party from his Education students).

(Much of this information was drawn from his obituary.)

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