Welcome to Campus Weekly

New students SOAR, starting June 1

SOAR, UNCG’s new student orientation for freshman and transfer & adult students, kicks off on June 1. It will run the entire month of June. Students and families will be welcomed to the university, learn campus resources, meet with an advisor, register for classes, experience the UNCG environment, and more.

The university anticipates nearly 4,000 students and nearly 3,500 family members attending SOAR.

SOAR – Spartan Orientation, Advising & Registration – is required for all incoming undergraduate students. Faculty members, administrators, academic advisors, and current students will present to the new students a wide spectrum of information including academics, class selection, campus resources, meal plan options and co-curricular opportunities.

When you see new students or family members on campus, please say Hello – and be ready to offer directions.

UCLS features Herbie Hancock, Alan Alda, Audra McDonald, more
A star of stage and screen, an iconic television and film actor, a Bernstein Birthday Tribute, a dynamic dance company, a Jazz luminary, and two prominent visual artist lectures are featured in UNCG’s 2018-2019 University Concert and Lecture Series. It continues a longstanding tradition of bringing world-class artists to Greensboro for a series of performances, lectures and exhibits as well as invaluable student master-class opportunities.

The season is bookended with star power. It opens with actor Alan Alda, best known for his portrayal of Hawkeye Pierce on television’s M*A*S*H, and concludes with Broadway’s Audra McDonald, the winner of six Tony Awards, and the only person to win all four acting categories.

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The 2018-2019 UCLS Lineup:

**September 21: Alan Alda**


**October 11: Ann Hamilton, Falk Visiting Artist**

Ann Hamilton is a visual artist known for her site responsive large scale installations, public
projects, and performance collaborations. Her ephemeral projects are based in her career-long interest in felt experience as the basis for recognition and knowledge and in the relationships between written language and tactile experience, cloth and body, motion and stillness.

**October 12: Alexander Bernstein and Lara Downes**

Alexander Bernstein is Leonard Bernstein’s second child. He is president of Artful Learning, Inc., and founding chairman of The Leonard Bernstein Center For Learning. Prior to his full-time participation in the center, Bernstein taught for five years at the Packer-Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn, New York, first as a second grade teacher, then as a teacher of drama for the middle school. He has studied acting, performed professionally, and worked as a production associate at the ABC News Documentary Unit. Bernstein holds a Master’s degree in English education from New York University and a Bachelor’s degree from Harvard University.

Lara Downes is among the foremost American pianists of her generation, an iconoclast dedicated to expanding the resonance and relevance of American music for diverse audiences. Downes’ newest release and Sony Music debut album FOR LENNY is an intimate centennial tribute to Leonard Bernstein and his American legacy, and was awarded the 2017 Classical Recording Foundation Award and debuted in the Billboard Top 20.

**February 7: Carrie Mae Weems, Falk Visiting Artist**

Artist Carrie Mae Weems investigates family relationships, cultural identity, sexism, class, political systems, and the consequences of power. The recipient of both the MacArthur “Genius” grant as well as the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s Lifetime Achievement Award, Weems has developed a complex body of art employing photographs, text, fabric, audio, digital images, installation, and video. As part of her UCLS lecture, the artist will discuss her 2008 project Constructing History, in which she worked with students to explore the legacies of the 1960s.

**February 12: Herbie Hancock**

Now in the sixth decade of his professional life, Herbie Hancock remains where he has always been: at the forefront of world culture, technology, business and music. In addition to being recognized as a legendary pianist and composer, Herbie Hancock has been an integral part of every popular music movement since the 1960’s. As a member of the Miles Davis Quintet that pioneered a groundbreaking sound in jazz, he also developed new approaches on his own recordings, followed by his work in the 70s – with record-breaking albums such as “Headhunters” – that combined electric jazz with funk and rock in an innovative style that
continues to influence contemporary music. “Rockit” and “Future Shock” marked Hancock’s foray into electronic dance sounds; during the same period he also continued to work in an acoustic setting with V.S.O.P., which included ex-Miles Davis bandmates Wayne Shorter, Ron Carter, and Tony Williams. Hancock was awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in February 2016.

February 27: Mark Morris Dance Company

Internationally renowned as one of the world’s leading dance companies, the Mark Morris Dance Group (MMDG) has inspired critics and audiences alike throughout its 30-year history. Founded in New York in 1980 by artistic director/choreographer Mark Morris, MMDG has been called “the preeminent modern dance organization of our time” (Yo-Yo Ma), receiving “highest praise for their technical aplomb, their musicality, and their sheer human authenticity.” (Bloomberg News).

April 13: Audra McDonald

A record-breaking six-time Tony Award winner (Carousel, Master Class, Ragtime, A Raisin in the Sun, The Gershwins’ Porgy and Bess, Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar & Grill), Audra McDonald has also appeared on Broadway in The Secret Garden, Marie Christine (Tony nomination), Henry IV, and 110 in the Shade (Tony nomination).

The Juilliard-trained soprano’s opera credits include “La voix humaine“ and “Send” at Houston Grand Opera and “Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny” at Los Angeles Opera. On television, she was most recently seen as the Mother Abbess in NBC’s “The Sound of Music Live!” and played Dr. Naomi Bennett on ABC’s “Private Practice” for four seasons.

She has received Emmy nominations for “Wit,” “A Raisin in the Sun,” and for her role as official host of PBS’s “Live From Lincoln Center.” A two-time Grammy Award winner and recording artist, she released her fifth solo album, Go Back Home, in 2013.

Renewals and new season subscriptions are on sale now at ucls.uncg.edu or by calling box office partner, Triad Stage, at 336.272.0160. Single-event tickets will be available later in the summer.

Ticket information is at https://vpa.uncg.edu/home/ucls.

World travelers: UNCG choral students in Europe
UNCG Music students have returned from Europe, where they performed in Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, and Strobl, a small town outside of Salzburg.

Dr. Welborn E. Young was the main organizer of the tour.

Conductors:

- Welborn E. Young, Director of Choral Activities
- Carole Ott Coelho, Associate Director of Choral Activities
- Brett Nolker, Director of Choral Music Education
- Jonathan Emmons, DMA Choral Conducting, candidate
- Christian Albee, MM Choral Conducting, graduated May 2018

(Christian and Jonathan also served as accompanists.)

Tadeu Coelho, Flute
Adam Ward, Organ

Young said that he had two major goals when putting the tour and subsequently the concert repertoire together.

“The first goal was to provide an opportunity for UNCG singers to experience the breadth, beauty, and diversity of areas steeped in an amazing musical history.

“The second goal addresses my own personal beliefs. First, the belief that quality music, particularly vocal/choral music, performed beautifully has a transformative power that speaks beyond the brain to a more personal and heart/spirit-centered place where healing and understanding resides. Second, the belief that participation in the arts, particularly choral singing, should be a lifelong endeavor. So, I set out to build the ensemble not only with UNCG singers but with community singers who also celebrate the joy of singing.”

Thirty UNCG singers were joined by 12 community singers, the latter from First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, Bel Canto Company, retired choral music educators, and the Winston-Salem Chorale.
The repertoire was a slice of choral music from America and the British Isles. Examples of primitive nasal community singing, shape-note singing, folk-songs, gospel, hymn-tune arrangements and spirituals were woven together with motets influenced by the European masters of the Renaissance.

Their full concerts:

May 7, St. Nicholas Church on the Square, Prague, Czech Republic
May 10, St. Peter’s Church, Vienna, Austria
May 12, St. Sigismund Church, Stroble, Austria (lake country outside of Salzburg)

Informal Half Concerts:

May 10, Melk Abbey outside of Vienna
May 12, The Dom Cathedral in Old Town Salzburg

“Every concert was standing room only,” Young said. “The audiences were enthusiastic. Each concert ended with either a standing ovation or rhythmic applause – asking for an encore piece.”

**Link Jarrett is named SoCon Coach of the Year**

Link Jarrett, head coach for UNCG Men’s Baseball, was named SoCon Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons.

The team finished the regular season with a 37-13 overall record, taking the regular season title with an 18-3 record in Southern Conference games. The SoCon regular season title is a first for UNCG Baseball.

He guided the Spartans to 35 or more wins for the third-straight season, the first time in program history that feat has been accomplished.

Junior pitcher Matt Frisbee and junior outfielder Andrew Moritz were selected as the Southern Conference’s Pitcher and Player of the Year, respectively.

Jarrett came to the university in 2012 as head coach, and last year led the Spartans in achieving their first-ever SoCon Tournament championship, earning them a trip to the NCAA
Teaching Excellence recipients throughout university

Each year, schools and colleges across UNCG award faculty members for outstanding performance in the classroom. This year, ten faculty members have been recognized:

Dr. James Harden, Accounting and Finance (Bryan School)
Dr. Aaron Ratcliffe, Information Systems & Supply Chain Management (Bryan School)
Ms. Tiffany Reynolds, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality & Tourism (Bryan School)
Dr. Sat Gupta, Mathematics & Statistics (College of Arts and Sciences)
Ms. Carrie Rosario, Public Health Education (School of Health and Human Sciences)
Dr. Jacqueline DeBrew (School of Nursing)
Dr. Karen Amirehsani (School of Nursing)
Mr. James Wren, School of Theatre (College of Visual and Performing Arts)
Dr. Claudia Pagliaro, Specialized Education Services (School of Education)
Dr. Helali Rathnayake, Nanoscience (JSNN)

Big balloon launch at Kiser Middle School
May 1 was a clear, sunny day. Perfect conditions for Kiser Middle School’s Meteorology Club and UNC Greensboro collaborators to send a high-altitude weather balloon into the stratosphere, more than 85,000 feet above the earth’s surface.

The seventh-graders had worked for several months on the project, with science teachers Temple Cantrell and Aimee Perry; UNCG’s Matt Fisher, assistant director of the School of Education SELF Design Studio Makerspace; UNCG instructional technology consultant Mike Renne and recent Maker in Residence and UNCG sophomore Tim Krauss. This was the second year that Kiser students undertook the experiment, first initiated by UNCG alumnus and Kiser student teacher Erik Winkelman.

Each week of the spring semester, the Meteorology Club met with their UNCG mentors after school to design the payload and onboard computer, test parachutes, create a website and select items for the payload, including test tubes of seawater and tap water.

On the football field, as the 9 a.m. launch time drew closer, Fisher and NC Near Space Research consultant Paul Lowell filled the 6-foot balloon with helium. Meanwhile, the Meteorology Club students performed last-minute checks on their handmade spacecraft, its onboard camera and the “Tigernaut,” Kiser’s tiger mascot along for the ride. The entire seventh grade filled the rows of the Grimsley High School football stadium, with the Greensboro Fire Department and Fox 8 news team standing by.

“3...2....1,” chanted the crowd, and the launch team released the balloon and spacecraft. Up, up, up they sailed amid cheers, the balloon growing smaller and smaller as it ascended.
A few minutes later, the chase team, made up of several students and parent volunteers, took off toward Jordan Lake, where the balloon was predicted to land after it reached a peak altitude, popped and floated back to earth. They retrieved it from a wooded area near Apex, recovering the camera that then held breathtaking photos from the stratosphere and documentation of what happened to the two water test tubes throughout the flight.

Back in the classroom, teachers shared updates and in-flight photos with the entire seventh grade. Excitement was palpable, not only at the launch but throughout the entire day at Kiser.

“This was a perfect example of why I chose to teach,” said Perry. “To have the opportunity for this type of hands-on learning was an awesome experience.”

“I enjoyed seeing the whole seventh grade attend the launch, and giving the Meteorology Club students a chance to be seen as leaders,” said Fisher. “I’ve been amazed that a task that seems really daunting can be attempted and executed by a group of middle school students.”
Fisher says the students will be able to analyze the data they gathered to make predictions and guide their learning for next year’s launch.

To learn more about the experiment, view a video that shows the students’ preparation here, the launch and views from the spacecraft. To see how UNCG brings hands-on learning to schools across Guilford County, visit the UNCG School of Education and SELF Design Studio Makerspace.

By Susan Kirby-Smith
Photography by Martin W. Kane and courtesy of UNCG SELF Design Studio

Top photo: Assistant director of UNCG’s SELF Design Studio holds a helium-filled high altitude weather balloon and graduate assistant Andrea Barbour helps, with a Kiser student.

In memoriam: Pearl Berlin

Dr. Pearl Berlin, retired UNCG professor and former head of the Department of Kinesiology, died on May 17, 2018.

The Brooklyn, N.Y., native came to North Carolina to lead UNCG’s Kinesiology department in 1971. She was the first professor in Kinesiology hired specifically to develop research across the (then) School of Health and Human Services, the obituary notes.

The UNCG Pearl Berlin Writing Award, given to graduate students for excellent thesis and dissertation writing, is named in her honor.

A public memorial will be held in the Virginia Dare Room of the Alumni House June 14 at 3 p.m.

Her obituary may be viewed here.
In memoriam: Kathleen Casey

Dr. Kathleen Casey, retired professor from the UNCG School of Education, died on May 22, 2018.

Casey brought an innovative research style to UNCG called narrative research, which draws on life stories to examine social and educational issues, her obituary notes.

Casey served the university for 25 years as a professor and dissertation advisor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations. In her time at UNCG, she hooded more than 50 PhD graduates, many of whom are now professors. She retired in 2014.

A memorial service will be held at Faith Community Church on Sunday, June 3, at 2 p.m.

Her obituary may be viewed here.

Chik-fil-A and nOma coming to UNCG

Spartan Dining is adding new, on-campus dining options, including five new retail locations at the EUC and a new station at the Fountain View.

The new restaurants coming to the EUC include BUILD Pizza by Design, Burger 336, Create, nOma, and a full-service Chik-fil-A.

The new Fountain View station is designed to offer meal options free of gluten and other top allergens including milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat and soy.

More information on these new dining options can be found here.

Registration for a Banner 9 General Navigation Workshop

The Banner 9 implementation is well underway, and all UNCG employees who will use Banner 9 for student, financial aid and accounts receivable processes must attend a workshop. There are 10 upcoming hour-long Banner 9 training workshops scheduled, June 4 through July 5.
This workshop is intended for any faculty or staff who are current users of Banner 8 INB (Internet Native Banner). This workshop will introduce users to the basic functionality of Banner 9 Application Navigator and demonstrate how to navigate through the modules. It is not meant to teach any specific task, but is designed to make users comfortable with new basic Banner 9 navigation skills such as accessing and navigating pages and finding records via searches.

Sign up here.

**Shred-a-Thon June 8**

The Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling (OWRR) will host a paper shredding event at UNCG on June 8, 2018 (8 a.m. – 1 p.m.). The location will be at the baseball field service drive area at the corner Kenilworth Street and Theta Street. The UNCG Shred-a-Thon will provide faculty and staff an opportunity to dispose of paper records that have met retention requirements. Remember to maintain proper security of records containing sensitive information. For more information about the UNCG Shred-a-Thon, contact OWRR at 336-334-5192.

**UNCG Newsmakers: April-May 2018**

Whether researchers with timely insights or students with outstanding stories, members of the UNCG community appear in print, web and broadcast media every day. Here is a sampling of UNCG-related stories in the news and media over the past two months:

- The News & Record talked to Dr. Nancy Hodges about the history of the CARS program on its 100th anniversary, an article picked up by the Associated Press and US News & World Report online for exponential reach. The article
- Dr. Charles Egeland’s work on determining the nature of Homo naledi burials was featured with an article on Ars Technica.
- WFMY talked to Dr. Tanya Coakley about her Barber Shop Talk program, promoting sexual health among young black men through conversation with their fathers. The News2 piece.
- UNCG researchers were cited in an April 9 USA Today piece on domestic abuse.
- In mid-April, Stephanie Milroy was interviewed on Triad Today about Healthy UNCG, which promotes health and wellness among UNCG employees.
- An Champion Magazine article featured Assistant Professor of Kinesiology Erin Reifsteck’s work in an article on adjusting to life after college sports.
- Dr. Janet J. Boseovski spoke about the optimism and positivity bias of young children in an Associate Press piece, which was seen in multiple media outlets. The AP article
• May Commencement got lots of coverage in the Triad. Commencement speaker and Olympian Joey Cheek even was featured in a cover story in Triad City Beat, which gave Cheek their No. 1 ranking among commencement speakers this year. Ranked: The 2018 Triad College Commencement Speaker Face-Off

• Dr. Dayna Touron was interviewed about aging and memory / memory confidence on NPR (Minnesota Public Radio) May 23. She is professor of psychology and associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. The NPR interview

• Dr. Nir Kshetri, professor in the Bryan School of Business and Economics, wrote an article published in the Wall Street Journal: “Blockchain Could Be the Answer to Cybersecurity. Maybe.”

UNCG on Forbes’ Best Employers list

A lot of people know UNC Greensboro is a great place to work. Now, we’re getting national recognition.

UNCG is ranked 114th nationally among the Best Midsize Employers of 2018 in a Forbes Magazine listing.

Forbes listed the top 500 midsize companies and organizations, employing 1,000 to 5,000 people – and the top 500 large companies and organizations, with more than 5,000.

Joining UNCG on the midsize organizations list are two other UNCG System universities: UNC Charlotte, ranked 106th, and Appalachian State University at 180th.

Forbes partnered with market research company Statista to identify the companies liked best by employees, for the annual listing.

“To determine the list, Statista surveyed 30,000 Americans working for businesses with at least 1,000 employees. All the surveys were anonymous, allowing participants to openly share their opinions. The respondents were asked to rate, on a scale of zero to 10, how likely they’d be to recommend their employer to others. Statista then asked respondents to
nominate organizations in industries outside their own,” Forbes explained in its article.

See the listing here.

‘Teaching Personal and Social Responsibility’ through sports: conference June 6-9

Dr. Tom Martinek, professor of kinesiology, has been at the forefront of a growing movement of scholars and practitioners who see sports as an underused method to build stronger societies and help individuals be more resilient. The Teaching Personal and Social Responsibility (TPSR) Alliance, a community of practice for practitioners and academics interested in teaching personal and social responsibility through physical activity, normally holds their annual conference in New York City, Chicago, Boston - and this year it’s in Greensboro. Why? Dr. Michael Hemphill explains that UNCG Kinesiology has been one of the universities instrumental in the TPSR youth development model, largely through Martinek’s work. “This conference will be, in part, a celebration of the 25th year of Tom’s Project Effort program,” he explains.

TPSR, Project Effort and Dr. Martinek’s work are featured prominently in this spring’s UNCG Research magazine:

The Long Game

As a young education professor in the 1970s and 1980s, Dr. Tom Martinek was interested in the impact of teacher expectations on students — the Pygmalion effect. He was preparing future PE teachers and working to understand how things like “learned helplessness” might affect students.

“That research was a stepping stone for me to begin to try things out, to take that research and try to apply it to programs in the community,” says Martinek, now a professor of kinesiology.

His early work helped at-risk kids through after-school programs that involved physical activity. They were mostly short-term efforts that ran for a year or two and provided Martinek with fodder for journal articles.
But Martinek wanted to do more. And he thought a framework called Teaching Personal and Social Responsibility through Physical Activity, or TPSR, was the key.

TPSR was developed by Don Hellison, a now-retired professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The framework sees sports and physical activity as a way to teach children important skills and values — self-control, respect for each other, trying your best, setting personal goals, and helping others.

Martinek’s opportunity came when the principal of Greensboro’s Hampton Elementary School approached him in 1991 for help.

“She thought the students were really vulnerable to dropout and different kinds of risk behaviors later on,” Martinek says. “She also knew that a lot of these kids didn’t have much to do after school.”

Most of the kids who attended Hampton lived in the nearby Morningside Heights public housing community. With a little funding from an NC State University grant program, Martinek began bussing 24 third, fourth, and fifth graders to UNC Greensboro twice a week after school.

It was the birth of Project Effort, a program that still operates more than 25 years later and has become a national model for using sports to help kids who are at risk develop critical life skills.

A typical after-school session includes reviewing goals, physical activities in small groups, and then discussion and reflection on their activities.

For the students in Project Effort, grades improved, but more important were the changes in in-school behavior. Martinek and two graduate students reviewed four years of data to measure changes in how often students were reprimanded by their teachers or were referred to the principal’s office.

Over the course of a year, the average number of referrals to the principal’s office dropped from 11 to 9 per student. More striking was the reduction in teacher reprimands over the same period — from an average of 41 during the first quarter to 28 during the last, a 31 percent decrease.

Students stayed in the program through elementary school and middle school. When they reached high school, they started directing some of the activities themselves, learning valuable leadership skills.
Read the full feature, “The Long Game,” in the just-posted UNCG Research magazine.

Story written by Mark Tosczak. Photo of Tom Martinek by Mike Dickens.

**UNCG Student Affairs’ annual Staff Excellence and Service Awards**

Student Affairs announced its annual award winners in its End of Year Celebration on May 16. The event included recognition of the staff excellence and service award recipients while celebrating the end of a successful 2017-18 academic year.

The 2018 staff excellence award recipients:

**Partnership Award:** Dr. Julie Mendez Smith (Psychology Department)

**Unsung Hero Award:** Dr. Will Dodson (Housing & Residence Life)

**Team Player Awards:** Charles Clency (Housing & Residence Life) and Elliott Kimball (Office of Intercultural Engagement)

**Graduate Assistant of the Year:** Candice Johnson (Campus Activities & Programs)

**Rookie of the Year:** Lindsey Vega (Dean of Students Office)

**Culture of Care Award:** Terri Spears (Student Health Services)

**Legacy of Excellence Award:** Dr. Mary Anderson (Dean of Students Office)

**Changes to UNCG Key Request process**

Facilities Operations put their Key Request process online earlier this year.

Starting July 1, the gray keycards some of campus are accustomed to will no longer be used.
Key requests are being accepted from an Interactive PDF form available here.

Completed key request forms should be delivered to the Customer Service Center via email to fowork@uncg.edu; or faxed to (336) 334-4026; or sent through campus mail to Facilities Operations in the Sink Building; or hand delivered to the Customer Service Center on the 2nd floor of the Sink building.

In order to pick up assigned keys, the keyholder must present a Photo ID as well as sign the Keyholder’s Acknowledgement agreement at time of pick-up.

Full information is available at this Facilities Operations web page.

**UNCG Athletics have record GPA**

Spartan Athletics students had a UNCG Athletics record GPA for the 2017-2018 school year.

The department GPA for 2017-2018 was 3.23. Women’s Golf led the department with the highest GPA for the academic year: 3.71.