Welcome to Campus Weekly

New, enhanced online UNCG Magazine

UNCG Magazine has launched a newly enhanced, interactive website.

Readers can now access all of the content in the spring 2018 issue – as well as additional video extras – on the site.

The latest issue includes an in-depth look at the Department of Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies as it celebrates its 100th anniversary; a profile on alumnus Jim Barnhill, the sculptor behind the beloved Minerva statue on campus, and a look at a special day at the School of Art’s foundry; the Reynolds Scholars program; and a farewell to the McIver Building, as we look ahead to construction of the new Nursing and Instructional Building.

Videos created for this issue include:

- Cutting Edge: CARS marking 100 years
- Jim Barnhill, a sculptor’s story
- A Day in the UNCG Foundry
- The McIver Building: An Epilogue

The website also includes PDF versions of this issue and previous issues.

Photography by Martin W. Kane
Commencement will be held Friday at coliseum

UNCG is set to award more than 2,700 degrees to the university’s largest-ever graduating class on Friday, May 4, at the May Commencement ceremony.

The university will confer approximately 2,014 bachelor’s degrees, 627 master’s degrees, 87 doctoral degrees and 17 specialist in education degrees. Of the degrees awarded, 100 will be conferred to international students.

Friday’s university-wide ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the Greensboro Coliseum. A doctoral hooding ceremony will be held the day before, Thursday, May 3, at 3 p.m. in UNCG Auditorium.

Olympic speed skating gold medalist, NBC Winter Olympics commentator and humanitarian leader Joey Cheek will deliver the keynote address to the Class of 2018.

Senior political science major Prescillia Messa, who served as the secretary of academic affairs this year for the UNCG Student Government Association, is the student speaker.

Parking at the coliseum is free for all attendees, and parking permits are not required. For the doctoral hooding ceremony, parking is available in the lot behind the Graham Building and Weatherspoon Art Museum.

Park & Ride buses will be available to transport volunteers, students, staff and faculty between campus and the coliseum. Buses will depart campus every 30 minutes beginning at 7 a.m., with the final shuttle returning to campus at 1 p.m. Passengers may board the bus on Stirling Street in front of the Elliott University Center.

For those who cannot attend Friday’s ceremony in person, a livestream of the event can be accessed here.

For more information, visit UNCG Commencement Central.
Spartan Cinema has begun at LeBauer Park

This spring and summer, UNC Greensboro will partner once again with LeBauer Park in downtown Greensboro to present “Spartan Cinema,” a series of Friday night movie screenings that are free and open to the public.

The series presents Pixar’s “Brave” this Friday.

In addition to movies, attendees will enjoy a variety of pre-movie activities for families, including UNCG musical performances, games, giveaways and more. Participants are encouraged to wear blue and gold and tag their event photos #SpartanCinema on social media.

The full schedule can be found below and at greensborodowntownparks.org/movie-nights.

- May 18: Brave
- May 25: Leap
- June 1: Queen of Katwe
- June 8: Mulan
- June 15: The Princess and the Frog
- June 22: Sing
- July 6: Captain America: Civil War
- July 13: Despicable Me 3
- July 20: Lion King
- July 27: The Sandlot
• August 3: Moana
• August 10: Toy Story
• August 17: Black Panther
• August 24: Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

In addition to the Friday night movie screenings, park visitors can buy UNCG gear at the new “Spartan Shop @ The Park,” located in a kiosk at the LeBauer Park entrance. The shop will be open during Spartan Cinema and other special events, as well as Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

By Alyssa Bedrosian
Photography by Alycee Byrd

Softball, Baseball, Men’s Golf still swinging

By this time of year, you’d expect the spring sports to have wound down. Not this year at UNCG.

No. 1 seed UNCG Softball claimed its first-ever Southern Conference Tournament Championship with a 5-2 victory over the ETSU Buccaneers on Saturday at UNCG Softball Stadium. The win earned the team a spot in the NCAA tournament as they head to the Columbia, South Carolina Regional this weekend.

The host school is South Carolina, who will square off with UNCG at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Joining the Spartans and Gamecocks in the regional is Liberty and Hofstra. The regional will run Friday, May 18, through Sunday, May 20. UNCG Softball’s NCAA Regional appearance is the second in program history.

UNCG Baseball earned the Southern Conference’s Regular Season Championship after defeating The Citadel Bulldogs Sunday afternoon. This is the second SoCon Regular Season Title in program history after earning the title in the first season in the SoCon in 1998. They will be the top seed in the SoCon Tournament.
The UNCG men’s golf team clinched an automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals by winning its first-ever Southern Conference Championship last Tuesday. The team began play in the NCAA Stockton, California, Regional earlier this week. This marks the Spartans’ second-ever NCAA Regional play in program history.

For more athletics updates, click here.

Photography by Carlos Morales, UNCG Athletics

Beth Fischer will be Vice Chancellor for Advancement

Chancellor Gilliam has an announcement regarding our new leader for advancement:

Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Beth Fischer has accepted our offer to be UNC Greensboro’s next Vice Chancellor for Advancement. She begins on July 31.

Beth has been serving as the Executive Director of University Development at UNC Charlotte, leading major gifts, planned giving, corporate and foundation relations, and donor relations. She designed and led the campaign strategy, planning, and execution of the university’s “Exponential” capital campaign.

She also has Greensboro roots. Her mother attended UNCG and Beth earned a BS at Guilford College before pursuing her JD at Case Western Reserve University. She also holds a certificate of nonprofit management from the Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations and earned her Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) designation in 2008.

Beth was selected by the Charlotte Business Journal as a “40 Under 40” award winner in 2009, and subsequently received the “Outstanding Women in Business” award in 2017. She is an active member of Women Executives and the American Leadership Forum Class XVII.
She previously served on the US Airways Education Foundation Advisory Board and is a past president of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Charlotte Chapter.

My motto as we have built our team at UNCG is “Don’t compromise on talent.” It was important to me to find someone who not only has the leadership qualities we need in this pivotal role, but also is the right fit for UNCG. In Beth, we found someone who both has a proven track record of fundraising success and is still a rising star. Beth’s current and former colleagues and peers in the UNC System confirm what I noticed about her during the extensive interview process: her ability to develop and lead a campaign; her quick and strategic mind; a warm personality that will engage various stakeholders; and her authentic commitment to UNCG’s mission.

Thank you to those who participated in the search process. I deeply appreciate the time you spent meeting the candidates and the invaluable feedback you provided me. I’d also like to thank Kris Davidson, who has admirably led the division since Jan Zink’s departure in January.

Please join me in welcoming Beth, her husband AJ, and their two children, Eric and Allison, to our community and to the Spartan family.

Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr.
Chancellor

A new chapter with Greensboro Bound: A Literary Festival

Hold onto your reading glasses. Greensboro Bound, Greensboro’s first large-scale literary festival, is underway, with an opening event on Thursday, May 17, at UNC Greensboro.

Throughout the weekend, more than 80 authors of a wide variety of genres will take part in panels and readings in downtown locations. Around two dozen UNCG faculty and alumni are presenting, and many others have played a large role, from selecting authors for the program to securing funding to coordinating volunteers.

UNCG creative writing instructor Julia Ridley Smith, a member of the festival steering
committee, has helped curate the festival’s panels and readings, with inclusivity and diversity as a priority.

“It’s an opportunity to support new and different voices,” she said, “as well as a way to connect readers with writers. And it’s truly been a community-driven effort.”

Greensboro Bound kicks off at UNCG’s Weatherspoon Art Museum, with an introduction from former North Carolina Poet Laureate and Professor Emeritus Fred Chappell and a reading by author, filmmaker and UNCG alumnus Brett Ingram.

From May 18 through 20, Greensboro Bound events will take place at the Cultural Arts Center, Triad Stage, the Greensboro Central Public Library, the International Civil Rights Center & Museum, Scuppernong Books, Greensboro Project Space, the Greensboro History Museum, First Christian Church and N.C. A&T State’s Harrison Auditorium.

Events range from fiction and poetry readings to an original opera, to a blues panel to live llamas to a puppet show – there’s something for everyone, including many events for children.

As part of the festival, UNCG Libraries will host a table sharing information about the North Carolina Literary Map, a UNCG-created online resource that highlights the literary heritage of the state. Through the searchable online map, bookworms and educators alike can familiarize themselves with the geographic locations that played roles in the lives and books of North Carolina authors. The North Carolina Literary Map table will be on the South Lawn of the Cultural Arts Center on Saturday and Sunday.

See the complete Greensboro Bound Festival schedule here and some UNCG-related highlights posted in Campus Weekly.

By Susan Kirby-Smith
Composite visual by Martin W. Kane

2017 Heart Walk at UNCG this Saturday
The Guilford County Heart Walk will be held this Saturday, May 20, on our campus. There’ll be thousands of walkers. Some people run, some stroll, some people bring dogs, strollers, etc. It’s low pressure – and lots of fun for an excellent cause.

You can join the UNCG team and walk to build healthier lives, free of heart disease and stroke.

If you are interested in joining the UNCG team (or creating additional UNCG teams), now is the time. A team can be of any size and can have non-UNCG members (so family and friends are welcome).

The UNCG team captain is HealthyUNCG Director Stephanie Milroy (healthy_uncg@uncg.edu).

Join at http://www2.heart.org/goto/UNCGFacultyAndStaff.

Learn more here.