UNCG receives $1 million gift from alumna Jo Safrit

Dr. JoAnne “Jo” Safrit (’57 BS, Physical Education) has made a $1 million gift to establish a distinguished professorship in the field of kinesiology. Kinesiology is the study of human movement and is one of the fastest-growing fields in the nation, and one of the most popular majors at UNCG.

Named for Safrit and longtime partner Dr. Catherine Ennis (’77 MS, Physical Education), the Safrit-Ennis Scholarship is intended to enable the university to recruit or retain Department of Kinesiology faculty who are outstanding researchers, scholars and teachers.

For Safrit, the gift enables her to honor Dr. Ennis, who passed away in April of 2017, and to provide funds for faculty to conduct important research in the field of kinesiology, to which she has dedicated her life. The new professorship also allows her to “pay it forward” to professors who rely on donations like hers to fund forward-thinking research in the field.

A Salisbury, North Carolina, native, Safrit was a physical education major at Woman’s College, who taught at The University of Texas, and subsequently spent many years as a researcher and teacher at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. She currently lives in Greensboro and serves on the Boards of the UNCG Alumni Association and the Excellence Foundation.

“I received a $1 million gift from a couple when I was a young professor, and it was life-changing for me,” says Safrit. “With that gift, I was able to conduct important, meaningful research because of the generosity of others who had the means to do so. Now I’m in a position to help; I wanted to give a professor the opportunity to make the next discovery, to advance knowledge in the field that I have dedicated my life to, at the school I love so much.”

See story about the newly named recipient of the Safrit-Ennis Distinguished Professorship in Kinesiology.

See additional coverage in the News and Record - and hear her interviewed on WUNC Radio's “The State of Things.”

Photography of Dr. Safrit by Martin W. Kane.

###

Looking toward a new Banner year
Everyone associated with UNCG – students, faculty, staff and even alumni and donors – uses Ellucian’s Banner system, which is designed specifically for institutions of higher education.

Banner allows faculty, staff and students to add and retrieve data, and keeps that data current, consistent and available to multiple departments across the university. Its scope reaches admissions, registration, alumni information, campaign management, financial aid, human resources, payroll and all finance information. The Banner system includes an administrative component, INB (Internet Native Banner) and a self-service interface known to campus as “UNCGenie.”

Now, it’s poised for a big change, from Banner 8 to Banner 9.

The change is a necessary end-of-life transition, according to Kristine Sunda, executive director of Banner 9 Implementation at UNCG. All customers of Banner must migrate to the new version, which will be a more sustainable, and powerful system, leading to greater capability and easier access to information.

“The version is web friendly and meets web browser standards,” said Sunda. “It equips us for new features and positions us for integration with other higher education products.”

The transition, led by the Integrated Futures Team, is part of UNCG’s overall technology transformation to improve business processes and data governance, and the benefits of Banner 9 are compatible with UNCG’s focus on sustainability and access. Administrative areas will have a user interface or navigation change that makes data more retrievable, simplifying operations for staff. Paper processing and outdated localizations will be updated with digital imaging and automated workflows.

For students and advisors, the advising experience will become more streamlined with helpful advising information readily visible on students’ profiles. This spring the campus community will have access to an integrated online catalog. By next fall, students and advisers will use integrated registration that provides a degree audit and planning program to them via DegreeWorks.

The transition to Banner 9 is the first step in an overarching ENGAGE (Equipping the Next Generation with Access, Growth, and Enrichment) initiative that began in January 2017 and will continue through the next two to three years. Currently, the Integrated Futures Team is conducting training sessions for deans, directors, department chairs, academic advisers and other staff. Student data information sessions will be offered through March to equip staff, faculty and advisers for the data transition. Beginning in January 2018, Banner 9 Navigation training will be available to any faculty and staff who are current users of Banner 8 INB.

“The switch to Banner 9 is really the foundational piece,” said Sunda, who has worked closely with the steering committee and Provost Dr. Dana Dunn. “It’s the first step to positioning us to do all the greater things that we want to do – exciting transformative things. It establishes a level of maturity that allows us to become more digitally integrated as a campus.”


For more information about the transition to Banner 9, visit the ENGAGE website.

By Susan Kirby-Smith

###

Spartan lanes aglow with luminaires, one of several seasonal events
Several seasonal events on campus and featuring Spartans are upcoming:

- **Harvest Home Concert**, by UNCG Music choral ensembles: Men’s and Women’s Glee Clubs, Women’s Choir, University Chorale, Chamber Singers, with the Old-Time Ensemble, Sunday, Nov. 19, 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.
- **The UNCG Bookstore** has its annual holiday Faculty & Staff Appreciation Sale Nov. 27-28. In addition to the normal 20 percent discount for most items, faculty/staff can take an extra 10 percent off non-textbook items. (Magazines, Nook, computer hardware and software not included.) See store for details.
- **Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam** will host a Holiday Open House in the Virginia Dare Room of the Alumni House on Reading Day, Thursday, Nov. 30, 1-5 p.m., with the Chancellor’s holiday greetings starting at 4 p.m. The occasion will be filled with festive foods, drinks, music and good cheer, while also celebrating the university’s 125-year history. Drop in at any time throughout the afternoon.
- **The beautiful campus luminaires and Vacc Bell Tower** will also light up at dusk on Reading Day, Nov. 30 – and the bells will play seasonal tunes. The lighting of luminaires throughout campus is a 48-year-old student tradition on UNCG’s Reading Day. The Vacc Bell Tower, with 49 bells, is one of only six such structures in the state to have a full concert carillon, providing a beautiful sound.
- **Spartan Academic Support Services (SASS)**, which supports the success of student athletes, will host a “Holiday Drop-In” earlier on Thursday, Nov. 30, 9 a.m. to noon, at Coleman Building, Room 225. They will provide warm beverages and light refreshments, and faculty/staff can learn more about what they do at the university.
- **The upcoming First Friday Downtown** will be the big annual holiday edition, Festival of Lights, Dec. 1, 6-9 p.m. The event along Elm Street always features a variety of UNCG groups and individuals among its performers, including the UNCG Horn Choir, UNCG Tuba Band and UNCG Choir. (You’ll see more UNCG faces in this line-up.) The UNCG Art Truck will be available for tours at MLK Drive and Elm as part of the event.
- **At the Greensboro Holiday Parade** on Saturday, Dec. 2, the UNCG Bands of Sparta pep band will perform before the parade begins. The parade will include the UNCG cheerleaders and Spiro.
- **Join fellow Spartans for “Branches of Love,”** Saturday, Dec. 2, starting at noon in the Alumni House. Attendees will decorate holiday trees that will later be donated to families in need. The annual tradition will be filled with food, music and holiday spirit. Come with a team of four, and enter to win Best Themed, Best Traditional or Best Overall tree. Admission is 20 canned or nonperishable food items for each four-person team. At noon, the Alumni House opens; at 12:30 p.m., the tree decorating contest begins; at 1:30 p.m., winners will be announced, and 1:30-2:30 p.m., enjoy refreshments and holiday festivities.
- **Three families** have been selected for this year’s UNCG Staff Senate Angel Tree. Their wish lists may be viewed here. Please view the Instructions tab first. Donations/collection of gifts is through Dec. 13. Staff Senate will wrap the gifts on Thursday, Dec. 14.

Compiled by Ishan Davis

###

**Take 2017 UNCG Campus Weekly readership survey**

We want to hear from you.

What is Campus Weekly doing well and what can it do better? How do you read CW and how often? What do you think of the CW enewsletter emailed to faculty and staff each week? Please take 5-10 minutes for this readership survey. Three respondents will be chosen randomly to receive a $20 dining card.

Click here to take the survey.

Thank you for participating.
In unique course, UNCG Facilities staff LEED by example

For a course in applied sustainability, the entire campus can be a classroom, and the UNCG Facilities staff are the experts.

This past semester, Assistant Professor of Interior Architecture and Sustainability Faculty Fellow Dr. Amanda Gale taught a brand-new class for UNCG – Sustainability in the Built Environment, which enrolled students in both interior architecture and environmental studies programs.

The course focused on content that helps students pass the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Associate Exam, an internationally recognized green building professional credential.

UNCG has one of the highest percentages of LEED-certified buildings among schools in the UNC system, and many of the Facilities Operations staff who have made that possible took the time this fall to share their hands-on knowledge of sustainable design with Gale’s students.

For several weeks, the staff members served as guest speakers and guides, touring students through campus sites that corresponded to their learning objectives, and sharing their expertise on water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, material and resources, transportation and indoor environmental quality.

The first trip was through UNCG’s first LEED-certified building, the Education Building, with Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities Jorge Quintal and Director of Facilities Design and Construction Ken Pearce. Quintal and Pearce’s presentation not only covered the building itself, but also the planning process, how the project was implemented and what was required for LEED certification.

In the following weeks, the class explored UNCG’s newest addition, Spartan Village II, with Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Enterprises Scott Milman; the campus cisterns and wetlands with Grounds’ Jim Munro; the McIver Chiller Plant, with UNCG’s HVAC supervisor Gary Denny and Utilities Manager Jon Soter, who explained the details of the campus’ water efficiency.

Next, the students toured the Kaplan Center for Wellness with Campus Mechanical Engineer Douglas Cato and energy analyst Nihal Al Raees, who spoke about the center’s energy-conserving operations, including its chillers, boilers and air handlers.

For the last trip, the students toured the Facilities Operation Yard with Waste Reduction & Recycling Operations supervisor Ben Kunka and Director of Purchasing and Contracts Michael Logan. For one additional guest visit, safety training coordinator Todd Beck came to the class
to demonstrate how to use safety equipment.

Throughout the course, students learned about sustainable design while gaining a comprehensive understanding of the LEED rating system. For several, the campus tours and special lectures from staff also sparked their interest in facilities and operations careers.

“The systems involved are just fascinating and the cooling towers were incredible,” said senior interior architecture major Cameron John, who cited the chiller plant as her favorite visit.

As the students look toward their LEED-certification exam, Gale has seen a definite increase of their knowledge of sustainable operations, and the UNCG Facilities staff tours played a big part.

“It was a great collaborative success,” she said. “The speakers and corresponding tours were engaging, interactive and reinforced the concepts we discussed in class. The students were able to learn directly from the experts who have firsthand experience with UNCG's approach to sustainability.”

Sustainability Coordinator for Operations Dr. Shanna Eller agrees.

“The academic and Facilities partnership helps students see not just beyond the classroom walls,” she said. “But literally inside, underneath, above, between and among them – to the wires, waters, sensors, pipes, plumbing and all the parts that make our campus work. It’s a living lab for sustainable operations.”

Next semester, a pilot companion class will be offered through the Environmental and Sustainability Studies program – Sustainable Campus Operations, taught by Program Director Aaron Allen.

Story by Susan Kirby-Smith
Photos courtesy of Facilities

###

Great scholarship, quickly expressed: 3MT winners announced

The final round for this year’s Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition was held on Nov. 9. The challenge for these 10 finalists was to convey the essence and importance of their master’s thesis or doctoral dissertation research in an engaging way to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes and with one PowerPoint slide. The winners are:
First Place and $1,000: Taylor Mabe, Nanoscience
Second Place and $500: Brian Cone, Kinesiology
People’s Choice Award and $250: Leslie Locklear, Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations

The 10 finalists in the Nov. 9 competition were:

Austin Gray, Biology – Antibiotics in Urban and Rural Streams of North Carolina
Durga Manjari Arvapalli, Nanoscience – Turmeric Tagged Carbon Nanoparticles for Cancer Treatment
Valerie Fricault, Biology – Can Nanoparticles Affect Genes for Generations?
Brian Cone, Kinesiology – Where Fall Prevention Went Wrong
Leslie Locklear, Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations – The Stories of Lumbee Tribal Youth
Chelsea Smith, Biology – Is Roundup Harming more than Just Weeds?
Oliver Thomas, Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations – Cultivating Agents of Social Change
Kelly King, Counseling and Educational Development – Setting the stage for culturally responsive counseling: An experimental investigation of broaching race and racism in the initial counseling session
Taylor Mabe, Nanoscience – Portable sensors for disease diagnostics.
Maggie Kelly, English – Mourning through Murder: the role of psychic mimesis in Renaissance revenge tragedies

The judges for the final round of the competition were: Representative Sarah Stevens; Paul Dumas, Public API Platforms and Innovation at Market America; Chris Laney, President and CEO of Zenergy Technologies; and Ruthie Tutterow, Director of Fine and Performing Arts at Greensboro Day School.

Copy and photography courtesy Graduate School.

###

Key Leader Symposium on peace operations this week at UNCG
The second annual Key Leader Symposium on Transitional Public Security is being held this week in the Alumni House here at UNCG. The goal of the Key Leader Symposium is for participants to better understand others’ views regarding Multifunctional Peace Operations before, during and after the kinetic phase of an intervention or following humanitarian disaster response.

Participants from the military, civil society and academia realms are attending the symposium to share thinking and approaches to multifunction peace operations.

Dr. Thomas Matyök, chair and director of graduate studies in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and also executive director of the Joint Civil-Military Interaction Education and Research Network, explains that this symposium presents an opportunity for future partners in peace operations or disaster responses to pro-actively strengthen their ties and understand the other’s perspectives:

“In complex peace operations, trust cannot be surged. Civil and military actors need to build relationships before responding to violent conflicts or humanitarian disasters.”

Sponsors include UNCG’s Peace and Conflict Studies Department; Multinational Joint Headquarters Ulm, Civil-Military Interaction Community, Ulm, Baden-Württemberg, Germany; and U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

For more information, contact Dr. Matyök at tgmatyok@uncg.edu.

###

**UNCG awarded for excellence in cloud solutions**

UNCG is one of the recipients of E&I Cooperative Services’ inaugural Cloud Leadership Awards. Twenty four winners were selected from nearly 100 nominees to celebrate their excellence in cloud solutions on campuses across the country. UNCG was one of four universities chosen by industry expert judges as a winner in the Cloud Storage category of the awards.

The award “shows that we are leaders within the higher education industry when it comes to cloud storage,” says UNCG’s Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enterprise Infrastructure Jeff Whitworth (in photo, accepting award on behalf of the university). “We are part of setting the direction and the pace, and other universities are following our lead in this area. This award is a great accomplishment for all the staff.”
involved in supporting cloud storage services and recognition of the hard work across the university to migrate to Box and Google Drive.”

Sponsored by Adobe, Cisco, Microsoft Azure and CDW-G, the Cloud Leadership Awards celebrate achievement in cloud solutions in universities nationwide. They award innovation in technology and raise awareness of the value and efficiency of cloud solutions. Winning campuses are recognized as leaders among higher education institutions who demonstrate vision, creative solutions and commitment to cloud technologies.

See more here.

By Avery Campbell

###

UNCG a top performer in 2017 Sustainable Campus Index

UNCG has been named a Gold-rated institution in the 2017 Sustainable Campus Index, and a top performer in the subcategories of public engagement and well-being and work.

The index is an annual publication of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and recognizes top-performing institutions in each of the 17 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) subcategories related to academics, engagement, operations and administration. It focuses on innovative and high-impact initiatives from STARS reports submitted during the previous year.

UNCG was ranked No. 4 in the United States and Canada for its engagement with the local community to solve sustainability challenges and No. 5 for efforts in student and employee wellness programs and healthy initiatives across campus.

For more information about AASHE, visit aashe.org. To learn more about sustainability efforts on UNCG’s campus, visit sustainability.uncg.edu.

###

2017 UNCG Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

_Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is an annual program where people come together across the country to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness. At UNCG, the Office of Leadership & Service-Learning works with campus partners and a student planning committee to plan and host a series of educational, service, fundraising and advocacy events._

**Empty Bowls Hunger Banquet**
(Tuesday 11/14, 5-7 p.m., EUC Maple Room)

Help raise awareness about a growing issue in our society today and participate in a simulation of food hardship that many people experience locally and globally. Bring a box of cereal to donate to Spartan Open Pantry. RSVP HERE. This event is a collaboration between the Office of Intercultural Engagement, the Office of Leadership & Service-Learning, Campus Activities and Programs and Housing & Residence Life.

**servGSO with Out of the Garden Project**
(Tuesday 11/14, Wednesday 11/15, and Friday 11/17, 2-4:30 p.m. each day)

Join us for one of three community service opportunities with Out of the Garden Project’s fresh mobile market. Transportation is provided and details will be sent to registered volunteers. Register HERE.

**Game Night**
(Thursday 11/16, 7:30-8:30 p.m., EUC Azalea)

Come learn more about issues of hunger and homelessness and what you can do about them while playing games, meeting new friends and enjoying free snacks.

**CommUNITY Dialogue: Who’s Hangry**
(Friday 11/17, 1:30-2:30 p.m., EUC 062)
Join the Office of Intercultural Engagement for a conversation about hunger and homelessness in our community. Free giveaways for the first 15 attendees! For more information on the CommUNITY Dialogue program, go here.

For questions about these events or to request accommodations, contact Kristina Gage at kmsnader@uncg.edu or call 336-256-0538.

###

**CARS Centennial Alumni Industry Speaker Series: “Winning at Retail”**

The success of any fashion retail business rests with the company’s ability to understand consumer needs and offer merchandise to satisfy those needs.

However, that is easier said than done. On Monday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m., continue to celebrate 100 years of Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies (CARS) at UNCG with a panel discussion on understanding the fashion consumer. The panel takes place in the School of Education Building Auditorium (Room 114) with a reception to follow.

This panel discussion will feature CARS alumni who work in very different types of retail operations, but all contribute toward the goal of knowing their market and meeting the ever-changing needs of today’s fashion consumer:

**Abby Owens (BS ‘13)**  
*Digital Merchandising Coordinator, Vert & Vogue*

**Taylor Chrismon (BS ‘16)**  
*Executive Team Leader, Target*

**Jessica Papier (BS ‘17)**  
*Emerging Leader, Belk*

**Renee Steed (BS ‘07)**  
*Manager, Nine West*

###

**Course Reserves due for Winter/Spring 2018**

Faculty members, it’s time again to set up your print and electronic course reserves at the University Libraries. To be available by the first days of class, new lists are due as follows:

• Winter – Friday, Dec. 8
• Spring – Friday, Dec. 15
Requests to renew fall lists for use in winter and/or fall are due by Wednesday, Dec. 13.

eReserve readings are stored in Box@UNCG and delivered to students via Canvas. The Reserve staff creates eReserve folders in Box then sends email to instructors containing embed codes to use to insert them into Canvas; instructions are provided. The embed codes allow students to see the eReserves in a Box widget embedded into a page on Canvas.

Before placing a film on reserve, please check the Libraries’ numerous streaming film sources. Also, the staff offer hundreds of thousands of e-books that may be linked to from your course syllabus. To learn more about these please see the e-book guide.

Visit the Reserves web pages or contact the reserve staff at reserves@uncg.edu, 336-256-1199 or 336-334-5245 for information related to creating your lists.

###

**Forum on Nursing & Instructional Building project Nov. 30**

Where McIver Building now stands, UNCG will have a much-needed new Nursing and Instructional Building. The removal of McIver and the new building’s construction project will last from February 2018 to June 2020. You’ll see some preparation work in the weeks before then.

Come hear a presentation about this project, Thursday, Nov. 30. The forum will be held 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 114.

What will be blocked off and when? Where will fencing be? What are the best walking routes to take to avoid the construction area? Learn details about the project. And there’ll be time for you to ask questions and meet the team members for this project.

The forum will be hosted by UNCG Facilities, Design and Construction.

###

**Laurie Wideman tapped for Safrit-Ennis Distinguished Professorship**

Dr. Laurie Wideman will be the inaugural recipient of the Safrit-Ennis Distinguished Professorship in Kinesiology, effective Jan. 1, 2018.

The overarching focus of Dr. Wideman’s research is the impact of exercise, disease and injury on the endocrine system. Her work examines body composition, heart rate variability and ways that the body can regulate itself. She also looks at sex-specific hormonal influences in injury and disease.

Wideman is board chair of the Office of Research Integrity and helped develop and regularly teaches the responsible conduct of research training at UNCG. She is most recently the principal investigator on the large NIH-funded grant “Pathways from childhood self-regulation to cardiovascular risk in adolescence.” In the last year, she served as co-investigator on four other interdisciplinary, collaborative grant submissions to NIH and as Research Mentor on a large Career Development Grant for a junior scholar.

Wideman graduated from the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, with a bachelor of science degree in biology, and received her PhD in exercise physiology from the University of Virginia. She has been a faculty member at UNCG since 2000, where she has received the Research Excellence Award. She is also a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Dr. Celia Hooper, dean of the School of Health and Human Sciences, remarked that Wideman’s scholarship has been impactful on how we think of exercise throughout the lifespan. Equally important is her willingness to help so many other faculty and students find their own paths...
to scholarship, exhibiting HHS’s “culture of care.”

Dr. JoAnne “Jo” Safrit, a 1957 graduate of Woman’s College, established the Safrit-Ennis Distinguished Professorship in Kinesiology to enable the university to recruit or retain faculty in the Department of Kinesiology who are outstanding researchers, scholars, and teachers. She shares the name of the award with Dr. Catherine “Cathy” Ennis, her partner of 32 years, who passed away April 8, 2017.

Safrit, a native of Salisbury, North Carolina, received her master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she taught for 20 years. Safrit serves on the UNCG Alumni Association and Excellence Foundation boards.

Ennis, born in Richmond, Virginia, completed her master of science degree in physical education (now kinesiology) from UNCG in 1977. She completed her PhD at the University of Georgia and held faculty positions at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Maryland-College Park and UNCG. She was an internationally recognized teacher education, scholar and curriculum specialist.

###

SECC mid-November update

Looking to make a tangible difference in your community? UNCG’s State Employees Combined Campaign is raising money for a wide variety of charities.

The yearly effort allows state employees to conveniently donate to charitable organizations. UNCG has participated in the statewide campaign for many years, and has consistently had one of the highest employee participation rates in the state. Over the course of its participation, UNCG employees and retirees have contributed $3.7 million.

This year, to commemorate UNCG’s 125th anniversary, the fundraising goal is $200,125.

When making a donation, you may choose from more than 1,000 organizations to support. As examples, here are just a few of the many charities using donated dollars to do good work in their communities.

**UNCF**: UNCF is the nation’s leading organization advocating minority education. Donations go towards creating scholarships for low-income college students of color attending HBCUs. UNCF awards more than $100 million a year in scholarships to over 10,000 students at more than 1,100 schools around the country. African-American UNCF scholarship recipients have a six-year graduation rate of 70 percent, 11 points higher than the national average and 30 points higher than the national average for African-Americans. UNCF also helps prepare K-12 students for college with university readiness programs.

UNCF has helped more than double the amount of minorities attending college. Over 445,000 students have graduated with degrees thanks to help from the fund. A majority of these students are the first in their family to attend college. Contribution to the UNCF is an investment in the 60,000 yearly recipients of UNCF scholarships.

**Junior Achievement of the Triad**: Junior Achievement of the Triad is committed to empowering youth to take control of their future and economic success. Junior Achievement hosts programs that develop financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship in K-12 students. Classroom volunteers work with teachers on workshops that help prepare students with the tools needed to flourish post-graduation. JA students exhibit greater self-confidence, enhanced problem-solving skills, higher math and reading scores and are more likely to graduate school.

Many students work as classroom volunteers in JA’s programs, including a group from UNCG’s Bryan School. The organization also has the involvement of many UNCG alumni, both as volunteers and staff, including president & CEO Jacqueline McCracken Wall.

**YWCA**: The YWCA of Greensboro works to empower women in the Greensboro area. The YWCA provides job training, emergency shelter, mentorship, racial justice programs, youth services and many more workshops and courses. Volunteers and donations support the organization’s goals, and allow them to host their wide variety of programs dedicated to helping women in the community.

The YWCA accepts local volunteers for many of its programs, as well as people willing to participate in its social justice and advocacy efforts. Money contributed to the organization goes towards programs and resources intended to aid disadvantaged women and families in the community, and to promote racial justice and social activism.

**How to participate in UNCG’s SECC?** Donations to the UNCG SECC can be made here via paper or online, and are tax deductible. A complete list of participating charities can be found here. New this year, each week all employees who pledge by noon on Fridays (through Nov. 17) will be entered into a drawing to win a variety of prizes. For any questions about the weekly drawings, please contact Jana Walser-Smith at jfwalser@uncg.edu.
The Business of Investing Responsibly

The UNCG Sustainability Council presents the second of four talks in its Conversations on Sustainable and Socially Responsible Investing series Thursday, Nov. 16, 8:30 a.m., in the UNCG Faculty Center.

“The Business of Investing Responsibly” will feature Ebony Perkins of Self Help Credit Union, Christopher Demetropoulos of Trillium Asset Management and Chas Mansfield of Compass Financial Partners.

Learn about current industry trends, selecting investment opportunities that match your values and how Triad leaders approach socially responsible investing. This conversation is hosted by the Bryan School of Business and Economics.

Volunteering opportunity at Garden Fresh Mobile Market

UNCG Staff Senate is hosting a volunteering opportunity for employees, at the Out of the Garden Fresh Mobile Market. Eight volunteers are needed for each event. Staff can use their Community Involvement hours for these events. The next event will be Tuesday, Nov. 28. Another event is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15. Remaining events scheduled in 2018: Thursday, Jan. 25; Friday, Feb. 23; Tuesday, March 27; Friday, April 20; and Thursday, May 17. All events occur between 2:30 p.m and 4 p.m. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4dada72fa6fc1-fresh.

Chancellor, 3 alumni on WUNC Radio's 'State of Things'

Chancellor Gilliam and three UNCG alumni - Jo Safrit, Justin Outling and Tom Martin - were featured on WUNC 91.5FM “The State of Things” program yesterday (Nov. 14). It was broadcast from Triad Stage's Upstage area.

The program may be enjoyed at http://wunc.org/post/university-north-carolina-greensboro-celebrates-its-125th-year.

Dr. Colleen E. Kriger

Dr. Colleen E. Kriger (History) has published a new book, “Making Money: Life, Death, and Early Modern Trade on Africa’s Guinea Coast,” through Ohio University Press. Kriger’s research reveals the global trade patterns that emerged during the era of Atlantic maritime trade, early connections between Asian, African and European markets and the individual people who engaged in Anglo-African commerce on the west coast of Africa in the seventeenth century. Kriger has received numerous grants and fellowships in support of her research. Her scholarship and teaching focus on precolonial West and West Central Africa and topics such as social history, comparative slavery, oral history and material culture.
Looking ahead: Nov. 15, 2017

Faculty Forum
Wednesday, November 15, 3 p.m., Alexander Room, EUC

Sustainability Series: ‘Union Time: Fighting for Workers’ Rights’
Thursday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., School of Education Room 114

‘Fall Dances in Exile’
Friday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m., Van Dyke Performance Space

Harvest Home Concert, by UNCG choral ensembles
Sunday, Nov. 19, 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

Men’s Basketball vs. Delaware
Monday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., Greensboro Coliseum

Women’s Basketball vs. VCU
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m., Fleming Gymnasium

###

See/hear: Nov. 15, 2017

See the first installment of this season’s Wes Miller Show, as the basketball season begins. The first home game is tonight (Nov. 15) in Fleming Gym at 7 p.m.

###