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SNAKES, SALAMANDERS AND TURTLES, OH MY!
Led by a team of UNCG researchers, professors and graduate students, 50 top-notch science educators gathered at Haw River State Park for a weekend herpetology curriculum workshop. The goal? To teach teachers how to get their students excited about North Carolina's reptiles and amphibians. Experiential learning and dynamic teaching form one of UNCG's points of excellence.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARTIN W. KANE.

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Cover photography of Leslie Ross '97, '08 MEd, with one of her former students, Keith Jackson.
By Martin W. Kane

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news front



The warm glow of Homecoming

Homecoming 2016 will be the hottest one yet.

UNCG Homecoming's new firepit is the largest in the campus's history. Fifteen feet in diameter and made of A36 steel, it weighs two tons.

About 70 repurposed pallets, stacked almost 10 feet high, will be used in the Friday evening blaze, said Alumni Engagement's Donegan Root '87. Pine needles and brush will fuel the fire as well.

"UNCG" is laser cut into the steel along the firepit's edges. It will be assembled by Facilities staff, using heavy equipment, from four quarter-sections on Kaplan Commons Friday, Oct. 21. The "Bonfire and Food Truck Rodeo" will begin at 7 p.m. And it'll all be moved away before dawn on Saturday – Homecoming's biggest day on Kaplan Commons.

The special firepit was first used last fall, and the bonfire was a roaring success. "Jeff Collins welded it himself," said Donegan. Jeff Collins '84, past chair of the UNCG Alumni Association Board, called last year's bonfire the biggest one the campus had ever seen. And perhaps, he said, the biggest bonfire Greensboro's ever seen.

The campus tradition goes back decades. UNCG Archives traces references to bonfires going back to at least the 1940s. The photo seen here is from the 1960s.

Attendance has multiplied in the last three years – more than 1,000 gathered around the bonfire last year.

More are expected this year. Mr. or Ms. Homecoming 2016 will join Chancellor Franklin Gilliam Jr. and soccer

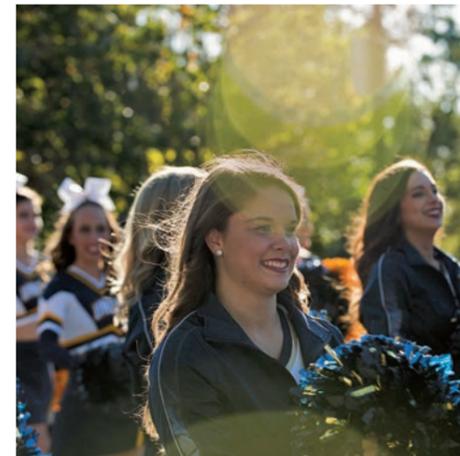


coaches and players in lighting the bonfire.

Hot cocoa, cider and snacks will be served. And yes, there will be s'mores. Plus there'll be food trucks.

The cheerleaders and dance team will lead the students, alumni, faculty and staff in Spartan cheers. Everyone will surround the fire – and surround themselves in Spartan spirit.

Come enjoy.



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Some Homecoming 2016 highlights

Events begin Oct. 20. The Alumni of Distinction Awards, for example, are Thursday night, and tickets are available. The Friday night bonfire will feature food trucks. The big day is Saturday, Oct. 22, with a large turnout expected – the attendance last year was the highest ever. Among this year's highlights:

- 35th Greek Anniversary honoring Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Tau Gamma
- National party band "Jessie's Girls"
- Tours of the new Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness
- Balloon twisters, face-painting and more for kids
- Men's soccer game vs. Wofford – with fireworks afterward

There'll be lots of great food and drinks for purchase, with fun for everyone. So sport your blue and gold and come be a part of Homecoming 2016!

SEE SCHEDULE AT [HOMECOMING.UNCG.EDU](http://homecoming.uncg.edu).

Spartans spur growth on Lewis Street

THE BUZZWORD IN GREENSBORO RIGHT NOW? DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION.



UNCG student Joe Rotondi and Sara Pilling-Kellogg '16 MPA in the garden behind HQ Greensboro

From new craft breweries to the opening of LeBauer Park, the city's center is teeming with activity.

And you can find Spartans at the forefront of it all.

The city's historic south end, particularly Lewis Street, is anchored by HQ Greensboro, the city's coworking space, and The Forge, Greensboro's first makerspace. It's not surprising that two of our own – alumna Sara Pilling-Kellogg '16 MPA and student Joe Rotondi – are at the helm of these organizations.

Sara, who graduated in May with a master's degree in public affairs, interned with HQ Greensboro during the summer of 2015 and never left.

"As we got closer to the end of my internship, I told them that I refused to leave because I really liked what HQ was doing," she said.

Now director of HQ Greensboro, Sara's goal is to facilitate "happy collisions" – a phrase she borrows from HQ Greensboro co-founder Andy Zimmerman. Members of the shared workspace have access to a variety of offices and meeting rooms, workshops and events.

"One of my favorite parts of HQ is seeing people make connections with each other," she said. "It's an amazing group of people here."

Joe, who is working toward a bachelor's degree in entrepreneurship, plays a similar role as executive director of The Forge, a workshop and collaborative space in which community members design and create.

"I see my job as a hub and a catalyst for what the makers are doing," he said.

What's next for Greensboro? It's an exciting time, he explained, to be a part of what he calls the "perfect big-little town."

Sara couldn't agree more.

"Everything we talked about in our classes, I see happening in Greensboro," she said.

SEE VIDEO AT ALUMNIMAGAZINE.UNCG.EDU.

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HOOPS FOR HEROES

UNCG MEN'S BASKETBALL is kicking off the 2016-17 season with stiff competition and a very special salute. The Spartans will host the University of Virginia Cavaliers – a team that made it to the Elite Eight in the 2016 NCAA Tournament – on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The Friday night game will feature military-themed promotions and events in honor and celebration of our nation's veterans.

TO LEARN MORE AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS, VISIT UNCGSPARTANS.COM.



Wear your pride

It's easier than ever to celebrate your Spartan spirit in style, with licensed UNCG apparel available at local retailers

such as Omega Sports, Tailgators, Wal-Mart, Target, Dunham Sports, Walgreens, CVS, Finish Line, Lids and the UNCG Bookstore.

Alumni and friends can also order a

large variety of UNCG apparel, office supplies, tote bags, household items and more online from the Spartan Locker Room and the UNCG Bookstore: uncggear.com and bookstore.uncg.edu.



UNCG Athletics has struck gold. This year marks 50 years of formally recognized intercollegiate athletics at UNCG, including 25 years of NCAA Division I competition. The golden anniversary celebration – which also recognizes the rich history of athletics prior to the formal recognition – officially kicked off in August when UNCG women's soccer hosted High Point University.

Lifelong friends, community servants

Tom Ross and Shirley Frye have made indelible marks on the city and the state throughout their illustrious lives and careers. Their dedication was recognized in May as they received UNCG's highest honors for service.

Ross, who spent his career as a judge, attorney, university administrator and leader in the state's philanthropic community, received the Charles Duncan McIver Award. The award, named for the university's founder, was established in 1983 to recognize North Carolinians who have rendered unusually distinguished public service to the state or nation.

Ross' service to the state includes tenure as president of the UNC system from 2011-2016, as well as 17 years as a state superior court judge in the 1980s and '90s. While on the bench, his efforts to reform sentencing guidelines earned him acclaim and served as a model nationwide.

While not himself a graduate of UNCG, this was certainly not Ross' first visit to campus. He served on the UNCG Board of Trustees prior to his appointment as system president, including a stint as board chair, and visited frequently during his time as president of Davidson College.

"I've been to a number of McIver Award ceremonies and I've seen the kind of people who get this award," said Ross. "I don't belong in that group," he added with a laugh, "but it's a great honor for me ... I don't know if there are many things that could have happened to me that mean more."

And he was able to share the evening with a close personal friend, Shirley Frye, who received the Adelaide F. Holderness/H. Michael Weaver Award. The award is also designed to honor North Carolinians who have rendered unusually distinguished public service to the community, state or nation, but is reserved especially for those who may have worked just beyond the spotlight, and whose service may not be widely known.

Frye spent her career as an educator, fundraiser and volunteer. She has served as vice



Tom Ross and Shirley Frye at the University Honors ceremony

president of community relations for WFMY News 2, a fundraiser at Bennett College and NC A&T State, and chair of the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation's board of directors and the Guilford Technical Community College's board of trustees, as well as a member of numerous other boards.

It was during Frye's time on the board of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation that she helped to recruit a former judge to serve as

the foundation's executive director: Tom Ross, whom she had known for years, and who had served as the administrator of the state court system under her husband, former North Carolina chief justice Henry Frye.

So it was a family affair, that mid-May evening, as two friends were honored for their deep devotion to UNCG's mission and motto: "Service."

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Sending a message

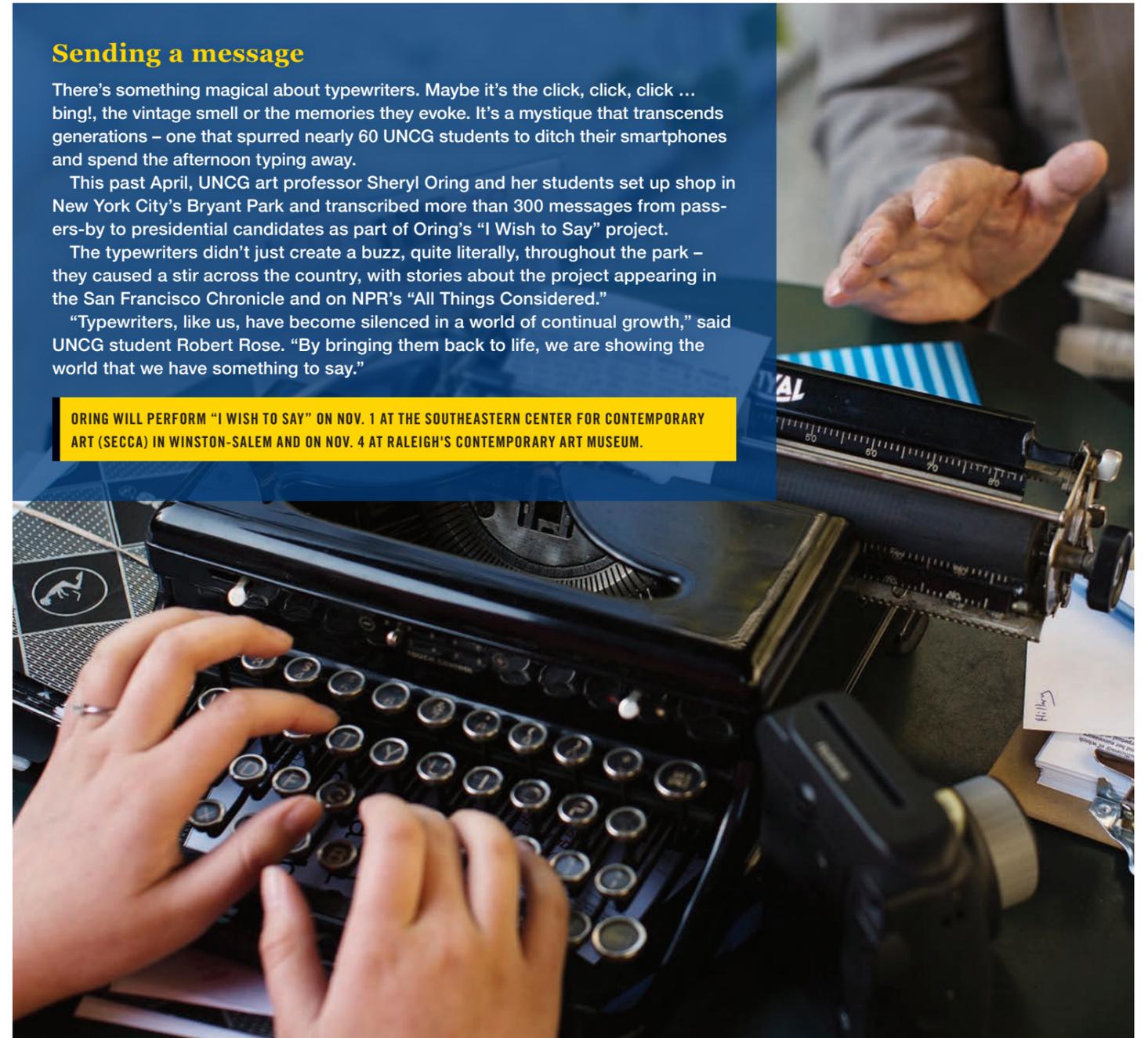
There's something magical about typewriters. Maybe it's the click, click, click ... bing!, the vintage smell or the memories they evoke. It's a mystique that transcends generations – one that spurred nearly 60 UNCG students to ditch their smartphones and spend the afternoon typing away.

This past April, UNCG art professor Sheryl Oring and her students set up shop in New York City's Bryant Park and transcribed more than 300 messages from passers-by to presidential candidates as part of Oring's "I Wish to Say" project.

The typewriters didn't just create a buzz, quite literally, throughout the park – they caused a stir across the country, with stories about the project appearing in the San Francisco Chronicle and on NPR's "All Things Considered."

"Typewriters, like us, have become silenced in a world of continual growth," said UNCG student Robert Rose. "By bringing them back to life, we are showing the world that we have something to say."

ORING WILL PERFORM "I WISH TO SAY" ON NOV. 1 AT THE SOUTHEASTERN CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART (SECCA) IN WINSTON-SALEM AND ON NOV. 4 AT RALEIGH'S CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM.



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THE UNION SQUARE CAMPUS, at the corner of Arlington Street and Gate City Boulevard, is a symbol of partnership and revitalization in downtown Greensboro. The campus's first building opened in early August and houses components of nursing and health care education programs for UNCG, NC A&T, Guilford Technical Community College and Cone Health. The high-tech building will serve about 160 UNCG students each day this academic year, and that number is expected to grow to more than 200 next year.

Alumni of Distinction

Every day, UNCG alumni are doing great things around the world, and they are exemplars of UNCG's commitment to excellence, character and integrity. The Alumni of Distinction Awards honor alumni for exceptional achievement and significant contribution to their profession, community, society or university. For more information about the 2016 honorees, visit www.alumni.uncg.edu/awards.



**Kelly Cherry '67 MFA
Alumni Lifetime
Achievement Award**

Named Poet Laureate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2010, Kelly Cherry has written 27 works of poetry, fiction and nonfiction; has been published in more than 200 anthologies; and has authored more than 100 reviews. She received her master of fine arts degree from UNCG in 1967 under the mentorship of Fred Chappell and Robert Watson. Cherry served as an English professor at the University of Wisconsin – Madison until she retired in 1999.



**David Huffine '84
Alumni Distinguished
Service Award**



**Rebecca Kasuboski
Cook '66
Alumni Distinguished
Service Award**



**Damien Patton '99
Young Alumni Award**



**Amelia Storms Hopkins
'79, '91 MA
Alumni Excellence
Award**



**Nancye Baker Bryan
'66
WC Legacy Award**



**Sarah Cole Jordan '56
WC Legacy Award**



**Mary Jo Conrad
Cresimore '57
WC Legacy Award**



**Mildred Curlee Cooper
'47
WC Legacy Award**



**Anne Ford Geis '54
WC Legacy Award**



**Lois Frazier '42, '48
MS
WC Legacy Award**



**Lena (Anne) Gordon
'57 (posthumous)
WC Legacy Award**



**Eleanor Gwynn '67
MFA
WC Legacy Award**



**Mary Hassell
Whisonant '63
WC Legacy Award**



**Deborah Turner Bailey
'79, '81 MPA
WC Legacy Award**

MAIN STREET MAKEOVER

Mayberry charm with a 21st-century design. That's the vision of UNCG Interior Architecture Professor Jo Leimenstoll and her students as they embark on a three-year revitalization project with the North Carolina Dept. of Commerce's NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center.

Leimenstoll's team will work with 93 communities to redesign storefronts and vacant upper stories and develop best practices for local businesses.

Liz Parham '85, one of Leimenstoll's first students, is the director of the NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center and serves as the liaison between the towns and the UNCG team. While Liz and Leimenstoll have always kept in touch, the two have never worked together in this capacity before.

"It's great to work with Jo – she has the knowledge base and experience that we needed for this project," Liz said. "The partnership is a wonderful opportunity to guide students into the field."



Professor Jo Leimenstoll (second from right) and students meet with a local business owner in downtown Mount Airy.



READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL

As the weather begins to cool down, college football rivalries are heating back up. And this year, the Spartans are taking the field. UNCG Football, organized and run by students as a club sport, will play its first game on Sept. 17 at home against UNC Chapel Hill. For club president DiJon Mason, the vision for the team extends beyond the line of scrimmage. "We've definitely built a brotherhood. It's cool to see people from all walks of life come together."

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Chancellor's Installation

BE A PART OF UNCG HISTORY, VIA THE WEB

Livestream the Installation Ceremony of Dr. Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr., Friday, Oct. 7, beginning at 2 p.m. installation.uncg.edu/livestream



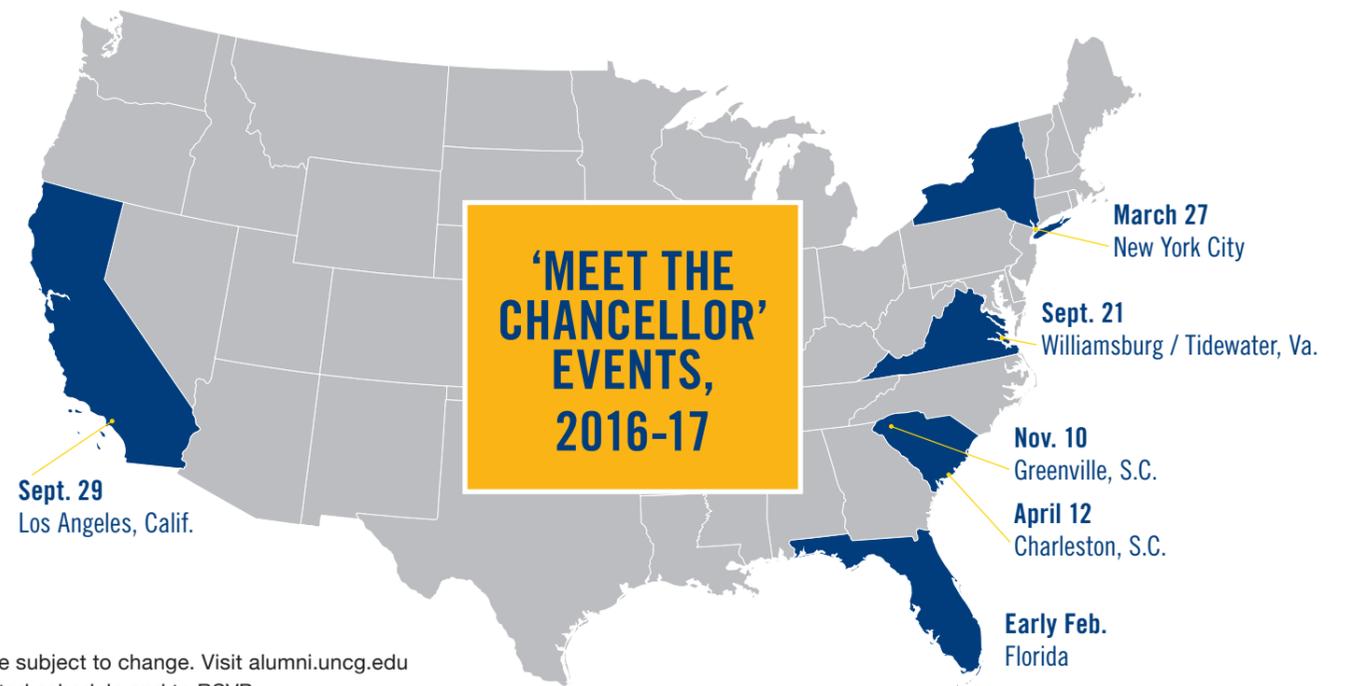
A CELEBRATION ON CAMPUS
The university will host an outdoor celebration Friday, Oct. 7, to mark this historic day in the life of the university. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of UNCG are invited. Enjoy live music, food trucks and a special time with your fellow Spartans. The celebration will begin at 3:30 p.m.



MEETING ALUMNI ACROSS THE NATION



THE PAST YEAR has been a time of getting to know the students ... of speaking with many faculty and staff in every part of the university ... and of reaching out to alumni and friends of UNCG in the Triad community and across the state. Chancellor Gilliam traveled 4,304 miles last year in meeting with 1,525 alumni and friends at "Meet the Chancellor" events. This year, he plans to expand this outreach, as he meets with alumni not only in North Carolina but in states far and wide. Here are some highlights:



Dates are subject to change. Visit alumni.uncg.edu for updated schedule and to RSVP.

CHANCELLOR'S PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICICICHE PHOTOGRAPHY; PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARTIN W. KANE. MAP BY THINKSTOCK/CHURUPKA.



Outtake

READY TO SOAR All incoming new students experience summer orientation, known as “SOAR.” First stop? Join the line for room assignments. Soon they’ll be unpacking their belongings for their overnight stay on campus. And they’ll be making new friends, meeting professors and advisors, learning about their classes and getting tips on campus locations and traditions. Hey, whatever you do, don’t walk under the clock — we hear it’s not the way to good grades.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MARTIN W. KANE

“Straight lines go too quickly to appreciate the pleasures of the journey.”
— René Crevel

Stars and Stripes and Sousa forever

John Philip Sousa and his band brought their patriotic songs and zeal to campus in 1930.

"It was the greatest concert band in the world at the time," says Dr. John Locke, Marion Stedman Covington Distinguished Professor of Music.

On Oct. 20-21, UNCG Music will once again recreate a Sousa performance on the same stage — complete with replica uniforms purchased in 1995. And once again, Locke will transform into Sousa himself.

"He was known as the 'March King,'" Locke explains. "The Stars and Stripes Forever," "Semper Fidelis" and "The Washington Post" are among his best-known works.

"We'll play six or seven marches in the course of the evening."

He has researched Sousa and his band. He tells you Sousa first played Greensboro in 1902. His band was so popular, he could hire the very best musicians. And they had a wide-ranging repertoire.

"It was music as entertainment."

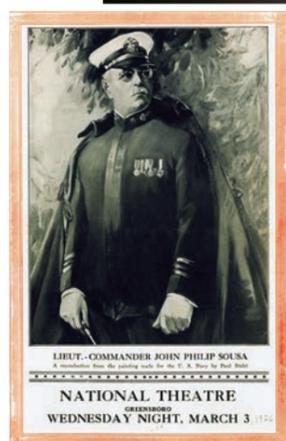
When The North Carolina College for Women's new auditorium on Tate Street provided a large enough venue to bring him to campus, Sousa was 76. It was his final Greensboro show.

What does he admire in Sousa? "Everything about Sousa appeals to me. He's an icon — the Babe Ruth of band music."

Locke has conducted UNCG bands since 1982. By the end of that decade, he recalls, his bands had put on their first Sousa concert. They took their Sousa show to Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center in 1992. "We were the only band doing this."

Expect spirited crowds this fall.

"It's always been wildly popular. We'll fill the auditorium twice."



Dr. John Locke, right. Page from March 1926 Sousa UNCG arts series program, left.

2016-17 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES • TRIBUTE TO JOHN PHILIP SOUSA, Oct. 20 & 21, 2016 • NEW YORK POLYPHONY, Nov. 11, 2016 • CELLIST LYNN HARRELL, Dec. 3, 2016 • BILL T. JONES/ARNIE ZANE DANCE COMPANY, Feb. 3, 2017 • JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA with WYNTON MARSALIS, April 20, 2017 • Details at performingarts.uncg.edu/upas.

MFA student Codey Gallas turned a bike into a painting machine.

UNCG Art is on a roll

Making plans for a night out in downtown Greensboro? Add the Greensboro Project Space (GPS) to your itinerary.

UNCG's new art space opened this summer as a way to spur collaboration, creativity and visionary thinking in downtown. The GPS connects UNCG students and visiting artists to the innovative makers at The Forge, Greensboro's first makerspace and the GPS' next-door neighbor.

"Art is a social activity and a powerful way to celebrate the city and people of Greensboro," said Lee Walton, associate professor of art and director of social practice. "We have multiple spaces that allow for an array of contemporary art projects, events, performances and exhibitions to happen simultaneously."

THE GPS IS LOCATED AT 219 W. LEWIS ST. IN DOWNTOWN GREENSBORO. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO VIEW A LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS, VISIT GREENSBOROPROJECTSPACE.COM.

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New college for visual, performing arts

UNCG's degree programs in the arts officially have a new home. On July 29, the UNC Board of Governors approved the formation of UNCG's College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA), a change that unifies the Department of Art with the School of Music, Theatre and Dance. CVPA is now the largest arts college in the state, with nearly 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students.



Explore. Engage. Envision.

That's the mission behind UNCG's War & Peace Imagined, a yearlong event series exploring war and peace throughout the arts and humanities. Inspired by the 100th anniversary of World War I, UNCG and community partners are hosting renowned artists, authors and intellectuals — including Lynn Harrell, Najla Said and many of UNCG's own — as we come together to look back on the past 100 years and envision a brighter future.

All events are open to the public, and many offer free admission. To learn more, visit warandpeace.uncg.edu.

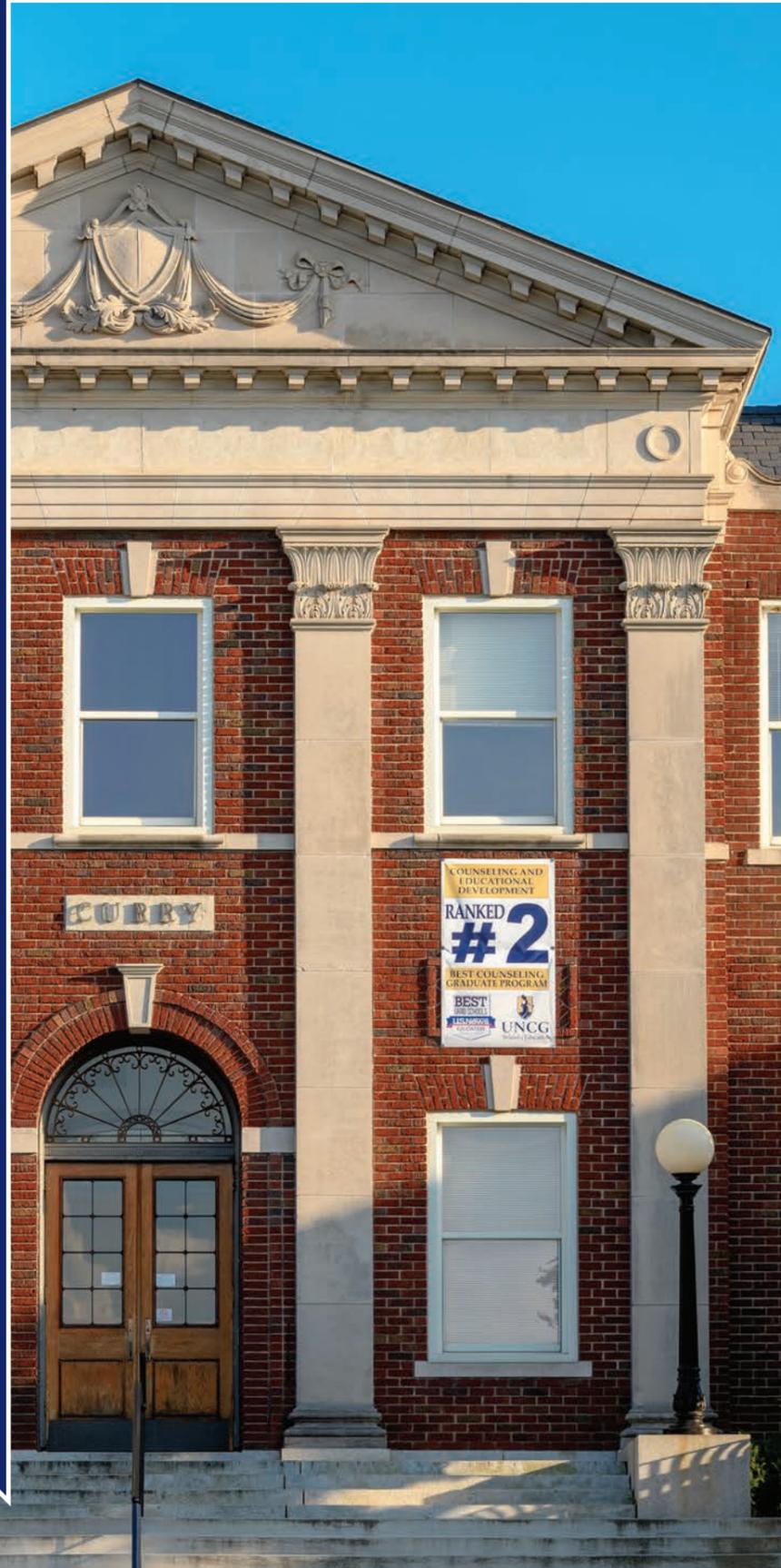
MEASURES OF EXCELLENCE

BY ALYSSA BEDROSIAN
PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARTIN W. KANE

AT UNCG, WE TAKE PRIDE

in our legacy of excellence – from top academic programs to research that helps save lives. But how is excellence measured? Sometimes, it's with hard data and national recognition. Other times, it's with personal transformation or impact on a community. When you're a Spartan, you can see the evidence of excellence across campus and beyond...

And it all starts in the classroom.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

World class

Academic excellence has always been the cornerstone of UNCG. And while the classroom may look different today – sometimes it's a concert hall or an online discussion board – the goal remains the same: provide an exceptional learning experience that impacts not only our students, but ultimately the greater community.



“WHEN I THINK ABOUT my first few years at UNCG as an assistant professor in the late 1980s, I think about the incredible mentorship I received, particularly from Dr. Nicholas Vacc and Dr. Jack Bardon. Wow, what an impact they had on my development! Dr. Vacc and Dr. Bardon encouraged me to find something I was passionate about and to not only pursue excellence, but to truly make an impact.

I think that heritage of intentional mentorship is what makes our department stand out. We focus on developing students' self-efficacy as researchers, teachers, clinical supervisors and leaders, and that shows through in the U.S. News & World Report rankings. What makes the national recognition so special is that it comes from our peers – the rankings are based solely on input from education school deans across the nation.

I'm so proud to come to work in this department every day with colleagues who are incredible models of professional lead-



ership and service. Whether it's working with Latino parents to support their children's college aspirations or helping launch the Guilford County Family Justice Center, all pathways to excellence are honored and supported. We strive to be a department that truly makes a difference in the lives of people.”

– Dr. L. DiAnne Borders '72, Burlington Industries Excellence Professor, Dept. of Counseling and Educational Development

**RANDALL JARRELL,
ROBERT WATSON, FRED
CHAPPELL, CLAUDIA EMERSON.**

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS WHO HAVE BUILT THE LEGACY OF UNCG'S RENOWNED CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM – ONE OF THE OLDEST SUCH PROGRAMS IN THE U.S. – THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. ANOTHER NAME FOR THE CELEBRATED LISTING?

KELLY LINK.

PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST



“I LOVED – AND STILL LOVE – everything about the MFA in creative writing program at UNCG. Lee Zacharias and Michael Parker were terrific workshop leaders, kind and painstaking. Tom Kirby-Smith's publishing course has been of great practical value, as well as working on The Greensboro Review, a literary magazine published by the program, with Jim Clark. Some of the happiest hours of my life were those spent 'reading slush' for The Greensboro Review.”

– Kelly Link '95 MFA, Finalist for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction

THE SCHOOL OF NURSING'S BSN EMPLOYMENT RATE HAS RISEN TO **97%**, FAR EXCEEDING THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

UNCG'S GRADUATE PROGRAM IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY IS **1 OF THE TOP 30** PROGRAMS IN THE NATION
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT



THE UNCG PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE WAS **1 OF 3** WINNERS IN THE PERCUSSIVE ARTS SOCIETY'S 2015 INTERNATIONAL PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE COMPETITION



CONSUMER, APPAREL, AND RETAIL STUDIES RANKS **NO. 4** IN THE SOUTH AND IN THE TOP-15 NATIONALLY FOR FASHION MERCHANDISING AND FASHION DESIGN

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MORE THAN **150** UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS WORKED ONE-ON-ONE WITH FACULTY MEMBERS IN RESEARCH LABS LAST YEAR

UNCG'S PHD PROGRAM IN KINESIOLOGY IS A **TOP-25** PROGRAM NATIONALLY
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF KINESIOLOGY

STUDENT ACCESS



A+ in access

LOOKING BACK, UNCG Guarantee gave me the space and support I needed to explore. As a first-generation college student, I wasn't aware of all the learning opportunities outside of the classroom. During my second day on campus, I worked on a service project in Greensboro. Seeing how I – a first-generation, low-income, minority student – could help a community was life-changing. From that point on, I knew I could make a difference.

Now as a staff member, I'm able to see that UNCG's commitment to opportunity and access doesn't end with UNCG Guarantee – it's in the fabric of the university, whose motto of 'Service' dates back to 1893. This program gave me so much hope as a student, and now I get to extend that hope to others. I get so much joy from witnessing the success and triumphs of the students I work with. To see the smiles on their faces when they have beaten the odds is such a blessing.

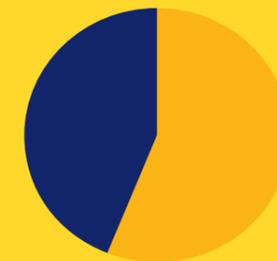
– Tyshea Lewis '13, '16 MEd was the first graduate of UNCG Guarantee, a selective scholarship program for high-achieving students with limited means. She currently serves as coordinator of the program.

PHOTO OF TYSHEA LEWIS FROM DEPARTMENTAL ARCHIVES. PHOTO OF PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE BY MCKAYLA PHILLIPS.

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM DEPARTMENTAL ARCHIVES.

UNCG WAS **1 OF 13** PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS NATIONWIDE TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENROLLING AND GRADUATING PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS

44% OF UNCG STUDENTS RECEIVE PELL GRANTS, AWARDED TO STUDENTS IN FINANCIAL NEED



UNCG'S BEYOND ACADEMICS, THE **1ST** PROGRAM OF ITS KIND IN NORTH CAROLINA, SUPPORTS STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



BEST FOR VETS: UNCG RANKS **3RD** AMONG NC SCHOOLS
MILITARY TIMES

Going global

It's a small world, and it's getting even smaller for Spartans.

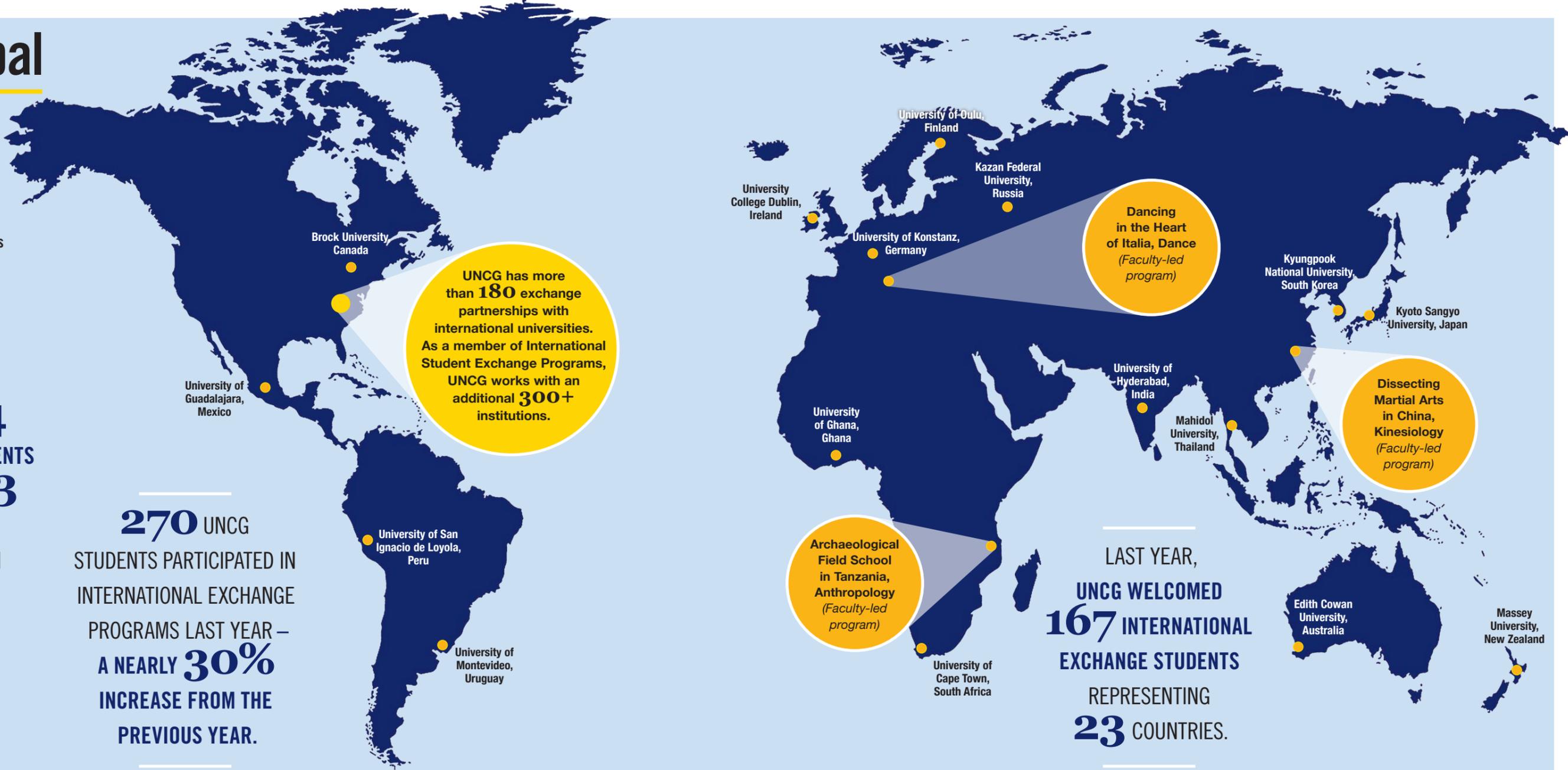
So where can you find students studying, researching and exploring abroad? From Uruguay to Thailand and beyond, here's a sampling of exchange partnerships and faculty-led programs.

IN MAY, UNCG AWARDED DEGREES TO **84** INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS REPRESENTING **33** COUNTRIES – THE LARGEST GROUP IN UNCG HISTORY.

270 UNCG STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS LAST YEAR – A NEARLY **30%** INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

UNCG has more than **180** exchange partnerships with international universities. As a member of International Student Exchange Programs, UNCG works with an additional **300+** institutions.

LAST YEAR, UNCG WELCOMED **167** INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS REPRESENTING **23** COUNTRIES.



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Research for the real world

When you think about excellence in research, you think about research that makes a tangible impact. It's research that leads to cures, impacts the bottom line or changes our understanding of the world. At the heart of UNCG research lies just that – a passion for solving real-world problems and making a difference in the lives of others.

DETECTING CONCUSSIONS IN COMBAT

Over the past 15 years, nearly 350,000 military service members have suffered from traumatic brain injury (TBI). The inability to detect TBI in the field, specifically concussions, is a growing concern for the military. Thankfully, UNCG's Dr. Chris Rhea has a solution, and it takes just 70 seconds.

Last spring, the Dept. of Defense awarded Rhea a nearly \$1 million grant to develop a smartphone app to detect concussions in the field. The app's 70-second test may also be applied to sport-related concussions in the future.

"It's vitally important that everything we do has a clinical application that contributes to the greater good," Rhea said. "This project is a perfect example of that."



FINDING A CURE IN FUNGI

Since 2010, UNCG's Natural Products and Drug Discovery Center has received 20 collaborative grants – totaling \$5.7 million – to advance its mission of developing treatments for cancer and infectious disease. The center's most recent success? Identifying a fungal compound that has shown effectiveness against drug-resistant bacterial infections and is the subject of a recent patent.

INVESTIGATING ADHD

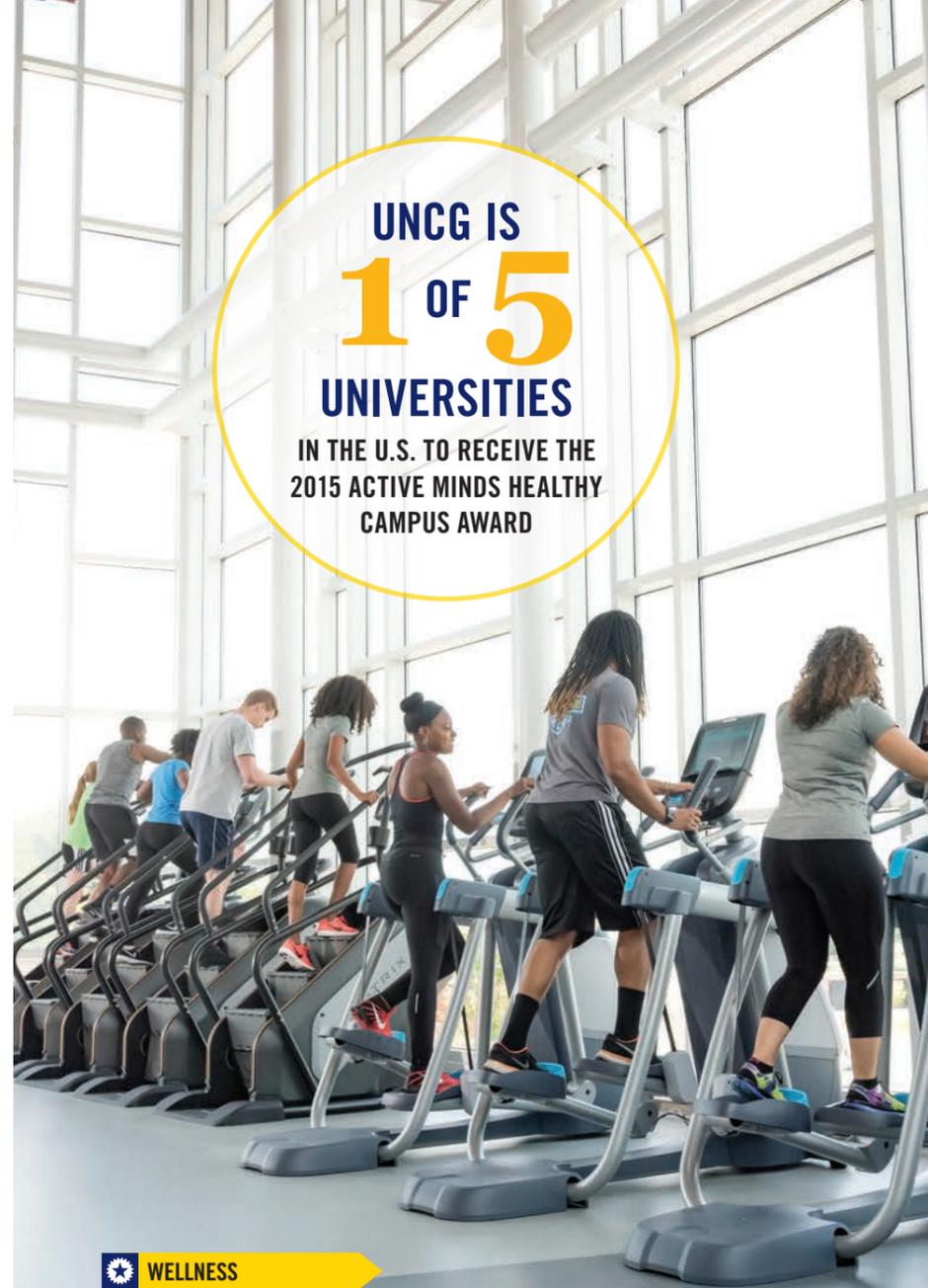
Thanks to a \$3.2 million grant funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education, Dr. Arthur D. Anastopoulos is conducting the first large, multi-site, randomized controlled trial of any non-medication intervention for college students with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

"College is a fork in the road, especially for students with ADHD," said Anastopoulos, a professor and director of UNCG's ADHD Clinic. "Through our research, we want to flip the switch on the tracks and increase the chance that these students follow an upward trajectory to successful adulthood."

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WELLNESS

Showing off our strengths

UNCG's Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness – the campus's new, 216,000-square-foot wellness facility – officially opened its doors in August. But UNCG's commitment to health extends far beyond the building's walls. From promoting mental health awareness to our top-ranked programs in the health sciences, UNCG is leading the way in holistic well-being.

Teaching to transform



“THE CLASSROOM is an arena of discovery. For me, excellent teaching isn't about the conveyance of information – it's about working collaboratively with students to help them think critically and imaginatively in new ways. My favorite moments are when students say, 'I never thought about it that way before.' That's how I know that my teaching methods are effective – when students start to imagine the world in new ways.

I think the biggest challenge for teachers in 2016 is also the biggest opportunity: new media technologies. While I still believe the best class is the old-fashioned 'talk and chalk' seminar, I love to experiment with technology. It's important to create a relaxed, playful environment where students feel engaged but not stressed out. New technologies help create this kind of environment, and that's really exciting.

In working with fellow faculty through UNCG's University Teaching & Learning Commons, I've seen firsthand the innovative teaching practices that take place across campus and the value of taking risks in the classroom. The Board of Governors award is such an honor because it serves as proof that these risks are recognized and encouraged.”

– Dr. Gregory Grieve, an associate professor of religious studies, is the 2016 recipient of the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In the Pines

The tallest limbs of UNCG's "Champion Tree," near Moore-Strong Residence Hall

UNCG was the first in the UNC system to be a "Tree Campus USA." Just how old are some of these majestic trees we enjoy? One young alumnus unveils the surprising answer. BY MIKE HARRIS '93 MA • PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARTIN W. KANE

A SHORTLEAF PINE RISES beside a roadway at the edge of UNCG's Peabody Park. "That's the Champion Tree," Keith Watkins '15 says. It's the oldest tree on campus. It's graced the campus since 1837, the year Martin Van Buren succeeded Andrew Jackson as president. The nation gained a 26th state. A young Victoria became queen of England. News of a clash at the Alamo was still fresh.

"It looks like a normal tree," he says. "But look how high up the lowest limbs are."

It has survived clearing for agriculture as well as the building over the decades, Keith says.

It has survived hurricanes and ice storms. Dr. Paul Knapp, professor of geography, notes its short needles make it less susceptible to toppling during storms.

It made it through the building of the nearby road. It even survived the building of the sidewalk a few feet from the trunk. It's endured countless rainstorms and droughts. It's a robust survivor.

Keith has doggedly and methodically determined the age of UNCG's oldest trees since 2014. He won a UNCG Undergraduate Research and Creativity Award grant to find out just how old they are.

He marvels at what that one, small grant did for him. "I was able to do real research on it. It wasn't the money so much; it gave me the initiative.

"To find one more than 175 years old, it made it all worthwhile."

He presented the eye-opening results at the 2015 Carolyn and Norwood Thomas Undergraduate Research & Creativity Expo on campus. He won the top award for biology-related projects, inspiring him to continue the research. Now, he's a master's student in geography, continuing his work.

On this summer morning, he leads a small tour to some of the oldest and most remarkable trees on campus. Doctoral student Thomas Patterson, whose research focuses on old longleaf pines in the Uwharrie Mountains, is there, as is Knapp, UNCG's Carolina Tree Ring Lab founder and director. Much of Knapp's research involves determining patterns of droughts and the reconstruction of severe storms in the U.S. using tree rings.

Other old trees are a short walk away from The Champion. One split long ago. Knapp calls it Twin Peaks. "This is 1859. I think it was struck by lightning. That's why it split," says Knapp.

When Keith started, he and Knapp had suspected that the pines south of Shaw — enjoyed by everyone passing on Walker Avenue — were the oldest trees on campus. The one nearest Shaw? "This lean is pretty pronounced," Keith says, and gestures to the top. "You get a twist, a bend. It



“14 trees so far are proven to be older than the university.”



Above In the lab in Graham Building, he makes a digital scan of every sample — after an examination.

Left Keith compares using the tool to turning a lug wrench. The core sample carefully extracted from the tree is about the width of a pencil.

looks gnarly. And notice the flat top. It can't pull up the water any higher. It's all about hydraulic conductance. That one's 1854." Another in front of Shaw, near Walker Avenue, is about 1860.

Knapp says old pictures show there were once 15-20 pine trees in the area around Shaw. Several between the Quad and The Fountain are quite old.

Not wanting to start with ones thought to be the oldest — they'd save the best for last — Keith tested two in the Quad in front of Weil-Winfield, built in 1959. It turned out they were from 1879 and 1881.

Knapp notes that one nearest Weil-Winfield shows clearly when the building was erected. For a decade, its rings are tighter, showing stress due to less moisture and perhaps stress on its roots.

The trees will tell stories.

The new building's gutters would have redirected water the roots had been used to getting.

"People had no idea these trees were that old. I had no idea."

There are other old ones on campus that have some rot, naturally. One is a white oak near Oakland Avenue — Knapp thinks it's over 150 years old. Any rot makes a core sample unmeasurable. The 1837 tree remarkably had no rot in its core sample.

On this day, Keith will core a tall tulip poplar in the middle of Peabody Park. He has had his eye on it.

It's within feet of a tributary of Buffalo Creek, near the Pedestrian Bridge.

It's a hot day. Sweat beads on his temples as he methodically turns the corer. "It's like turning a lug wrench," he explains. He carefully turns it, again and again. He extracts a spindle of wood. The core sample is about a pencil width. It does not harm the tree, he explains. A visit from a woodpecker makes larger holes in the bark, he notes.

He counts. 20, 40, 60, 80. "It's about 100 years old."

In the lab, he will make an exact analysis.

Back at the lab

THE CORE IS thinner than your pinky.

Once sanded, the rings are remarkably defined.

Keith places the tulip poplar sample under the lab's microscope. He lightly marks each decade with a pencil, a time-honored system. "It's about 1927. Huge rings — it sucked the water up (from the creek) like a straw."

Later, he will make a high-resolution digital scan. The rings will align with the rings from other area trees. They form a sort of calendar. With a glance, he can look at a sample and know which decade he is looking at.

Thomas, also working in the lab, explains that floorboards and beams of old houses can sometimes be dated due to the pattern of their "rings." An experienced researcher can see the patterns and know they match the distinct pattern for a certain decade in that region. You can read planed wood like a calendar.

Keith opens a drawer showing lines of samples, each numbered. They have been scanned. He carefully pulls out a sample from The Champion. And he pulls up the scan. He shows the tree's history decade by decade. The darker latewood, showing later-summer growth. The lighter early-wood, showing spring to mid-summer growth. They vary — revealing weather patterns and other stresses. "We measure it down to 1,000th of a millimeter in these scans."

Keith has not finished yet. He has not only documented history. He has made history, with the first age analysis of the trees of UNCG. He's peering back in time, just as every student in Knapp's lab has.

He's seeing the campus's history — one tree ring at a time.

SEE KEITH WATKINS' WEB-FRIENDLY MAP OF THE OLDEST UNCG TREES VIA ALUMNIMAGAZINE.UNCG.EDU.



3 signs a tree may be old:

- The trunk is twisted or leaning and the upper canopy is gnarled.
- The tree's crown is flattened or relatively small.
- The lower limbs have disappeared, perhaps due to ice storms over the decades.

The only way to know for sure is to count the rings.

Source: UNCG Carolina Tree Ring Lab



Fall foliage at Foust

"THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT FOUST PARK."

Anneliese Hitcho '14 should know. As a student, she led the initiative for a map of all the best trees in the park. A map kiosk at the corner of the park near Alumni House greets visitors.

She loves the park in the spring. But perhaps fall shows Foust at its best, she adds. "When you walk the main walkways, you see all the different trees and colors, you just feel at home at UNCG."

The tree mapping project set her on her career path, with a double major in environmental studies and geography, and a concentration in Geographic Information Science. "Working with Kevin Siler (UNCG Grounds' arbor point person) changed my life, with his passion for trees."

UNCG Grounds and Facilities Design & Construction played big roles in the map and the kiosk with map fliers.

Anneliese's favorite tree? Number six on the tour — Harry Lauders Walking Stick. The small tree is at the corner of College Avenue and Spring Garden Street. "It looks like a bush. It catches your eye. The leaves are really fuzzy."

She now works for the Forestry Department of the Department of Defense. She studies the effects of controlled burns and wildfires on the Fort Bragg ecosystems. Most trees there are pines.

She relishes the impact her student project still has. "I hope it inspires anyone to stop and look at the grounds. You fall in love with the campus landscape. Stop and smell the roses."

Or in this case, the magnolia blossoms. **g**

A map of distinctive trees is available to visitors of Foust Park.



Teach. Lead. *Excel.*

On her way to national honors,
Leslie Ross discovers her voice.
And helps kids find theirs.

By Jeanie McDowell • Photography by Martin W. Kane



Leslie leads a science experiment during a model lesson at Allen Middle School. She mentors 25 new lateral entry teachers each year.



Leslie, along with three other teachers from high-need schools, was invited to lunch with then Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and President Barack Obama in the White House's Blue Room.

For Leslie Ross '97, '08 MEd, becoming a successful science teacher, mentor and education advocate means taking on big challenges.

Because of her work in high-need schools, she's won a prestigious national award, been asked to speak to the nation's top education policy makers and was even invited to a lunch at the White House with President Barack Obama. But those aren't the things that motivate her to do her job well.

"Teaching is a work of the heart," Leslie said. "Kids who struggle the most and come from the greatest disadvantage deserve that more than anyone."

Students in high-need schools often don't have many books growing up and rarely have the experiences that their middle class peers have.

"Schools shouldn't be the place where the disadvantage continues. It should be the safest place," she said. "You offer them the best experience for the 180 days you have them. It should be the best 90 minutes you can deliver in order to level that playing field."

Based on her own experiences growing up, Leslie can relate to many of these students on a very personal level.

"Teaching at high-need schools means the world to me," Leslie said. "That's what I came from. I lived in subsidized

“Teaching is a work of the heart. Kids who struggle the most and come from the greatest disadvantage deserve that more than anyone.”

housing. I was the kid who wasn't as well groomed."

But Leslie had teachers who invested in her and encouraged her to do great things. Now, she's passing it on.

Realizing her gifts

Despite missing 45 days of her senior year of high school and graduating with a grade point average below a 2.0, Leslie was determined to attend a four-year university. She was accepted with special provisions at UNC Wilmington.

"I didn't find my place academically until college," she said. "I was a lot more capable than I had given myself credit for."

The first in her family to attend college, Leslie declared English as her major and had big dreams of going to law school after graduation. Eventually, however, her resources ran out, and Leslie had to withdraw from UNCW, a year and a half before earning her degree.

Leslie returned to her hometown of Greensboro and began looking for a job with health insurance benefits. At the suggestion of a friend, she took a position with Guilford County Schools as a teacher's assistant.

"I was really good with kids, especially kids with academic or behavioral disabilities," Leslie said.

She spent two years working as an assistant in an elementary school classroom before she stumbled across the lead teacher's pay stub and realized she worked way too hard to be paid so much less.

So, Leslie enrolled in UNCG's School of Education, which she had heard was nationally recognized for its excellence.

"They really prepared me to teach reading on the elementary level," she said. She loved teaching science as well.

By the time she graduated, Leslie had spent hours in front of students, mastered teaching blended curriculum and honed her work ethic.

"I can't say there's anything I wasn't prepared for."

Discovering her passion

Leslie was offered an early contract with Guilford County Schools, and she ended up teaching second grade at Jesse Wharton Elementary School, a Title I school.

After five years, Leslie took on a new challenge – middle school.

Licensed to teach kindergarten through sixth grade, Leslie initially wanted to move into an upper elementary school classroom or teach English. But when the opportunity to teach science at Allen Middle School presented itself, she



took it, hoping that an opportunity to teach English would open up later.

"I ended up really liking teaching science and social studies – so much so that I stopped asking for the English Language Arts position," she said.

While teaching at Allen, Leslie was part of a cohort of teachers selected by Guilford County Schools to earn their master's degrees from UNCG free of charge.

"You couldn't ask for a better setup," Leslie said. "There was always something you could take and implement in your classroom."

She graduated in 2008 with a master's degree in teaching and a concentration in science education. She also extended her license to cover grades six through nine.

After six years at Allen Middle, Leslie was looking for a change of scenery.

"All I wanted to teach was science," she said.

Leslie took a job teaching earth and environmental sci-



"I loved each experience. I feel prepared enough to be put anywhere. You leave that program ready."

Ready for anything

ALIAH PRONAUT '16 has just begun her first year teaching, and the 20-some first graders in her class at Hopewell Elementary School in Trinity Science couldn't be in better hands.

While juggling life as a wife and mother, Aliyah earned a 3.98 grade point average, presented at a statewide conference for math teachers, mentored fellow students and received the highest academic honor for undergraduates at UNCG – the Student Excellence Award. The May 2016 graduate was even offered an early contract with Randolph County Schools.

Aliyah completed student teaching assignments in fourth, second and first grade classrooms. In addition, she spent three and a half weeks teaching at an international school in Finland.

"I loved each experience. I feel prepared enough to be put anywhere. You leave that program ready."

What's her inspiration? Designing challenging, engaging lessons and reaching the seemingly unreachable students.

She's also been an active volunteer with Hooked on Books and the Arc of Greensboro. She previously worked as an exhibits interpreter at the Greensboro Science Center as well.

As a nontraditional student, Aliyah overcame a number of unique challenges along the way. A pregnancy and an out-of-state move caused her to withdraw from the program in early 2012. But when Aliyah and her family returned to North Carolina, she continued to press toward her goals, completing her associate's degree at Guilford Technical Community College and resuming her studies at UNCG.

The Department of Teacher Education and Higher Education hosts a rigorous program, but faculty members like Marilyn Preddy made sure Aliyah was on the road to success, allowing her to work her way back into the program when she returned to UNCG in 2014.

"They really expect a lot out of you," Aliyah said. "They provided lots of opportunities for us to grow, to question, to challenge, to really think."

ences to ninth grade students at Ben L. Smith High School.

"That was a pivotal point in my career. I was in my element. It was all about what I enjoyed doing and getting those kids to be passionate about science," she said.

Although there were relatively few resources at Ben L. Smith High School, Leslie was excited to impact a large number of minority students who are underrepresented in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields. She wrote numerous grants and received thousands of dollars of funding for the school's science department.

The following year, Leslie launched a brand new biology class for second-semester freshmen. Her fellow teachers advised against teaching such a difficult class to younger students, but her academic coach encouraged her to take it on.

Leslie's first group of students had a 95 percent pass rate – unheard of for Ben L. Smith High School or any other school in the region. Two later classes had 100 percent pass rates.

Even though she was teaching high school students, Leslie used similar tactics to those she learned at UNCG for elementary students.

"It was all about engagement," she said, explaining that she broke the lessons into chunks and had her students work through the content.

Finding her voice

In 2012, Leslie was selected from more than 400 teachers in 39 states to receive the first annual Fishman Prize, an award given by The New Teacher Project to four educators working in high-need schools. The honor was accompanied by a \$25,000 prize and a five-week summer residency.

Ross and the other teachers traveled the nation, met with Department of Education leaders, published essays on teaching and learned from each other. Spending time with the other Fishman Prize winners *(continued on page 33)*

"Twenty-five classrooms are influenced by what I'm doing – that's hundreds of kids."



Exceeding expectations

“It’s a neat puzzle. You have to figure out what kids need and how you’re going to meet their needs.”

KASEY LYNN SCHMIDT '16 never planned to go to college, and she certainly never intended to return to the classroom as a teacher.

“School was really hard for me growing up,” she said. “I fundamentally believed I was incapable of learning.”

But something changed when Kasey stepped onto UNCG’s campus in 2012. Not only did she maintain a 4.0 grade point average while earning her degree in special education, she also became the first person in her immediate family to graduate from college. Outside of the classroom, Kasey volunteered with Hope Academy and with UNCG’s Beyond

Academics program.

Nominated by Dr. Stephanie Kurtts, Kasey received the Student Excellence Award, the highest academic honor for undergraduates at UNCG. The award recognized her hard work and dedication to teaching and special education.

Kasey’s passion for special education, particularly autism, stems from her relationship with her younger sister, Melissa. Throughout the years, Kasey has watched Melissa deal with the struggles that come with Asperger’s syndrome, a condition on the autism spectrum.

“School’s been rough for her. It’s hard when you don’t learn the same way,” she said.

Kasey is using that insight to help general educators customize lesson plans for students with disabilities at Southeast Middle School in Kernersville. She also works in a resource classroom, where she gives those students personalized, one-on-one lessons.

“It’s a neat puzzle,” she said. “You have to figure out what kids need and how you’re going to meet their needs.”

Kasey is driven by the little victories in the classroom, such as when a student masters a sight word list or finishes their first chapter book.

“It’s those little moments that make you think, ‘I can do anything.’”

was the catalyst that changed the way Leslie saw herself as a teacher.

“I realized I hadn’t been using my leadership skills to the best of my ability. I had confined myself to my classroom,” she said.

Despite her dislike of public speaking, Leslie realized she had an obligation to her profession to be more vocal about what teachers and students need.

“I had a voice I never realized I had. It was a game changer for me.”

Two years later, Leslie got a call from a Department of Education official who heard her speak during her summer residency. She asked Leslie to speak on a panel about high-need schools with then Secretary of Education Arne Duncan in Washington, D.C.

Leslie accepted, and several days later she received an invitation to have lunch with President Obama, Duncan and the three other teachers on the panel.

During the lunch meeting in the White House’s Blue Room, they discussed ways to get the best and brightest teachers in front of the students who needed them most. The conversation ranged from incentives to giving teachers a voice.

“It was such a casual conversation. I wasn’t nervous after the first few minutes,” she said.

Expanding her reach

Despite the national recognition, Leslie is still impacting students at home in Greensboro.

Not long after winning the Fishman Prize, Leslie returned to Allen Middle School, this time as Guilford County’s middle school science curriculum coach.

“I got to work directly with teachers in that role. I expanded my reach,” Leslie said. “Before, I was only teaching 60 to 70 kids per year. In that position, I had the ability to impact 600 to 700 kids.”

She also started a mentoring program for African-American and Hispanic males, wrote grants for teachers and served as a testing coordinator. But the more involved she became in testing, the less time Leslie was able to spend in the classroom mentoring teachers.

So, in December of 2015, Leslie accepted a job as a lateral-entry specialist for Guilford County Schools. Now, she’s in the classroom at least four days a week working with 25 different teachers at 15 different schools. She also teaches curriculum to lateral-entry teachers at least one day a week and over the summer.

“Twenty-five classrooms are influenced by what I’m doing – that’s hundreds of kids,” she said.

Even though she doesn’t have her own classroom anymore, Leslie relies heavily on her training at UNCG as she trains new, lateral-entry teachers in Guilford County Schools.

“Becoming a teacher at UNCG really influenced who I am today,” she said. “UNCG is the only school I endorse for education. When you encounter teachers who come from UNCG in the field, they’re leaps and bounds ahead of their peers.”

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Never stop growing

DR. RODNEY SHOTWELL '96 MA, '99 PHD has brought a lot of change to Rockingham County Schools since he took the reins as superintendent in 2006.

The dropout rate is the lowest in Rockingham County Schools’ history, and teacher turnover is lower than the state average. Since 2008, the district’s four-year graduation rate has increased more than 15 percentage points to 81.7 percent. Rodney also oversaw the 2008 opening of Rockingham Early College High School, a public high school for high-achieving students that allows them to earn both their high school diploma and associate’s degree simultaneously.

Rodney’s success hasn’t gone unnoticed. He was named the 2015-16 North Carolina Superintendent of the Year. In this role, he has spent the last year as an adviser to the State Board of Education, president-elect of the State Superintendent’s Association and an advocate for public education across the state.

He began his career in education as a lateral-entry teacher in 1990, and he earned his teaching certificate at UNCG while

serving as an in-school suspension coordinator and teaching several social studies classes at Williams High School in Burlington.

Shortly after earning his teaching certificate, Rodney began working toward his master’s degree in social studies education and school administration at UNCG. He was accepted into the first NC Principal Fellows Program, which granted him two years of free tuition at UNCG and a year-long administrative internship in Guilford County.

Rodney moved through the ranks, serving as an assistant principal and a principal, and he returned to UNCG for his doctoral degree in educational leadership and cultural studies. He spent five years as the Macon County Schools superintendent before beginning his 10-year tenure as superintendent of Rockingham County Schools.

Rodney’s time at UNCG has made him a better teacher, principal, superintendent and education advocate.

“It wouldn’t be possible if it weren’t for the training that I got at UNCG,” he said. “I can tie everything back to a professor, colleague or class at UNCG.”

HONORING A HISTORY

At a reception sponsored by the Alumni Association and hosted by alumni from the Neo-Black Society and the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam Jr. spoke about moving the university forward, and how he needs the help of alumni. With over 150 in attendance, the chancellor talked about the "Giant Steps" we can take together.



1 Dr. Cherry Callahan '71, '87 PhD and Dr. Ada Fisher '70 2 Taking a photo, Donovan Livingston (whose Harvard commencement speech went viral on social media in May), Lauren Livingston, Shawna Williams '91, I-r 3 Reception Planning Committee and Alumni Association Board members 4 Chancellor Gilliam and Janet Gordon '64



FACES BEHIND FACEBOOK AND MORE

ELISHA GUTLOFF '92 AND TIM WILSON '13 love to see their fellow alumni at campus and regional networking events. Online interactions are another great way to foster connections.

Elisha and Tim help manage the Alumni Association's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts, along with Alumni Engagement staff. They promote events and share memories and updates from alumni around the world.

"What seems to resonate the most with alumni is they really love to see what alumni are doing and their successes," said Elisha.

Tim hopes their efforts will increase attendance at events, where alumni can catch up in person.

"I know there's a lot of young alumni who had a good time at UNCG and want to stay connected," he said.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION. FOLLOW @UNCGALUMNI ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM. FOLLOW THESE HASHTAGS: #uncgalumni, #uncgalways, #uncghome, #BelieveintheG, #SpartanSweethearts, #SpartanHop, #uncgGOLD

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Money, saving, credit: alumni share their experiences with undergraduates

Sometimes it's great to hear from others' experiences. Especially when you're leaving college and the topic is money and credit cards.

Last April in the Alumni House, several dozen students did just that.

Four alumni were on hand to give advice: Eric Durham '11, Cristina Sadler Young '08, Rashadd Burris '13 and Clinton Wilson '07.

This event was a part of a larger initiative formed under the direction of Vice Chancellor Bryan Terry in 2014. The UNCG Financial Literacy Committee has been working to see that when students leave UNCG with their degrees, they have the financial know-how to succeed in their lives and careers.

The students enjoyed the mentoring from alumni and received real-world advice about money and the value of saving. Alumni wanted to connect with the next generation of students, and they did.

There were candid questions. And real-world answers.

They asked about credit scores. Do you pay for it? What exactly affects your credit rating?

They asked about different options for student loan repayment. What would happen if you maxed out a credit card? Some good ways to budget? How do you say no to your friends when they want to do something expensive, and you want to save?

Buying a new car straight out of school? "Maybe not a good idea," said Eric Durham.

Eric has been involved in the alumni association since graduating and enjoyed sharing his experiences. The students seemed eager to learn. He was in their shoes just a few years ago, he explained.

"To have known many of the financial topics discussed at the event before I graduated would have been a great help."

Interested in participating next time? Email cjosey@uncg.edu.

Students Savannah Smith and Monique Davis, I-r



TAKE PART AS SPARTANS SHARE The Spartans Share Series gives alumni informative sessions via your computer and mobile device. Topics last semester ranged from "Career and Professional Transitions" to "Traditions of Woman's College and UNCG." Each offers some time for a Q&A with viewers at home. Check out the past sessions at the UNCG Alumni Association YouTube channel, and complete a survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpartansShareSeries1 to help in planning for upcoming sessions. The series returns this fall. Details are at www.alumni.uncg.edu.

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SEPT 29
‘Meet Chancellor Gilliam’ event, Los Angeles, Calif.

OCT 5
Founders Day

OCT 7
Chancellor Gilliam’s Installation

OCT 20
Alumni of Distinction Awards Dinner

OCT 20-22
Homecoming 2016

OCT 28
MPA Program 40th Reunion, Alumni House, 6 p.m.

NOV 10
‘Meet Chancellor Gilliam’ event, Greenville/ Spartanburg, S.C.

DEC 6
Lighting of Vacc Bell Tower & Anniversary Plaza

DEC 15
December Commencement, Greensboro Coliseum

Dates are subject to change. For more information about alumni events, email the Office of Alumni Engagement at alumni@uncg.edu or call (336) 334-5696.

gradtidings

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1940s

HELEN WARREN '46 was featured in an article in the Mebane Enterprise about her experiences with a music therapist that enabled her to begin playing the piano again. She performed on Christmas Eve at Mebane Ridge for the enjoyment of the residents who sang Christmas carols.

1950s

MARY LOUISE MOORE CARDWELL '52X was featured in an article in the Eden News about her memories of her hometown of Madison, N.C. Now 85, she still lives in the house where she grew up.

HELEN STOUGH '53 and her husband, Dwight Barlett, are approaching their 10th wedding anniversary. Helen's husband, Sam, died in 1992, and Dwight's wife died in 2005. Helen and Dwight first met in 1962 through church activities, and their families have been good friends ever since. Helen retired shortly after their marriage, following a successful career as executive director of a social service agency in Baltimore, Md. Dwight is a retired consulting actuary and once served as chief actuary of the U.S. Social Security Administration.

CAROLE ROBINSON '59C received Sampson Community College Foundation's Sampson Classic Service Award. Carole served as a trustee of Sampson Community College from 1995 until 2015. She most recently served on the foundation board and the executive committee.

1960s

SALLY ATKINSON FISHER '61 was honored with a plaque from the Georgia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recognizing her

hard work and dedication. Sally retired from the Medical College of Georgia Hospital and Clinics after 15 years of service but continues to serve as a dietary consultant at St. John Towers Wesley Homes in Augusta. She and her husband, Robert J. "Bob" Fisher, will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary in 2016.

JUDITH CANADY CLODFELTER DODGE '63 and her husband, Chip, have moved to the Lanier Village Estates in Gainesville, Ga.

NANCY JO SMITH '63 signed copies of her book "Pleasant Garden" recently in Greensboro. Nancy Jo is a Pleasant Garden native.

DR. ANN H. HUNT '65 has been named to the American Chemical Society's 2016 class of ACS Fellows. It includes 57 scientists who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in chemistry and made important contributions to ACS, the world's largest scientific society. The 2016 fellows were honored at a ceremony Aug. 22. She worked for 31 years in the chemical sciences, with 22 years at Eli Lilly and Company.

PAT POWELL '65C is the grandmother of Olivia Grace Duncan, born Jan. 21, 2016, in Midlothian, Va., to Chris and Marsha Duncan.

LINDA SMITH FIELDS '67, '93 MED of Greensboro welcomes her new granddaughter, Maggie Robinson. The proud parents are Dr. Erica Lane Fields '08 and her husband, John Wallace Robinson. Maggie is also the niece of Jessica Fields Covington '92.

ELEANOR WALKER GWYNN '67 MFA is founder and artistic director of the E. Gwynn Dancers. The NC A&T State based dance company focused on dances from Africa, Jamaica and India during its spring concert titled "International Inspirations: The Revival." Eleanor has been at NC A&T for 40 years and currently is in charge of its visual and performing arts department. See p. 8.

CAROLYN NELSON '67 was one of the artists in the "It's All About the Hue" exhibition presented by GreenHill in Greensboro from Jan. 29 to March 24, 2016. Carolyn, who works with textiles, has worked as a design instructor at UNCG and NC State.

PAULA MYRICK SHORT '67 is senior vice chancellor for academic affairs for the University of Houston System and senior vice president and provost at the University of Houston. She was named one of 50 Most Influential Women in Houston in 2015 and highlighted for her innovative initiatives at the University of Houston to increase

graduation rates. She formerly was vice chancellor for academic affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents for 12 years.

EMMYLOU HARRIS '69X has been touring this year, performing at (among other venues) Dylan Fest Nashville, Telluride Bluegrass Festival and Biltmore in Asheville, N.C. Her groundbreaking, Grammy Award-winning album "Wrecking Ball," originally released in 1995, received its first worldwide vinyl release on Record Store Day 2016, re-mastered and pressed on three 180-gram discs at Record Industry along with several bonus tracks. A member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1992, Emmylou was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2008.

ALUMNI MARRIAGES

JEANNETTE HODGE KLUTTS '66 and Charles Crain were married March 29, 2015.

1970s

PEGGY SMITH '70 is seeking her third term on the Johnston County (N.C.) Board of Education. She is coordinator, master of school administration, at Campbell University.

PHILLIP STEWART '70, '77 MA was named February's Cook of the Month by The Times-News of Burlington, N.C. He specializes in French cooking, often served to Cercie Francais members. The group meets monthly to speak French and sample foods.

NANCY BURLESON '71 serves on the boards for Mayland Community College, Spruce Pine Montessori School, Spruce Pine Public Library and Camp Spring Creek, which serves children with dyslexia. Nancy has been a hospice volunteer for 13 years. She retired in 2003 as an educator in Mitchell County, N.C.

SUSAN SWAN KING '71 received a 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award from The Sanford (N.C.) Herald. She was cited for devoting her life to the service of others. She has worked for a number of years to serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault at HAVEN (Helping Abuse and Violence End Now) of Lee County.

JIM AVETT '72, a singer-songwriter, performed at the Capri Theater in Gaffney, S.C. In addition to his original songs, he performs classic country, folk, bluegrass and gospel songs. His sons – Scott and Seth – are the primary members of the Avett Brothers band. Jim's daughter, Bonnie Avett Rini, is a vocalist and sings harmony with her dad in performances.

DONNA KIMBRO '72, '78 MED was named Woman of the Year by the Burlington (N.C.) Civitans Club. Donna taught in the Caswell County School System for 35 years. She has worked at Eastlawn in



1 Class of 1946 members (from left) Ruth Daniel Roberts, Lib White Stroup, Jo Singletary Barbre, and Betty Sarratt Cowan attended their 70th Reunion in April. They met up with Spiro and current members of Chi Omega - Hannah Stewart, Dina Abu Hashem, Georgia Hutter, Aaliyah Lane, Shelby Williams, Alex Gillis and Taylor Foy - during a golf cart tour of the Quad. The ladies also got to see Taylor's room in Jamison Hall, where Lib lived during her freshman year. **2** Maggie Robinson, granddaughter of Linda Smith Fields '67, '93 MED and daughter of Dr. Erica Lane Fields '08 **3** Elisha Gutloff '92 **4** Paula Myrick Short '67 **5** Sally Atkinson Fisher '61

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the Alamance-Burlington district for eight years.

RICK FORRESTER '73, a Greensboro attorney, is a candidate for the Guilford County Board of Commissioners representing District 6.

KAYE PRIDGEN CROOK '74 was inducted into Coker College's Athletics Hall of Fame in February 2016. Kaye, professor emerita of mathematics, joined the Coker faculty in 1982. She served as Coker's Faculty Athletic Representative from 1990 to 2002 and later from 2010 to 2015. She received the meritorious service award in 1996.

DAVID ELLIOTT '75 is graphic designer for The Coastal Point, an independent weekly newspaper based in Ocean View, Del. David has had a nearly 40-year career of working in various aspects of commercial graphic arts. He also has traveled extensively and has self-published two illustrated books of travel writing.

JANE FINCH '75 has been reappointed to the Ethics Commission by Governor Pat McCrory. She was appointed to the N.C. Board of Ethics (which preceded the State Ethics Commission) in 1993, was elected vice chair and continued to serve on the Board of Ethics until she received this reappointment. Prior to her position on the commission, she practiced law and became a partner with the law firm of Moore, Ragsdale, Liggett, Ray and Foley in Raleigh.

LINDA GRIMES '75 has retired after 25 years of teaching art to elementary school students in the Davidson County (N.C.) Schools.

DONNA STEELE HONEYCUTT '75 released her 18th novel, "Before You," in July 2016.

BECKY FREEMAN NORKUS '75 is retiring after a 30-year career teaching physical education with Wake County Schools. She was named physical education teacher of the year in 2014 for Wake County and the state of North Carolina.

CYNTHIA WALKER '75 MED was named Library Trustee of the Year for the state of North Carolina. She has served as the chair of the Perry Memorial Library board of trustees since 2011. She served as a media specialist at Northern Vance High School in Henderson, N.C., prior to her retirement.

PHILLIP HARRIS IV '76 serves on the board of directors of RedHawk Holdings Corp. Phillip is a retired executive from United Parcel Service. At his retirement in 2000, he was vice president of corporate compliance.

MARIANNE DYSON '77, former NASA flight controller, was the guest speaker at the International Women's Air & Space Museum dinner in February 2016. The museum is located in Cleveland, Ohio.

Marianne was one of the first female flight controllers and was responsible for developing crew procedures for the early Space Shuttle flights. After Marianne left NASA to raise her children, she began sharing her passion for space through writing and speaking. Her children's books have won top awards. Her latest, "Welcome to Mars," was coauthored with Buzz Aldrin for National Geographic and was named a 2016 Outstanding Trade Book by the National Science Teachers Association. She also has written a new Space Shuttle memoir, "A Passion for Space: Adventures of a Pioneering Female NASA Flight Controller."

JOSEPHINE MORETZ SHIPLEY LAUERMAN '77 showed her watercolors at an exhibition in the Windows Gallery at the Hickory (N.C.) Museum of Art during January 2016. The exhibition was titled "Colors & Compositions in Nature." Her paintings are featured in permanent collections across the state, including those at the Winston-Salem Government Center, R.J. Reynolds Industries and Duke University Medical Center.

EDITH SARRA '77 was one of 30 scholars to win a fellowship for a year of residency and writing at the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle Park, N.C. She will finish writing her book on The Tale of Genji, an 11th century Japanese romance. She currently teaches Japanese literature at Indiana University, where she has been on the faculty in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures since 1989. She completed her PhD in comparative literature at Harvard.

JOE SINCLAIR '77 EDD of Statesville, N.C., has written "Crazy Tales on the Running Trails," a collection of stories describing humorous events that occurred during running events. Joe served as superintendent of schools in various North Carolina districts for more than 20 years.

QUE TUCKER '77 MS was the keynote speaker for students attending the Early College Program at Rockingham Community College. Que is the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Commissioner. She spoke in honor of National Women's Month.

JOANNA FRAZIER HUDSON '78 MFA was featured in the Randolph (N.C.) Arts Guild's exhibition highlighting the photographic work of the Hudson family. Joanna's husband, James Harris Hudson, worked in photography his entire life, first as a photographer aboard B-29 reconnaissance planes in the Korean War and later as portrait photographer and commercial furniture photographer. Joanna worked in the studio and later went on to teach film courses as art in the broadcast/cinema division of UNCG and other film projects at Wake Forest University. Their son, Abe, shoots commercially for furniture photography

studios and portrait work and as a hobby.

MARILYNN BAKER '79 MBA is a candidate in the N.C. House District 74 race.

KIM CHURCH '79 discussed her debut novel "Byrd" at the Victor R. Small Writers Series Lecture at Barton College. Kim has a law degree from UNC Chapel Hill and divides her time between writing and the law. "Byrd" won the 2014 Crook's Corner Book Prize for the best debut novel set in the American South.

SHARON DECKER '79 has been named to the board of directors of the Tryon Fine Arts Center. Sharon is senior vice president of strategic initiatives at Tryon International Equestrian Center.

LOUISE DEEKENS EZZELL '79 MED is accounting manager of Ezzell Trucking, a family trucking business headed by her husband, Grover.

JOYCE WADDELL '79 PHD is a North Carolina senator who is seeking re-election. The former teacher and school administrator was elected to the state senate while serving her second term on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school board.

ERIC WEIL '79 MFA, '89 MA, '93 PHD was named the 2015-16 Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poet for the Eastern Region of North Carolina, and read some of his poetry at four area libraries in Wilson, West Carteret, Greenville and Wilmington in April alongside four aspiring poets whom he mentored. Eric is an associate professor of English at Elizabeth City State University. His poetry has appeared in Poetry, Silk Road, Dead Mule, The Greensboro Review and others. He has three poetry chapbooks: "A Horse at the Hirshhorn," "Returning from Mars" and "Ten Years In."

1980s

SUZAN BENTLEY ANDERSON '80 is executive director of the American Red Cross, Blue Ridge Piedmont Chapter. She presented a leadership lecture at Lenoir-Rhyne University.

PEPPER CHOPLIN '80 has composed a Lenten cantata titled "Come, Touch the Robe." It was performed at Forest Presbyterian Church in Lyons Falls, N.Y.

BETH LEAVEL '80 MFA performed with fellow UNCG alumnus Dominick Amendum '01 at Triad Stage in March, also holding a Q&A with UNCG students. Beth won a Tony Award in 2006 for Best Featured Actress in a Musical for the title role of "The Drowsy Chaperone" on Broadway.

LEE MABE '80, '87 MM, retired choral director of Lexington (N.C.) High School, directed The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Middle School All County Chorus

performance at R.J. Reynolds High School. Lee taught in Lexington for 32 years. He is the past chairman of the choral section for the North Carolina Music Educators Association. He is also the director of music at First United Methodist Church.

SCOTT SMITH '80 has joined Carolina Farm Credit as a loan officer at the Asheboro, N.C., branch office. He and his wife, Dawn, have two daughters, Caitie and Emily.

JAN YARBOROUGH '80 has joined the law firm of Wall Babcock LLP as a partner. She has a concentration in health law, particularly in the area of managed care issues. She formerly was a solo practitioner in Chapel Hill.

DIANNE NEAL BLIXT '81, '88 MBA is a member of the Scandinavian Tobacco Group board of directors. She held various positions from 1988 to 2007 with Reynolds American and its subsidiaries, including executive vice president and chief financial officer of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings Inc. She is a member of the board of directors of Ameriprise Financial Services Inc. and is chair for the board of trustees of Reynolda House Museum of American Art. She also serves as a member of the board of managers of NatureWorks Organics LLC.

JAMES BARNHILL '82 MFA is a featured artist at the Theatre Art Galleries of High Point, N.C. James sculpts both fully in the round as well as in relief. He is associate professor of art at N.C. A&T State University.

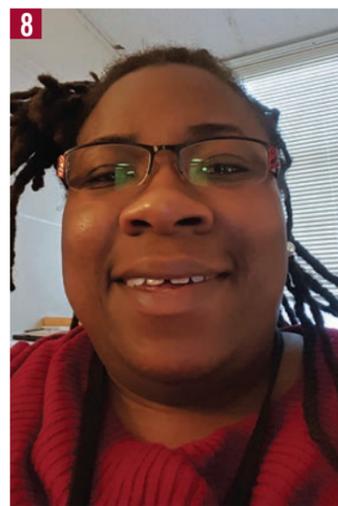
SUSAN COWARD '83 spoke about cancer care during a feature on Fox 8 House Calls. Susan is the gastroenterological oncology nurse navigator at Cone Health Cancer Center in Greensboro.

LISA R. DAVIS '83 has been elected corporate vice president, communications, for Northrop Grumman Corp. Lisa will have responsibility for the corporation's worldwide communications strategy and execution, including media relations, employee communications, advertising, executive communications and branding/corporate image. She joined the company in 2014 and previously served as vice president, communications, for the mission systems sector.

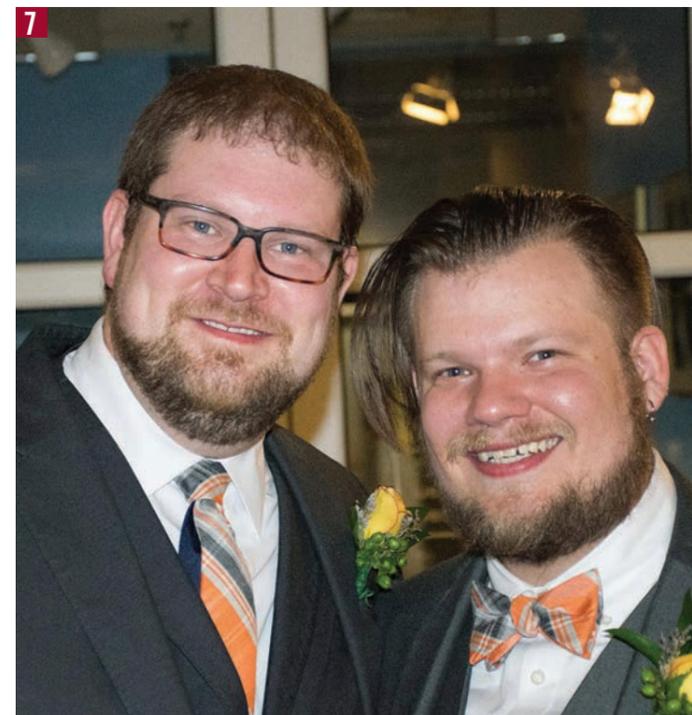
MARGARET MEGGINSON FONTANA '83 is comptroller at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport, N.C. She has more than 15 years of experience in operations and financial management within non-profit and for-profit organizations. She previously served as chief financial officer and chief operating officer with Tug River Health Association Inc. of Gary, W.Va.

CAROLYN HIGHSMITH '83 MA is seeking the Democratic nomination for the South Ward race in Winston-Salem, N.C.

CATHERINE PIKE PLOUGH '83 of Charlotte has written "The Blu Phenomenon." The young adult novel highlights international adoption in the United States and its potential to impact China. A veteran writer who began her career as a news journalist,



6 Victoria Allen '14 7 Andrew Lance Dancy '02, '05 MM, '08 DMA and Matthew Wilson (l-r). 8 Lola Houston-Hager '02 9 Edith Sarra '77 10 Phillip Riggs '98 MED



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Catherine has written articles for regional and national publications as well as web content for corporate and nonprofit entities. Catherine is the adoptive mother of a Chinese son. Her book launch was held at the Asian Herald Library in Charlotte, the largest privately owned Asian library in the United States.

DALE FOLWELL '84, '86 MS is a candidate for the office of North Carolina State Treasurer. An eight-year veteran of the NC House of Representatives, Dale served as the Speaker Pro Tem from 2011 to 2012. Before beginning his political career, he was a financial consultant and registered investment advisor for an investment banking firm. Since 1998, he had made his living as a private investor.

ROBIN SNIPES HAGER '84 has been named chief administrative officer of Yadkin Bank. She formerly led NewBridge Bank's seven departments which support overall bank operations comprising corporate and administrative services, facilities, human resources, information technology, deposit operations, marketing and vendor management.

SARAH LINDSAY '84 MFA was a featured poet in the John and Penny Barr Poetry Reading Series presented by the Graduate Writing Program at Sarah Lawrence College. Sarah's most recent book, "Debt to the Bone-Eating Snotflower," was a 2013 Lannan Literary Selection. Sarah has been awarded a Lannan Literary Fellowship, the J. Howard and Barbara J.M. Wood Prize, the 2012 Carolyn Kizer Prize and the 2013 Pushcart Prize. Her poems have appeared in Poetry, The Atlantic, the Paris Review, Parnassus and the Yale Review, among others.

KATHY VESTAL '84, '97 MED spoke at Haven Lutheran Church in Salisbury (N.C.) about the interplay between religion and sexual orientation. She serves on the faculty at Rowan Cabarrus Community College and holds a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is passionate about race, gender, religious and LGBT issues.

LYNN WELLS '84 is the recipe developer for Our State magazine. She is a personal chef with more than 20 years of experience in the food and hospitality industry.

DEBORAH WOODWARD '84 MA discussed hearing loss during an appearance on Fox 8-WGHP. She is a clinical audiologist at Cone Health's Outpatient Rehabilitation Center in Greensboro. She has been with Cone Health for more than 20 years.

HANNAH COLE BUIE '85 and her art were featured in a "Spotlight Show" art exhibit at Leath Memorial Library in Rockingham, N.C.

VIRGINIA FOX '85 EDD is a candidate for the North Carolina Fifth District congressional seat. She is running for her seventh term in office.

DANE JOYCE '85, retired from teaching, now works as a DJ for weddings, class reunions and other events. He also teaches shag and line dancing.

NANCY BRANDON '86 has been nominated by the Alabama State Department of Education for State Teacher of the Year. She teaches kindergartners at Rainbow Elementary School and was the 2015 Elementary Teacher of the Year for Madison City Schools.

KAREN COX '86, '88 MA was the featured speaker during the Heritage Lecture at Barton College. Karen is a professor of history and founding director of the graduate public history program at UNC Charlotte. She is the author of two books, the most recent being "Dreaming of Dixie: How the South Was Created in American Popular Culture." Her lecture was titled "Dreaming of Dixie, the South in Popular Culture."

PAMELA TARPLEY HILBERT '86 is provost of Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale campus. She recently retired from her position as president of Robeson Community College.

CAROL C. OLECH '86 MS has joined Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC. She earned a law degree from Western New England College, School of Law. She is a member of the Central New York Estate Planning Council, Onondaga County Bar Association and New York State Bar Association (member, trust and estates section and elder law section).

LISA CARPENTER BALDWIN '87 ran in the North Carolina Republican primary for the Senate District 48 seat.

JONATHAN EPSTEIN '88, '90 MA, visiting associate professor of sociology and criminal justice at Greensboro College, will have a 1994 book he edited reissued by the Routledge academic imprint as part of its popular music series. The book, "Adolescents and Their Music: If It's Too Loud, You're Too Old," contains 14 essays and an extended, annotated bibliography of sociological popular-music scholarship.

TED KEEGAN '88 MM performed as part of the Home for the Holidays event at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands, N.C. The Broadway veteran was most recently seen as the phantom in "Phantom – the Las Vegas Spectacular." He starred in a successful run of "The Phantom of the Opera" in the Broadway company and followed with the national tour, performing the role in more than 24 states.

ANNA MORELLI '88 has retired after 17 years as director of Partnership Village, a program of Greensboro Urban Ministry. Her years of service were honored by establishing the Ann Morelli

Children's Scholarship Fund to benefit the children at Partnership Village.

SHARON PEARCE '88, '92 MSN was on the primary ballot for the 81st District seat in the N.C. General Assembly.

ANGELA JARMAN '89 is owner of Southwinds Gallery in Kernersville, N.C., where she specializes in framing and selling artwork.

GREGORY WALKER '89, '95 MBA has joined the Boca Raton office of Citi Private Bank as managing director and ultra-high net worth private banker.

ELIZABETH "BETH" WARD '89 MBA has been named to Becker's Hospital Review's list of 130 women hospital and health system leaders to know. Beth is chief financial officer at the UT Southwestern Medical Center's University Hospitals and Clinics in Dallas, Texas. She previously was executive vice president and CFO of Wellmont Health System in Kingsport, Tenn. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and an advanced member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

BRYAN WILSON '89 EDD will retire as president of McDowell Technical Community College in August 2016. He has served as president of the school since 2004. He joined the college in 1983.

1990s

JANET RODDEN '90, '92 MED discussed developmental milestones for children during an appearance on Fox 8-WGHP. Janet is a speech and language pathologist with Cone Health's Outpatient Rehabilitation Center.

JON CARTER SIMMONS '90, artistic director of the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, was in Washington, DC, with representatives of the orchestra as the organization received the 2015 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award from First Lady Michelle Obama, honorary chairman of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

JEFF ZITOFSKY '90 performed in "Talley's Folly," a staged play reading in Armonk, N.Y., and Katonah, N.Y. He is a support specialist with the Mental Health Association of Westchester, N.Y.

ANTHONY P. JONES '91 is director of student financial aid at Appalachian State University. He previously was a member of the faculty in ASU's Department of Leadership and Educational Studies. He worked in various capacities with the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Aid Assistance in Washington, D.C., including serving as director of policy research, before being promoted to deputy

executive director. Anthony also formerly worked with the financial aid office at UNCG.

RONALD "PETE" POTEAT '91 spoke at a Friends of the Library event in Asheboro, N.C., about the volunteer ambulance drivers during World War I.

DAUGHN BAKER '92 has been named director of school nutrition of Cabarrus County (N.C.) Schools. She most recently served as the director of the nutrition program for Guilford County Schools.

CHRIS FLORY '92 MFA exhibited her acrylic painting titled "I took up pie seriously after i was 50" in April at Artworks Gallery in Winston-Salem.

ELISHA GUTLOFF '92 represented UNCG at the installation of Dr. J. Bradley Creed as the new president of Campbell University. Elisha is vice president of buyer relations for The Griffin Realty Group, Keller Williams Preferred Realty, in Raleigh, N.C. 

KATHRYN JOHNSTON '92 has been appointed by Governor Pat McCrory as acting secretary of administration. She previously served as deputy secretary of service operations.

CHRIS OLAFSON LANGENBRUNNER '92 is serving on the board of directors of the Minnesota Community Education Association as the representative from Region 8. She is community education director for the Lake Superior School District.

JEREMY BLANKENSHIP '93 is executive chef at LaPlace in Hillsborough, N.C. He and partners Matt Fox and Dean James also own and operate The Wooden Nickel and will open the Bona Fide Sandwich Co. in Hillsborough in the fall of 2016. Jeremy previously was the executive chef at Tyler's Restaurant & Taproom and taught culinary studies at Northern High School in Durham, N.C.

KEVIN GRIFFIN '93, '96, was a candidate seeking election to represent the 13th District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

STEVE HILL '93 EDD is curator of the Statesville (N.C.) Historical Collection of artifacts that is supported by Preservation Statesville. Steve is a lifelong Iredell County resident who retired as assistant superintendent with the Iredell-Statesville Schools.

VIRGINIA KELLY '93 PHD, associate professor of counselor education at Fairfield University's Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions, discussed her new book, "Addiction in the Family: What Every Counselor Needs to Know," at an event held at the Fairfield University Downtown Bookstore. She joined the university in 2001 and teaches theories of counseling and psychotherapy, research methodology, lifespan human development and others.

KEVIN LORENZ '93 PHD, a classical guitarist from Asheville, N.C., performed at Chapman Cultural Center in Greer, S.C. He is director of music and a music teacher at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School. He also teaches guitar at Montreat College.

BERT SCOTT '93 MFA was scenic director for "VROOOMMM!", a comedy about racing performed at the Hanesbrands Theatre in Winston-Salem, N.C. Bert has worked on such Off-Broadway productions as "AccordMM!", "Bass for Picasso" and "The Unexpected Guest." He is currently the coordinator of Theatre Design and Technology at the University of Central Florida.

TRACIE BROWN SIMPSON '93 has been teaching dance for more than 23 years. She opened Classic Dance Inc. in 2002 in Elizabeth City, N.C. She teaches math for students in first through fifth grades at Albemarle School.

NICOLE UZZELL '93 was featured in a solo exhibit titled "Sorting It Out" at Salem College. She is the education and exhibits coordinator at Piedmont Craftsmen and teaches clay hand building for adults at the Sawtooth School for Visual Art in Winston-Salem, N.C.

JOHN BROWN '94 and his jazz band performed for fifth graders in Whiteville (N.C.) as part of the N.C. Arts Council's cARTwheels program. John currently serves as the director of the jazz program and associate professor of music at Duke University.

DEREK GREEN '94 has joined the lending team of Roxboro (N.C.) Savings Bank. Derek, a Roxboro native, has a 19-year tenure in the banking business, having formerly worked with Fidelity Bank. He is an assistant scoutmaster and a master mason of the Person Masonic Lodge.

D.H. JOHNSON '94, '99 is active in the Benson Foundation for the Arts/Benson Little Theater and has acted in and/or directed numerous productions with them. He was an actor for several years in New York City, where he founded The Cardinal Group and served as artistic director.

DEBORAH LONON '94 MA, coordinator of the associate in fine arts drama program at Western Piedmont Community College, was recently chosen for a role in a regional Harris Teeter television commercial. She also oversees Western Piedmont Community College's student Drama Club, which performs a play each semester.

DONALD WALTER '94, '12 MM has been named the North Carolina Music Educators Association's 2015 Western Region Orchestra Director of the Year and Arts/Greensboro named him the 2015 Arts Educator of the Year. Donald is co-director of orchestra and bands at Northwest Middle School. Since he began at the school in 2007, enrollment

in band and orchestra has jumped from 160 students to more than 360. More than one-third of the school's population participates in the classes.

DIANE SAUTTER ADKINS '95 MLIS retired after more than 16 years of service as director of the Pittsylvania County (Va.) Public Library System. She also worked for nearly 10 years as director of the Blue Ridge Regional Library in Martinsville, Va.

JENNIFER BEAN BOWER '95 was the featured speaker at the International Women's Air & Space Museum. Jennifer spoke about her book, "North Carolina Aviatrix Viola Gentry: The Flying Cashier."

MARTY JOHNSON '95 MFA led a workshop at the Broadway Junior Theater Celebration at the Charlotte Blumenthal Performing Arts. Marty was recently named by Playbill.com as one of the top 10 educators who are shaping Broadway. He is director of education and resident director of iTheatrics.

KELLY LINK '95 MFA was named one of two finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in fiction for "Get in Trouble," a collection of short stories published last year by Random House. (See p. 17 in this issue.) "Get in Trouble" made Time magazine's list of 10 best books of 2015.

LARRY MCLENDON '95 MM accompanied the Southeastern Oratorio Society during its performance of traditional and contemporary holiday music at First Presbyterian Church in Whiteville, N.C. Larry is organist at St. Mark Catholic Church in Wilmington, N.C., and also teaches piano and related classes at Southeastern Community College.

BEATRICE RILEY '95, who is now Sister M. Catherine of Siena, has been transferred to Finland where the Missionaries of Charity are planning to open a new Contemplative mission. She professed her perpetual vows as a Contemplative Missionary of Charity in Washington, D.C., in 2013. She was then assigned to a missionary house in Chicago for two years and then to Mahanoy City, Pa., where she worked for six months.

CHRISTIAN ELLENWOOD '96 DMA composed "At Love's End," which was performed by the Nebraska Chamber Players. He is a clarinet professor at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

CHERYL HOLCOMB-MCCOY '96 PHD has been named dean of the School of Education in the College of Arts and Sciences at American University. Her appointment is effective July 1, 2016. Previously, she was vice provost for faculty affairs and a professor of counseling and human development at Johns Hopkins University. She is the author of four books, including "School Counseling to Close the Achievement Gap: A Social Justice Framework for Success." She also serves as an associate editor of the



11 Jennifer Perry '06
12 Former Spartan tennis players (from left) Katherine Vincent '85, Courtney Akel '10 and Erika Zabkar '08 attended the Welcome Chancellor Gilliam event in Atlanta. **13** Donna Steele Honeycutt '75 **14** David Di Maria '04, '06 MED **15** Kristin Poppo '01 PHD



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CAROL HUNTER '96 MA is pastor of Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church in High Point, N.C. She wrote an article for the Asheboro Courier-Tribune titled “Do what your soul most needs.”

MARTY KOTIS '96 MBA was featured in an article in the News & Record about his real estate development efforts in Greensboro. Marty’s company has nearly 300 restaurants and is the largest restaurant developer in the Southeast. He recently received the Restaurateur of the Year Award from the N.C. Restaurant & Lodging Association. He currently serves on the UNC Board of Governors.

KEITH LEE MORRIS '96, author of the new novel “Travelers Rest,” was featured on The Quivering Pen blog, where he wrote about his first experiences in his writing and publishing career. Keith is a professor in the English Department at Clemson University. His four other books of fiction include the novels “The Dart League King” and “The Greyhound God.”

AMY ROCKETT-TODD '96 exhibited her pinhole camera work at the Tulsa (Okla.) Artists’ Coalition Gallery. The exhibit was titled “Baker’s Dozen: A Pinhole Dialogue with Amy Rockett-Todd and Antonia Small.” Amy lives and works as a designer, studio artist and photographer in Tulsa.

REV. DR. DARRYL WARREN AARON '96X is senior pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Greensboro. Darryl previously served as senior pastor of First Baptist Church-Highland Avenue in Winston-Salem, N.C.

MARGIE STEWART '97 MFA was one of the featured artists in “It’s All About the Hue: Four Artists Explore Tone and Abstraction” at The Gallery at GreenHill in Greensboro. Margie received the Durham Arts Council Emerging Artists Grant and was a resident at the Vermont Studio Center.

JON BLUM '98 MPA of Angier, N.C., is a candidate in the N.C. House District 53 race.

BEVERLY HOLT-PILKEY '98 MSA was named principal of Forestbrook Middle School in Horry County, S.C. She has worked with the Horry County Schools for 13 years, the last four as the director of elementary education.

TAMMI MAC '98 MFA won the awards for Best One Person Show, Best Playwright and Best Producer at the 25th annual NAACP Theater Awards for her one-woman show, “Bag Lady,” which premiered in Los Angeles to 13 sold-out shows and chronicles Tammi’s personal journey through a bevy of bad relationships to the discovery of forgiveness. Tammi, former host of the WQMG-FM morning show in

Greensboro, also currently co-hosts the Mac & Amiche show on KJLH-FM in Los Angeles, which airs weekdays, 4-8 p.m.

JEAN RATTIGAN-ROHR '98, '00 MED, '05 PHD is executive director of community partnerships at Elon University. She will continue to direct Elon’s Center for Access and Success and take on additional duties in representing the university in community partnerships in the Triad, with an emphasis on Alamance County. She will provide leadership for socioeconomic diversity and educational access at Elon and will direct the Community Impact Fellows program, an initiative that supports the work of four recent Elon graduates on projects in Title I elementary schools and with health promotion programs in Alamance County. She will serve as a member of Elon’s Provost’s Advisory Council and Academic Affairs Advisory Council and also serve on the Provost Inclusive Community Team. She joined Elon’s School of Education faculty in 2007.

SCOTT RAYNOR '98, '01 MFA was the featured artist in “Conflicted Fascinations and Entanglements – Recent Paintings by Scott Michael Raynor,” on display at the Marilyn Foley Art Gallery on the University of Mobile (Ala.) campus. Scott is chair of the art department and associate professor of art at High Point University. His art has been shown in the United States and abroad in peer-juried exhibitions and shows.

PHILLIP RIGGS '98 MED was named Music Educator of the Year by the Grammy Foundation and the Recording Academy. Riggs, who is a music instructor at North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, has taught for 27 years and has served in state and national music education leadership posts for much of his career. 📍

JEREMY THOMAS '98 has opened a space in Burlington, N.C., to serve as a recording studio as well as a classroom. Jeremy, a drummer, has about 30 students, ranging in age from 5 to 85. He works as a music instructor at Twin Lakes in its memory care department and assisted living departments.

DURENDA WARD '98, '00 was a finalist for the National School Counselor of the Year award. She traveled to the White House in January 2016 to be recognized for her contributions to helping students succeed. She works at Centennial Middle School in Raleigh, N.C.

JASON WOULLARD '98 is behind the media sensation known as Mytykes, which features caricatures of famous athletes as infants. He now has more than 200,000 followers on Instagram.

WES BERRIER '99 has been inducted into the Southern Alamance Hall of Fame. Wes is varsity wrestling coach at Asheboro High School and athletic director and teacher

at South Asheboro Middle School. During his high school career, Wes earned all-conference honors five times in football and wrestling.

JASON CANNON '99 has been named Wake Forest’s first economic director. Jason served as president and CEO of Downtown Greensboro Inc. from 2013 to 2015 and as vice president of governmental affairs for the Greensboro Partnership from 2009 to 2013.

MELISSA JOHNSON '99, '00 MED has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the National Collegiate Honors Council, the professional association for undergraduate honors education. She is the associate director of the Honors Program at the University of Florida and participated in Honors as a student at UNCG.

PAUL SCHVANEVELDT '99 PHD received Weber State University’s 2016 Brady Presidential Distinguished Professor Award. He is chair of the Department of Child and Family Studies. The Weber State University Family Literacy Program enabled Paul to apply his passion for improving families to the surrounding community. The Literacy Program and the Healthy Relationship Education Project received the university’s Exemplary Interdisciplinary Collaboration Award in 2015. He also was appointed by the governor to chair the Utah Marriage Commission (2012-15), which coordinated healthy relationship programming in the state.

MARSHA WHITE '99, '02 MSN, '15 CERT has joined Novant Health Northwest Family Medicine. She is a licensed and certified adult gerontological primary care nurse practitioner.

2000s

KATHY CLARK '00 staged three pieces from Carol Sandburg’s “Rootabaga Stories” during the Ruby Slipper Fringe Festival held in in Winston-Salem, N.C.

PORNLADDA DATHRATWIBUL '00 MBA is country manager for iCar Asia Thailand. She has more than 15 years of experience in executive leadership positions in both multi-national and local Thai companies.

KARRIE GIBSON DIXON '00 MA is an ACE Fellow for the 2016-17 academic year. She is vice president for academic and student success for the 17-campus UNC system.

MICHAEL FERRELL '00, a filmmaker, has produced a feature film, “Twenty Million People,” which was released by Factory Film Studios. Michael wrote, directed and starred in the film. The film won Best Feature Film at the Maryland International Film Festival, Cape Fear

Independent Film Festival, Garden State Film Festival and Williamsburg Independent Film Festival. It has received other accolades, including Best Director at VisionFest in New York.

L. STEWART HOBBS JR. '00 EDD served as interim school superintendent of the Stokes County Schools Feb. 2015-June 2016. He was the school superintendent for the school system from 2008 to 2011. He retired from the Yadkin County Schools in 2013 and recently served as part-time district athletic director for Rowan-Salisbury Schools.

TOM KUNTZLEMAN '00 MS, associate professor of chemistry at Spring Arbor University, is one of three video entry finalists competing in the fifth annual Flame Challenge. He used a number of devices and experiments to answer the question “What is sound?” The Challenge is designed to find the best way to communicate the wonder of science to fifth and sixth graders.

DOMINICK AMENDUM '01 accompanied Beth Leavel '80 MFA during a performance at Triad Stage in March. The two also held a Q&A with UNCG students. A visiting professor, Dominick also conducted the orchestra for UNCG’s “Into the Woods” in April. Dominick has worked as associate music director for the blockbuster “Wicked” on Broadway, and produced solo recordings for Marvin Hamlisch and Dolly Parton. He gave the 2014 commencement address at UNCG.

CHRISTINE BRANNOCK '01 discussed cervical cancer and the importance of screenings on Fox 8, WGHP-TV. Christine is the oncology outreach manager at Cone Health Cancer Center in Greensboro. She has worked at Cone Health for more than 15 years.

CHRISTAL BROWN '01 and the Vermont-based dance company, Inspirit, presented a multimedia dance work titled “The Opulence of Integrity” depicting the life and legacy of boxer Muhammad Ali during the 2016 Greensboro Fringe Festival.

AMY CAWLEY '01 MS received the agriculture award during the Caroline County (Md.) Chamber of Commerce’s annual awards banquet. Amy is the farm-to-food-bank coordinator for the Maryland Food Bank for the Eastern Shore. Amy is secretary of the Maryland Farm Bureau Women’s Leadership Committee, board member for the Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation and LEAD Maryland, an active member of the Maryland Christmas Tree Growers Association, and volunteers for Common Ground and Caroline County Recreation and Parks.

CHRIS CHALK '01 plays William Still in WGN America’s “Underground,” a historical drama about the Underground Railroad. Still was sometimes called the “Father of the Underground Railroad” and

is credited with helping as many as 800 slaves escape. Chris also has a recurring role on the Fox drama “Gotham” as the young Lucius Fox.

KIM DIXON '01 MSA is the new Germanton Elementary School principal. She previously served as principal of South Davidson Middle School.

KRISTIN POPPO '01 PHD has been named provost at Alfred State College. She served as the college’s vice president for academic affairs since July 2014. 📍

JENNIFER STANLEY '01, '11 MA is costume shop manager of Triad Stage in Greensboro.

BARRON LLOYD THOMPSON '01 has been appointed by the North Carolina State Board of Elections to the Randolph County Board of Elections. He was sworn in on Feb. 8, 2016. Barron is an attorney who lives in Asheboro with his wife, Dr. Emily Thompson, son Will, daughter Ava and beagle-harrier Holly.

SUSAN BENNING '02 MLIS was featured in an article in the Sanford (N.C.) Herald on the occasion of her first anniversary as director of the Lee County Library.

DR. DAIN BUTLER '02 MSA, '08 EDS, '12 EDD has been named superintendent of the Roanoke Rapids Graded School District. He was executive director for school administration for the Alamance-Burlington Schools. He previously was director of school improvement and accountability.

WILEY CASH '02 MA spoke at the annual Enriching Minds luncheon of Literacy Volunteers - Pitt County. A New York Times best-selling author, Wiley wrote “A Land More Kind Than Home” and “This Dark Road to Mercy.” He has completed the first draft of his third novel, a story based on the Loray Mills Strike.

LORYNN DIVITA '02 PHD, associate professor of apparel merchandising at Baylor University, discussed trend forecasting as it applies to fashion at Iowa State. Lorynn will be a judge at the Iowa State Fashion Show and is author of the fourth edition of the book “Fashion Forecasting.”

OKLA ELLIOTT '02, '06 MA, assistant professor of English at Misericordia University, published the book “Bernie Sanders: The Essential Guide,” which reviews the self-described democratic socialist’s political record and policy stances. Okla holds a PhD in comparative literature from the University of Illinois, an MFA in creative writing from Ohio State University, and a certificate in legal studies from Purdue University. His work has appeared in Cincinnati Review, Harvard Review, Indiana Review, The Literary Review, New York Quarterly, Prairie Schooner, A Public Space, Subtropics and elsewhere, as well as being listed as a notable essay in Best American Essays 2015.

PATTY FAGIN '02 PHD heads Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Princeton, N.J. She recently spoke to The Princeton Chamber of Commerce on the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for girls and how to encourage them to enter the field.

LOLA HOUSTON-HAGER '02 is the public health program supervisor II/Ryan White grant specialist with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Communicable Disease Branch-AIDS Care Program. 📍

STEPHEN KERR '02, director of bands for the Liberty University Wind Symphony, led the group in performing at Mills Chapel Baptist Church in Newnan, Ga.

TRAVIS MULHAUSER '02 MFA has released his first novel, “Sweetgirl.”

JUSTIN TORNOW '02, '10 MFA performed in “The Lowest Form of Poetry” with the Durham troupe COMPANY.

IAN BEAVERS '03 MBA is an applications engineer for the high speed converters team at Analog Devices. He has worked for the company since 1999. He recently authored articles for the Military Embedded Systems and Electropages websites.

PAUL CRENSHAW '03 MFA wrote an essay which was chosen to appear in “Best American Essays 2016.” Paul is assistant professor of English at Elon University. His essay is titled “Names.” It is about the often-derogatory names that Paul and his fellow soldiers called each other during basic training in the summer of 1990. Paul has more than 100 published short stories and essays.

JAMES TATE HILL '03 MFA participated in the Upcountry (S.C.) Literary Festival. He is the author of “Academy Gothic,” winner of the Nilsen Prize for a First Novel. Fiction editor for the literary journal Monkeybicycle, he has written stories and essays that have appeared in Literary Hub, Story Quarterly, The South Carolina Review and The Texas Review.

ADAM LEHMAN '03, an assistant professor of history at Guilford Technical Community College, received the 2015 President’s Award for Outstanding Service and Innovation. Adam serves as faculty adviser to the Student Veteran Association at GTCC, where he has worked with employers in the area who are interested in hiring veterans.

KIM MITCHELL '03 was named Teacher of the Year at Sedge Garden Elementary School in Kernersville. She teaches third grade at the school. She previously taught at Cook Elementary School and Union Cross Elementary School.

KRISTY JONES MOORE '03 is vice president of the North Carolina Association of Educators. She is a 16-year educator

who recently taught first grade at Glenn Elementary in Durham. She is also a former president of the Durham Association of Educators.

JEREMY TUCKER '03, '07 MM, director of the Raleigh Boychoir and choral music teacher at Green Hope High School in Cary, N.C., conducted the third annual Transylvania Elementary All-County Chorus Concert. Jeremy was named a 2015 North Carolina Schools Regional Teacher of the Year and was a finalist for the 2015 N.C. Teacher of the Year.

MELISSA TURGEON '03 is seeking a seat on the Archdale-Trinity (N.C.) Tax Advisory Council. She and her husband, Luke, own a daycare center that serves six Archdale-Trinity schools.

VANDY WOOD '03 MFA was lighting designer for “VROOOMMM!,” a comedy about racing performed at the Hanesbrands Theatre in Winston-Salem, N.C. Vandy currently teaches design and coordinates the MFA TYA program at the University of Central Florida. She has worked with Orlando Repertory Theatre and IBEX Puppetry, among others.

KIYOSHI CARTER '04, '10 MM, '11 MM was named one of the 50 Directors Who Make a Difference by the national magazine School Band and Orchestra. The honor was based on nominations from students, parents and other educators. One band from each state was chosen for the list. This is Kiyoshi’s fifth year as the director of instrumental music at Western Guilford High School.

DAVID DI MARIA '04, '06 MED, associate provost for international programs at Montana State University, was elected president of the American International Recruitment Council. He has been an active member of AIRC since 2009, including an appointment as an external reviewer. He completed reviews of international education organizations in China, France and the United States. 📍

PAUL GOODE '04 is director of tennis for the Raleigh (N.C.) Racquet Club. He won the 35s National Clay Court Championship in Weston, Fla., in November 2015. This is the third championship gold ball Paul has won.

DERON K. HENRY '04 MBA has joined the law firm of Willis W. Apple PA in Kernersville to continue his general practice of law. Deron received his law degree from Elon University School of Law in 2009. He previously served as assistant city attorney for the City of Winston-Salem.

SIDNEY MINTER '04 has joined the Charlotte office of the labor and employment law firm Fisher & Phillips LLP as an associate. He previously was an associate at Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP in Raleigh. He graduated cum laude from North Carolina Central University School of Law in 2011.



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SIDNEY OUTLAW '04 performed as part of the Music for a Great Space concert series in Greensboro.

MARI-INETTA GLOVER PAVLIC '04 is Central Carolina Community College Small Business Center coordinator for Harnett County. She has more than 10 years of small business experience.

JANET NEIDHARDT ROTHWELL '04 MA wrote in the 4dancers.org blog about her experience teaching a high school dance class to students with special needs. Janet has taught dance for 10 years, including modern, ballet and jazz at various studios and schools on Chicago's North Shore. She currently teaches dance at Adlai E. Stevenson High School.

SADIYAH ABDULLAH '05 MSA is director of the Early Success Centers for Muscogee County, Ala. She has been principal of Lonnie Jackson Academy since 2015 and previously served as an assistant principal in Irmo, S.C., and a principal in Greensboro. She also holds a master's degree in teaching from Olivet Nazarene University and a specialist's degree in educational leadership from East Carolina University.

AMY BLACKWOOD '05, '09 MM performed in a faculty recital at Lander University. Amy has served as the Lander music department's staff accompanist since 2011. A lecturer of music and staff accompanist at Lander University, she was featured in a story appearing in The Index-Journal of Greenwood, S.C. She teaches string ensemble at the university. Amy is also a member of Greenwood's The Blake Street Trio.

JOY COOK '05, '12 was selected in January by Triad City Beat as one of the 2016 Citizens of the Triad for her work in public relations. Upon graduating from the N.C. Institute of Political Leadership in 2012, Joy expanded her public relations practice into politics and, since then, managed Bernita Sims' successful mayoral candidacy in High Point in 2012 and DD Adams' successful re-election campaign to Winston-Salem City Council in 2013. In March, Joy became interim director of media relations at NC A&T State.

TARA GUNTER '05, '10 MSN is co-owner of Five Points Medical Center in Asheboro. She is a nurse practitioner at the center and is board certified by the American Nurse Credentialing Center as an adult nurse practitioner.

MEGAN MICHAUX METZGER '05 was chosen to participate in the Goldman Sacs 10,000 Small Business Program. Megan, a former UNCG alumni board member, is president of Preferred Childcare Inc. She will be traveling to Babson College throughout the year to meet with other business

leaders from around the country during the classes.

JUSTIN OUTLING '05 was named to the Triad Business Journal's 2016 40 under 40 list. He is an attorney with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP and serves on the Greensboro City Council.

LAURA REGAN '05 discussed aging parents and driving during an appearance on FOX 8-WGHP. Laura is the program director at Alamance Elder Care and a member of the Cone Health medical staff in Greensboro. She is pursuing her master's degree in health care administration with Pfeiffer University.

JYOTI SINGH '05 recently passed the CPA exam. She is an associate with the firm of Lloyd B. McConnell, CPA PA, in Sanford, N.C. Jyoti concentrates on taxation and financial statement audits and exams.

ARMOND R. TOWNS '05, '08 MA is assistant professor of communication studies at the University of Denver. He received his doctorate of philosophy in communication studies from UNC Chapel Hill in 2015.

LISA DIRKS WHITNEY '05 is manager of Henderson County Public Library's Fletcher branch.

BOBBY WILLIAMS '05 MPA is the new town manager for Harrisburg, N.C. He previously worked for the town of Huntersville.

AMY DA LUZ '06 MFA portrayed Kenneth "Rocky" Kane/waitress/inspector in "VROOMMM!," a comedy about racing performed at the Hanesbrands Theatre in Winston-Salem. She appeared in "Deathtrap" in 2015. Previous performances at Triad Stage include "A Doll House," "Picnic," "The Little Foxes," "Night of the Iguana" and "A Streetcar Named Desire." She is a founding artistic director of Paper Lantern Theatre Co.

HEATHER LEWIS '06 teaches seventh-grade math at Roxboro Community School. She formerly was a flight attendant with American Airlines. She was featured in an article that appeared in The (Roxboro, N.C.) Courier-Times.

JENNIFER PERRY '06 received her national certified counselor status in December 2015. 

PAULA ROACH '06 is a member of the neonatal medical team at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton, N.C. Board certified, she completed her master's degree in nursing/neonatal nurse practitioner in 2013 at State University of New York at Stony Brook.

ELIZABETH THAO '06, '09 MED has joined English Realty Limited in Morganton, N.C. She has worked as an independent insurance broker for the past three years.

KAREN ALLRED '07 DMA performed at Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities in Moore County, N.C. A nationally certified music teacher, she is an active festival and master class

clinician, adjudicator, and a solo and collaborative recitalist both in the United States and abroad. She maintains a private teaching studio in Chapel Hill.

GRANT BUCKNER '07, a 2013 alumnus of Elon School of Law, is the Supreme Court of North Carolina's first director of the Office of Central Staff, a new office created by the Administrative Office of the Courts to increase the efficiency of the Supreme Court in adjudicating cases. Previously, Grant served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Mark Martin and to the Honorable Robert N. Hunter Jr., both in the Supreme Court of North Carolina and the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

KARA CLOUSER '07 is a fourth-grade English and language arts teacher at Windsor Hill Arts Infused Elementary School in Summerville, S.C. She was named the school's Teacher of the Year earlier this year.

CHRISTINE NGANGA '07 MSA, '11 EDD was named the outstanding scholar for the College of Education and Human Sciences at South Dakota State University. Christine is an assistant professor in the Department of Teaching. She joined the university in 2012. She has helped increase enrollment in the English as a Second Language endorsement program at the university and teaches three of four required courses for the ESL endorsement.

SONYÉ RANDOLPH '07 MPA is Appalachian State University's first full-time Equal Opportunity/Title IX investigator in the Office of Equity, Diversity and Compliance. Prior to joining ASU, Sonyé worked for the Guilford County Schools. She holds a juris doctorate from North Carolina Central University School of Law and has completed doctoral coursework in public policy at UNC Charlotte.

DANE SCALISE '07 was appointed as a deputy commissioner for the NC Industrial Commission. Dane is a solo legal practitioner in Wilmington, N.C., focusing on civil litigation. Before starting his own firm, he was an associate attorney with Solana, Theriault & Gross, PLLC. He is a member of the Wilmington West Rotary Club and serves on the board of directors of Wilmington Downtown Inc. He graduated from the UNC Chapel Hill School of Law, where he was honored with the Order of Barristers.

LESLIE THOMAS '07 MBA was named to the Triad Business Journal's 2016 40 under Forty list. She is senior vice president/senior relationship manager for Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

L. COLLIN COOPER '08 MA was named to the Triad Business Journal's 2016 40 under Forty list. Collin is associate contract manager with Pharmaceutical Products Development Inc.

HILARY ELIZABETH DODSON '08 has received National Board Certification. She is the

reading specialist and testing coordinator at Stoney Creek Elementary School. She holds a master's degree in gifted education from Elon University.

WILL DUBOIS '08 provided the member moment at a meeting of the Jonesboro (N.C.) Rotary Club. Will works for Systel.

DR. ERICA LANE FIELDS '08 and her husband, John Wallace Robinson, welcome their new daughter, Maggie Robinson. This future Spartan is also the granddaughter of Linda Smith Fields '67, '93 MED, and the niece of Jessica Fields Covington '92. 

ASHLEY OLIPHANT '08 PHD, an English professor at Pfeiffer University, is writing "Hemingway and Bimini: The Birth of Sport Fishing at 'The End of the World.'" Ashley received a \$1,000 Ernest Hemingway Research Grant from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library. She has taught Hemingway seminars and independent studies at Pfeiffer. Her first book, an unpublished dissertation, profiled the varied representation of alcohol in Hemingway's work.

ASHLEY MILLER RICE '08 was named to the Triad Business Journal's 2016 40 under 40 list. She is president and owner of EllieO and Miller Monograms.

TASHA BLALOCK '09 was named Teacher of the Year at Wilton Elementary School in Granville County, N.C., for the 2015-16 school year. She received her master's degree in reading education from East Carolina University in 2015.

BRANDI NICOLE JOHNSON '09, '14 was named to the Triad Business Journal's 2016 40 under 40 list. Brandi is project manager of Leadership Beyond Boundaries at Center for Creative Leadership.

AKIR KHAN '09 MPA received a Community Game Changer Award from the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro. The award recognizes people who have worked to make the community a better place for all residents. Akir is a student success coach and adjunct professor at High Point University. He also serves as chair of the Piedmont Interfaith Council and community liaison to the Out of the Garden Project to raise awareness of the need for donations to support people living in food deserts. Prior to joining HPU, Akir was a program facilitator at the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro.

TORY MABE '09 was named Citizen of the Week by The Stokes News. Tory works in the IT Department for Stokes County, N.C., and also serves as an assistant with the Stokes County Economic and Tourism office. He volunteers with the Stokes County Arts Council, where he serves as vice president of the board, and also conducts fundraising for the new animal shelter.

VALERIE STINSON '09 has joined Brick Landing Plantation in Ocean Isle

Beach, N.C., as the primary coordinator overseeing the company's wedding and event business. In her new position, she will oversee all weddings and events.

PATRICK PARKER ZELEZIK '09 is the artistic director of Houston Baroque; minister of music and organist at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church and School; adjunct professor of music at Houston Community College; and a doctoral candidate at University of Houston. In 2015, Patrick lived for six months in Leipzig, Germany, and performed on historic organs throughout France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and the United States.

ALUMNI MARRIAGES

ANDREW LANCE DANCY '02, '05 MM, '08 DMA and Matthew Simon Wilson were married Nov. 14, 2015, at the Greensboro Cultural Center. Andrew is the music education coordinator for The Music Center/City Arts, where he maintains a private piano and percussion studio. He also teaches music courses at the High Point campus of Guilford Technical Community College. 

JACLYN ELIZABETH NICHOLSON '05 and Austin David Chase were married Oct. 10, 2015, at Highland Brewery in Asheville. She has worked as a visual merchandiser and design consultant for major furniture retailers.

STEPHEN MICHAEL GRIFFIN '06 and Mary Genia Day were married April 2, 2016, in Oxford, N.C. Stephen is a systems analyst with Saddle Creek Logistics.

KELSEY DAYE LUTZ '08 and Shamus Paul Farley Eberhardt were married July 19, 2015, at Carrigan Farms in Mooresville, N.C. Kelsey is a stage manager at the Portland (Ore.) Center Stage.

CHRISTINA ANN JUSTICE '09 MED and Steven Daniel Campbell wed Oct. 3, 2015, at Brush Creek Baptist Church in Bear Creek, N.C. Christina is employed with the Chatham County Schools.

2010s

GABE BARKER '10 is opening Pizzeria Mercato in Carrboro, N.C., this year. He worked for his parents, Ben and Karen Barker, at Magnolia Grill in Greensboro during high school and college and went on to work in restaurants in California. He most recently was sous chef at Pizzeria Delfina in San Francisco.

ALAN BUCK '10 will join the faculty at Meredith College in Raleigh as assistant professor of communications.

KAMILAH DAVIS '10X was named Citizen of the Year by the Sanford Herald. She is a

teen director at the Boys and Girls Club of Sanford/Lee County. She is a member of the Communities in Schools of Lee County board, secretary of the Salvation Army of Lee County advisory council, a member of The Friends of the Lee County Library board, chair for the Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors program and a member of the United Way of Lee County Board.

JAMES CRAIG DYE '10 is executive vice president with Anomaly Squared Inc., a digital marketing agency, in Wichita, Kan. He previously served as vice president of business development with First Community Mortgage in Greensboro. His greatest goal – other than raising his son to be a successful gentleman and steward of society – is to develop water wells in Africa.

PAMELA HAMPTON-GARLAND '10 PHD, assistant professor at the University of the District of Columbia, has been recognized as a distinguished professional in her field through Women of Distinction Magazine. She joined the university in 2014 and teaches students in the school's adult education certificate and master's degree program. She previously was an adjunct instructor at NC A&T State University.

JAE H. KIM '10, '12 MPA is the town manager for Spring Hope, N.C. He previously served as special projects coordinator for the towns of Robbins and Carthage and also served as a planner and community development planner for the town of Aberdeen.

ERIC KNISS '10 MFA is exhibiting "Recent Works: Sculpture and Drawing" in the Cleo Driver Miller Art Gallery at Bridgewater College. The exhibit consists of graphite and mixed-media drawings and kaolin installations. Eric was a 2015 Fellow at Hambidge Center for Creative Arts and Sciences in Rabun Gap, Ga.

KATHLEEN PATTERSON '10 MPA is the first downtown development administrator for Elon. Previously, she was the associate director for the N.C. Center for Global Logistics.

G. WARLOCK VANCE '10 PHD, author of "The Bad Man," was guest of honor at a book signing held at Brightside Gallery in Asheboro. He is a professor of English at Randolph Community College.

CORY ALEXANDER '11 DMA, a lecturer at the University of Florida School of Music, is a finalist for the American Prize in Conducting, College/University Choirs division, for his direction of the University of Florida Women's Chorale and Men's Glee Club.

SUZANNE BROOKS '11 is the executive director of the Spartanburg County (S.C.) Historical Association. She previously was rental coordinator with Historic Columbia (S.C.), where she managed the public and internal use of five historic properties.

KEVIN GREENE '11 PHD, associate professor of interdisciplinary studies and history at The University of Southern Mississippi, received special recognition by the board of trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning during a Black History Month celebration. He has taught courses in American history, African-American history, world history, research methodology and musical history at Southern Miss, UNCG, East Carolina University and Wake Technical Junior College.

BEATRIZ GUEVARA '11 MLIS is library manager at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, where she has received many awards and recognitions from the North Carolina Library System, the American Library Association and the UNC Latin American Student Organization. She volunteers as president of REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking.

THANH HGO '11 coaches at Northern Guilford High School and was featured in an article that appeared in the Northwest Observer. Thanh began coaching there in 2009. His track and field teams have won 20 conference championships, three regional championships and one state championship.

MADELYN HOOVER '11 traveled to the NFL's Pro Bowl and then to the Super Bowl in her capacity as a member of the Carolina Top Cats, the cheerleading team for the Carolina Panthers. Madelyn was selected by her peers for a spot on the Pro Bowl cheerleading team. Madelyn is a human resources analyst for Duke Energy in Charlotte.

SCOTT KEEL '11X is artistic director for the Montford Park Players in Asheville. Scott is an acclaimed director and actor in western North Carolina. The Montford Park Players are celebrating their 44th season, making the company North Carolina's longest-running Shakespeare festival.

KATIE VOLWINKEL LUCAS '11 is a SYNCCYLCLING and circuit training instructor and co-founder of the Brooklyn (N.Y.)-based women's wellness apparel company Ohm K.

CORTNEY MANKINS '11 was named Western Guilford High School Teacher of the Year. She is chair of the math department at the school. She is working toward her master's degree at Gardner-Webb University in curriculum and instruction.

JOANA RUSCHE '11 MM, mezzo-soprano, performed in the Vero Beach (Fla.) Opera Showcase Concert. JoAna is a first-year resident artist. She is a 2015 district winner (S.C.) in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. Her previous roles include Donna Elvira in "Don Giovanni" for the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia and as Soeur Mathilde in

"Dialogues des Carmelites" at Caramoor International Music Festival.

JUSTIN STREULI '11 MBA was named to the Triad Business Journal's 2016 40 Leaders Under 40 list. He is director of the N.C. Entrepreneurship Center at UNCG.

ZIMUZOR "ZIM" UGOSHUKWU '11 has been named to Forbes magazine's 2016 "30 Under 30" list. Zim launched TravelNoire.com in 2013 after struggling to find images of young black travelers like herself on Instagram. The site now boasts a highly engaged social media presence with more than 180,000 Instagram followers, tools and tips to make traveling easier and a weekly online travel show, Travel Noire TV. She is considered to be at the forefront of what is being called the Black Travel Movement.

TREISTON BURNETTE '12 has joined Averett University's football staff as defensive coordinator coach. He coached for the past five seasons at Guilford College.

NORA CARR '12 EDS, '15 EDD was named a co-superintendent of Guilford County Schools. Nora has served as the chief of staff since 2008 and played a key role in developing and executing the system's first and second strategic plans. She leads major districtwide initiatives, manages crisis response and communications, represents the superintendent to the board, parents and community, and assists the board with policy development and legislative issues. The school board selected a permanent superintendent in June.

ZAC ENGLE '12 MBA was named to the Triad Business Journal's 2016 40 Leaders Under 40 list. Zac is a sales and operations planning analyst with VF Jeanswear.

CEDRIC M. MILLING '12 has graduated from Army basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

MATTHEW MULLINS '12 PHD is assistant professor of English and history of ideas at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

ZITHOBILE NXUMALO '12 MA was named to the Triad Business Journal's 2016 40 Leaders Under 40 list. She is program manager for Boundless Impact.

RAMON PEREZ '12 is company manager for Triad Stage.

NICHOLAS RICH '12 is writing music reviews for the Greensboro News & Record.

TIM TSUJII '12 MPA is director of the Forsyth County Board of Elections. He was formerly deputy elections director in Guilford County, where he had worked for more than 10 years.

ALEX E. CAREY '13X recently signed copies of her books in High Point. She is the author of three published novels – "Fire's Love," "Earth's Embrace" and "Water's Reflection." She is working on the fourth book in the five-novel series.

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MARIANNE COCKROFT '13 PHD is an assistant professor in the UNC Chapel Hill School of Nursing. She was featured in an article in the News & Observer for her program to provide medical care to under-served people in Cary and Apex through the use of a mobile medical clinic.

KATHY COOK '13 led a series of pottery workshops at the Watauga County Arts Council. Kathy received a Regional Artist Project Grant in 2014. With her funding, she continued her research and development of her sculptures. The finished pieces were submitted into the Ann Metzger Memorial National Mall Media Exhibition in St. Louis and in the Small Works Show Exhibition at the Chait Galleries in Iowa City. She plans to pursue her master’s degree.

BRENT HOOVER '13, a filmmaker, discussed his “The Odyssey of Destiny” with prospective film students in North Augusta, S.C. Brent self-financed the project, filmed it in 12 days, edited it in five months and composed the movie’s soundtrack in five weeks.

JORDUN LAWRENCE '13 has been named press assistant for Congressman G.K. Butterfield. Jordun previously served as legislative correspondent for the congressman, handling constituent outreach and correspondence in his Washington, D.C., office.

TAYLOR MARCH '13 is working with the volunteer-based Brighter Children, a nonprofit organization which sponsors the education of students in developing countries.

VICTORIA ALLEN '14 was awarded a scholarship to study abroad at the University of Oxford for the month of July 2015. The program was titled “History, Politics and Society,” and she took courses in sociology and economics. She received the scholarship through the Greensboro chapter of the English Speaking Union. 

CHRISTOPHER DEVALLE '14 has launched fitCapture, a fashion trending app that tracks real-time fashion trends by style, brand and region. The second version of the app is expected to launch in August when it will become a shopping app as well.

AMY HAMEL '14 MFA portrayed Chip “Chip” Chowalsky/Richard/Joany in “VROOOMMM!,” a comedy about racing performed at the Hanesbrands Theatre in Winston-Salem, N.C. She performed at Triad Stage in 2015 in “Abundance” as well as in “Snow Queen” and “Tennessee Playboy.” She has appeared on Broadway, in the national tour of “Cats” and on regional stages across Florida and North Carolina.

ANDREW REED '14 MFA created the film documentary “I’m with Phil,” the story

about a man from New York named Phil Campbell who discovers a rural town in Alabama with the same name. He then invites Phil Campbells from all over the world to join him there. When a deadly tornado strokes the town, his stunt turns to one of disaster relief and awareness. The film was released on Alabama Public Television in April 2015. It was selected for the Heartland Film Festival’s Best of the Fest event in 2015 and won Best of Show and Best Director awards at the George Lindsey UNA Film Festival in 2012. Andrew has directed and/or produced 10 films since 2010 and is now working on four others. He also teaches film and media arts classes at the University of Pikeville (Ky.), where he is assistant professor of film and media arts.

CHRISTOPHER JAMES REZZONICO '14 received his white coat during ceremonies at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine at Virginia Tech. He is also completing his master’s degree in biotechnology with a concentration in biotech enterprise at Johns Hopkins University.

BAXTER RIDDLBERGER '14 attracted passersby to Pig Pounder Brewery in Greensboro with a chalkboard drawing of Carolina Panthers’ quarterback Cam Newton that drew a lot of attention on social media. The drawing was designed to promote the brewery’s Super Bowl party. Baxter makes his living in commercial fine art; this was his first mobile chalkboard drawing.

STEVE SPRAGGS '14 wrote, produced, edited, directed and co-starred in “Cabaret 13,” a 36-minute short produced by Greensboro-based Studio 4. Steve made his feature debut as a writer, producer, director and co-star of “The Americans of Calais” in 2012.

MEREDITH BATCHELOR '15 is recreation program supervisor with Boiling Spring Lakes (N.C.) Parks and Recreation. She previously worked in children’s activities and recreational programs at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

PEGGY D. BLACKWELL '15 was named to the Triad Business Journal’s 2016 40 Leaders Under 40 list. Peggy is human resources manager for Heat Transfer Sales of the Carolinas Inc.

JORDAN CRANFORD '15 played the role of Rizzo in the Sandhills Community College’s production of “Grease, The Musical.”

AIDA HAVEL '15 MA, a Raleigh-based mediator, established a one-woman mediation program in the Wake County Family Court as part of her master’s degree program. Since then, her project has grown into a volunteer program that involves more than a dozen lawyers.

KRISHAUNA HINES-GAITHER '15 PHD has been named Salem College’s first director of

diversity and inclusiveness. She assumed her position in August 2016. She joined the faculty of Salem’s Modern Languages Department in 2004. She primarily teaches Spanish and also teaches courses on women’s studies and race and ethnicity studies. She has served as an adviser to student organizations like Onua, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and Black Americans Demonstrating Unity.

CHRISTY HINNANT '15, the reigning Mrs. North Carolina and a former veteran, was guest speaker at the Mebane (N.C.) VFW Post 1920 and American Legion Post 95’s observance of Veterans Day. Christy spoke of her work with veterans. She plans to return to school to receive her master’s degree in social work.

DAVID LEZCANO '15 is part of the band Citizen Shade. He and his band mates – UNCG students Will Howard Purgason and Justin Mackey – were featured in an article in Yes! Weekly.

THOMAS LINGER '15 performed with the Thomas Linger Quartet as part of the O.Henry Hotel Jazz Series in Greensboro.

CATHERINE MORELAND '15 MSA was named principal of Davie County’s Cornatzer Elementary School, effective July 1, 2016. She served as the assistant principal at Mt. Ulla Elementary School in Rowan County.

KAYLIE MORGAN '15 MM produced the special artwork for the Star (N.C.) Post Office’s 2015 Christmas cancellation. The cancellation art is a representation of the historical Star Hotel Bed and Breakfast. She is a substitute teacher for Montgomery and Moore county schools, and she hopes to find a job as a middle school band director.

IKENNA OKONS '15 received a scholarship from the Greensboro Medical Society. He is a student at Meharry Medical College, where he is pursuing a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. He is a member of the Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Society.

CLIFFORD PARODY '15 MFA, general assignment reporter for The Ledger (Lakeland, Fla.), received one of the inaugural Newspaper Association of America “Top 30 Under 30” program awards, which honors young newspaper industry leaders in all aspects of the newspaper business. Clifford also runs a small record label called Swan City Sounds and has written for national and international publications. He received a 2015 Noel Callow Award from the Academy of American Poets and was recently nominated for Britain’s Forward Prize for Best Single Poem.

MIKE PONTACOLONI '15 MFA has joined My Home Pro Network, a real estate software startup.

ARAF A SIMMONS '15 graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, Texas.

ALUMNI MARRIAGES

AMANDA JEAN ALSTON '10 and Stephen Travis Bazan were married on June 21, 2014, in Roanoke Rapids. She is a preschool teacher with Edu-Care Preschool Center in Chadbourne, N.C.

SARAH ANNE CRAIG '10 and Peter Michael Williams were married Oct. 24, 2015, at Trump National Golf Club on Lake Norman in Mooresville, N.C. Sarah is a senior interior designer with Wagner Murray Architects in Charlotte, N.C.

ANNA LEIGH COWAN '11 AND DOMINIQUE RYAN HOYT '10, '12 MPH were married June 15, 2013, in Mooresville, N.C.

JENNIFER LYNN BEASON '12 and David James Mull were married Aug. 29, 2015, at The Laboratory Mill in Lincolnton. Jennifer is employed by Stanly Regional Medical Center in Albemarle, N.C.

CARLY MARIE BOWMAN '14 and Dylan Jefferson Smith were married Oct. 24, 2015, at Shady Grove United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C.

TAYLOR ANN FOX '14 and Johnathan Seth Oakley were married Aug. 8, 2015, at Theresa Baptist Church in Roxboro. Taylor is a clinical monitoring associate at PAREXEL International in Durham.

AARON KEPLER '14X is director of the Rowan Museum Inc. Aaron previously was the assistant site manager at Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site and served internships with the Stanly County Museum and the Rowan Museum. He is the local historian for Grace Lower Stone Church.

ERICA CONSTANCE MADDEN '14 and Mathew Rice Stanley were married March 21, 2015, at the Westglow Resort in Blowing Rock, N.C. Erica is a sourcing specialist at Robert Half in the Raleigh-Durham area.

CATI MONTGOMERY '14 MLIS is library director of the H.D. Cooley Library in Nashville, N.C. She previously was associate librarian for Nash Community College in Rocky Mount.

EDDIE ROWE SOUTHER JR. '14 and Monica Walser were married April 9, 2016, in Greensboro. Eddie is a political analyst.

BRITTANY ALEXANDRIA CARACCI '15 MS and Joseph Michael Cassettari were married Oct. 10, 2015, in Erie, Pa. Brittany is completing her dietetic internship in North Carolina.

TYSON SWING PENTECOST '16 MLIS and Joshua Wayne Atkins were married Sept. 26, 2015, in Roxboro, N.C. Tyson is employed with the Person County Schools as a media coordinator at Stories Creek Elementary School.

IN MEMORIAM

FOY AVIS INGRAM '23C of Davidson, N.C., died March 19, 2016. At her death she was believed to be the oldest person in North Carolina at 112 years of age.

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ELIZABETH EVANS '27
HELEN KISER '27X
BETTY JEANNE STOVER FULTON '30X
NANCY DANIELS '31X
RUTH ISABEL HUNTER SMITH '31X
KATE INGRAM '32
HAZEL POOLE '32
RUTH WOLCOTT BARFIELD '33
BEULAH DEAN '33
MARY JANE MARSH '33X
LOUISE WARD '33
NANCY JESSIE HORD WILSON '34
LULA BAILEY '35X
MARTHA HARDIN COLEMAN '35X
MARGARET ELIZABETH PHILLIPS '35
ANNIE HALL WALSH '35X
PAULINE WEBB BRAWLEY '36
MARY REYNOLDS BRADSHAW PEACOCK '36
ELISE ISAACSON BOGOSLOW '37X
SIDNEY LEE CROWDER '37
ELIZABETH DRAKE '37
DORIS COCKERHAM GEHRING '37
RUTH WHALIN COOKE '38
DORIS BELLE FONDREN '38, '53 MED
ELIZA GLENN MILLER '38X
ELIZABETH DOTGER MURRAY '38
HELEN BROWN PHILLIPS '38
MARTHA ROGERS STONE '38X
MARY BEST '39X
HAZEL ASBY LANE '39X
KATHARINE THOMPSON '39X
JULIA SMALLWOOD WERNICKE '39
DOROTHY APPLETON '40
EMMA LUCY “EMMA LOU” BRAGG '40X
CORA LEIGH SCOTT EDGE '40
NANCY BROWNE HARRIS '40
EVELYN WUNSCH ROBINSON '40
MARY EVELYN AYSUCUE RUPP '40
HAZEL MAE SOLOMON '40X
MARY LOUISE HUGHES TAYLOR '40
KATHARINE “KAE” HARRIS BERGER '41
ELIZABETH BOOKER '41
HELEN FRANCES MAUNEY DELOIS '41X
MADELYN POPE LANGDON '41X
VIRGINIA “GINNY” PLOMK MORRIS '41
FRANCES B. PARK '41
LUCILE R. ROBERTS '41
MARY RIGGS BANKS '42
ELISE BOGER BARRIER '42
MARY LOU BOSEMAN '42X
IRENE SMITH EDWARDS '42
MARGARET URQUHART GRIFFIN '42
SHIRLEY GOSSELIN HODGES '42X
GERTRUDE “TRUDIE” THOMPSON KASTNER '42

LOUISE ROBESON CONNER LONG '42
HILDA GAE RENEGAR MOFFITT '42
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JUNE FEIKER SHERMAN '43
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ELLA GRAY WILSON ENNIS '45
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MILDRED HINES THOMAS KEMPER '45
ELIZABETH MAXINE PARKS KING '45C
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LOUISE DRYE AUSTIN SAUNDERS '45
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KATHERINE GLAUBERMAN '46
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LUCILLE TEGG '46
WANDA LEE WILLARD TILLEY '46
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ANGELINE THOMPSON ENSIGN '48
MARILYN DEAN (JENKINS) GARDNER '48X
KATHERINE RIMMER “KAY” HARKNESS '48
FRANCES ASHCRAFT MCBANE '48, '71 MM
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SARAH LOUISE MCRACKAN NANTZ '48
ETHELYN “LYNN” REABEN ROBERTS '48
LOIS SMITH '48
ANN THOMPSON SORRELS '48
MARIETTA NORMAN THORE '48X
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FRANCES POOLE LEONARD '50X
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REBECCA CROWDER BLACK '51
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JESSIE MACON SAPP EDWARDS '51X
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JEUTONNE PATTEN BREWER died April 5, 2016. She lived in Germany for several years where she taught at the School for American Children. She then moved to Jamestown, N.C., in 1967, and she taught at UNCG for 30 years, serving as assistant dean of Arts and Sciences and was an associate professor of English specializing in linguistics.

BARBARA M. CAMPBELL died April 2, 2016. A native of Fieldale, Va., she was retired from the UNCG Student Health Center. LAVINA MARY FRANCK died April 22, 2016. She taught at the university level for 40 years, retiring from UNCG in 1986. Lavina was the author of two textbooks and wrote articles in professional journals.

ETHEL CHAPPELL GLENN died April 8, 2016. She joined UNCG's Communication Studies faculty in 1972 and retired from UNCG in 1995. Her areas of

specialization were public address, public speaking and listening.

JORDAN E. KURLAND died Jan. 23, 2016. Jordan began his teaching career in the History department at Woman's College (UNCG). In 1965, he joined the professional staff of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in Washington, D.C. Throughout his 50-year career at the AAUP, he focused passionately on defending academic freedom.

ANDREAS LIXL died Dec. 24, 2015. He was professor emeritus of German Studies at UNCG, where he taught German language, literature and European cultural history. He was born in Salzburg, Austria. From the University of Vienna, he transferred to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received a PhD in German literature and culture in 1984. His publications include books on Weimar Theater, German-Jewish autobiographies, women's memoirs and college German textbooks. His research focused on migrant literature, European culture and foreign language teaching technologies.

ALEXANDER WILLIAM MCNEILL died Feb. 26, 2016. He earned teaching credentials in math and physical education from St. Luke's College, Exeter, England. He received the first Fulbright scholarship in physical education for his study in exercise physiology and biomechanics. He held positions at UNCG, the University of Idaho and Montana State University.

MARION O'BRIEN died Dec. 21, 2015. At UNCG, she served as a professor and mentor faculty in the Human Development and Family Studies Department from 2001 to 2012 and as associate dean of research in the School of Health and Human Services from 2007 to 2011. During her academic career, she served on several editorial boards for prominent journals in the field of child development and was nationally prominent as a researcher and policy advocate.

MARY W. OLSON died Feb. 24, 2016. She became the UNCG associate dean of education in 1988. She served at various times as department chairperson of education administration as well as curriculum and instruction. She became interim dean of the School of Education in 1995 and remained in that capacity until her retirement in 1997. During her entire professional career, she was an active scholar/writer in the fields of reading and elementary education. She co-authored papers at the World Congress of Reading when that convention was held in Manila, Philippines; Sydney, Australia; Stockholm, Sweden; and London, England. She was also a frequent presenter at the national convention of the International Reading Association as well as regional and state conferences.

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ABOVE, Yum Yum around 1972, with Jackson Library Tower under construction in the distance. The business soon moved to its present location one block west and across the street.

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At first, homemade ice cream came in the traditional vanilla, chocolate or strawberry. But soon, the owner introduced a flavor he called "yum yum," an ice cream that is believed to have included soggy Grape Nuts cereal. The name was soon adopted for the store itself (although the formal "West End Ice Cream Company" remains).

With campus expansion, the building that housed Yum Yum was replaced with the Mossman Building. Aydelette acquired a building across Spring Garden and moved Yum Yum to its current site.

His family continues the ice cream legacy today. Have a favorite memory about Yum Yum or another nearby eatery? Email alumnieditor@uncg.edu.



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