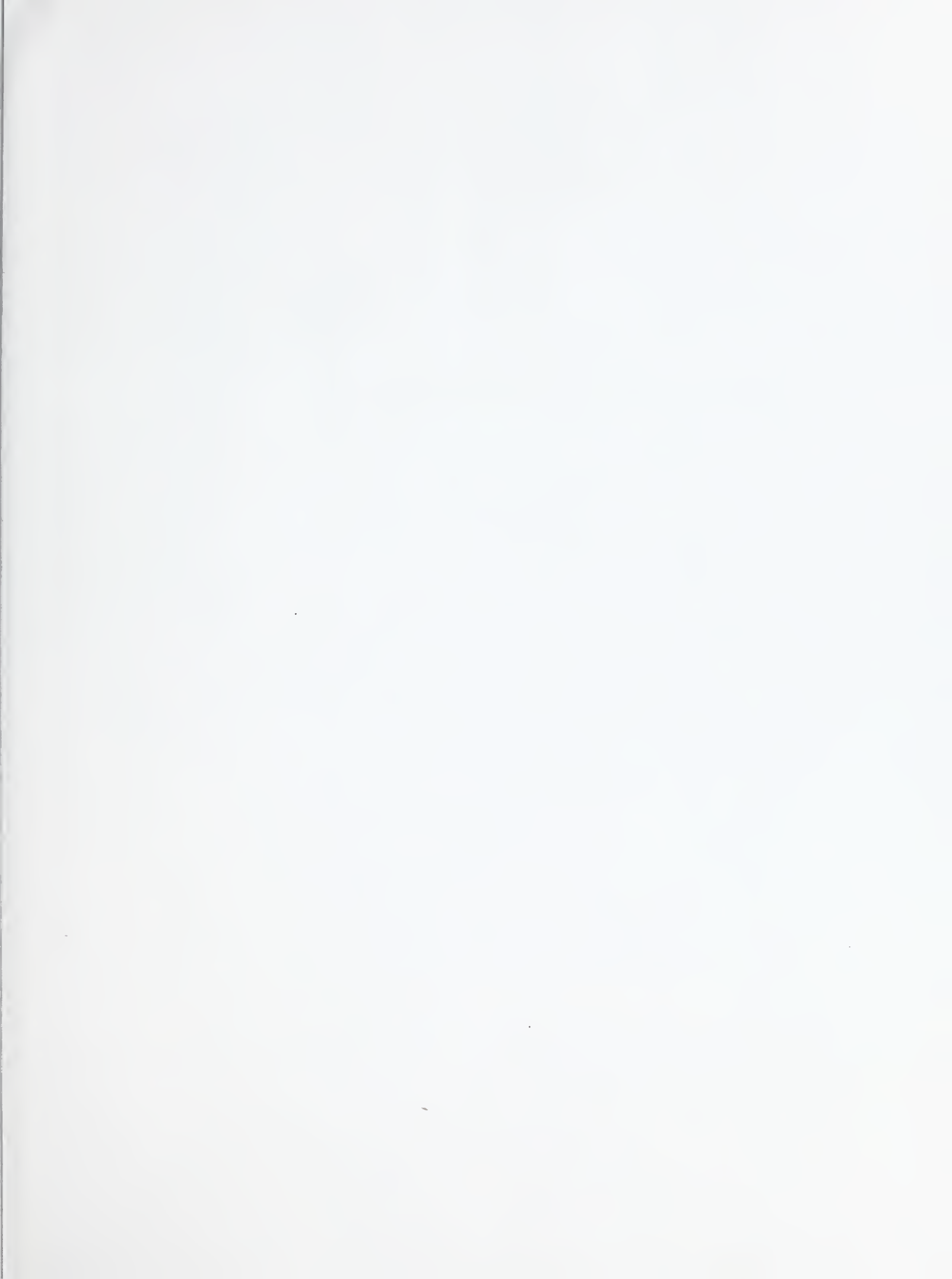




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The student pictured on the right looks above the crowd to attempt to get a better view of former President Bill Clinton, who drew a crowd of hundreds of students during a brief visit in this past year's election cycle.

Pictured below, students are trekking through a scenic path along a riverbed during their study-abroad trip to China.



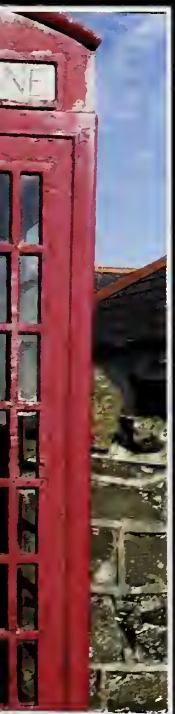
Students pictured above are enjoying their time on a crowded train during a study-abroad trip to China.

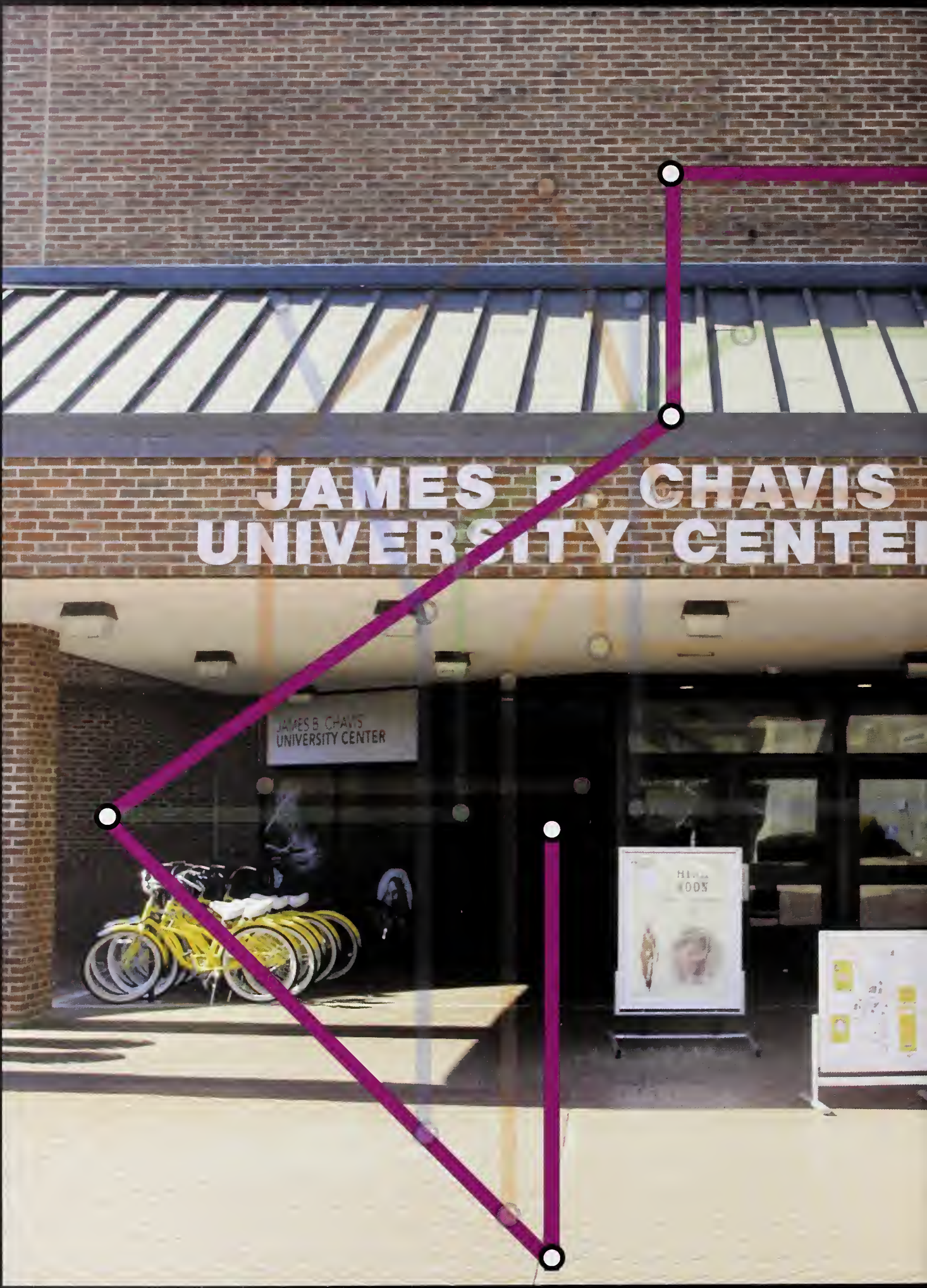
The student pictured on the right is enjoying an old telephone booth during her study-abroad trip to Ireland.



Welcome to the UNCP Transit Center!

This year we decided to focus on the university experience and what it meant to us. We reflected on the events of the past year such as the installation of a new chancellor, the construction of a new building, the many political and social changes, and the impact of Hurricane Matthew on our community, and we thought it was representative of an adventure. In an adventure, you meet new people, encounter obstacles, and make many stops along the way. An adventure is not always about the destination; it's about overcoming adversity, building relationships, impacting others, and the lessons learned. We decided to theme the book after a subway system, because in a way it is an amalgamation of all the things that exist within an adventure. You meet new people, encounter new things, and are taken to many different places where you experience life in its purest form. The subway is representative of the vessel for the experience that is our university. All Aboard!





Student Life

The students here at UNCP are what make the campus great and inviting. Between university-sanctioned events, such as sports or Senior Day, and organizational events, such as student theatre productions and guest speakers provided by various groups, students always have something to do. Fun things that bring the local community together with the students, like the powwows and other cultural events, are what make this school so unique. Annual events including Relay For Life, Family Weekend, and Pembroke Day also help raise morale and allow for socialization. Campus becomes a home to the students and therefore must accommodate for each person's needs. Having a diverse population goes hand-in-hand with having organizations and faculty that make the students feel included.

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An emotional moment is shared when the newly installed Chancellor Cummings (center) kisses his granddaughter as the ceremony ends; former US Rep. Mike McIntyre (right) speaks to other guests at the reception following the installation ceremony.

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Miss Lumbee Alexis Jones (below) is full of energy as she greets someone at the installation reception; UNC System President Margaret Spellings (below right) introduces Chancellor Cummings to the audience.



Onward and Upward

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UNCP faculty, staff, and students were joined by community members, state leaders, and friends at the Givens Performing Arts Center on April 8, 2016, for the installation of Dr. Robin Gary Cummings as the University's sixth Chancellor. UNC System President Margaret Spellings presided over the ceremony.

Cummings, who is a Pembroke native and a member of the Lumbee Tribe, is the third American Indian to serve as Chancellor. He said he was proud to continue the vision that seven American Indian men undertook in 1887. Dr. Cummings also said his parents, the late Rev. Simeon and Maude Locklear Cummings, "instilled in me the power of faith and the power of education." Throughout his speech, Chancellor Cummings invoked the new mission for the university, Changing Lives Through Education, as he vowed to maintain the university's proud and rich history, promote a new set of core values, and strive to achieve challenging goals for the future. Cummings also praised his predecessors, many of whom were in attendance. Following the two-hour ceremony, Cummings greeted nearly 200 well-wishers during a reception at the English E. Jones Center.





Dr. Melissa Schaub, Derek Oxendine, and Scott Billingsley (left) converse at the reception following the installation ceremony.

All eyes are on Chancellor Cummings as he addresses the crowd (below left); a bagpiper from St. Andrews performs a moving rendition of "Amazing Grace" for the audience.



Athletic Director Dick Christie (left) talks to another staff member at the reception.

The UNCP Chorus (above) sings for the audience during the installation ceremony.

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 Megan Bennett and Bryanna Lynn of Kappa Delta (center) represent their sorority at Relay for Life, while Cheyenne Locklear (right) grabs a drink at a hydration station.



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 Miss UNCP 2016 Madison Davenport and a friend (below) reminisce while walking to fight cancer.



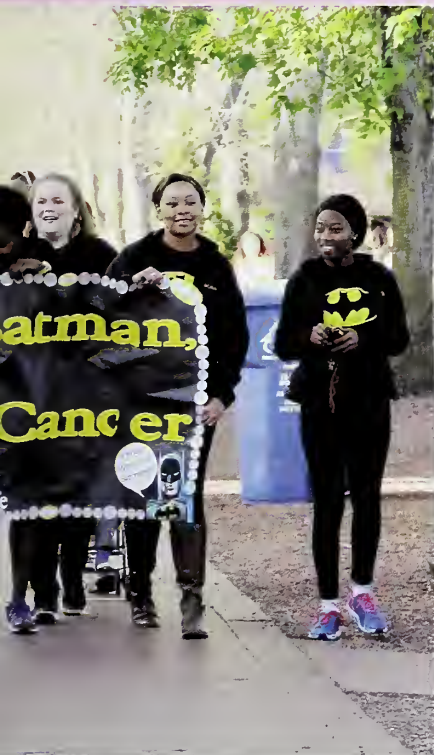
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 Students from the Nursing department (above) look super as they proudly march with their sign.



Holy Fundraising, Batman!



Relay for Life, an annual event for many years at UNCP, began at noon on Friday, April 15, 2016, and continued to noon on Saturday April 16 on the University Center lawn. Many UNC Pembroke students, faculty, and staff participated. This year's theme was "Calling All Superheroes—Find Your Inner Relay." Relay for Life teams camped out overnight and took turns walking around the lawn in honor or memory of those who battled cancer.

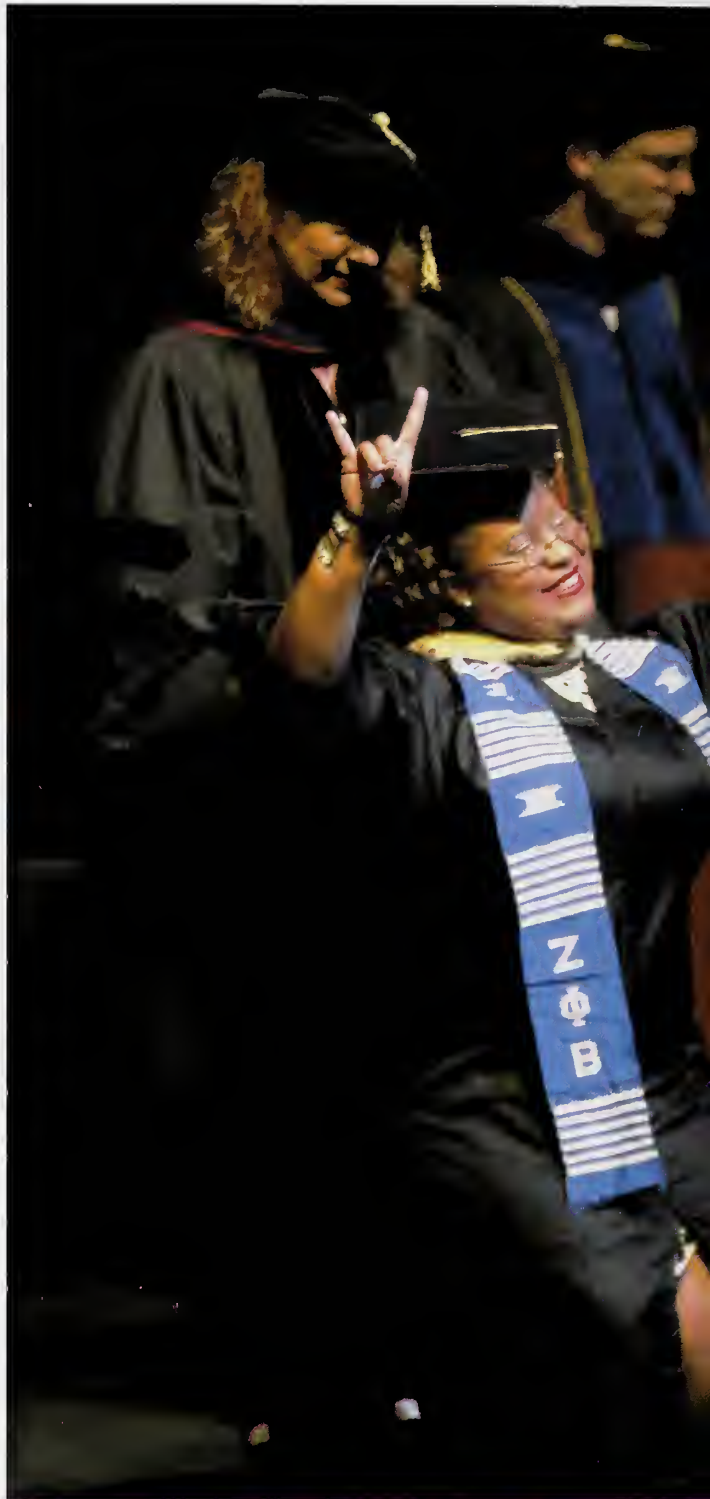


Housing and Residence Life staff (left) battle cancer with their Batman banner, while animal advocates show their support (above).

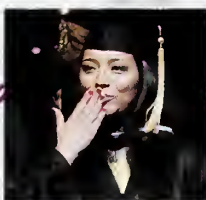
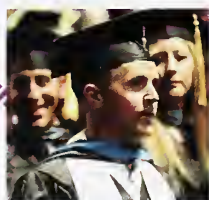
Cancer survivors (top) walk laps in memory of those who have lost their battle, and to bring awareness to the cause.

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 A member of Zeta Phi Beta beams with pride and signifies her sorority (center) after she receives her degree.

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 The Phi Sigma Nu member on the right proudly receives his master's degree hood, while other graduate students (below) await their turn to cross the GPAC stage.



Two Degrees Hatter



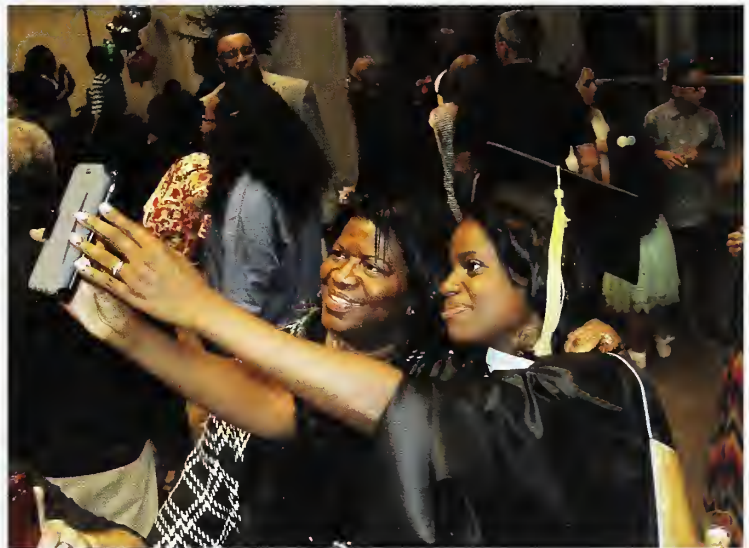
Graduate students and seniors received 720 master's and undergraduate degrees during the 2016 Spring Commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7. Graduate students received their diplomas and hoods signifying their master's degrees on Friday evening in the Givens Performing Arts Center, followed by a reception in the University Center Annex. Dr. Steven Bourquin served as grand marshal at both ceremonies. Bourquin is the 2016 recipient of the UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence. Bourquin serves as chair of the Math and Computer Science Department. He joined the UNCP faculty in 2003.

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 This smiling graduate student (right) will soon receive her degree at the May 2016 graduate commencement.





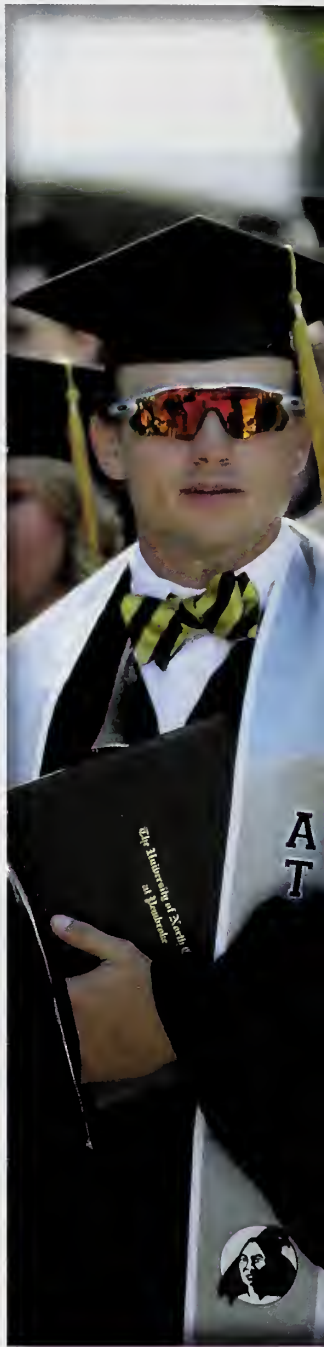
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Graduates (left and below) display a range of emotions after receiving their master's degrees in May 2016.



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Delta Sigma Theta and Omega Psi Phi (left) are among the Greek organizations whose members earned degrees.

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A graduate (above) takes a selfie with a family member at the reception following the commencement.

A New Destination



Saturday morning, May 7, saw more than 5,000 proud parents and friends gathered under a cool blue sky on the south quad lawn to witness the seniors “transform” into graduates. “You now have a valuable tool and you have power and control over your future,” Chancellor Robin Gary Cummings told the graduates. “Don’t you dare waste it!” Dr. Cummings then added: “I hope that we have stoked your curiosity about the world around you, expanded your horizons and emboldened you with knowledge and skills that you need to make a difference.” As this chapter in these students’ undergraduate lives comes to a close, a new journey awaits to be embarked upon.

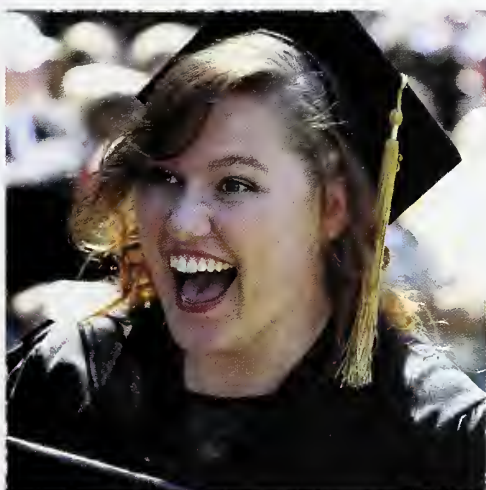


Former Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook, Robert Hamilton (above) stoically receives his diploma from Chancellor Cummings.

These three students (above) strike poses and flash smiles to express their joy as they walk off of the graduation stage at the May 2016 commencement.



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A huge weight is lifted off of these student athletes' shoulders (center) as they walk back to their seats with diplomas at hand.



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Byanna Booker, Terry Johnson, Julie Sem, Teighlor Janysek, and other students (left and above) triumphantly rejoice after receiving their diplomas on this hot spring morning.

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Alpha Sigma Phi member Matt Bell exchanges a handshake with the chancellor as he receives his diploma.

Parts of a Whole



Pembroke Day, a popular and time-honored tradition at UNCP, continued on October 5, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the University Quad. Originally scheduled for September 28, this year's event was moved back one week due to the threat of inclement weather. Nearly 180 vendors, including 46 student clubs and organizations, participated in the event. The Quad, between Old Main and the Mary Livermore Library, was lined with informational booths, food vendors, crafts, and promotional giveaways. The Music Department provided entertainment with performances by the Pembroke Singers, the Spirit of the Carolinas Marching Band, and the University Chorale. Miss UNCP Madison Davenport also performed, along with the Lumbee Ambassadors and Southern Sun. Student Health Services also coordinated a Health Fair as part of the event, which included free health screenings. Several health agencies had representatives on campus to answer questions and provide information on a variety of topics.

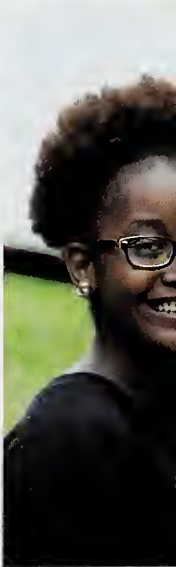
UNC Pembroke has partnered with the town of Pembroke to sponsor the town and gown event since 1989. "We look forward to this event each year," said Jodi Phelps, director of University Communications and Marketing. "Pembroke Day is an event that showcases our university, the town of Pembroke, as well as our local business and community partners." "The longevity and popularity of this event signifies the deep commitment of our university to the community," Phelps said. "We use this event to strengthen and grow the relationship."

Band students pose for a smile-filled picture (above right) to drum up support for Pembroke Day.

Other students play cymbals (right), while trumpet players (below left) wow the crowds with their tunes.



Michael Brown staffs a table for his group (right), and Lotosha Ruffin holds a sorority letter balloon (center).





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The student at left is thrilled to be at Pembroke Day, smiling and having a good time.

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Students in the ROTC program (below) provide a color guard, while another student (below left) takes a rest from the tuba.



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Harvey Godwin (above) gives a speech about inclusiveness and bringing the community together. SGA-president Logan John, Chancellor Cummings, and Dr. Sara Simmons (above left) stand together listening to others.

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Dr. Kim and the Pembroke Singers listen and applaud Godwin's speech (left).

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 This student contemplates his next move in a game of pool at the Hawk's Nest.



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 These students seem relieved to have completed the Glow Run and are now enjoying a nice moment of relaxation.



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 The students above strike poses before and during the Glow Run.

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 This student (right) dances to the music as he emcees at the NPHC Step Show; the ROTC color guard students (center) present colors at the Veterans Day ceremony.





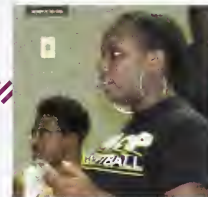
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This veteran gazes into the distance during the annual Veterans' Day Ceremony hosted by the Student Veterans' Association.

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. energetically performs their routine at the NPHC step show in GPAC.



Fall Fever

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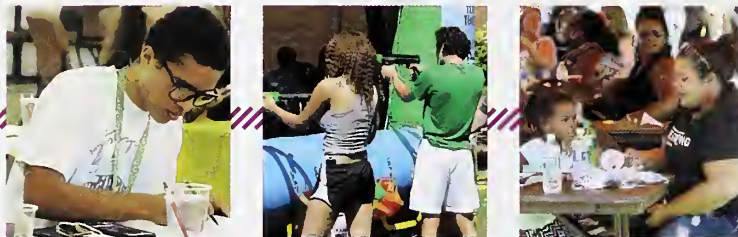
Every semester at UNCP is teeming with student activity, and this semester was no exception as the many organizations on campus continued to contribute to an engaging campus atmosphere. Greek organizations hosted many events, one of which was the annual NPHC step show where various organizations captivated audiences by performing unique step routines.

A common student hangout this year has been the newly renovated Hawk's Nest, where free bowling and games happens at least once per month. Many events were hosted throughout the semester by the many organizations on campus, with goals ranging from philanthropy and community service, to recruitment and entertainment. Examples of these would

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This student aims for a strike during a free bowling night event at the Hawk's Nest.

be the Glow Run for Heart Health and the Veteran's Day commemorative service where we were reminded of the sacrifices that those who serve in the military make for our country.

Friends Meet Family



Family weekend is a special time on campus where students, parents, and siblings get to enjoy campus life for a weekend together by participating in many exciting festivities. This year Family Weekend was highlighted with a BraveNation Carnival on the UC Lawn—complete with a number of giant inflatables, and a blend of classic and modern carnival games. For those who were looking to get out of the summer heat, there was Pepsi and Paint in the University Center Lounge where students and their families were able to cool off with an ice cold beverage and paint their own masterpieces. At this point, the day was just getting started, however, as the taigate for the football game began shortly afterwards. The festivities continued with food and more games, and afterwards: the football game.

Family weekend is not only a time for entertainment—its an opportunity to make lasting memories with those whom you hold dearest. It serves as a reminder that amidst our busy college schedules, having memorable times with those we care about and building relationships can be the rejuvenating breath of fresh air that we all sometimes need.



Kids young and old (above center) are having a blast exiting the bounce house on the UC Lawn.



A UNCP football player showcases his strength at Family Weekend, where there were many opportunities to have fun before a big game.



The student above seems frustrated because so many fun activities are offered that she doesn't know what to do next.



The students in the two pictures to the right are casually enjoying themselves with the many games and amazing weather.





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The ladies above are enjoying themselves with a friendly game of basketball, trying to see who would get the most points.

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This mom (left) coaches her child so that he can win the game and receive a prize.



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The student on the left looks back at his friend completing the obstacle course he just finished.

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The students above capture the moment of great memories with friends at Family Weekend.

Matthew Makes Mayhem



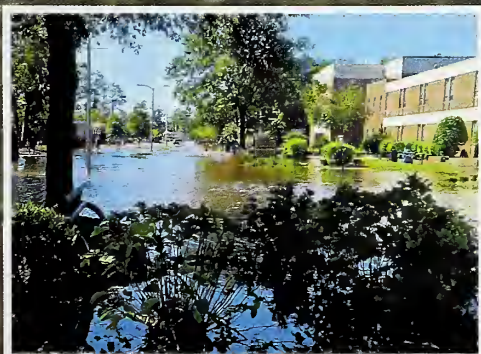
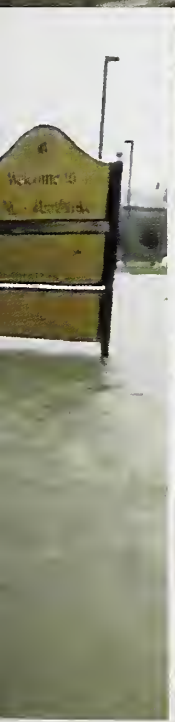
Hurricane Matthew was a natural disaster that many of us would like to forget. From October 6th through 8th, winds and flood waters ripped through homes and cars in the area and severely damaged valuable infrastructure such as roads and power lines; but most of all it put many people in danger. People went for days without any communication, water, and in some cases food in what was—for some of us—a true test of our resolve.

Like many storms, Matthew started as a low-pressure system in the Atlantic but rapidly intensified as it reached the Caribbean—even reaching Category 5 status at one point. It eventually hit the Caribbean islands as a Category 4 and caused horrendous destruction, tragically ending many lives in the region. As Matthew crawled up the east coast, hitting parts of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and eventually North Carolina, it began to weaken slowly. However, this was not enough to prevent heavy flash flooding in low-altitude areas like Pembroke, where much of the town and the UNCP campus were submerged in up to almost two feet of water in some areas after experiencing roughly 14 inches of rain within about a day. The flooding stranded students on campus who were not able to evacuate, as many major roads—including I-95—were flooded with debris and water for days. A state of emergency was declared for North Carolina by Governor Pat McCrory on October 6th. However, during this state of emergency, drinks and food were distributed to students to the best of the ability of the available staff on campus. When asked about his experience on campus during this ordeal, senior chemistry major Dominique Walker stated: “Water was provided, but food distribution could be considered less than adequate—but that’s only because they began to run out of what they had in stock.” Walker later went on to mention that the overall attitude in the area leading up to the hurricane was not very serious, stating that “We thought UNCW would get hit much harder than us, being on the coast. We thought we would only get heavy rain and nothing else.” In some ways, our area was unprepared to deal with the potential devastation that would ensue, and as a result the damage ended up being more severe than predicted when the Lumber River flooded—thus hitting areas in Lumberton especially hard. Not much of this could have been prevented given the rapid speed in which Matthew made landfall; however, when questioned about what could have been more effective, Walker reiterated that in hindsight we should have all evacuated sooner, and that next time we should take it more seriously. Let’s all hope that there isn’t a next time.

It is easy to remain pessimistic during times of despair; however, through the resilience of the student body, our administration, and members of the community, much positivity was spread as time was devoted towards volunteering when a number of homeless shelters opened, the rebuilding process began, and numerous disaster relief drives were held by various organizations. None of these services could possibly undo the damage or remove the trauma that some faced, but it demonstrated just how much of a family BraveNation truly is.

In order to document this disaster, we’ve created a collage on this spread to reflect the chaos of the storm. This collage includes pictures of the damage dealt, the community response to the aftermath, and reactions from students who were directly affected by the storm.





Homeward Bound



On October 17, SpiritFest kicked off the week of fun-filled activities that bring together students and athletes. The next night included the colorful and intricate performance of the Shanghai Acrobats of the People's Republic of China in GPAC, a Volleyball Tri Match, and a Lunch Fare in the UC Annex. Black and Gold day featured a Freestyle Funny Comedy Show hosted by PAC in the UC Lounge. Homecoming shirts were passed out and Homecoming King and Queen candidates did some last minute public appearances at the Pep Rally in the gym. The Spirit Squad danced to the music that pumped through the room to gain the attention of fellow students and build morale for the weekend's games. The Health and Human Performance Glow Run on UNCP's track collected items to donate including water, clothes, and blankets.

The Tailgate Party, hosting games, food, and free gear stations started off the games of UNCP Football vs Catawba College 41-31, Women's Soccer vs North Georgia 18-15, and Men's Soccer vs. North Georgia 15-17. The NPHC Step Show closed out the eventful week.

Sadira Bacchus (below left), and the UNCP Band (below) contribute to the excitement of the pep rally. Past athletes and coaches (below right) are honored at the Homecoming game.



Jalen Cole (above) puts a pom-pom on his head and says it's hair. Patrick O'Brien (right) shoots a free throw at the pep-rally and Jordan Kendrick and Ana Guidel (center) are crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

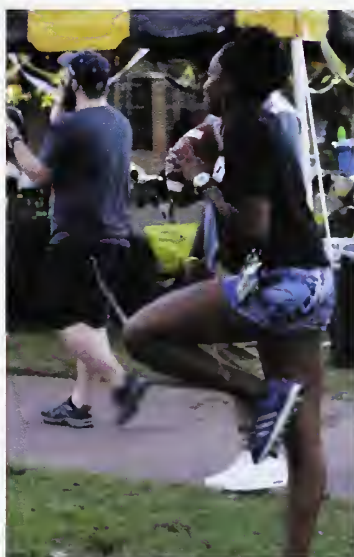
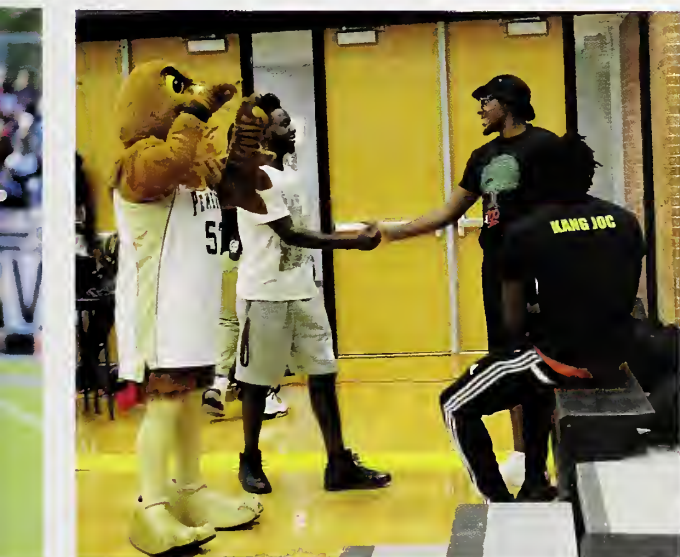
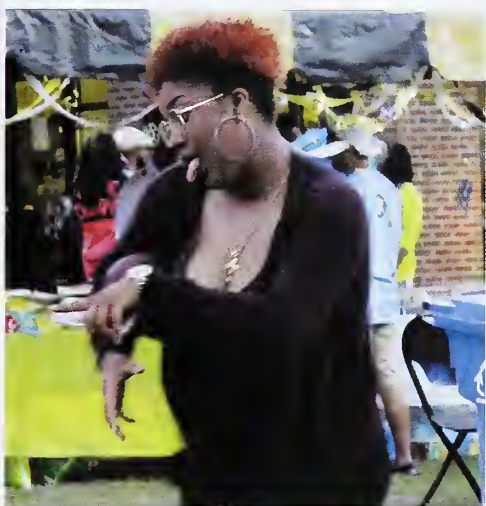




Good music is an important part of any pep rally, as this DJ (left) sets up to entertain the crowd for the evening. This former athlete (center) channels Usain Bolt with his enthusiastic expression at halftime of the Homecoming Football Game.



Students and the Spirit Squad (below) are in full spirit during the pep rally, while the basketball team (left) prepares for their late-night scrimmage.



Kassidy Lora (above left) breaks it down at Black and Gold Day, while Danquis McDaniel, Jose McKinney, and Erin Tersoriero (center) goof off taking pictures with masks and hats.

Students (center) greet each other at the Midnight Madness pep rally, while this student (left) prepares to launch a football at a blowup goal at the Black and Gold Day festivities.

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 This T-Rex is taking
 some personal time
 from Youtube to attend
 a party in Cypress Hall.



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 This student wins an
 award for best make-
 up at the Genshiken
 costume contest. She
 sculpted her wounds
 from tissue paper and
 rubber latex.



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 A cat calls her fierce feline friends
 while working at the Cypress Hall
 Halloween Party.



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 The student above, dressed as a mob-
 ster, attempts a swift getaway with his
 briefcase, presumably full of candy on
 this Halloween night.

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 Kayden Lewis (left) is unrecognizable
 as he stares menacingly into the crowd
 of people during Genshiken's Hallow-
 een event.



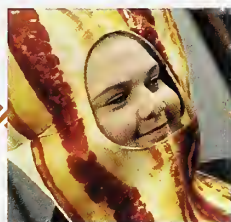
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 This frightening group of students (center) enjoy their night at the Pine Cottage Haunted House.

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 Erin Tesoriero (left) is a Kung-Fu fighting hot dog at a party in Cypress Hall hosted by Jordan Robinson.

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 This bunch of students goes bananas at Genshiken's Halloween event. They split early during the program, but triumphantly returned for their just desserts at the award ceremony.



Monster Mash!



Halloween at UNCP is always an exciting time filled with screams and laughter. From killer bunnies to bacon, the costumes students come up with are lively and creative. Events around campus, including the Genshiken Costume Contest, Pine Cottage Haunted House, and Cypress's Halloween Party gave students many options to get together with friends on this fun holiday. And, of course, there are always parties in housing dorms and apartments.

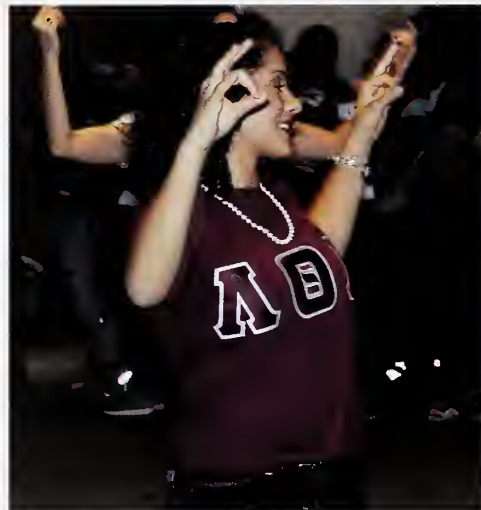
The Genshiken Costume Contest attracted a diverse crowd to the UC Lounge to celebrate the opportunity to dress outrageously and have a great time scaring each other with amazing makeup jobs!

Pine Cottage's Haunted House, organized by RHA, gave a fright to many students who wound up clutching each other for safety.



Annabel Russel, Krystal Dean and their classmates (center) pose for a quick selfie on their study abroad trip to Ireland, while students studying in China (above right) enjoy the breathtaking view at the Great Wall. The students in Ireland were also able to enjoy the beautiful architecture of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin (right).

Sonyaliz Goveo (right) moves to the beat at the Hispanic Heritage festival, where you could get your face painted in the Day of the Dead tradition, dance, and sample a variety of delicious foods.



This student (above) pauses for a fun photograph during one of their stops in China.



Broaden The Horizons



Diversity is one of UNCP's many great attributes and is celebrated every year through several organized events. The University hosts various Study Abroad and Cultural Awareness experiences for students to take part in to give them a better understanding of the world around them. The cultural events on campus are usually hosted by groups and clubs from that particular culture, but the study abroad programs led are by faculty members whose classes use them as learning experiences for a special topic.

In 2016-2017, UNCP students were able to go to China, Iceland, Tokyo, the United Kingdom, Germany, Sweden, South Korea, Belize, and more. For a more local opportunity, OLÉ had the Presentation of Hispanic Diversity and the Chinese Club held the Chinese Moon Festival, Chinese Culture Day, and Chinese New Year. The Office for Diversity and Inclusion also hosts many events that span different groups of people such as the Women's March on Washington: A Diversity Dialogue, Civil Rights Movement Songs and Stories Concert, Defamation Play, The Story of "T": HB2 and Gender Identity: Diversity Dialogue, and much more.

Students at UNCP take the chance to explore the lives and cultures of people that aren't like them to gain a new perspective on life and what "living" means to different people. From languages and food to religion and sexual orientation, UNCP relishes in its unique students.



Students sight-see (left), dine on authentic Chinese cuisine (center), and meet up with Chinese students to visit the Summer Palace in Beijing (far center) during their study abroad trip to China.

These exchange students (center) offer spicy meatballs to visitors, while Anna Rettig and fellow students (far center) enjoy the music and food at this year's International Festival held in the UC Annex.



Stand Up, Fight Back

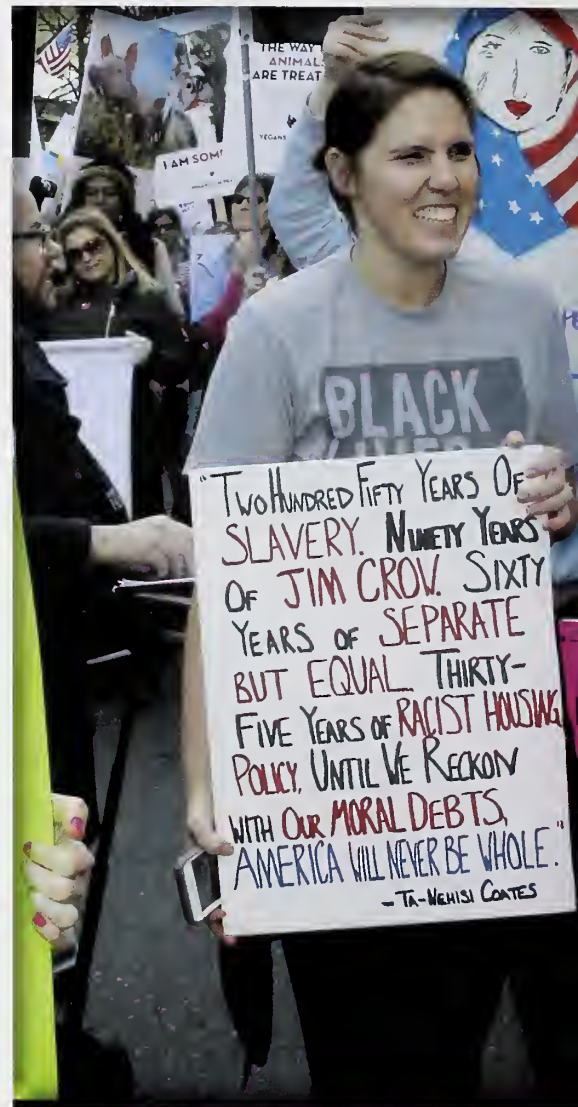


Protests aren't a group of angry people with signs. They are a great example of what democracy is about: voicing opinions and making issues that are important to the citizens known. Students at UNCP have no problem making their concerns public.

Historically, protesting has been a positive thing, highlighting the freedom that America gives to its people to be able to do such things and inspire social change and advance human rights. From the Boston Tea Party and the Suffrage Parade for women's rights, protesting has become a go-to for people to try to bring change.

The students here have bound together for The Moral March on Raleigh with AAUW and NCNW, March to The Polls, and the HB2 protest held at the new Chancellor's Installation this past spring. There was also a pastor on campus that caused a response because of the messages he was spreading.

The students at UNCP are very vocal and aware. Inclusiveness is important to the campus environment and the efforts don't go unnoticed, even if it's negative attention.

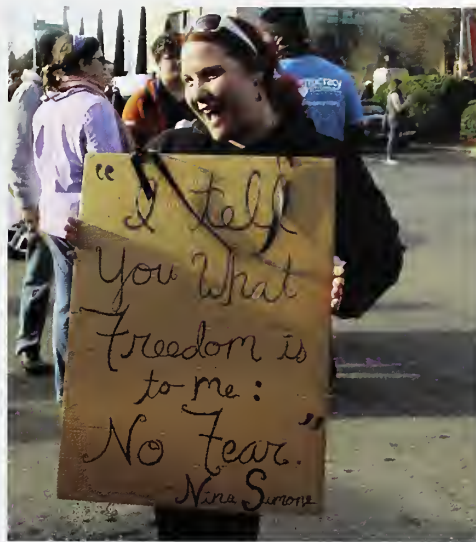
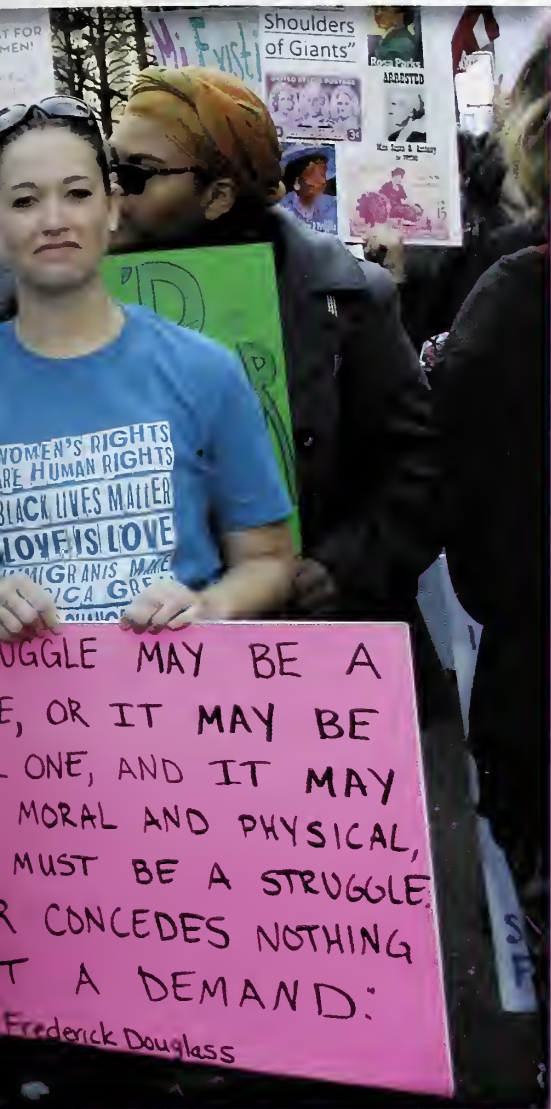


Documenting history is very important and can be done in numerous ways. This woman (above) uses her camera, while Wren Varga (right) opts for a quick selfie.



Kayla Greene and Emily Thompson (above center) show their concern. UNCP's diversity is represented during protests against HB2 (right).





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 This protester at the Moral March on Raleigh (left) holds up her sign with a famous quote reflecting her views. Hannah Baggott and Autumn Lauzon, professors here at UNCP (center), demonstrate support for equal justice by marching in solidarity while holding their signs

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 This member of Phi Beta Sigma (below) attends the March on Raleigh, while this student (below) is passionate about what she believes in, as she contributes to a student march on campus.



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 These ladies from the NAACP Chapter at UNCP (above) participate in the March on Raleigh, which grew a very large crowd (above left) that supported a number of different causes.

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 Several protests broke out this past Spring in response to the NC HB2 Bill. Students protested outside of GPAC (above/below center) as well as in the lobby of the Jones building (left).

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The student below climbed high to get
a better view.



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Former President Bill Clinton (right)
happily greets students.



We're Presidential

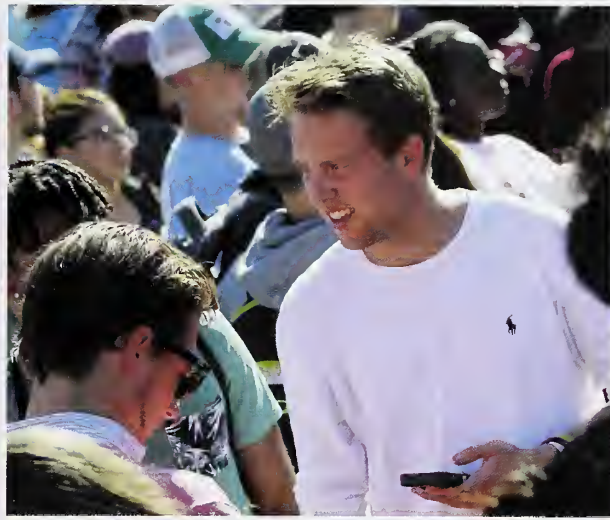


Whether you were voting for Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump, meeting a former President of the United States is an exciting opportunity. Bill Clinton visited UNCP for the second time with a few special guests to promote his wife's campaign to the students and local community. His first appearance was in 2008 when Hillary ran against Barack Obama.

Joining Bill Clinton were SGA President Logan John, Daniel T. Blue Jr., Lumbee Tribal Chairman Harvey Godwin, and Debra Ross. There was a line that wrapped around the Jones Health and Physical Education Buildings to get close to the former president. Students and faculty created a sea of cellphones to capture this historic moment.

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Bill Clinton speaks to hundreds of excited student voters gathered in front of the bookstore.



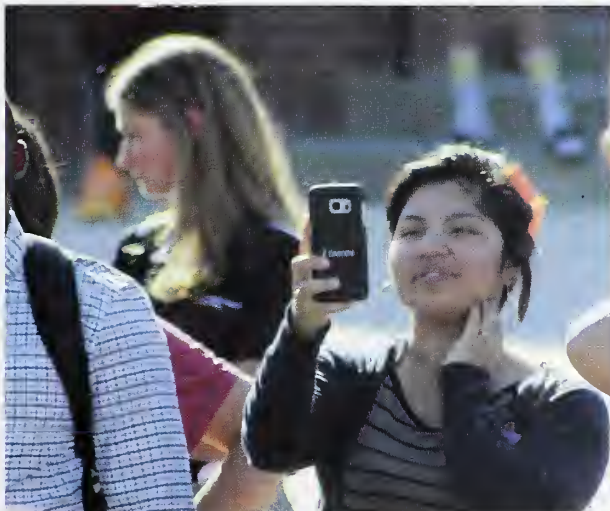


Students (left) gather around the bookstore hours before Clinton's arrival.

SGA President Logan John (below) kicks off the rally, while students await the appearance of Bill Clinton.



US Senate candidate Deborah Ross (above left) and Lumbee Tribal Chairman Harvey Godwin (above) speak to the large crowd of students.

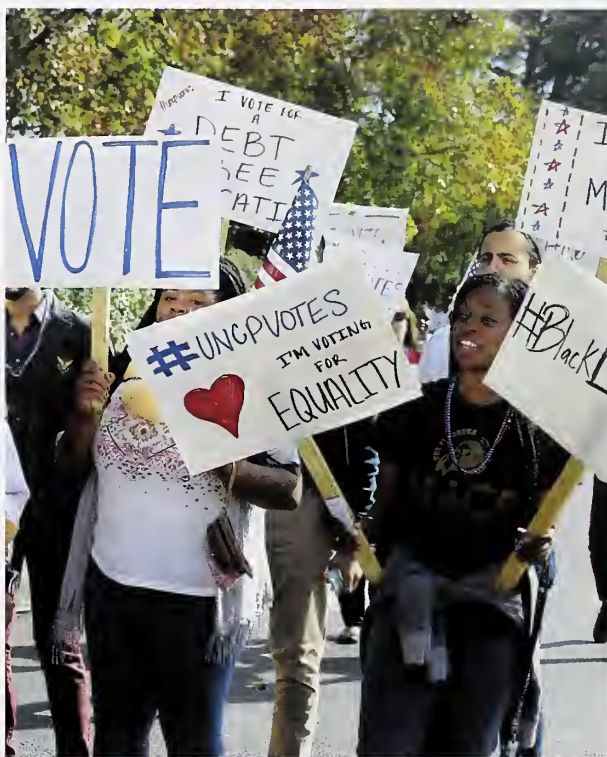


Student Libni Soddias (left) captures the moment.

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 Dalton Hoffer (right), dressed as Uncle Sam, smiles as he drives the golf cart during the CCE March to the Polls.



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 Alex Oxendine and Joseph Martinez (below) talk about the votes coming in while at an on-campus watch party on election night, and another student (right) chants about what she's voting for.



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 The students above promote voting and what is important to them; this student (right) is shocked by the poll numbers at the Watch Party.

Make a Difference



The 2016 election cycle was an unusual one. Approval ratings for the two nominees were historically low, as they were not ideal for many people. Scandals involving the two candidates were constantly plastered across news sources as they each ran slander campaigns, and the popular phrase became “the lesser of two evils.” For that reason, the two parties, Republican and Democrat, were butting heads even more than usual. Students took those frustrations and put them to good use, raising awareness of voter apathy and encouraging others to vote and get the conversation started on what and whom to vote for and why it’s important to vote as young voters.

On campus there were watch parties, University-sanctioned as well as not, protests, and the March to the Polls hosted by the Community and Civic Engagement (CCE) Office that allowed students to voice their opinions and get involved. There were Trump supporters at the Bill Clinton event and at the University and private watch parties. The online presence of young voters on social media the night of the election was high as people posted videos and photos of themselves and their friends together to watch the votes being counted to see who the next President would be.

There was a little tension between the students regarding whom they were voting for, but the professionalism of each individual kept it from becoming a bigger problem or escalating to any violence. The University did its best to provide support to the voters generally and not be biased toward a certain candidate. The students showed great restraint and maturity during this election process.

Krystal Dean and Andrina Corella (left) are excited about both voting and informing others on the importance of voting.



Parker Watson and another student make it loud as they march to the polls; Sarah Lillard (left) expresses her concerns through her home-made sign.



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 Sara Caswell (right) is a jazz violinist from NYC. She performed at this year's Honor Jazz Festival.



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 The North Carolina Youth Tap Ensemble (above) features approximately 40 dancers, ages 8 to 18, who hail from throughout North Carolina. It has been described as: "...honoring the traditions of this unique American form while infusing it with youthful energy, contemporary music, and innovative dances from some of the world's most talented choreographers."



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 This production of Annie (right) was directed by original lyricist and director Martin Charnin and choreographed by Liza Gennaro. It was described as being a "brand new incarnation of the iconic original."

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Performance



The Broadway & More series has been bringing professional performances to the Givens Performing Art Center for many years. This year, we were privileged to host a diverse variety of performances from groups around the country. The series kicked off in the heat of election season with “Unelectable You” in September, followed by “Shanghai Nights” and the “Purple Xperience”—a tribute to Prince, who passed away earlier in the year. We then finished up 2016 with the Tony award-winning production: “Annie, the Musical” and the 8th Annual Holiday Extravaganza.

The spring semester picked up right where the fall semester left off as

the N.C. Youth Tap ensemble performed in mid-January. Broadway’s “42nd Street” entertained the audience during their late January performance. March hosted both “STOMP” and “Swan Lake,” presented by the Russian National Theater Ballet. Over the years, the Broadway and More series has developed a reputation for presenting breathtaking performances, and this year certainly added to that reputation.



Three time Grammy award winner Matt Fink leads “The Purple Xperience” (center). Matt was an original member of “Prince and the Revolution.” “42nd Street” (above left) is based on a novel by Bradford Ropes and Busby Berkeley’s 1933 movie. “Shanghai Nights” (left) featured more than one hundred of China’s top acrobats, blending breath-taking excitement with beautiful elegance.



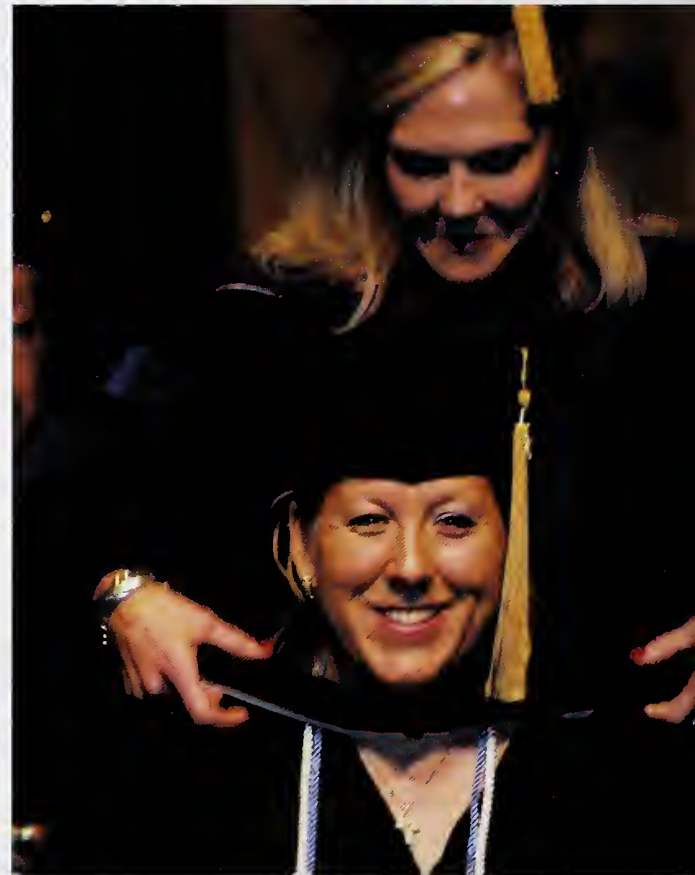
Given the tumultuous election season, “Unelectable You” was a nice opportunity to relax and ridicule the political climate. It has been described as a “...fast-paced combination of sketch, improv, music and multi-media...” Swan Lake (center) is considered a classic production and originally debuted in 1877, and is often called the “national ballet of Russia.”



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This member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (above right) is elated to receive her master's degree. Dr. Jeff Frederick and his colleague (right) observe the graduation ceremony intently

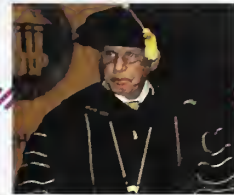


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This student (center) proudly accepts her new edition to her graduation ensemble. Meanwhile, Dr. Steven Bourquin, this year's Grand Marshal, (below) gets ready to address the graduates.





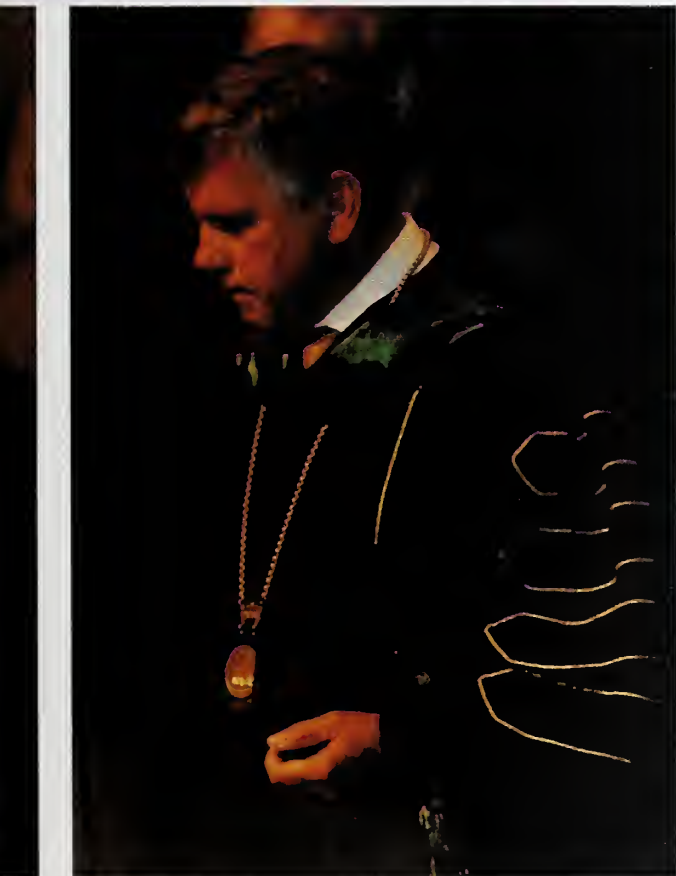
Masters of Pembroke



The graduate student commencement was held Friday, December 9, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center. Approximately 88 students graduated. The keynote speaker was UNCP professor and chair of the Math and Computer Science department, Dr. Steven Bourquin.

The atmosphere of excellence was high as the room filled with future leaders, doctors, lawyers, and educators of our nation—all of whom were prepared to cross the stage again. The transition from undergraduate to graduate programs is not always an easy one. There is a level of independence and expectations that many experience for the first time going into their graduate program. Graduate programs challenge us in new ways, as many have to think more critically than we have ever before. These students in the Fall 2016 graduate class overcame those challenges and now face a new chapter in their life. For some, this moment signalled the reception of a terminal degree; however, for others this is only one more step in their academic career as they look to take their education one step further by pursuing a doctorate degree.

Success is a contagious entity for like-minded people who want nothing but the best for everyone they encounter. The idea of success and seeing others achieve it can be an uplifting and motivating experience. Watching these gleeful graduates cross the stage and accomplish yet another milestone in their lives sets an example for many undergraduates who one day hope to do the same.



This graduate (center) reveals a proud grin as she receives an addition to her graduation regalia. Chancellor Cummings (left) delivers the commencement address

Dr. Sara Simmons, Dr. Robert Canida, and other UNCP faculty take part in the graduation ceremony.

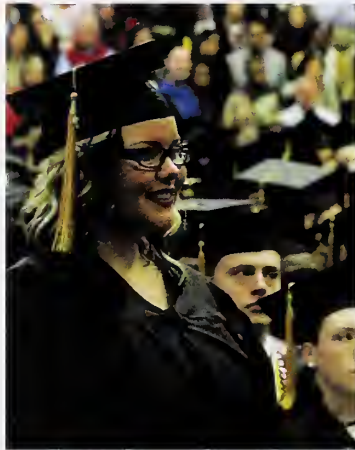
A New Chapter



The 2016 Winter Undergraduate Commencement was held Saturday, December 10, 2016, at 10 a.m. in the main gym of the English E. Jones Health and Physical Education Center.

Approximately 512 undergraduate students graduated. The keynote speaker was Dr. Bryan McKinley Jones Brayboy, who serves as the President's Professor and Borderlands Professor of Indigenous Education and Justice in the School of Social Transformation at Arizona State University.

The large gym felt much smaller on this morning, as hundreds of students, friends, family, staff and faculty packed into the gymnasium to watch as students crossed the stage with their diploma at hand and smiles on their faces. Their crossing of the stage symbolized the closing of one chapter and a movement towards a new journey in life.



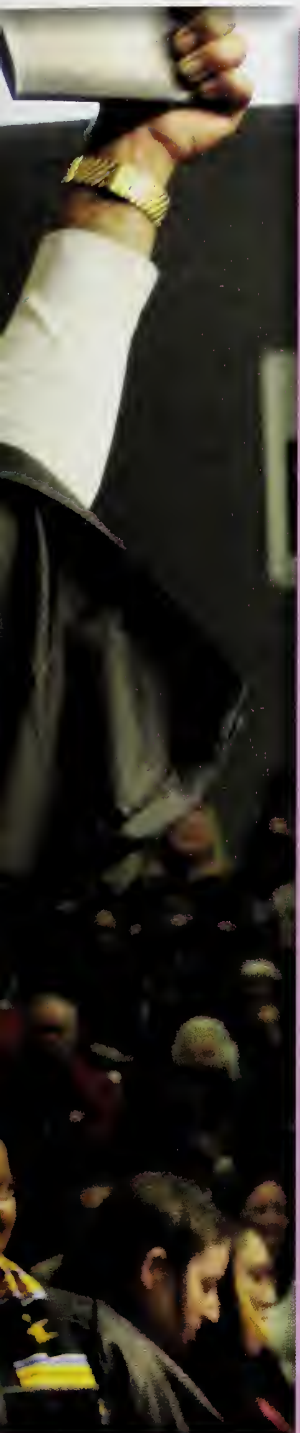
This student (right) seems excited that it is finally her turn to walk across the graduation stage, while this proud student (center) raises his arms in triumph.



This student (above) seems relieved that his undergraduate career is complete.

A joyous grin emerges on the face of this student (right) as she poses with the Chancellor for a photograph.

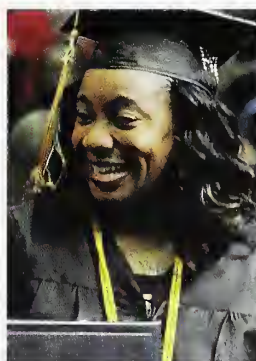




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This student (left) recognizes someone in the audience as he takes his final steps across the graduation stage.



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Sarah Qambar and Demi Watkins (left) gleefully strut across the stage to receive their diplomas, while Dominique Walker and others (below) pensively await their chance to walk across the stage.



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Adam Franco (left) is overjoyed as he prepares to get his diploma. This student (above) greets the Chancellor with a warm smile as he hands her the diploma.

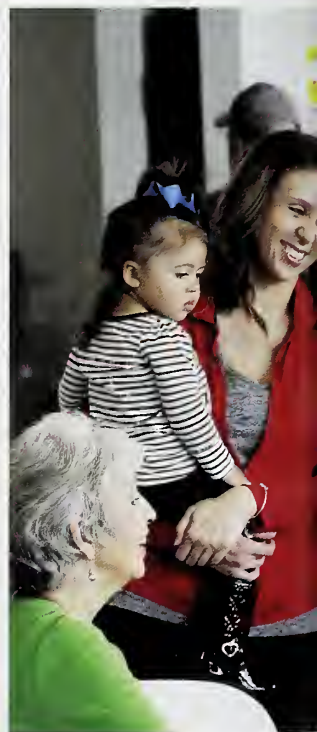


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 This member of Omega Psi Phi (right) energetically dances at an event in the auxiliary gym. TJ Corlew (below) reacts to the SuperBowl at the watch party.



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 Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha (above) chant during a pie event. Dominique Walker (above right) observes the art during a Senior exhibition

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 The crowd remains divided during a memorable Super Bowl at this year's SuperBowl watch party in the UC Lounge.



Springing Info Action



Warmer weather always brings people together, especially on a campus. Beach trips, pool days, and fun in the sun are what Spring is all about! This Spring, there were opportunities to throw a pie at someone, at a cost of course, get up and dance, and don't forget to be riled up over the first overtime in Superbowl history! It was a phenomenal moment in football history that gathered many students together, Falcon and Patriot fans, to share the experience all in one place.

Campus involvement is the best way for students to get out of their rooms and socialize with others. Events hosted usually offer free food and face it, that's a high motivator. In some cases, the free food is being thrown and that's fun for everyone involved. There's just something satisfying about being able to cover someone in whipped cream without them coming after you.

Stepping is a major event on campus because there's so much energy that gets the audience hype and moving. The fraternities like to hold events in the gymnasium that gather crowds and allow interaction between the members and the viewers. There is no boundary line when they're stepping; just watch your feet!



This member of Alpha Phi Alpha (center) is having a good time at their pie event. These Greek (right) members dance at the new member presentation in the auxiliary gym.



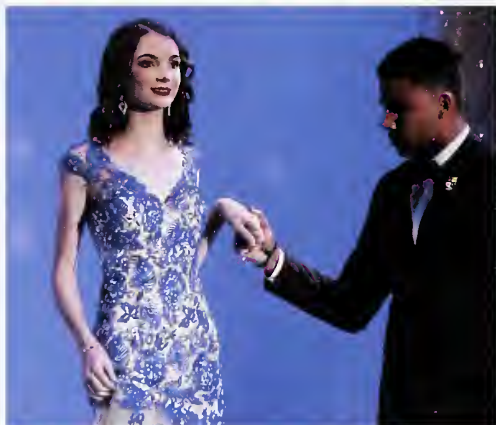
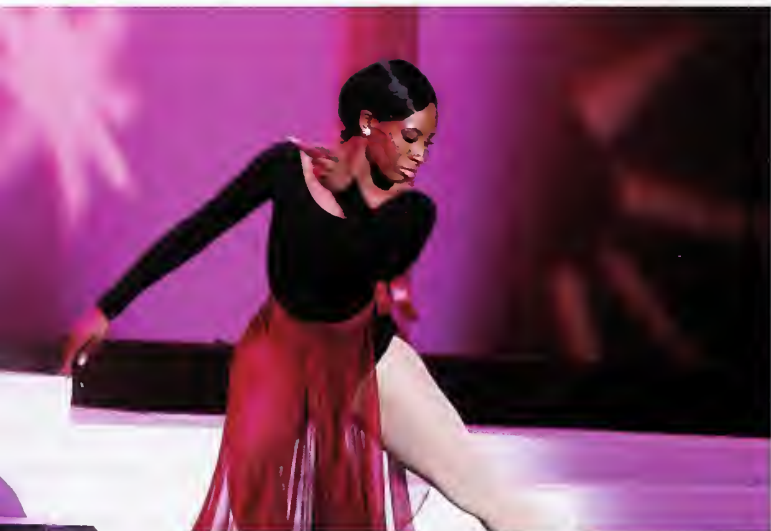
A family from our community chats during an event at the University's Entrepreneurship Incubator in downtown Pembroke (center).

This student from the Resident Housing Association (left) assists in organizing the SuperBowl watch party, as students watch attentively (above).

DeAndrea Crockwell (center) is crowned Miss UNCP by Madison Davenport. Kiara Atkinson (right) sings a song during the talent portion.



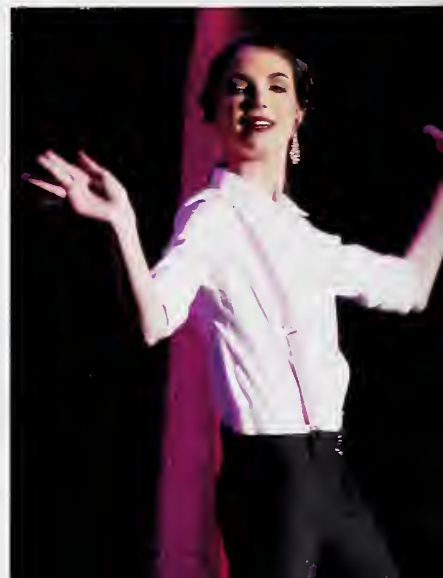
DeAndrea Crockwell dances elegantly for the audience during the talent portion.



Rebecca Hayes (above center) energetically dances during the talent competition. Shania McMillian's grin reflects her confidence in this photograph (above right). Mia Baxley shows her evening gown to the audience (above).



Former Miss UNCP Bessie Barnes and her daughter Londyn greet the MC for the night (right). Mia Baxley performs during the talent portion of the evening.



Crowning Achievement



When the time arrived this year to crown a new Miss UNCP, the girls competed in four competitions: Interview, Casual Wear, Talent, and Evening Gown. It was a tough competition but it came down to one winner, and that was Miss DeAndrea Crockwell.

The contestants were mostly juniors, except for Kiara Atkinson, a sophomore majoring in Criminal Justice. The winner of the pageant would receive a two thousand dollar educational scholarship, free room and board for one year, the crown, a class ring certificate, and lastly a five hundred dollar wardrobe allowance. No one left the pageant without a prize; the first runner-up went to Miss Kiara Atkinson and she received a seven hundred an fifty dollar scholarship as well as the Bessie Barnes Overcoming the Odds Scholarship. The second runner-up was Miss Shania McMilian, who won a five hundred scholarship and was given the Kelsey Cummings Spirit of UNC Pembroke Scholarship. Lastly the rest of the contestants received a hundred dollar scholarship as well as a trophy.

It was a night to remember, and all the girls had the best time, now we wait and see what the new Miss UNCP will do in her reign.



Rebecca Wey (left) and Jasmine Davis (below) show off their sparkling blue and black dresses for the Evening Gown portion.

Rebecca Hayes (below) laughs with last year's winner as she's questioned in Interview.



Rebecca Wey (left) struts her stuff in her Casual Wear, and Bessie Barnes (center) and her daughter Londyn make an appearance.



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The student pictured above performs on the trombone at an event this past semester.



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These student actors pictured above right emote strongly during their performance in Uncle Vanya.



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Angel Crespo and David Ybarra remove completed work from the ceramic wood kiln (right).



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These student musicians play the trombone at a campus event.



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Manny Henderson (right) levels his sand mold for a metal casting project. Nicholas Rhodes (center) plays guitar for an event. Madison Ramsey and her fellow cast members (far right) energetically perform Charlotte's Web. This student (far right bottom) plays sousaphone at a campus event.



These two actors are among the many talented actors in Uncle Vanya on the GPAC stage in February.

Jai Woods, Angel Crespo, Dominique Walker, and Studio Technician Austin Sheppard take a selfie with one of Jai Woods's art works in the first of two senior art exhibitions this spring.

Madison Ramsey, Helene Beatrice and their fellow thespians pose with director Holden Hansen after a performance of Charlotte's Web.



Express Yourself



The arts play a pivotal role in our everyday lives. The clothes we wear, the places we live, the music we listen to, and the shows we watch were all created by someone. Art is a direct reflection of our environment and our culture and serves as a means of connection between people of all backgrounds. It is important to learn about and celebrate this cultural and artistic diversity.

This past year, the Music Department performed many recitals, including the annual Holiday Extravaganza, and a number of student and guest artist recitals. Additionally, inter-departmental events occurred this year, as SGA hosted Art Night every month where musicians played and student artists could bring their artwork and display it.

The Art Department was busy this past year, hosting several guest artists who performed demos and gave lectures. Numerous exhibitions took place, and among these were the Annual High School Exhibition and several senior student exhibitions. The ceramics department also hosted an Empty Bowls Event where ceramics students donated bowls to raise money to feed the hungry. Live music was performed by students of the Music Department.

The theater department presented a number of performances this year including: a theatrical rendition of E.B. White's *Charlotte's Web*, Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* and Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*, which were student productions, as well as numerous professional performances.

These students (center) wait for play to resume during an intramural basketball game.

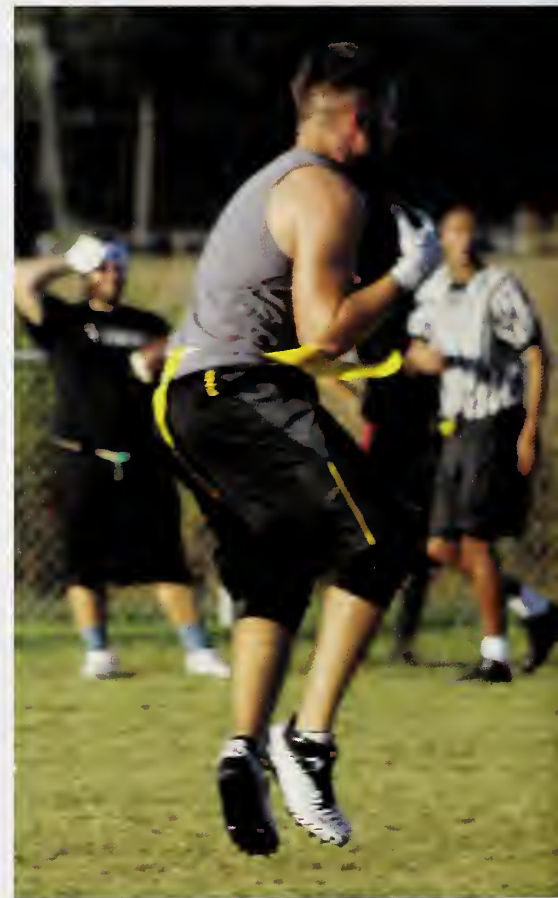


Students below express a variety of emotions during stoppage in this basketball game. This student (right) is on a mission as he sprints toward the ball-handler.



Students watch to see if the ball goes into the basket, as one player falls to the floor during a hard finish.

Christian Happel (right) intercepts a late-game pass during a close football game.





Abdull Kassim (left) races past defenders to avoid getting his flag pulled in a flag football game. Rasheed Wade and John Ware (center) attempt to chase down the runner

Christian Happel and Nick Epps take off from the line of scrimmage as the ball is snapped.



Getting Active!



Whether or not you are interested in sports, getting active is a very important part of our stressful everyday lifestyle. It helps keep our bodies healthy, our minds sharp, and for those who are competitive: it serves as a competitive outlet. UNCP offers a variety of exciting intramural programs through our Campus Recreation Center, some of which include 7-on-7 flag football, 5-on-5 basketball, soccer, softball, and much more!

In addition to the health benefits of being active, intramurals also promotes friendship and camaraderie between friends, and sometimes strangers. Sports seasons can have their ups and downs, but the passion for the sport, the drive to compete, and the friendships fostered are part of what holds teams together and makes everything worth it.

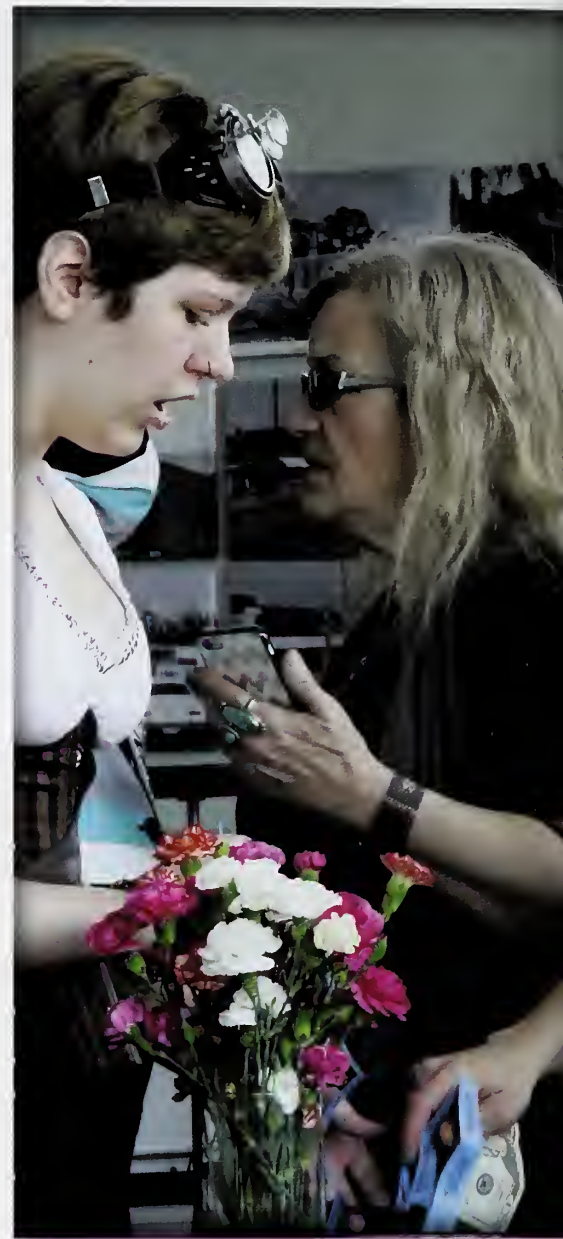
UNCP Serves!



Giving back has always been an important part of who we are as BraveNation. Service is about genuinely helping others and adding to the great sense of community we have in our area. When we serve our community we do more than just perform free labor; we are leaving an impact—an impact on the people we serve with, the people we serve, and the community as a whole.

Hundreds of students put in hundreds of hours of service this year through various events. For instance, the office of Community and Civic Engagement held their annual 9/11 and MLK Days of Service where hundreds of sleepy college students woke up bright and early on Saturday mornings to help out at various locations in Robeson County. Students volunteered at the Odom Home on campus, the Ashbury Home in Pembroke, the Humane Society in Lumberton, and many more! Additionally, events were hosted by various organizations and departments on campus. One example of this was the Empty Bowls event that was hosted by the Art Department at the Entrepreneurship Incubator. Students from the ceramics classes donated bowls to be sold to help fight hunger and were able to raise several hundred dollars.

The willingness of our student body to give back is a remarkable quality that truly makes UNCP a special university.



Students (above) are enjoying their time volunteering at the Ashbury Home in Pembroke. At the Odom Home, a fresh coat of paint is always appreciated, as these students (right) work diligently to cover the walls.



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Ceramics Professor Jessica Dupuis as-
sists at ticketing during the Empty
Bowls event at the Entrepreneurship
Incubator.

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These students help clean out a stor-
age closet at the Ashbury Home. Sam
(below) wraps bowls and chats with
visitors at the Empty Bowls event.



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These brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha help relocate fur-
niture at the Odom Home across the street from
campus. Jeneva Moore and her sorority sister assist
with gardening during the MLK Day of Service.

Traditions



UNCP is a university full of rich culture and history. Our university was originally established in 1887 as the Croatan Indian Normal School, and has undergone many changes in the years since. One of the things that has always made UNCP so very special is the presence of the Lumbee Tribe on campus and in the community. Embracing and celebrating the rich traditions of the Lumbee Tribe is an important part of who we are and what our campus is about. This year, events like the annual on-campus Pow Wows are examples of tremendous opportunities not only to experience and celebrate a culture, but to educate yourself on it if you are not familiar with it.

As you travel to different places and meet many new people, you will encounter a variety of cultures and will meet face-to-face with a diverse range of experiences. Experiencing and celebrating these cultural differences together helps us grow as people and helps solidify our university as one of the most diverse in the country.

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The vibrant colors of this Butterfly Dancer's regalia (center) are stunning as she moves to the rhythm of the music at the Pow Wow. This man (right) takes part in the festivities.



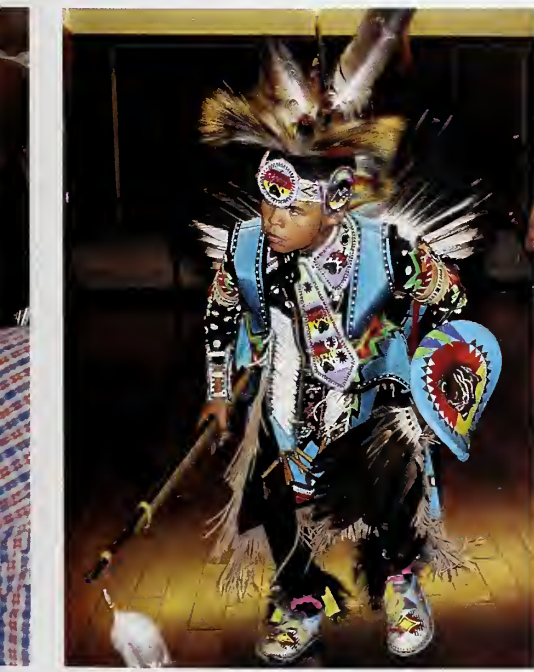
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Dancing (above) and singing (right) are two important parts of the Pow Wow.



Miss UNCP, Madison Davenport (left) represents the University, Lumbee heritage, and the rich history that the Lumbee tribe has with the university.



People of all ages were involved in this Pow Wow, as shown by these two children dancing (left). April Locklear (below) observes the ceremony.



This young man (left) fiercely dances to the Pow Wow music. Summer Jacobs and another student proudly represent their Lumbee heritage.



Braves fans witnessed the beginning of a new sports tradition at UNCP as the women's swimming and diving program began its first season of competition in 2016-17 with several wins and a wealth of experience to build on in the years to come. This was

Sports

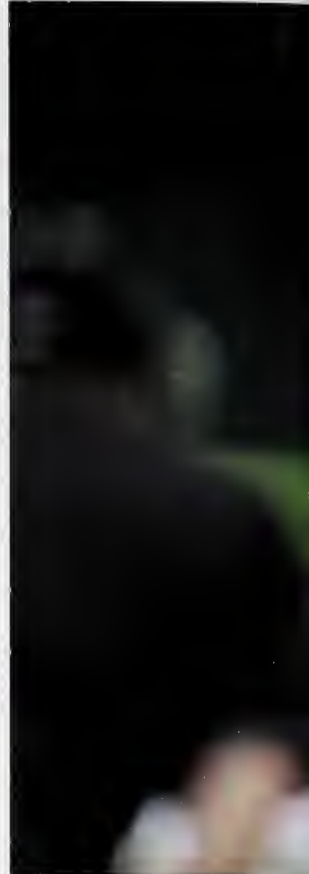
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sports tradition, as men's soccer played its final season in the fall of 2016 before the program was discontinued in January 2017 due to budget constraints.

Football fans had a lot to cheer about in 2016, as the Braves ended their winning season by advancing to the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs and gaining their highest-yet national ranking. Hoops provided even more excitement later in the year, as the Lady Braves produced eleven straight home-court wins, and the men took home the PBC Championship before their winning streak came to an end in the NCAA regionals.

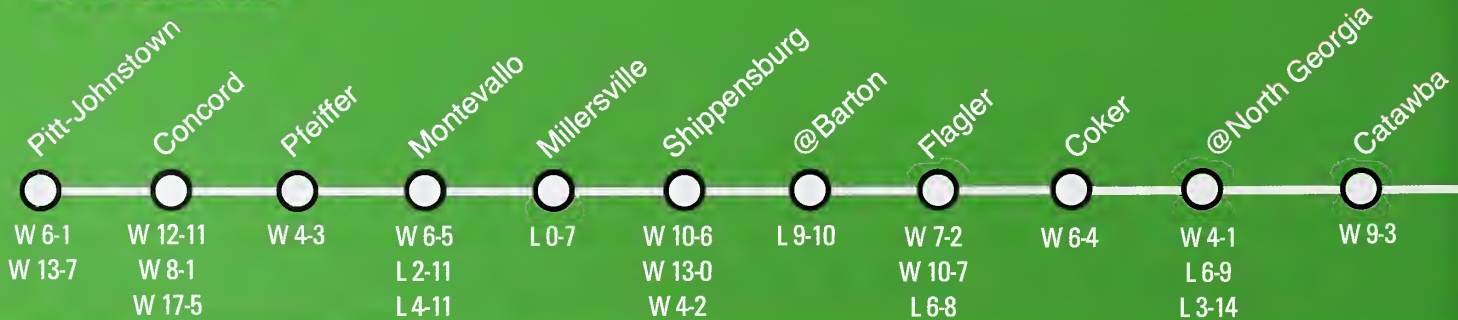
Our athletes also achieved victories, personal bests, and other accolades in baseball, softball, track, cross country, golf, volleyball, and wrestling to round out a year to be proud of for UNCP athletics.

The Braves catcher (right) is hoping to throw an opponent out, as is the infielder (below), while an outfielder hopes to get an out with a catch.



2016 Baseball: Nick Salisbury, Roberto Rivera, Alex Britt, Justin Dattilo, Hayden Buffkin, Seth Hartings, Stibel Aleman Saba, Nolan Pierce, Austin Hill, Kyle Ramsey, Zach Pait, Drew Beaver, Nick Debo, Hank Simpson, Justin Pegram, Jesse Stinnett, Daniel Batts, Alex Minton, Logan Cook, C.J. White, Nick Hayes, Grayson Lee, Daniel Oxendine, Justin White, Chris Stewart, Grayson Bullock, Jamie Cyr, Tyler Holt, Lane Johnson, Wiley Jackson, Luke Jackson, Chance Pauley, Emmitt Herring, Matt Fuhr, Trace Hagler, Christian Snider; Head Coach Paul O'Neil, Asst. Coach Jeff Jefferson, Asst. Coach Alex Pearce, Asst. Coach Daniel Britt

2016 Baseball



Play Ball!



Baseball completed the 2016 season with 27 wins against 22 losses, finishing 13-17 against PBC opponents. February's long home stand opened with two wins against Pitt-Johnstown and a three-game sweep of Concord, the last win 17-5. After defeating Pfeiffer in a close game, the Braves welcomed conference opponent Montevallo but had only one win in the three-game series. After another loss to Millersville. February ended on with a three-game sweep of Shippensburg.

March began with a close 9-10 loss at Barton. Returning home, the Braves had two wins against Flagler, a loss to Wingate, and a win against Coker. At North Georgia, they took the first game in the series before dropping the final two. Returning home, the Braves won six in a row and then two out of four on the road, closing out the month with a powerful 17-2 victory over Wingate to make up for the earlier loss at home.

The Braves pitcher at left is aiming for a strike. A base runner (below left) signals, and two of his teammates (below) are at the plate.

April was the cruelest month of the 2016 season, but the Braves did manage to pull out a close 10-9 victory for their final game of the season.



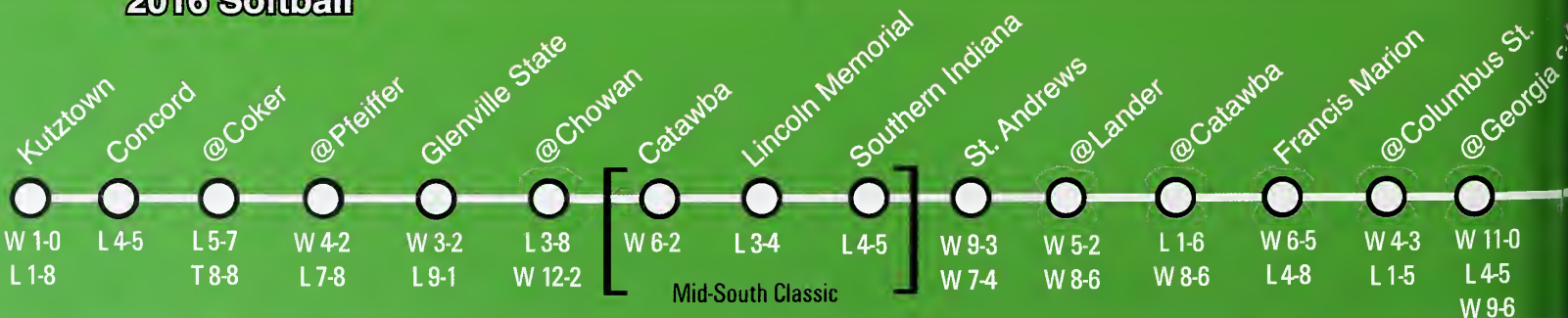
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W 9-6		W 12-5		L 7-10	W 2-1		L 0-13	L 7-18	L 7-18	W 10-9

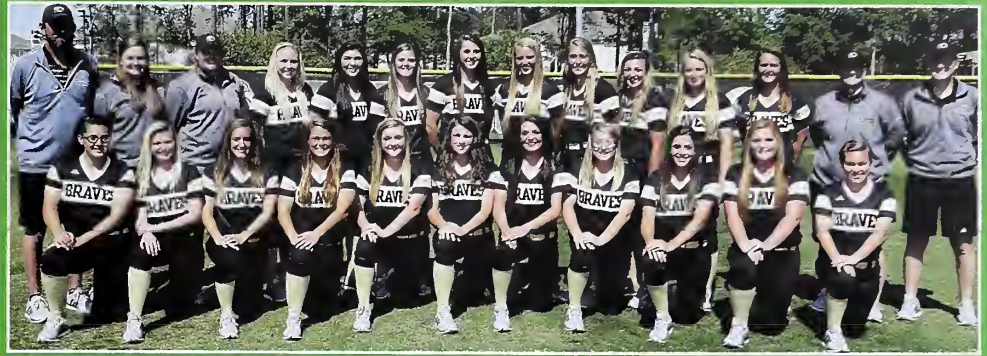
Bases Covered

Lady Braves softball had an up and down season in spring 2016 but ended on a winning note to finish with a 29-24-1 record overall, 14-10 in the PBC conference. After winning their home opener against Kutztown on February 5, they dropped the next two games to the same team the following day, and they alternated between wins and losses for much of the rest of the month and into early March. A run of five losses at the end of March was followed by a string of seven wins in April. After one final loss to USC Aiken, the Lady Braves ended their regular season with three wins against USC Aiken and Montevallo. After an opening round victory against Georgia College in the PBC Tournament, UNC fell to North Georgia to end their 2016 campaign.



2016 Softball





2016 Softball: Ashleigh Mason, Carleigh Brooks, Whitney Jackson, Taylor Gerhart, Abbey Walters, Mackenzie Brinson, Toni Nelson, Lexie Coxe, Morgan Davis, Taylor Strickland, Katie Saunders, Jamie Johnson, Haleigh Epperson, Bailey Jones, Savannah Melvin, Erin Hollingsworth; Head Coach Brittany Bennett, Asst. Coach Kristen Hobbs, Asst. Coach Brea Hartley, Volunteer Asst. Coach Neil Smith



Base running, pitching, fielding, catching, and batting—the athletes on the UNCP softball team display all the skills needed to produce a winning season in 2016.

@Newberry	@Young Harris	@North Georgia	Limestone	@Winston-Salem St.	@Barton	Georgia College	Augusta	Wingate	Flagler	Armstrong State	@USC Aiken	Montevallo	Georgia College	N. Georgia
W 0-1	L 3-6	L 1-3	L 1-3	W 7-6	L 4-5	W 6-3	W 1-0	W 3-2	W 3-1	W 3-1	L 1-9	W 9-1	W 5-0	L 3-6
L 0-3	L 2-3	L 0-8	L 2-5	W 4-3	W 6-4	L 0-8	W 4-3	W 5-4	W 8-4	L 0-7	W 10-0	W 7-5	PBC Tournament	

Marathon Man

Former UNC Pembroke All-American Pardon Ndhlovu is shown below running in his Olympic marathon debut at Rio 2016, where he



bested 114 of the world's best athletes, registering a time of 2:17:48 en route to a 41st place finish; he completed the grueling 26.2 mile road race with a pace of 5:16 per mile.

Ndhlovu ran cross country and track for UNCP from 2009-13. A four-time all-Peach

Belt Conference standout, the Harare, Zimbabwe, native won the 2011 and 2012 PBC Cross Country Championship and was named the PBC Runner of the Year both seasons, one of only four PBC men's runners to ever win that award twice. His 2012 championship time of 24:20 stands as the third-fastest 8k run in the PBC Championships.

He also competed in track and field in his senior season in 2013 and was named the PBC Men's Track Athlete of the Year that season, winning the 1,500-, 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs. He advanced to the NCAA National Championships and was named an All-American in both the 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs.



2016 Men's Track and Field

Nebiyu Aynu
Micah Baldwin
Broderick Bauguess
Brandon Bulla
Christian Ceccato
Marcus Cooper
Kellen Corson
William Fields
Brett Godwin
Javon Graham
LaMyron Greene
Evan Guinn
Curtis Haynie
Zeke Hoggs
Onaje "O.J." Humbert
Jamel Jefcoat

Joel Johnston
Kory Jones
Adrien King
Tyler Lever
Jonathan Martin
Matthew Martin
Steven Miller
Yuri Moore
Nate Nash
Wilson Pearson
Dillan Perry
Nathan Pollard
Michael Powell
Alexander Prevatt
Matt Reith
Mark Richardson

Quincy Ridley
Isaac Sampson
A.J. Sayers-O'Neill
Tim Sigmon
Braxton Simmons
Nathanael Stainback
Scott Stewart
Blaine Thomas
Keyshawn Tyler
Logan Ward
Spencer Waters
Adam White
Jordan Wilson
Michael Zimmerman
Head Coach Peter Ormsby

2016 Women's Track and Field

Kyndal Boykin
Jaynell Brown
Deja Burks
Kristin Cain
Jeanna Cube
Onya Daye
Savannah Fornshell
Fatima Funderburk
Kristin Garner
Catherine George
Kebori Gorham

Simone Gwehi
India Johnson
Olivia Lowman
Angelica McNair
Hana Metzinger
Elicia Montgomery
Jani Perez
Haili Pierson
Essence Scott
Morgan Sheehan
Brenna Sifford

Lakezia Sykes
Lea Tardanico
Briana Taylor
Kaitlyn Thomas
Lyric Troy
Emily Vance
Jada Wallace
Deja Weaver
Jazneque Whyatt
Erica Williams
Head Coach Peter Ormsby

2016 Track & Field





Braves compete in sprints, long jump, hurdles, and high jump as well as many other track and field events throughout the year.

On the Run

Track and Field expanded its season with indoor as well as outdoor competition. The team finished first in both the Winston-Salem Invitational and the Braves Classic and second in the Wingate Invitational, and ended its Spring 2016 campaign with a fourth-place showing at the PBC Championships.

Fall 2016 was a very competitive year for our cross country Braves. They had a number of personal best times and despite the challenge, some of them earned top spots in the six races they competed in. At the NCAA Region Championship, Coach Peter Ormsby responded in an interview, "Our region is one of the best in the country, so it bodes well for us that we finished where we did." Although this was simply in regard to that race, this statement can be applied to the whole season.

At the Elon Open, Logan Ward led the men's cross country team, coming in 9th place out of 41 in the 6k with a time of 19:24. Lea Tardanico was impressive in the women's 4k, finishing in 22th place out of 48 with a time of 15:51. Although these two runners led the way for most of the season, Wilson Pearson managed to pass Ward in the Peach Belt Conference 8k with a time of 25:38. Kristin Cain finished right behind Tardanico, there only being a 9 second difference between them.



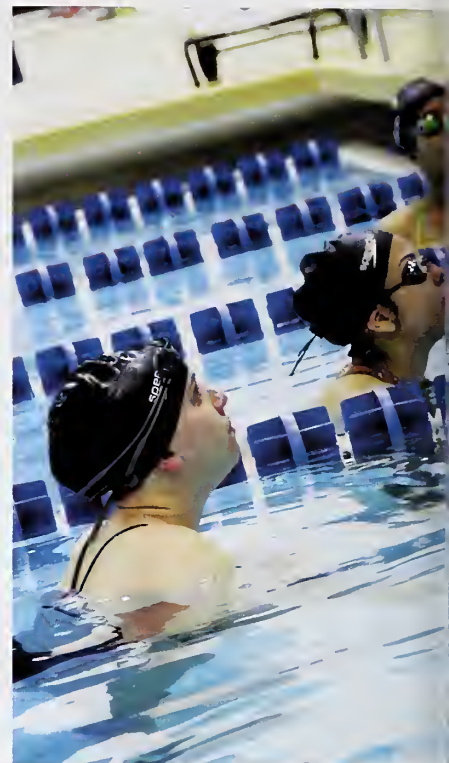
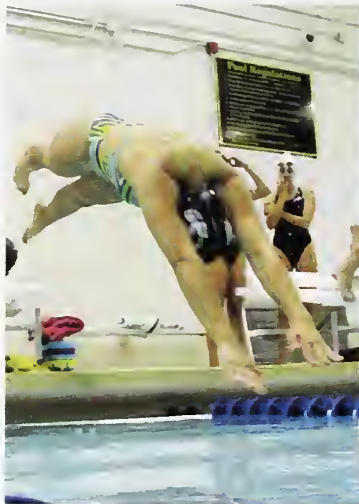
2016 Men's Cross Country: Micah Baldwin, Broderick Bauguess, Kellen Corson, Curtis Haynie, Tyler Lever, Jathan Martin, Matthew Martin, Nate Nash, Wilson Pearson, Nathan Pollard, A.J. Sayers-O'Neill, Tim Stonon, Andrew Tedder, Logan Ward, Spencer Waters; Head Coach Peter Ormsby, Asst. Coach Patrick Heckroth, Volunteer Asst. Coach Kyndal Boykin



2016 Women's Cross Country: Kristin Cain, Catherine George, Madison Love, Morgan Love, O'ja Lowman, Michaela Reynolds, Morgan Sheehan, Brenna Sifford, Lea Tardanico, Emily Vance; Head Coach Peter Ormsby, Asst. Coach Patrick Heckroth, Volunteer Asst. Coach Kyndal Boykin

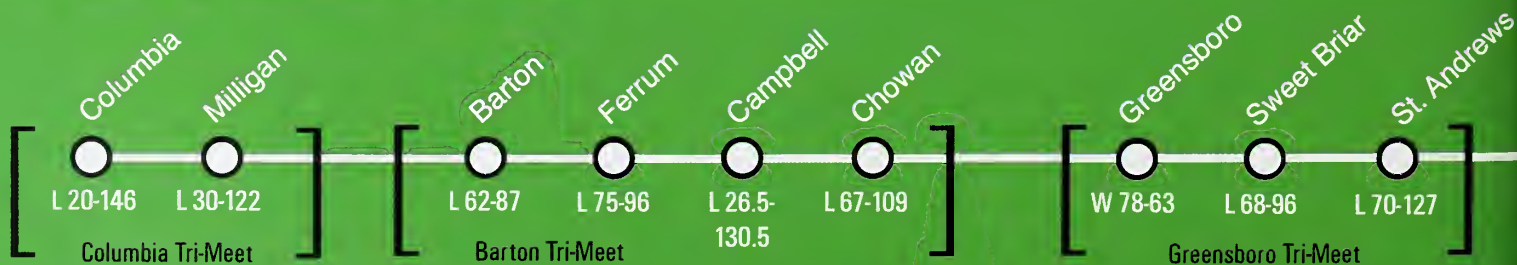
2016 Cross Country





Members of UNCP's newest varsity sports program, swimming and diving, put in hours every week training in the Jones Center to prepare themselves for upcoming meets. After a few victories in their inaugural season, the ladies are back in the pool, using this year's experiences to prepare for even more success in the years to come.

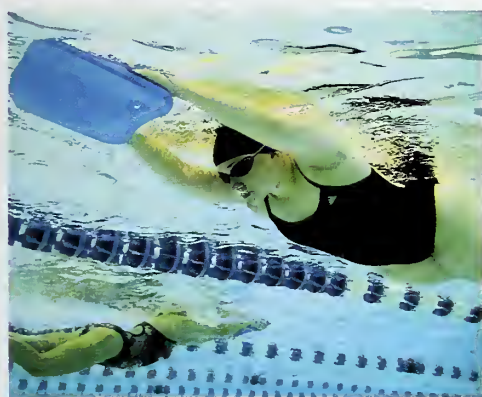
2016-17 Swimming & Diving



Diving into a New Sport

UNC Pembroke competed in varsity swimming and diving for the first time beginning with the 2016-17 athletic season under the leadership of head coach Rhonda Blank. Blank, a Pembroke native, has served as a swim instructor at UNCP for 16 years and co-director of the Health and Human Performance Department's Swim School since 2011. She has also served a stint as an assistant athletics director and a health/physical education teacher for the Hoke County School System since 2004.

Joining Blank in the coaching staff were Joseph Leary, Volunteer Assistant Coach Alex Cooper, and Tara Chisholm, Athletic Trainer.

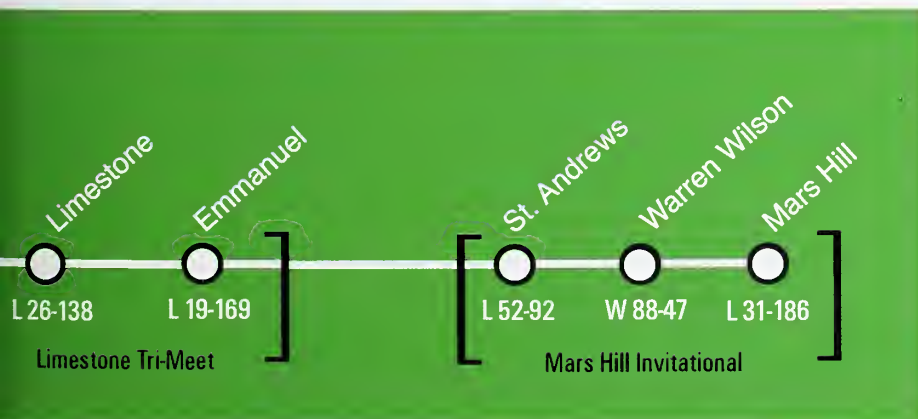


The swimming and diving squad opened its 2016 campaign in October 2016, the first meet in program history, falling to host Columbia (S.C.) and Milligan. The Black and Gold put four different swimmers in the water, competing in five separate events. Despite the final tally on the scoreboard, head coach Rhonda Blank saw some things she liked. "I am very proud of the four that swam today," Blank said. "They all beat some of their personal bests from practices even though their nerves were running wild."

After three additional meets, including a win against host Greensboro College at the Greensboro Tri-Meet in early January 2017, the team wrapped up its first season with an 88-47 victory over Warren Wilson at the Mars Hill Invitational. As the 2016-17 campaign came to an end, the Black & Gold can hang its hat on a pair of team wins, in Mars Hill and in Greensboro, and a multitude of individual event victories.



2016 Swimming & Diving: Sonyaliz Goveo, Savannah Hefner, Taylor Lusk, Emmaline Mansfield, Aneil Owens, Alexys Pagan, Amanda Snider, Kelsey Williams, Gina Zhang; Head Coach Rhonda Blank, Volunteer Asst. Coach Joseph Leary



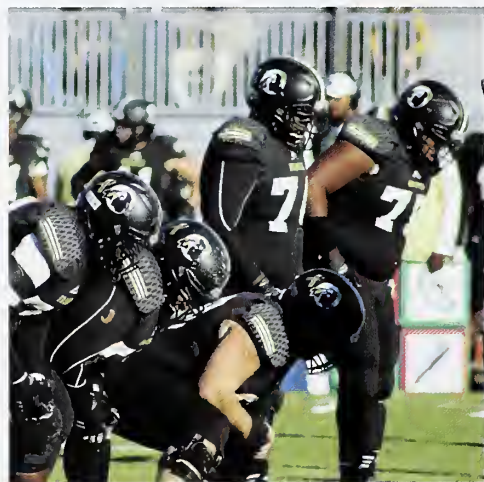
Highly-Ranked Season

Braves football soared in 2016, shattering a school record with 10 victories while also securing its first NCAA Playoffs victory in school history. After a 20-17 win at Winston Salem State in their opening game, the Braves bested Fayetteville State 50-28 in Pembroke in the Two Rivers Classic; this annual matchup with FSU will be discontinued after this year. The only regular-season loss was a close 16-21 game at Tuskegee on October 1. After that, the Braves continued their winning ways, including a 41-31 victory over Catawba on Homecoming weekend. Their final game of the regular season was a nail-biter, but UNCP pulled out a 19-18 win over Concord in front of their home fans. After a win over Valdosta State in their first playoff game, the Braves' season came to an end with a loss to North Alabama in the second round.

The 13th-ranked UNC Pembroke football team put an emphatic lid on a jarful of postseason accolades when B.J. Bunn, Matt Davis, Jaden Funderburk and Rontonio Stanley were all named to the Don Hansen All-America team. This marked the fourth all-America honor for Davis, while Bunn grabbed his second career all-America nod after also earning the honor last season. It was the first all-America award for both Funderburk and Stanley. A total of 15 players have now earned all-America laurels for the Braves over the last nine seasons.

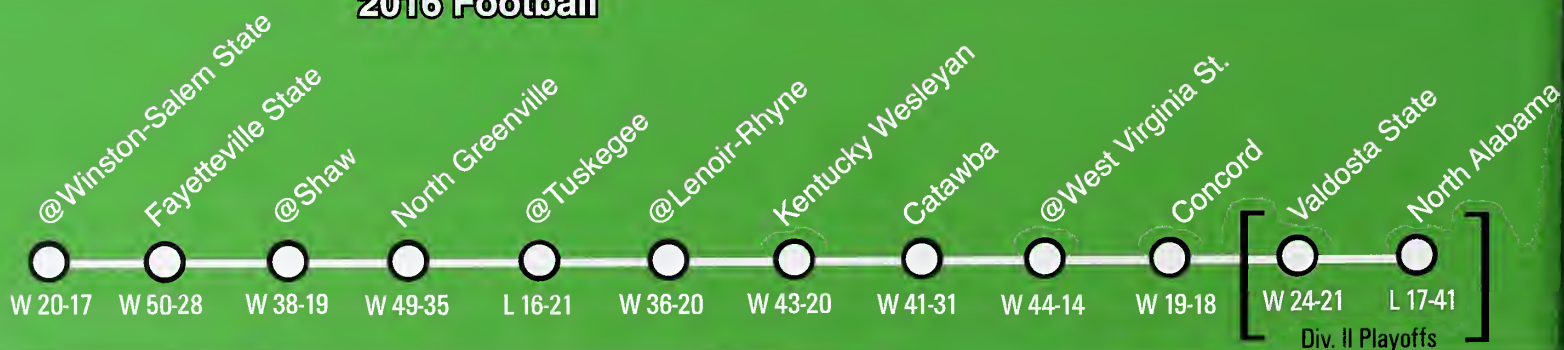
One of the finest seasons in the history of the UNC Pembroke football team was completed in 2016 as the Braves settled in at No. 13 in the final American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Top 25. It is the highest final ranking for the Braves (10-2) in the 10-year history of the program. UNCP was ranked 20th in the final edition of the 2009 AFCA poll, and nestled into the No. 15 spot following a 9-2 season in 2013.

The Braves signed 24 football players to national letters of intent during the first day of the 2017 spring signing period. UNCP, which returns 13 starters (6 offense, 7 defense) off of its 2016 squad, ended 2016 looking forward to continued success in years to come.



Braves football shows its skills in both defense (above) and offense (right and far right) during the 2016 season, reaching the second round of the NCAA Div. II Playoffs and ending with their highest national ranking ever.

2016 Football





A Braves defensive player (left) tackles his opponent during UNCP's win over Catawba, while another player smiles on the sideline, ready to get back into the game.



2016 Football: B.J. Bunn, Damian Whitaker, Matt Davis, JoJo Spann, Elijah Williams, Matthew Thomas-Quick, Dominick Samson, Terron Huffman, Nate Williams, Connor Tough, Quadrin Williams, Patrick O'Brien, Carlos Manning, Titus Smith, Reggie Woods, Jeremy Fletcher, Reggie Pinner, Michael Clark, Devin Jones, Tre'von Gibson, Cliff Jones, Kaleel Hollis, Brian Staton, Miles Grant, Yavel Morris, Tyler Threatt, Shawn Everett, Jordan Howard, Joshua Barrett, James Martin, Rontonio Stanley, Tyriek Ramseur, Milton Weeks, Amari Brice-Greene, Bikembe Kearney, Nevante Gamble, Josh Sheridan, Josh Manns, Ankenaten Truitt-Martin, Dock Corpening III, Dylan Davis, Garrett Barnett, Cameron Williams, Myles Moore, Robert Beacham, Ethan Bridges, Christopher Ploch, Michael Aaron, Jodie Savage, Tajai Liles, Albert Wright, Donovan Wirt, Lucas Grim, Chris Palmer, Cody Garner, Aarace Brooks, Alexander Richardson, Demarcus Whitehurst, Ian Land, Antone Tavares, Christopher Powlen, Vinston Thorpe, Brandon Conner, Timon McMillan, Derek Berrier, Jared Johnson, Allen Turner, Jquan Breeden, Gage Baldwin, Matt Cooper, Jaden Funderburk, Lawrence Keys, Chris Hassard, Zachary Davis, Daniel Butler, Jonathan Allen, Jalon Nixon, Aaron Whitaker, Quay Threatt, Ronald Porter, Rick Mack, Stedman Rush, Tra Chandler, Samuel Barbosa, Khalil Vance, Tyler Ginton, Marquin Hill, Alpha Lamin, Bryan McAllister, Ed Hopper, Keenen Evans, Nathan London, Chris Ajagbawa, Jahmad Cherry, Naim Donaldson, Auston Foley, Cameron Bridges, Takoda Locklear, A.J. Love, Nakeem McKenzie, Keenon Vinson, Jake Wright; Head Coach Shane Richardson

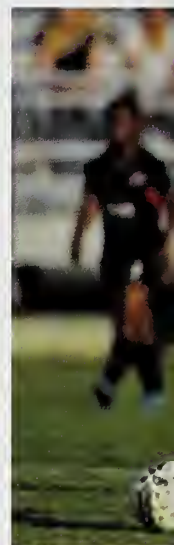
In It to Win It

The women's 2016 soccer season got off to a slow start with a pair of 0-1 losses, but after that the Lady Braves took off with a run of nine straight victories on their way to a 12-4-2 record overall. They won nine matches against PBC opponents and advanced to the second round of the conference tournament.

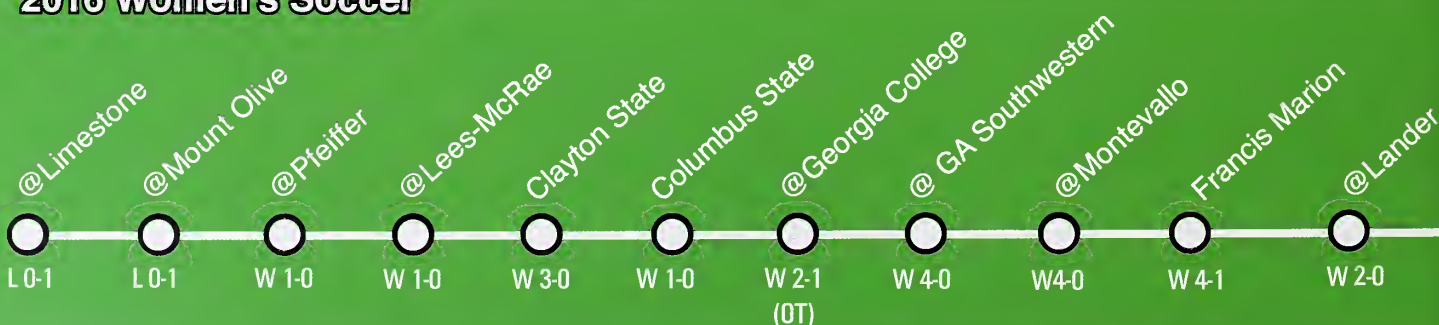
After their loss to Mount Olive on September 7, the team won their next two matches on the road and returned to Pembroke to win their first two PBC contests against Clayton State and Columbus State. They continued with five more victories before two ties in their final home matches against North Georgia and Armstrong State. The team ended the regular season with a hard-fought 1-0 win at Young Harris in double overtime before heading to a first-round victory in the PBC Tournament. Although they fell to North Georgia in the second round, they could take pride in a remarkably successful season.



2016 Women's Soccer: Courtney Almon, Gina Ryan, Katie Watkins, Gabby Ortiz, Courtney Crump, Courtney Boger, Kimsey Collins, Amber Watkins, Kate Weisner, Carly Rochelle, Shannon O'Neill, Armani Boswell, Alexis Hurd, Christine Rolfes, Jasmine Senécal-Guzman, Katy Ryan, Jillian Robson, Carolina Sanchez, Haley Stewart, Stacey Scott, Kristina Stevenson; Head Coach Lars Andersson, Asst. Coach Brittany Padilla



2016 Women's Soccer





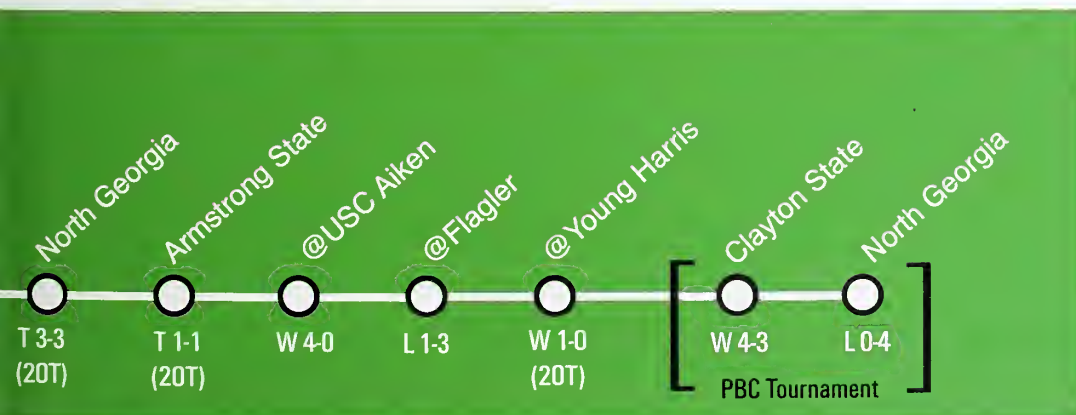
Carly Rochelle (11, left) and another Lady Brave (below) put their best feet forward to advance the ball down the field.



Jasmine Guzman (17, below) gets ready to put the ball into play for UNCP.



Keeper Courtney Almon (above) guards the goal for the Lady Braves; Stacey Scott (23, above left) does her best to keep an opponent away from the ball.



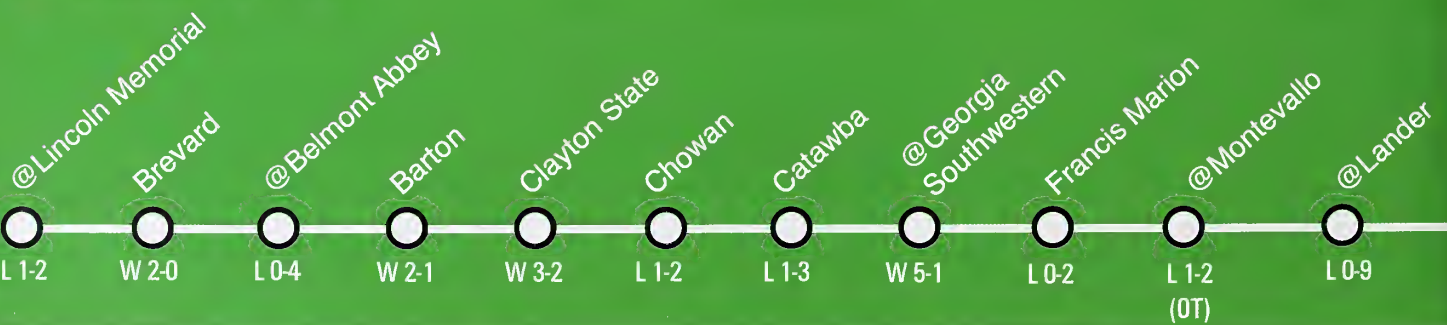
Lucas Guzman (1, right) stands ready to defend as a teammate uses a header to keep the ball away from the UNCP goal.



The Brave at right leaps up to kick the ball away from an opponent; Kelvin Sarkorh (15), Izzy Evans (14), and Tyler Santee (16) keep the ball in play for the Braves.



2016 Men's Soccer





Josh Hanratty (left) gets into position to block an opponent.



2016 Men's Soccer: Lucas Gusmao, Ruben Taks, Ties van den Eijnde, Josh Hanratty, Marco Garcia, Austin Shedd, Jordan Walshaw, Branco Theis, Johannus Cuarezma, Omar Rivera, Tucker Crowder, Izzy Evans, Kelvin Sarkorh, Tyler Santee, Josh Sheffield, Josh Barnello, Hunter Gregory, Hunter Denton, Cristian Uribe, Trenton Spigener; Head Coach John Miglarese, Asst. Coach Bennie Bardales

Final Goals

Men's soccer began their first season under new head coach John Miglarese with three wins against two losses, achieving back-to-back home victories against Barton and their first PBC opponent, Clayton State. The Braves fought hard against tough competition for the rest of the 2016 season, winning two more matches, both against PBC rivals, including a 3-2 win over Flagler in double overtime late in the season to finish with a 5-10 record overall.

In January 2017, Athletic Director Dick Christy announced that the men's soccer program would be discontinued due to budget constraints. Scholarships would be honored for any athletes who wished to complete their studies at UNCP, Christy said. Men's soccer was the third sports program to be trimmed since 2015, when women's tennis and men's golf were eliminated. Men's and women's indoor track was added then, as well as swimming and diving, as those sports cost significantly less to support. "Our budget was forecasted to deplete our financial reserves this summer," Christy said, "and when the budget reality was evident to me ... we owed it to the kids on the team, if they wanted to compete, to give them the opportunity to do that somewhere else." The cost of fielding a men's soccer program is one of six at UNCP whose full funding exceeds \$250,000, Christy said.

The program was on a list of those on shaky ground after a review by a budget evaluation committee. Soccer was on the next level on the report, Christy said, adding, "My hope was that the report would've been to put in a drawer and I would never use it." But with the athletic department facing the depletion of its reserve fund this summer in order to keep the program going, Christy said the school opted to pull the plug now and inform the student-athletes of the decision.



North Georgia
 @Flagler
 @USC Aiken
 @Lander

L 4-5 (20T)
 W 3-2 (20T)
 L 1-5
 L 0-4

Men's Soccer Gave UNCP Lots of Kicks!

Our men's soccer program began in the fall of 1964 under the leadership of Dr. Kenneth Johnson, who served as head coach for the initial season and returned to the helm twice, in 1968-69 and again in 1975-77. After a 0-4-2 start in 1964, the program came into its own during the next six seasons under Dan McNair (1965-67), Johnson, and Charlie Bishop (1970-71), finishing at .500 or better each year from 1965-1970. The tide turned during the 1970s under Bishop, Mike Olson (1972-74), Johnson, and Dan Kenney (1978-79); the team's 5-4-0 finish in 1972 was the last winning season of the decade.

Mike Schaeffer became head coach for the 1980 season and retired on May 31, 2010, with 13 winning seasons and a 231-242-35 record, ranking 16th among active coaches in the NCAA at that time. During his 30-year career, our men's soccer team developed into a legitimate contender at the conference and regional levels, with three teams qualifying for the NCAA postseason, including the 2004 squad that advanced to the Final Four. Schaeffer coached five all-Americans, 35 all-conference performers, and two PBC Freshmen of the Year. Twenty-six of his players earned all-PBC tournament laurels, and 30 won PBC Player of the Week accolades. Off the playing field, Schaeffer's teams were just as successful, with four players earning academic all-America laurels and three others taking home academic all-region honors; a total of 58 players were named to the PBC's Academic Honor Roll, and 23 of those student-athletes earned the league distinction in multiple seasons. Personally, Schaeffer received four Coach of the Year awards.

Under Phil Hindson, head coach from 2010-2015, men's soccer had back-to-back winning seasons in 2011 and 2012 and advanced to the PBC Tournament each year from 2010-2013. The 2016 season was John Miglarese's first as head coach—and also the last season for men's soccer at UNCP. Budget concerns led to the decision to cut the program, as announced in January 2017.



First men's soccer team



First men's soccer team to advance to NCAA Regionals



"The boys have put much energy into developing skills in this sport, but they realize that complete mastery of the game takes drive and experience."

Dr. Ken Johnson, 1964





Additional photos and coverage of men's soccer through the decades can be found in past editions of the *Indianhead*. Statistics and team and individual honors can be found in the Record Book available on the UNCP Athletics website.

Trond Myrland, Ali Erdal, Sascha Gorres, and John Cooper (clockwise from top left) all played on the 2004 team that won the PBC and NCAA Southeast Region championships and represented UNCP in the NCAA Division II Final Four.

- 2003:** 17-1-2 (.900)
2nd in PBC Tournament (lost final on PKs after 3 OTs)
Advanced to first round of NCAA Southeast Regionals (also lost on PKs after 3 OTs)
- 2004:** 16-3-0 (.842)
PBC and NCAA Southeast Regional Champions
Advanced to semifinal round of NCAA National Championships
- 2005:** 12-3-5 (.842)
2nd in PBC Tournament (lost final on PKs after 3 OTs)
Advanced to first round of NCAA Southeast Regionals

11-4-1 (.718)
Best season so far under Schaeffer

1996

2003-2005

Phil Hindson
becomes
Head Coach

2010

John Miglarese
becomes
Head Coach

2012

12-5-2 (.684)
Best season record
under Hindson

2016

Last season for
men's soccer

"I've always tried to make sure players knew the right way to do things and the importance of trying hard and persevering. Our program has stressed winning, of course, but winning the right way and dealing with set-backs with class."
Coach Mike Schaeffer, 2009



Ashlii Thompson makes a putt as a teammate waits her turn on the green.



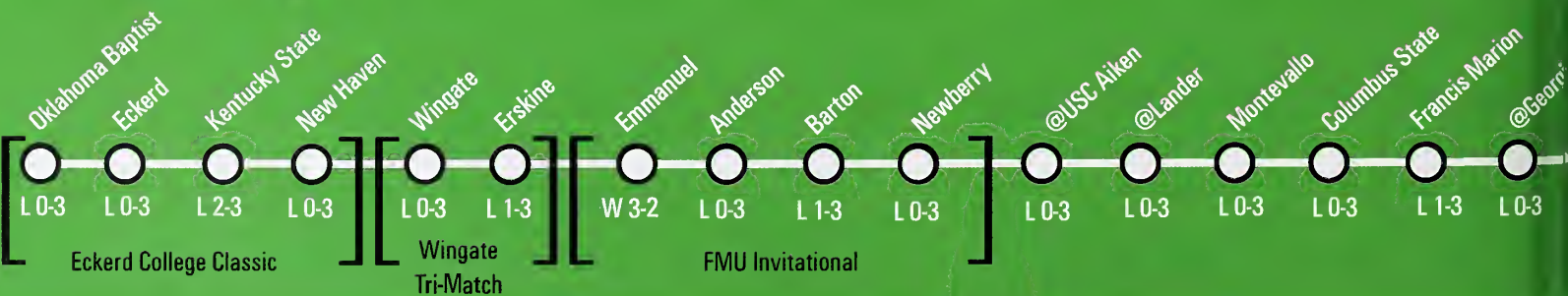
2016-17 Women's Golf: Alexandria Bare, Casey Burroughs, Katy Flax, Meredith Godwin, Amanda Levy, Gabby Milam, Megan Munroe, Ashlii Thompson, Savannah Thompson; Head Coach David Synan, Asst. Coach Dana Watkins, Student Assistant Todd Gleaton, Student Assistant Patrik Merkell



2016 Volleyball: Makaylah Elliott, Jada Vernon, Caroline Pridgen, Kiara Price, Anna Heinz, Alicia Paeplow, Josephine Yang, Bailee Jones, Aquia Jones, Katelynn Leach, Alexis Hollis, Cayce Bell, Madelyn Ashwell; Head Coach Ellen McGill, Asst. Coach Katie Rueffer, Graduate Assistant Marilyn Sherbondy



2016 Volleyball



2016-17 Women's Golf



At the Net & On the Course

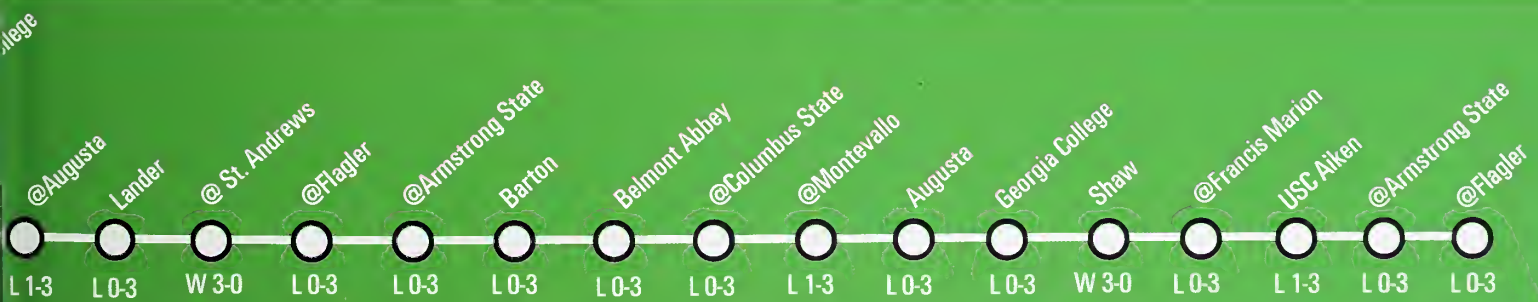
The UNCP Volleyball season was one of tough competition for the Lady Braves. They had a total of 32 matches this season and won 3 only against 29 losses. They didn't have the best season, but every game they played, they played with heart and as a team. The volleyball team had three graduating seniors this year—Caroline Pridgen, Alicia Paeplow, and Josephine Yang—and they honored them at their last home match against USC Aiken. One of the seniors, Caroline Pridgen, secured a spot on the NCCSIA all state volleyball team. As they bid farewell to the departing players, they also looked forward to improved performances next season. Under the leadership of head coach Ellen McGill, they also put on clinics and events to show the community that they are here and are here to stay.

Women's golf got off to a great start by winning their first tournament at Cutter Creek in

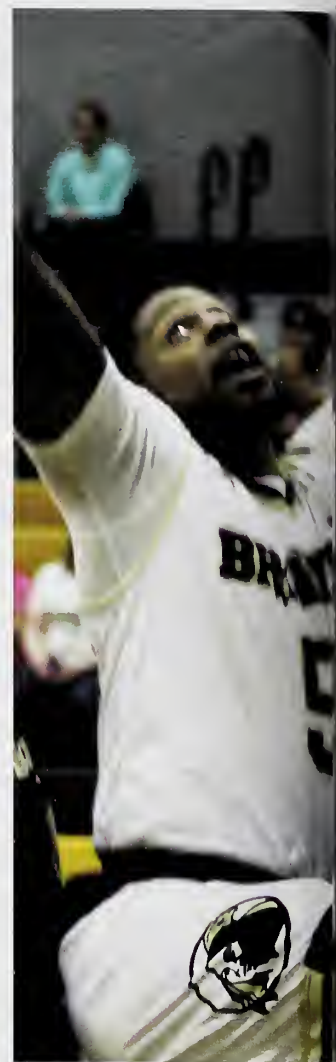
Kinston, NC, with Ashlii Thompson breaking the 36-hole school record, and finished second by one stroke in their next tournament. Individual players had strong performances later in the season, which ended with the team taking first place in the Sunoco Campbell Oil Classic. Savannah Thompson ended the season looking forward to "seeing the team become a family and a force to be reckoned with."



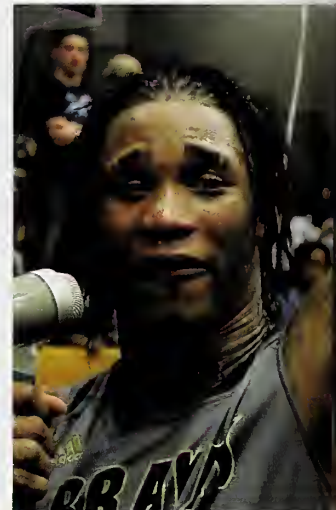
Alexis Hollis (14), Cayle Bell (15), and Caroline Pridgen (4) are on the volleyball court for the Lady Braves during the 2016 season.



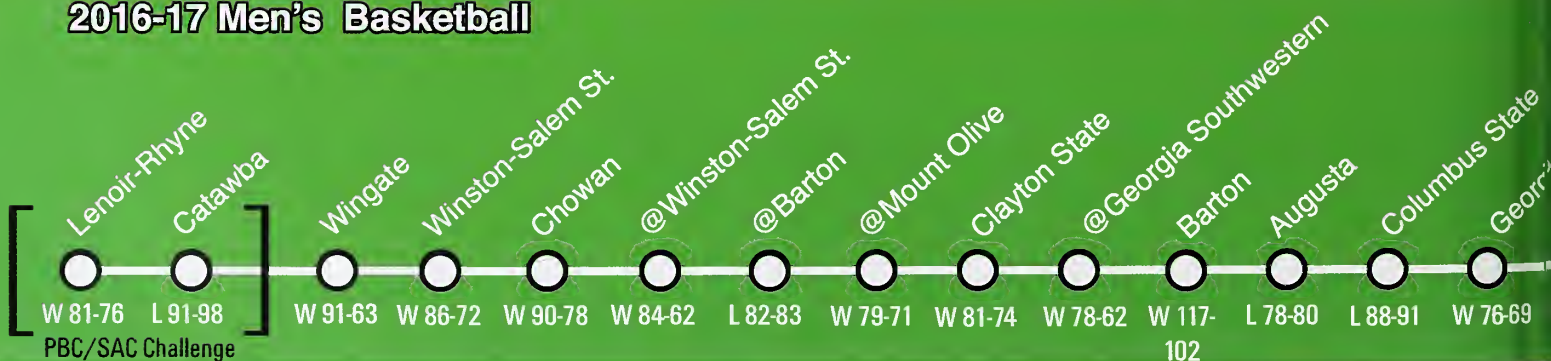
Seniors Alex Bradley (3) and Mike Smith (22) are honored during their last home game for the Braves (right). The Braves play to win during the regular season and celebrate their victory after the final game of the PBC Championship.



2016-17 Men's Basketball: Brandon Watts, Micah Kinsey, Alex Bradley, Akia Pruitt, Nigel Grant, Jimmy Staiti, James Murray-Boyles, Jeff McIlwain, Carson Mounce, Mike Smith, Quamain Ros, Andrew Evans, Giavonni Mack, Bryson Hall; Head Coach Ben Miller, Associate Head Coach Drew Richards, Volunteer Asst. Coach Eldon Miller, Graduate Asst. Coach Tony Jones, Graduate Asst. Coach Kalen Edding



2016-17 Men's Basketball



PBC Champions!



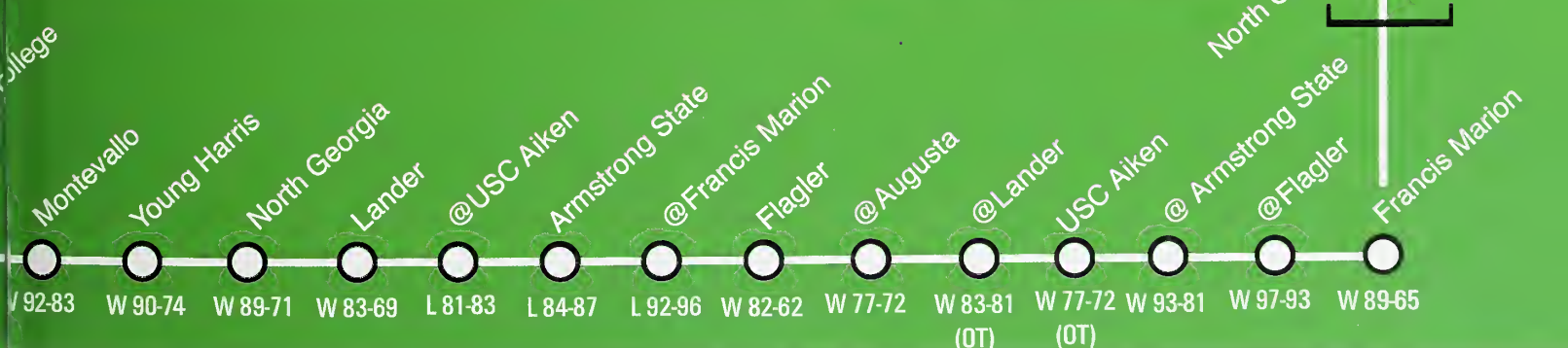
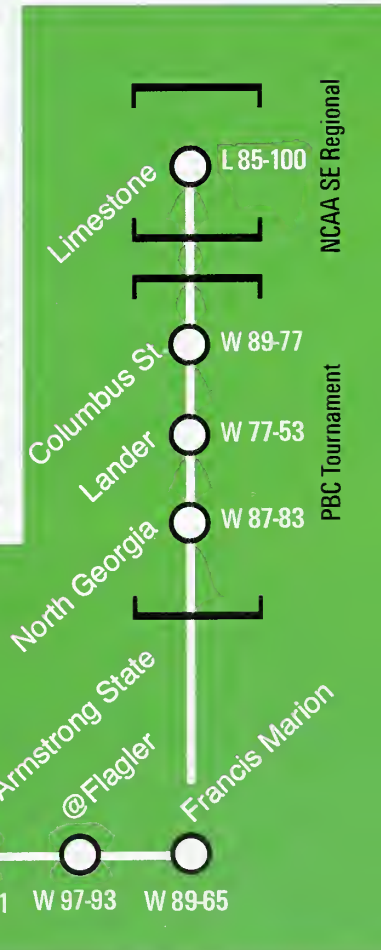
Let's look back at the journey the UNCP men's basketball team took to reach the Peach Belt Championships. At first their chances seemed slim, having lost all three of their exhibition matches. However, those losses did not waver their confidence in later matches. Each game was a tug-of-war where the deciding point of was found within the last minute.

Our Braves' first exhibition match against All-Army foreshadowed the outcome of all subsequent games. UNCP battled back from a 22-point deficit in the first half and the scores remained close until All-Army pulled away within the last 56 seconds. That resulted in UNCP's loss and a score of 73-79. A later match against their in-state rivals, the Mount Olive Trojans, had a similar result, only with UNCP's victory with a score of 79-71. In that match, there were five lead changes and just as many tie scores up until the last minute. Throughout the season, the average difference between scores was roughly 13 points. Every team the Braves went up against was on near equal footing, yet the Braves succeeded in most of them.

Although UNCP had previously lost to the Columbus State Cougars earlier in the season, when they met again in the Peach Belt Championship, the Braves emerged victorious.



Compared to UNCP, which was on a ten-game winning streak, Columbus State was at a lower morale, having lost three games within the last two months of the season. UNCP had built up a lot more momentum leading up to the championship. Despite the Cougars' slight advantage of 46 points to UNCP's 41, they could not hold the lead. The final score of UNCP's 89 points to Columbus State's 77 was no surprise. Even though both teams were equally skilled, the one with the most confidence and determination came out on top.



Brianna Baham (4, right) waits to see if the ball goes in, while Airico Williams (23, far right) gets ready to take her shot.

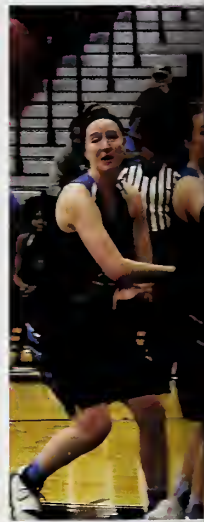


Senior Jonissa Monley (24, right) stands ready to assist as one of her teammates advances the ball against an opposing player.

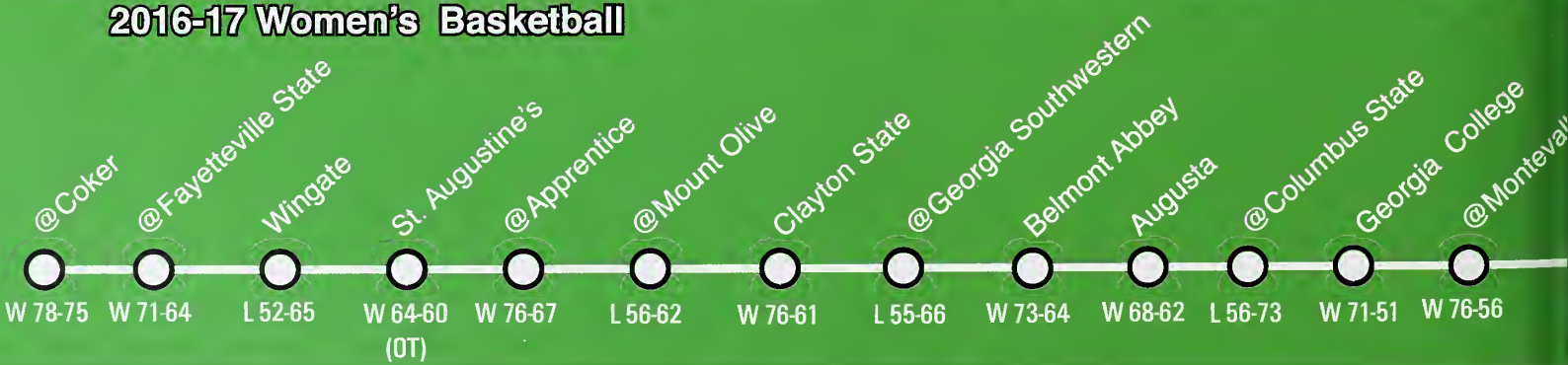
Graduating seniors Jonissa Monley, Jasmine Huntley, Airico Williams, Phoenicia Lawson, and LaShondra Prichard (right) receive roses and plaques as they are recognized by Coach John Haskins and the fans at their final home game as Lady Braves.



Lady Braves players are on offense, defense, and in transition in their winning effort at home against North Georgia.



2016-17 Women's Basketball



Home Court Advantage

UNCP's Lady Braves wrapped up a 15-12 campaign in 2016-17 that saw them win a record 11 consecutive home games and the most PBC contests since the 2011-12 season. Their conference record was 10-9 with a 9-1 record at home and 1-8 on the road. It's safe to say the women loved to play in front of their home crowd with an average of 601 screaming fans.

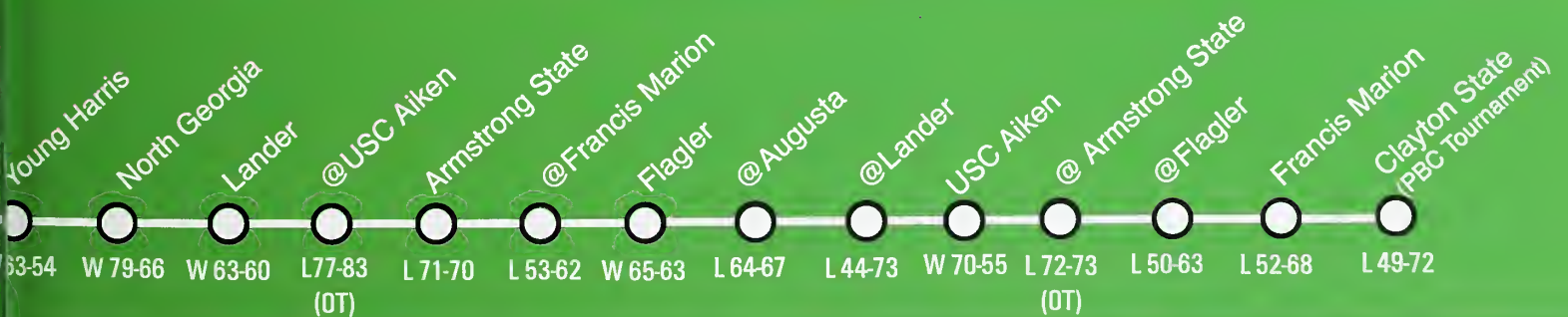
Senior Jonissa Monley was named to the 2016-17 All-Peach Belt Conference (PBC) team, becoming the first Lady Brave on back-to-back all-conference teams since JaToya Kemp was selected three straight seasons from 2008-2011. Monley averaged a team-best 10.3 points and 7.5 rebounds this season to go along with 32 assists, 14 blocks and seven steals. The senior shot 46.9 percent (106-for-226) from the floor and canned 70.7 percent (65-for-92) of her free throws. Monley racked up seven double-doubles this season to give her 17 in her illustrious career and scored in double-figures 12 times this season, including a season-high 26 on 8-of-11 shooting in a Jan. 18 upset of Lander.



Sophomore Avery Locklear was awarded the PBC Elite 15 Award, the first UNCP women's basketball to be decorated with this award given to the tournament participant with the highest cumulative GPA. The Landis, North Carolina, native has a 4.0 GPA while majoring in history at UNCP. Locklear averaged 5.1 points per game this season and knocked down 30 shots from behind the arc.



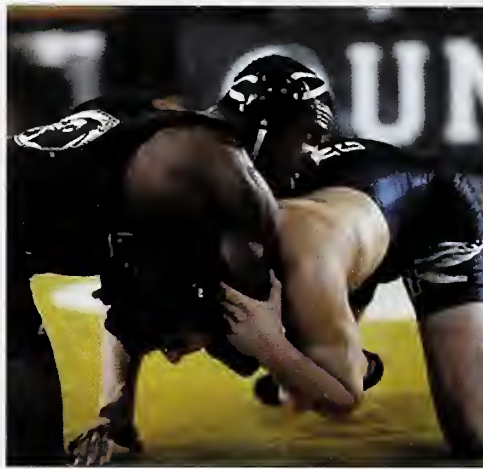
2016-17 Women's Basketball: Ebone Stevens, Jillian Ebron, Brianna Baham, Nyla Allen, Jasmine Huntley, Avery Locklear, Brandi Robinson, Blair Silliman, Airico Williams, Jonissa Monley, LaShonda Prichard, Stephanie Johnson, Phoenicia Lawson, Se'Dasia Love; Head Coach John Haskins, Asst. Coach Kapica Davis, Graduate Asst. Coach Donald Bohannon, Graduate Asst. Coach Ty Wallace, Volunteer Asst. Coach Joey Autry



Seniors Shine

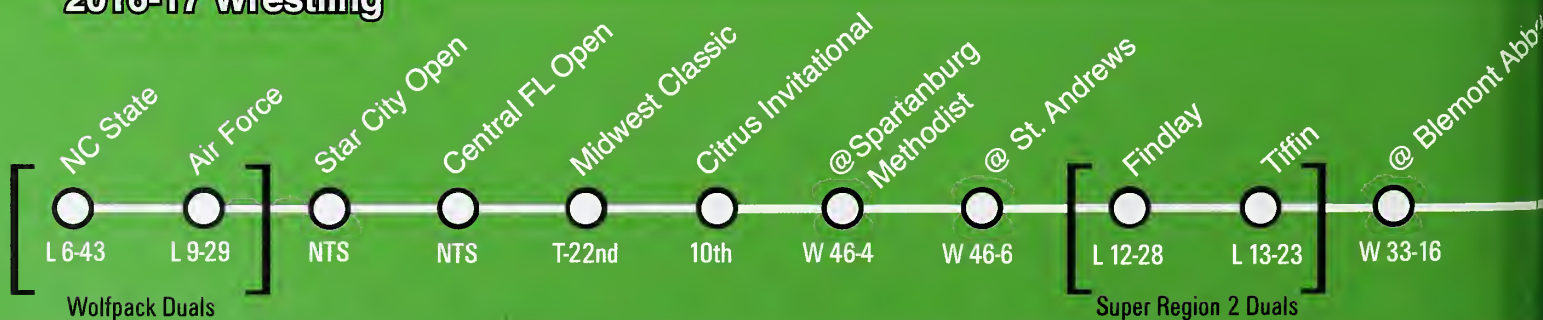
Although wrestling is a team sport, it is one in which individuals really shine, and we had several athletes who performed well. Senior Blaze Shade won both of his matches in the Wolfpack duals, and he and senior Mickey Thomas led the UNCP wrestling team through the Midwest Classic. At the beginning of the Super Region 2 Duals, UNCP's players were paired against nationally ranked players. However, fifth-ranked Bradley Metz easily fell to UNCP's Blaze Shade. Mickey Thomas followed suit in his next match. At Tiffin, Erik Milks signaled the start of three straight victories by the Braves that helped them knot the team score up at 13 apiece.

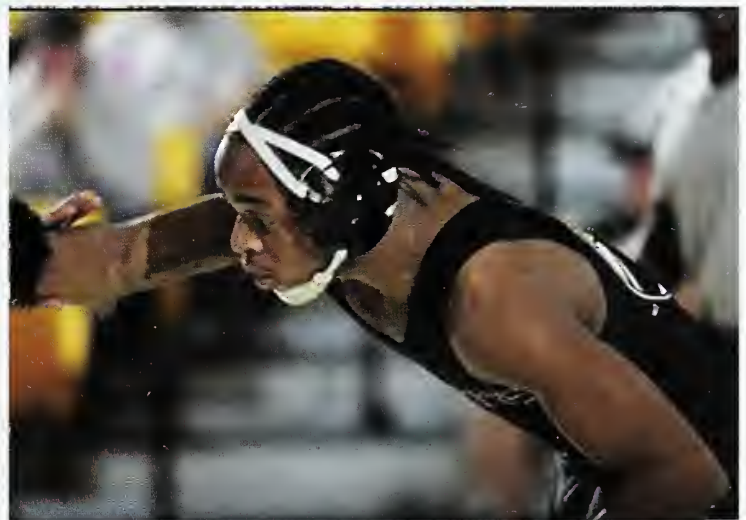
Both Thomas and Shade advanced to the NCAA Division II Championships. In the semifinals, Shade won both his matches to participate in the finals, where he grabbed an early lead with a takedown in the opening minute, but top-ranked and undefeated Nick Becker tallied a takedown in each period to win an 8-4 decision over Shade in the 174-pound national championship match. Shade, although he lost, retired with 124 wins and 29 losses, a phenomenal record. UNCP finished 25th out of 42 total teams at the event, their eighth-straight top-25 finish.



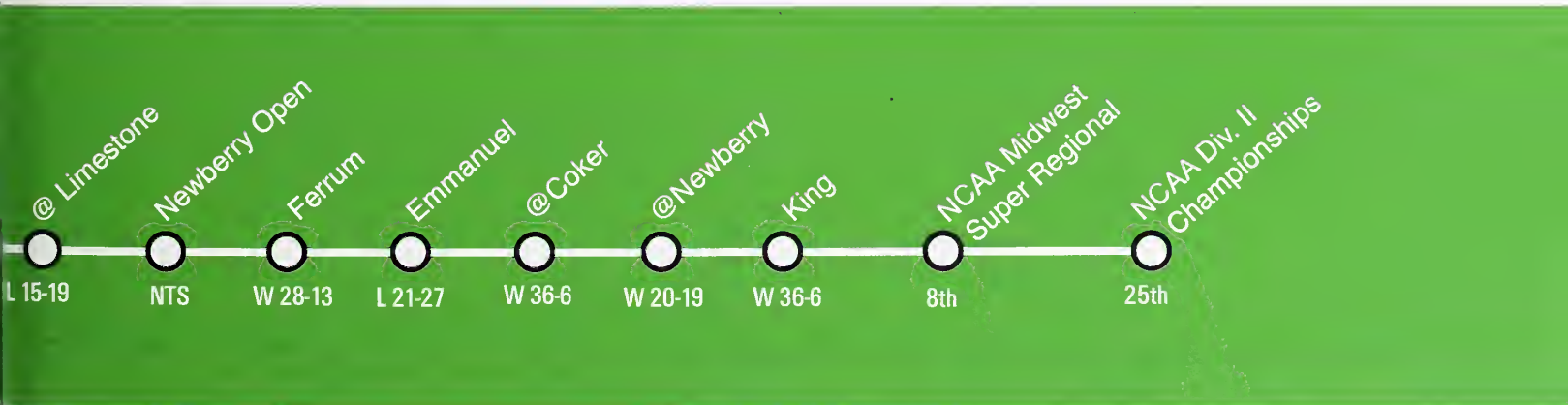
2016-17 Wrestling: Eddie Allen, Joseph Ballantyne, Danny Berrier, Cory Brown, Andrew Colborn, Makenna Cook, Joey DiMartino, Dylan Edwards, Chad Hoff, Justice Leak, Tyler Makosy, Casey Malloy, Jayquon McEntyre, Eric Milks, Jonathan Miller, Andrew Moore, Sheldon Morris, Landon Mumford, Michael Perez, Blaze Shade, Brandon Sloop, Dustin Smith, Jake Smith, Faris Teia, Mikey Thomas, Brysen Thorpe, Bryce Walker, Josh Watts; Head Coach Othello "O.T." Johnson, Asst. Coach Daniel Ownbey

2016-17 Wrestling





UNCP wrestlers face off against their opponents at some of the dual meets held in the Jones Center during the 2016-17 season.



The spirit squad (center) leads the cheers from the stands during a basketball game.

The band and drill team (right and below) entertain the fans at halftime of the Homecoming football game.



2016-17 Spirit Squad: Mélia Bovard, Christina Boyer, Tina Clark, Gina Clymore, Madison Davenport, Raven Farmer, Ariel Farrington, Monae Gilliam, Dasja Johnson, Cassidy Lora, Ashlynn McGhee, Kacey Rowe, LaTosha Ruffin, Courtney Simmons, Tori Strickland; **Head Coach** Comfort Johnson, **Asst. Coach** Deionja Johnson

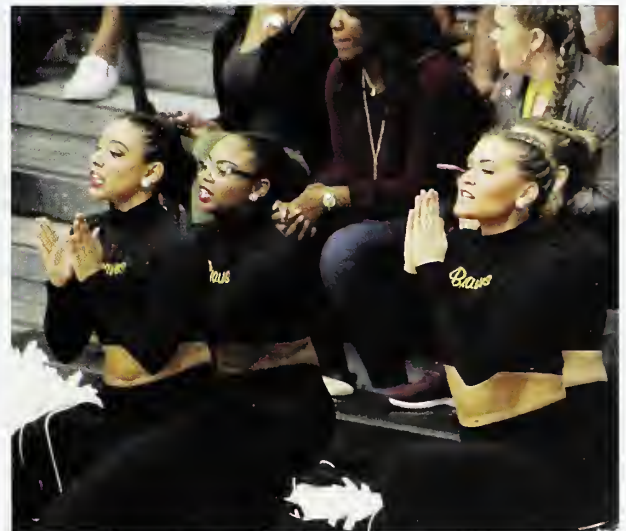
Go, Braves!



The Spirit Squad were on the sidelines to cheer the Braves on to victory at football and basketball games from August 2016 to March 2017. They lent their voices and spirit to campus events like Pembroke Day, and they got the crowd fired up at the Homecoming pep rally. They also competed in PBC Spirit Competition and placed fourth. Other season activities ranged from open houses to helping out at local elementary schools. They won for collecting the most cans in a food drive, and they sent letters to our troops. During the recovery from Hurricane Matthew, the Spirit Squad collected cases of water for people who went without

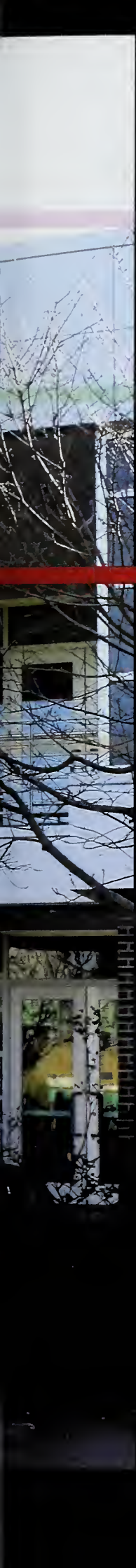
water for weeks, and they made backpacks filled with school supplies and passed them out to students in need. Under the leadership of Comfort Johnson, they have become an amazing team and have made a huge impact in and around Pembroke.

Other groups and individuals also played important roles in supporting UNCP athletes. The Spirit of the Carolinas marching band and drill team performed crowd-pleasing shows during half-time at football games, and the Bravehawk mascot danced and strutted to keep the fans fired up.



The Bravehawk mascot (center) dances to the music provided by the band (left and above left) during a football game; spirit squad members (above) hope for a basket during a game.





The organizations on campus are a part of what keep life as a UNCP student exciting. When you run out of video games to play or tests to study for in your free time, there's always an organization on campus waiting for you to get involved and bring your unique skills and personality to the table. Whether your interests lie in serving the community, sports, publications, Greek life, performing arts, visual arts, science,

Organizations

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academic success, language, or anything else, there is surely a place for you. Getting involved in university organizations is one of the best ways to be introduced to new and life-changing experiences and to meet the amazing students, faculty, and staff that populate our school. The organizations that you choose to become a part of will have a profound impact on your life as a university student, and on your professional and personal lives as well. Get out and explore the many organizations that UNCP has to offer so that you can find your passions, make new friends, and most importantly have the best college experience that you possibly can.

Get Involved!

This year's SGA has worked tirelessly to advocate for the student body. Operating under the John administration, SGA has introduced the progress advocacy model as a guideline for action. They have sponsored and participated in events and programs such as Student Art Nights, the NC Promise Symposium, Voter Registration, "Friends Giving", and Student-to-Student Scholarships.

RHA offers programming, leadership opportunities and support for all students living in on-campus housing. The RHA works closely with the Housing and Residence Life Staff to address the interests, issues and concerns of residential students. The goal of the RHA is to enhance and improve life on campus for residential students.

The mission of the GSO is to oversee the issues and concerns that affect the general welfare and academic progress of its members. The GSO will work in conjunction with the School of Graduate Studies to ensure the quality of graduate student life at UNC Pembroke. GSO seeks to improve graduate education and student life by providing services & social events, providing a forum for graduate student concerns, and providing information on campus services for graduate students. Anyone that is enrolled as a graduate student at UNCP is welcome to join.

The purpose of the Pembroke Activities Council (PAC) is to plan, organize, and carry out programs based on the social needs of the campus.

SGA members (right) gladly participated in this year's Student Involvement Fair to inform people on the importance of getting involved.



SGA



RHA



Students (left) enjoyed the art, music, and conversation at SGA's Art Nights this year.



These members of RHA (below) pause for a brief picture during their jam-packed Super Bowl watch party event.



GSO



PAC



The ladies of ASO (center) present their African fashion at their African Night event in the UC Annex.

These NCNW members (above right) snap a quick selfie during Founders Day.

The ladies of NCNW (right) raise money for their organization by holding a bake sale this year.



NCNW



NAACP

Represent



National Council of Negro Women was founded in 1935. NCNW mission is to lead, develop, and advocate for women of African American descent as they support their families and communities. National Council of Negro Women fulfills this purpose through research, advocacy, and national and community-based services and programs on issues of health, education, and economic empowerment in the United States and Africa.

The Mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

The Native American Student Organization began in the early 1970s as the Lumbee Student Association. Over the years the name was changed to the American Indian Student Association and eventually became the Native American Student Organization. The purpose of the Native American Student Organization at UNCP is to promote pride in our Native American Heritage, explore economic, political and educational opportunities of Native Americans and to promote the unification of Native students on our campus. NASO strives to keep our heritage alive through activities and cultural support for all Native American students.

The purpose of the African Student Organization is to bring fellowship and unity within the African students on campus. This organization aims to promote the African culture on campus and in the community and we seek to enlighten and educate others who wish to learn more about the African culture. ASO-UNCP intends to break stereotypes through education and leadership. We have hosted an educational series titled "Breaking Stereotypes", aiming to nullify any misconceptions that people may have about Africa. We have done fund raising events selling African products on campus and we hold an annual African night on campus where we share the African culture through traditional dance, food, and fashion.



NASO



ASO

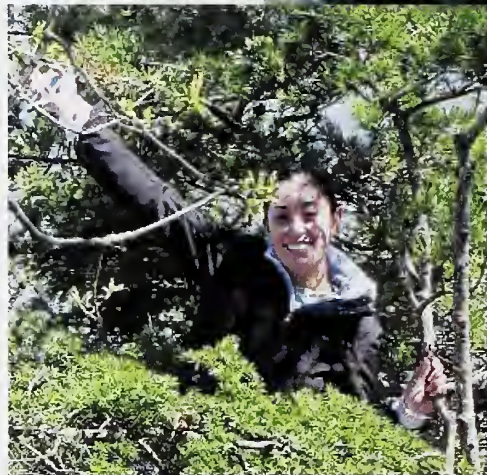
Smart Stuff

The UNCP Biology Club is open to all UNCP students. The Biology Club is an organization that implements educational and science related trips. In the past we have gone on behind-the-scenes tours of the NC 200 and the Ft. Fisher Aquarium. We have volunteered at the Raleigh Museum of Natural Sciences, the Callo-way Forest Preserve, and the Carolina Tiger Rescue Center. We also plan camping and hiking trips in the spring semester. Students can join online through Brave connect.

Lambda Sigma Society is a national honor society for second year men and women dedicated to the purpose of fostering leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and the spirit of service among college students, and to promoting the interests of the college or university in every possible way. The members of the Beta Lambda Chapter at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke strive daily to embody these virtues and ultimately challenge ourselves to become better in our roles as students, leaders, and peers.

The Esther G. Maynor Student Honors Council provides great experiences for Honors College students. The Student Honors Council uses the input of Honors Students to plan and coordinate honors student events, fundraisers, and activities. The Council consists of five officers, two representatives from each class, and three members at-large.

This Biology Club member is just hanging out at Hanging Rock State Park (right).



BIOLOGY CLUB



The Biology Club (above left) took advantage of the breathtaking view at Hanging Rock State Park and snapped a photograph

Dr. John Roe from the biology department (center) explains an organism he found during the Biology Club field trip .

Cassandra Norris and Irasema Brambila explore nature during the Biology Club field trip (center), while other students set up lunch together (left).



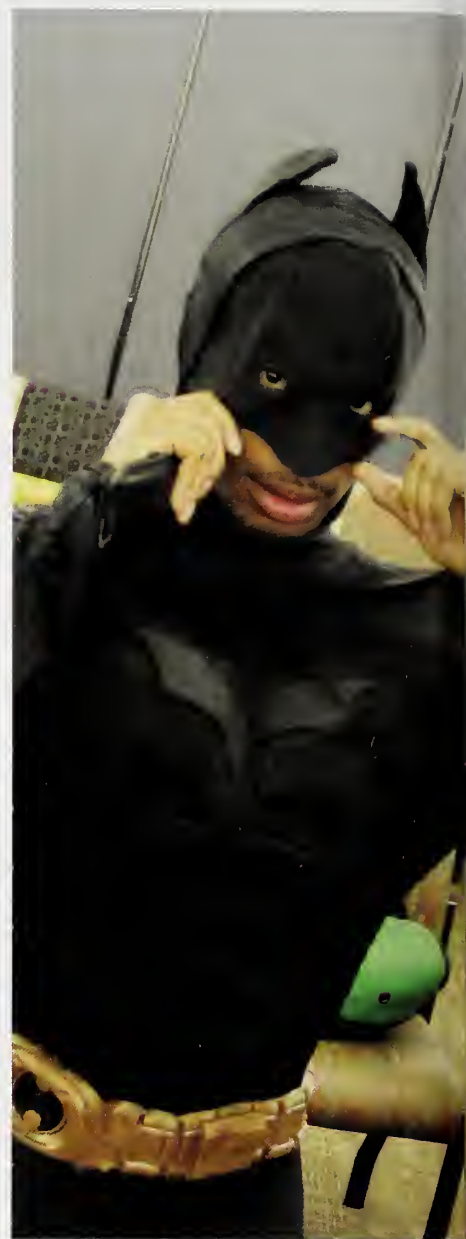
LAMBDA SIGMA



STUDENT HONORS COUNCIL



Art Club member Christian Happel, Vice President Anisha McDowell, and President Manny Henderson (right) enjoy refreshments and the company of their peers during SGA's Art Night.



Batman and Owais Hassan (center) pose together for the Halloween Costume Contest hosted by Spectrum and Genshiken. The event later attracted a group of bananas, who are pictured right.



ART CLUB



NAEA

Passionate



Art Club's mission is to create opportunities for UNCP students to become involved in the arts, whether as patrons or as creators. We help art majors and non-art majors alike advance their artistic abilities and further their career in the arts. We have participated in SGA hosted Art Nights as well as the NoBel Fall Festival where we provided face painting services.

National Art Education Association UNCP Student Chapter/ Mission to educate children and adults about art education and its importance in school systems. Attending events that help children learn art, art history and its importance.

The purpose is to encourage the acceptance of all genders and sexual orientations: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and straight, to offer a safe and supportive environment to discuss issues involving sexuality and gender, to create a more amiable atmosphere on campus, and to educate people about different sexual orientations and genders, while trying to alleviate fears and prejudices.

The purpose of this organization is to educate the campus on Japanese visual culture of manga, anime, video games, and fashion. The organization will also work with the library to encourage reading and research to further knowledge of Japanese culture. In the past we have participated in the 9/11 Day of Service. We also co-sponsored the Halloween Costume Contest with Spectrum, and independently sponsored Chibicon in March.



Kelsey Leigh and a frightening Kayden Lewis (left) participated in the Halloween Costume Contest.



SPECTRUM



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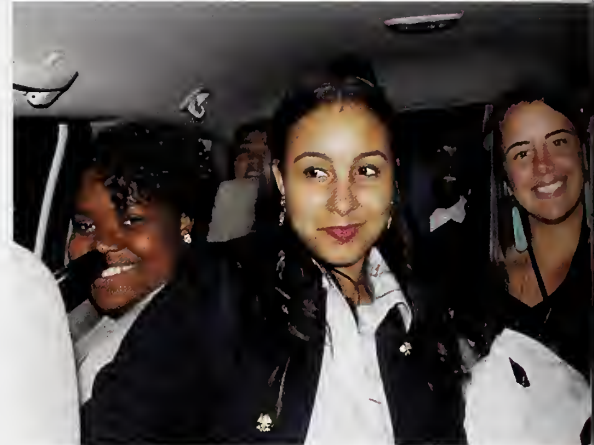
Career Ready

The Pre-Law Society is a student-lead organization that strives to promote careers in the legal field and provide information, opportunities, and resources to students pursuing a legal career.

The mission of the ASA is to provide an opportunity for accounting club members to expand their academic, professional, and social development through peer interaction, professional engagements and community service. Our goal is to build unity within the club by fostering lifelong friendships and networks, extending beyond the collegiate career, and aspiring continuous growth and improvement so that members can contribute effectively and ethically to society and their professional environment.

PRSSA increases knowledge of public relations, marketing, business development, event planning, journalism, and mass communications, advertising, and other forms of marketing communications. Our Mission: To serve our members by enhancing their knowledge of public relations and marketing communications and providing access to professional development opportunities; To serve the communications professions by helping to develop highly qualified, well-prepared professionals.

The primary purpose of the Health Careers Club is to promote awareness and interest in all areas of the health professions and to promote campus and community service projects. Students from any major area of study are encouraged to join so they can explore various health professions and interact with health professionals. The Health Careers Club regular meetings consist of a guest speaker that is a professional or representative from an in-state or out-of-state institution. These guest speakers, which range from admissions deans of Medical Schools to directors of clinical summer programs, typically discuss prerequisite information, curriculum, and other details of their programs and campus. Outside of meetings, the Health Careers Club hosts a variety of fund-raising and community events and participates in service and job-shadowing opportunities.



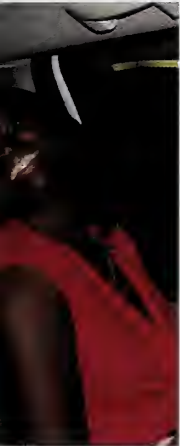
PRE-LAW SOCIETY



ASA



This student (left) registers for the Pembroke Pre-Law Society during the Student Involvement Fair (center).



These members (center) of the Health Careers Club pile into a car for their field trip. The many members of the Health Careers Club (above) fill the room during their group meeting.

A member of PRSSA (left) participates in the Student Involvement Fair by speaking with a potential new member.



PRSSA



HEALTH CAREERS CLUB

These members of University Players took part in presenting a showing of Uncle Vanya (left).



The Last Train to Nibroc was performed by the University Players (below).



UNIVERSITY PLAYERS



VOCAL HARMONY

Star Performers



Pembroke Singers are UNCP's auditioned choir, directed by Jaeyoon Kim. They were part of the first annual choral festival held at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City. They performed a showcase conducted by Dr. Jaeyoon Kim, with Dr. Seung-Ah Kim accompanying on piano. While they were the only American choir to attend, they performed in groups with university students from Mexico as well as a choir from Cuba. Each group performed music specific to them including music for all-female choirs, Venezuelan folk music and African-American spirituals. Jonathan Arp, a member of The Pembroke Singers, shares what he gained from the experience: "It's given me an immense appreciation for the relationship I have with others. The students we met were of all ages, and they were so kind to all of us. They were all willing to talk and get to know us, which is so different than how newcomers are treated here."

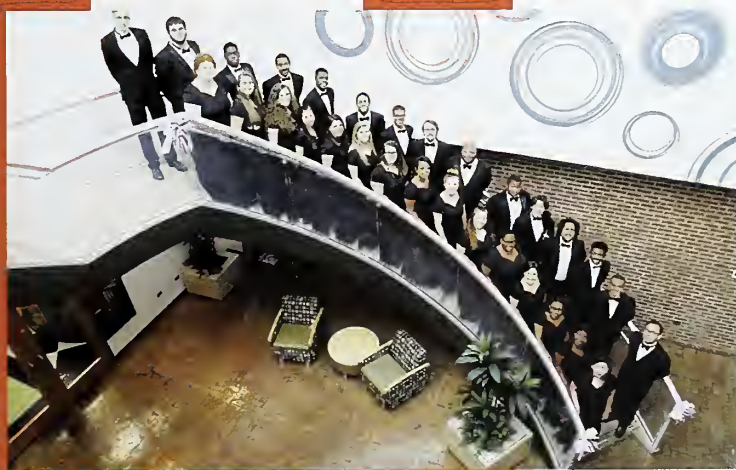
Vocal Harmony are the acapella group on campus. They are very diverse in the types of music they sing, from R&B and hip-hop to Latin and rock and roll. They have very recently had their first performance and hope to have many more in the semesters to come.

University Players put on two productions on the GPAC main stage, *Twelfth Night* in Fall 2016 and *Uncle Vanya* in Spring 2017.



Madison Ramsey, Helene Beatrice and another student perform the theatrical adaptation of Charlotte's Web.

These members of Pembroke Singers (left) perform at the Spring 2016 graduation.



PEMBROKE SINGERS

Dedication

Chinese Club celebrates Chinese culture, language, and traditions through meetings every week. Each meeting incorporates learning and speaking the Chinese language as well as some aspect of Chinese culture. Through out the academic year, Chinese Club will strive to educate the campus community on Chinese traditions and culture.

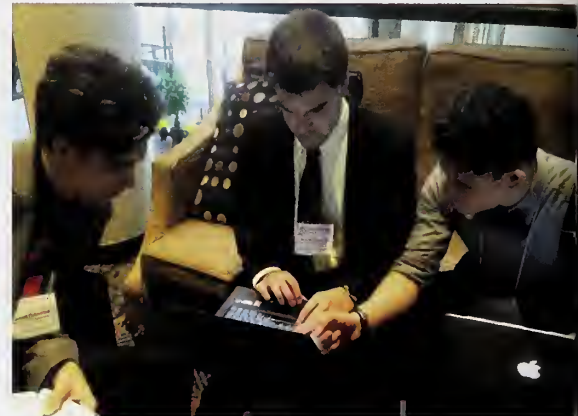
EN - Entrepreneur. Igniting business innovation with integrity and passion. Act - Action. The experience of social impact that sparks social change and enterprise. US - We, the Community. Students, academic and business leaders collaboration to create a better world. We use the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world. We have sponsored Financial Literacy sessions, speed networking workshops, and tax preparation courses.

A club to help the delegates of UNCP at the Model United Nation Conferences in the United States. The club expands on the MUN Class which prepares students for conference. Facebook for more info: UNCP Model United Nations. Welcome, delegates!

The Ultimate Frisbee Club is for all students who want to compete and play ultimate frisbee against each other and other schools.

A member of the Chinese Club talks with visitors during the Chinese New Year Celebration event.

These Model United Nations members (right) review their notes during their conference in Charlotte. and an Enactus member representing at the Involvement Fair (right).



CHINESE CLUB



ENACTUS



This woman (left) speaks to the audience at the Chinese New Year Celebration.

Dajer Fernandez and another student (below) enjoy a recess during their Model United Nations conference in Charlotte.



MODEL UN



ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB

Brothers of Phi Mu Alpha are known to be great singers. Logan John, Ryan Leonard, Andrew Yarborough, and their brothers (right) perform a song in the UC Annex during Meet the Greeks



Lamar Courman and other brothers of Phi Beta Sigma (below) are enjoying a dinner together.



LAMBDA THETA PHI



PHI MU ALPHA



#UNCPGreek

The mission of Lambda Theta Phi is to cultivate a spirit of brotherhood, to value an education, to promote unity among all Latinos, to be proud of and cherish our heritage, to assert roles of leadership, to develop character, to practice chivalry, and to serve mankind.

The Object of Phi Mu Alpha shall be for the development of the best and truest fraternal spirit; the mutual welfare and brotherhood of musical students; the advancement of music in America and a loyalty to the Alma Mater.

Phi Sigma Nu is the oldest and largest American Indian fraternity in the United States. Founded on February 13, 1996 at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, the Fraternity, today, has over 300 brother's and ten chapters. Our mission is to empower Native Men to collectively engage in academic, social, cultural and physical realms to promote and inspire growth in tribal families, tribal communities, the United States of America and the world at large.

These Phi Beta Sigma brothers talked about their brotherhood at the Involvement fair.

Phi Mu Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma brothers (center) do volunteer work at the fire station.

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma are the Fraternity's most valuable resource and strength. They are the primary means by which the Phi Beta Sigma objectives will be achieved. In order to accomplish the Fraternity's objectives, it is essential that systems are instituted that effectively embody "Culture For Service and Service For Humanity" and promote brotherhood, scholarship and service.



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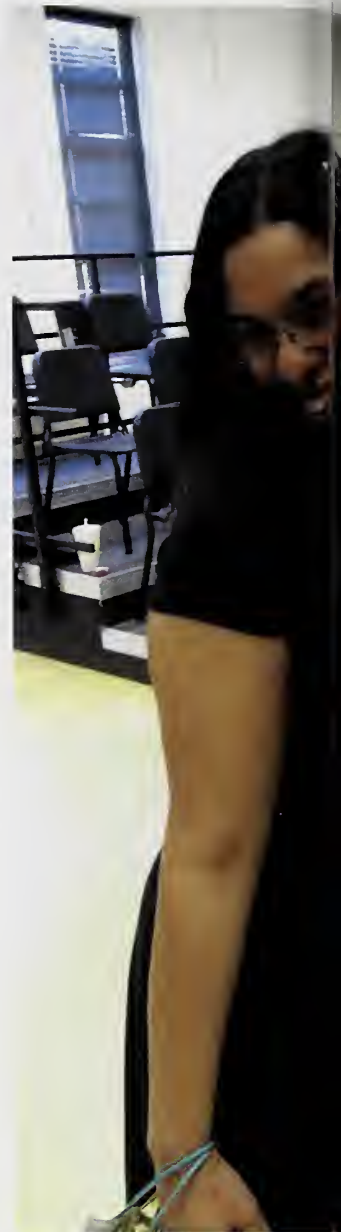
Alpha Sigma Phi is the 10th oldest and fastest growing fraternity in the country. With chapters at over 120 campuses nationwide, Alpha Sigma Phi is pioneering programs in leadership, membership education and philanthropy. Our Vision: to Better the World through Better Men. Our Mission: to be the co-curricular and continuing organization of choice. Our Purpose: to Better the Man, through the creation and perpetuation of brotherhood founded upon the values of character... Silence, Charity, Purity, Honor, Patriotism. Our Motto: to Better the Man.

Alpha Pi Omega is the First Native American Sorority, founded September 1st, 1994 at UNC-Chapel Hill. The Beta Chapter of Alpha Pi Omega was chartered here at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke on November 27, 1996.

Lambda Theta Alpha is the first and largest Latin sorority in the nation! We are an academic sorority with sisterhood based on Unity, Love & Respect. Our colors are Burgundy & Grey. Women of any and all ethnicities are welcomed!

Sigma Alpha Iota is an International Women's Music Fraternity. We are a professional Greek organization for any woman that shares a sincere interest in music.

These Sigma Alpha Iota sisters happily take a picture together at a recital (center).



ALPHA SIGMA PHI



ALPHA PI OMEGA



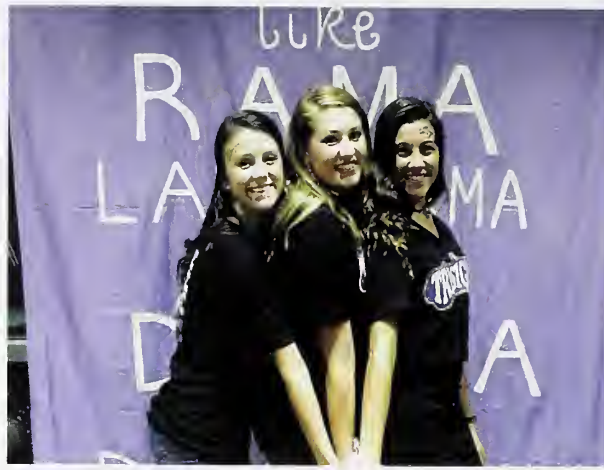
These women of Sigma Alpha Iota pose together for a group photograph.

Nick Kight, Donte'vian Harris, Chris Hite, Michael Brown, Stephen Porter, and Harrison Pegram (below) all happily complete community service hours for Alpha Sigma Phi.



LAMBDA THETA ALPHA

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA



Sarah Graybar, Erin Snead and their ΣΣΣ sister (above right) smile for the camera at their Formal Recruitment. ZTA, ΣΣΣ, ΚΔ, and ΑΣΑ ladies (center) show Greek unity by showing their organizations hand signs during their recruitment season.



Okay ΑΣΑ (right), now let's get in formation! ZTA sisters (center) rock out at their Rock N' Roll themed bid night.



KAPPA DELTA



SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA



#UNCPGreek

Greek involvement is really big at UNCP. There are four Panhellenic Sororities. Kappa Delta, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Zeta Tau Alpha, and Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Kappa Delta is dedicated to inspiring collegiate women to greatness. Their motto is "Let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful, and highest." Nationally, they support Prevent Child Abuse America, The Girl Scouts of the USA, The Orthopedic Research Foundation, and The Richmond Children's Hospital. Locally, they support the Child Advocacy Center in Fayetteville and participate in UNCP's Day of Service and Relay for Life.

Sigma Sigma Sigma are philanthropic partners with The March of Dimes. Once a semester they host a fundraiser for children's hospitals in Chapel Hill and/or Dallas, Texas and once a month selected members visit the children of the Robbie Page Memorial Play in Chapel Hill.



Zeta Tau Alpha aims to develop the potential of members by emphasizing leadership development, service to others, academic achievement and continued personal growth for women, with a commitment to friendship and the future based on the sisterhood, values, and traditions of the past.

Alpha Sigma Alpha aims to foster friendships, poise, purpose, values, and ideals for our members. In order to create women with good character and concern for others. They inspire women to lead, serve, and make a difference. Their core values are

balance, generosity, growth, integrity, learning, relationships, responsibility, and enjoyment.

Courtney Simmons and her KΔ sister balance on a bicycle together.



ZETA TAU ALPHA



ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA

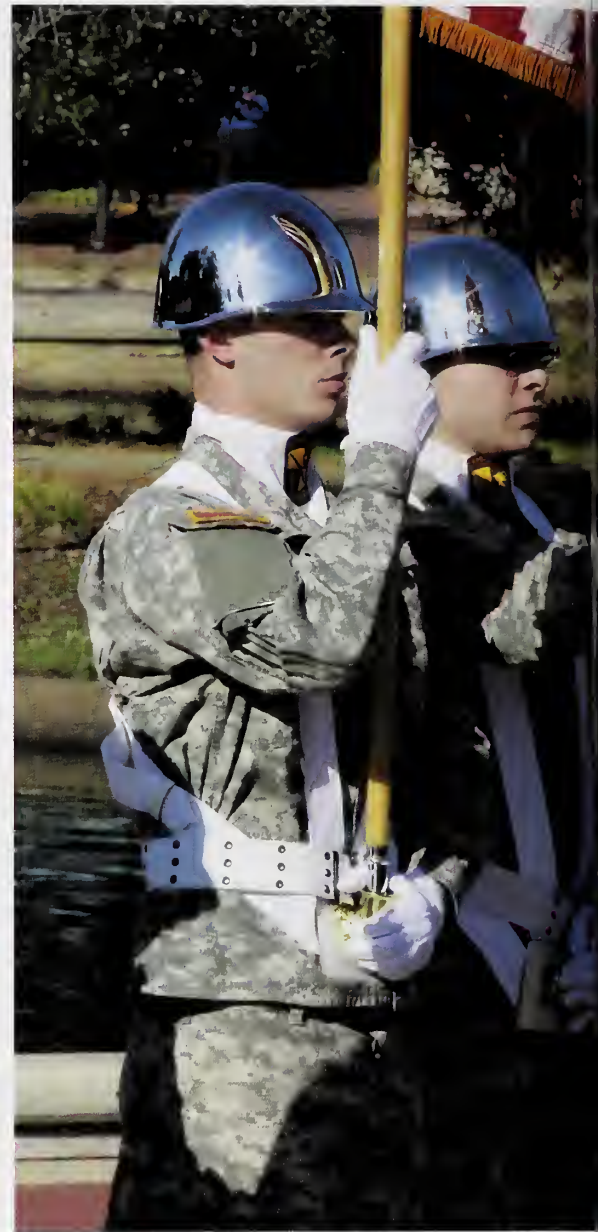
Our Country

The Army ROTC of UNCP is a part of the Campbell Battalion. We create the finest second Lieutenants and future leaders of The United States of America. We look for natural leaders, restless individuals, those with a desire to serve, good students, and those that are seeking a challenging but promising career. We help all JROTC cadets and host and sponsor JROTC Drill Meets and the Hope House in Fayetteville, NC.

The Department of Aerospace Studies, otherwise known as Air Force ROTC, prepares select students to become commissioned officers. The unit here is a detachment of unit 607 operating out of Fayetteville State University. ROTC cadets undergo various training exercises to hone their leadership and technical skills to serve as officers in the Air Force. They also conduct PT sessions early in the morning to ensure they maintain a high degree of physical fitness. Students who undergo all four years are well on their way to becoming officers in the Air Force.



These members of the Color Guard (center) presented colors during the university's Veteran's Day event.



ARMY ROTC



These members of the Army ROTC program chat with a student at the Involvement Fair.



The Army ROTC Color Guard (below) show their support and respect as they solemnly observe the Veterans Day ceremony.



AIR FORCE ROTC

Members of *The Aurochs* (center) work on a chalk drawing advertising their publication.

This member of *The Pine Needle* (right) is hard at work during a meeting. George Yandle and his fellow *Pine Needle* staff members staff (below) were excited to talk to students about their publication.



THE AUROCHS

WNCP-TV

Media Frenzy



The *Aurochs* is UNCP's literary magazine. As one of the university's student publications, along with *The Pine Needle* and the *Indianhead*, they are student fee-funded and completely comprised of student work. The magazine consists of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and short stories. This year's Editor-in-Chief was Jack Pevyhouse.

WNCP-TV is the university's student-run television station. It is a part of the Department of Mass Communication. Programs are produced by UNCP students and faculty in classes or as extracurricular productions. These talk shows, newscasts, sports, special event coverage and other videos can be seen on channel 6 on Time Warner Cable in Robeson County.

The Pine Needle is a student-produced biweekly newspaper. The Editor-in-Chief for 2015-16 was Elizabeth Gagne', assisted by her Managing Editor Tomeka Sinclair. *The Pine Needle* was advised in the fall by Dr. James Bass, and in the spring by Ms. Marybeth Sandell. This year *The Pine Needle* won several individual awards in the annual competition sponsored by the North Carolina Media Association.

The Indianhead Yearbook, published annually since 1946, is created by and for the students of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The yearbook strives each year to create a book that provides an accurate and comprehensive record, in words and images, of all aspects of students' experiences, student life, academics, organizations, sports, and people during its coverage year (currently March - February) and that reflects current standards and practices in yearbook content, production, and design.



Jay Martinez (center) chalks up the campus for the Aurochs. Students from the Pine Needle gather in the Pine Needle office for their publication meeting.



THE PINE NEEDLE



INDIANHEAD YEARBOOK

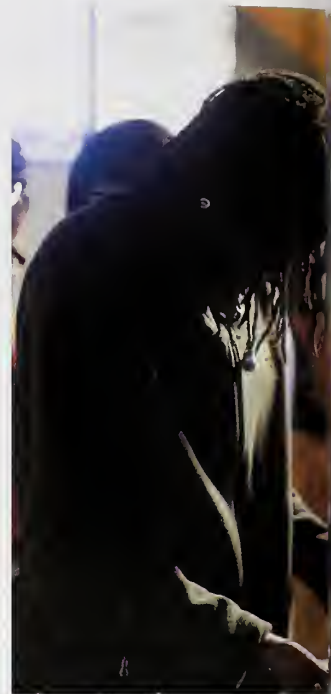
Have Faith

ECHO is a ministry of Vertical Church. Our goal is to help college students echo the heart of Christ. We meet on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Center. We strive to make a positive impact on UNCP's campus and in the community of Pembroke. We have hosted and participated in a variety of events including house parties, costume parties, fall break mission trips, the Cruisin' Street Festival, Pembroke Day, and Homecoming.

Rezz Life Group is a Christian student organization applying the Bible to our daily lives. We participated in events such as the Sound of Freedom, The Love Gala, Celebration of God's Love Sacred Pathways, and nights of worship.

Karena Atkinson prays with a fellow Rezz Life member (center).

A member of ECHO (center) holds down the fort at the Student Involvement Fair. Another member of ECHO (right) does volunteer work with her organization during Spring Break.



ECHO



These Rezz Life Group members (above) have an intense discussion with each other.

A member of ECHO (left) enjoys a well-deserved slice of pizza after playing in a volleyball tournament.



REZZ LIFE GROUP

The Involvement Fair is always an opportunity to recruit as these brothers from Phi Kappa Tau (below) talk about their organization at the Involvement Fair.



These students (right) seem to be enjoying both the Involvement Fair activities, and being able to talk to students about the importance of getting involved.



Religious groups continue to maintain a presence on campus, as this member of CRU (above) spoke about their organizations to students. Other organizations like Definity, a stepping organization, were also present (right) and speaking to prospective members at the Involvement Fair.



These three students (right) get together for a group photo at the Involvement Fair.



Groups Not Featured

Alpha Chi Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, American Indian Science & Engineering Society, Braves Runners, Brave Swimmers, Braves Wrestling Club, Chemistry Club, Chi Sigma Iota, Coed Club Cheer, College Democrats of North Carolina, Colleges Against Cancer (Relay for Life), Criminal Justice Club, CRU, Delta Sigma Omicron, Economics Club, Episcopal Lutheran Ministry, FBLA, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Geeks and Gamers Guild, Geo Club, Hip-Hop Dance Team, I Am Boss, Impact Movement, International Business Students Club, Jazz Council, Literacy Commons, Mentors Advancing for Distinction and Empowerment, Mixed Martial Arts Club, Nations Movement, Pembroke Paintball Club, Phi Kappa Tau, Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Club, Public Relations Student Society of America, Resurrection Campus Ministry, Running Club, Secular Student Alliance, Sigma Omicron Epsilon, Students Walking in Faith Together, Swamp Dog Press, Tau Sigma National Honor Society, The Clogging Club, Theta Xi, University of North Carolina at Pembroke ACM Student Chapter, Water Polo, Women's Club Basketball.



Students pictured left are being proactive and participating in the Involvement Fair.

This student gets silly at the Involvement Fair (bottom left) and the Gamers Guild (below) talks about their passion for gaming to fellow students.





ROKE

Academic programs continued to grow and thrive at UNCP during 2016-17. In addition to working with their peers and professors in classes and labs, students also had many opportunities to venture beyond traditional settings and share their research

Academics

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pus and beyond. The annual Pembroke Undergraduate Research and Creativity (PURC) event allowed students to display their research and creative projects in posters and oral presentations on campus, and students also participated in regional and national conferences in many disciplines. Students also gained practical experience by participating in academic-related activities such as the Model United Nations. All in all, academics provided many adventures for those who wished to pursue them.

The arts are an important part of our culture. They are a direct representation of who we are and the environment that we live in. This year the arts were ever-present, as the music, theater and visual arts departments hosted and collaborated on a number of events.

Our theatre department offers intensive courses for students wanting professional careers in theatre arts. We boast a world-class professional and academic faculty with decades of experience in professional Theatre/Film/Television acting, theatre directing, and theatre design. The Givens Performing Arts Center was recently ranked among the 25 most amazing performing arts centers in the nation. They are excited by our new initiative called "SHOWCASE." We have created a space where students can act, direct, and design their own shows with their own budgets, funded and mentored by the Theatre Arts Department. This year, theater department had three successful student performances: *Charlotte's Web* during the summer, Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* in the fall, and *Uncle Vanya* in the spring semester. Their many hours of rehearsal and preparation were evident as all of the performances were well received by the community.

The mission of the Department of Music is to offer all students who have demonstrated interest and ability in music the opportunity to continue further study either for a profession or an avocation. We strive to educate students in such a way that they understand and appreciate music not only as an art form with a rich historical and cultural heritage, but as an ongoing, contemporary endeavor that incorporates tradition and technological advancements through individual and group participation. The music department hosted several student, faculty, and guest artist recitals in Pembroke, Lumberton, and Laurinburg. Several Art Night events were held where music students performed, and visual artists were able to exhibit their work.

Our diverse art department faculty and student body work together to form a dynamic and challenging learning experience. Art department faculty are committed to the growth and success of our students, many of whom receive university honors and awards each semester. While participating in an exciting academic program, students also have opportunities to build a portfolio, study abroad, exhibit their work, participate in student and professional organizations, and interact with visiting artists and scholars. The art department had several guest artists visit, including ceramic artist Joseph Sand, who instructed students on wood firing, and Clive King, who is known for his large scale pencil and charcoal drawings. An unusually large number of senior students exhibited their work in the A.D. Gallery this year, as 15 artists displayed work over the course of two shows.

Expression



Nicholas Rhodes (left) plays guitar at an event on campus. Nicholas, along with many other music majors, can be seen playing throughout the semester at various events.



Thomas Crowe-Allbritton's trombone playing excites the crowd at an event on campus.

This student realizes that sewing takes much patience to learn as she works on sewing a costume during a costume design class.



David Ybarra loads wood into the wood splitter during the ceramic wood firing from this past fall.

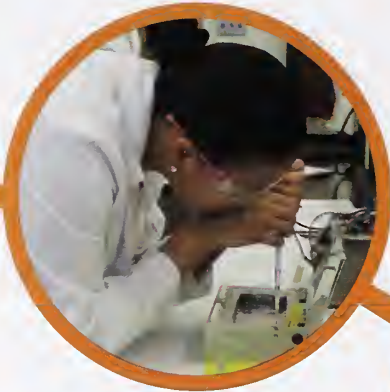


Student actors perform on stage during the showing of Uncle Vanya.



Professor Adam Walls pours molten bronze (center) with the students in this past year's metal casting project. A close-up of the crucible captures the radiant heat of the molten metal (right). Natalie Rodriguez-Lynch and Brooke Humphrey observe the metal pour from a safe distance (above left).





This student attentively maneuvers through the lab experiment.

Precision is important to this student (above), as she takes great care using a syringe during a lab experiment.



This professor instructs her students on how to use a piece of equipment in a biology lab (right)



Devon Hester and Chapell Brock (left) work on a resolution during the SRMUN Conference in Charlotte.

SCIENTIFIC MINUTERS

The science disciplines are among the most popular majors to have on campus. Many bright minds come through these departments, as these house our future doctors of medicine, surgeons, mathematicians, scientists, and politicians to name a few careers.

Students in biology, chemistry, math and physics become accustomed to labs that grow increasingly complex as they advance in their undergraduate careers. Dissections of various animals and insects are common in biology and zoology, while particle analysis and experiments with elements and compounds are common examples of chemistry experiments. These labs teach students the value of precision in their work, as every careful incision or gram of material can affect the desired outcome of the experiment. Through its diversity of course offerings and its commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service, the Department of Biology provides academic programs that prepare students for careers as biological professionals, biology educators, or for post-graduate study. Chemistry majors are often successful in gaining admission to a variety of graduate and professional schools, as well as securing immediate post-graduation employment with government agencies and private industries.

The Political Science department is committed to excellence in student preparation, engaging in significant research to expand knowledge of public affairs, and bringing this knowledge to public sector and non-profit leaders and workers within their service region. Political Science is a science that is less lab intensive and more field work oriented. Statistics and demographic research are two component examples of this science. Developing and understanding these statistics is vital to political scientists in observing societal trends and developing positions on issues. One club on campus that has been successful at doing similar work is the Model United Nations club and class, which won several delegation awards at the Southeast Regional Model United Nation Conferences in both Charlotte and Atlanta.

The Mathematics and Computer Science department has evolved a vibrant multifaceted role of support of a liberal arts education; offering majors in mathematics and in computer science; providing service courses for other program areas and working cooperatively with the School of Education to develop licensure programs for prospective teachers in the areas of middle grades and secondary mathematics.



Nick Kight works with students from other universities on a resolution during one of the Model UN Conferences.

Students pictured below seem to be enjoying the lab experiment they are collaborating on.

Broadcasting involves the regular use of very expensive, high tech equipment. Students are trained on how to operate and maintain these valuable tools as this student below demonstrates.

The media play an important role in our everyday lives and in our society as a whole, whether we realize it or not. The media inform us on current events and everyday happenings in our lives.

The Department of Mass Communication is a liberal arts program offering tracks in Broadcasting, Journalism, and Public Relations. It employs a balance of theory and practice in the study of mass communication. Graduates from our program have the option to pursue professional careers in their chosen field, or to pursue graduate studies in the discipline. The Mass Communication department emphasizes a strong liberal arts education and rigorous professional preparation for students planning careers in mass media and media-related fields. Courses in our program frequently utilize hands-on experiences to simulate working in professional environments. All students are required to take an internship with a business or organization related to their chosen track. Students are also required to take courses offering theoretical perspectives and research methodologies within the field to prepare them for entrance into graduate programs. Students benefit from the real world experiences they find in *The Pine Needle* campus newspaper, WNCN-TV television station, and our chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

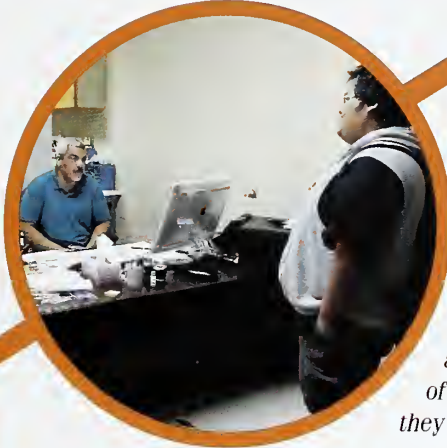
Synchronization is vital; everyone must be on the same page as these students (below) operate computer software during a class instructed by Dr. Jamie Litty.

These students are being instructed by Dr. Jamie Litty on how to use their production software.



Valuable experience towards the future career fields is being gained here, as these two students pictured above work for the campus newspaper *The Pine Needle*.

This student operates the camera during a broadcasting class.

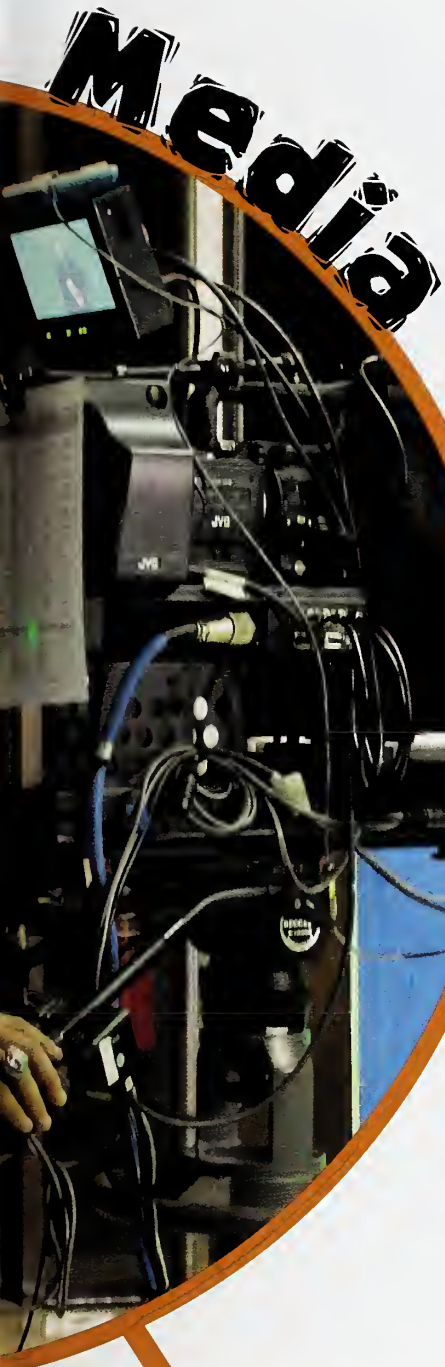


Office hours are an important part of every major, as they offer an even more personal touch on education. This student above approaches a professor for valuable insight.



This student (above) helps set up for an assignment in class.

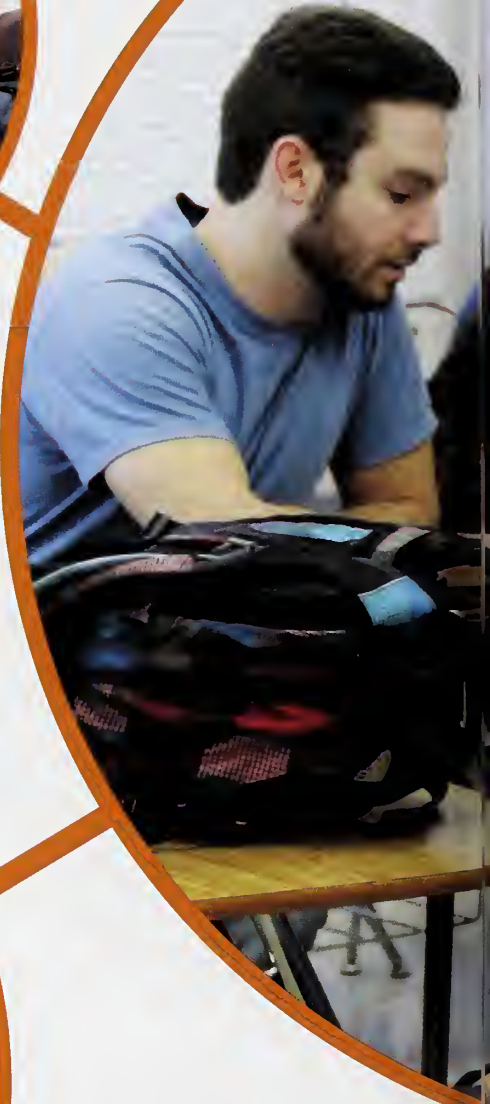
Students pictured left work together on an assignment in a mass communication class.



This student below re-views class material on his laptop.



Stephen Porter (above) collaborates with a classmate during a business class.



Dr. Claudia Nickolson works with a student during one of her education classes.

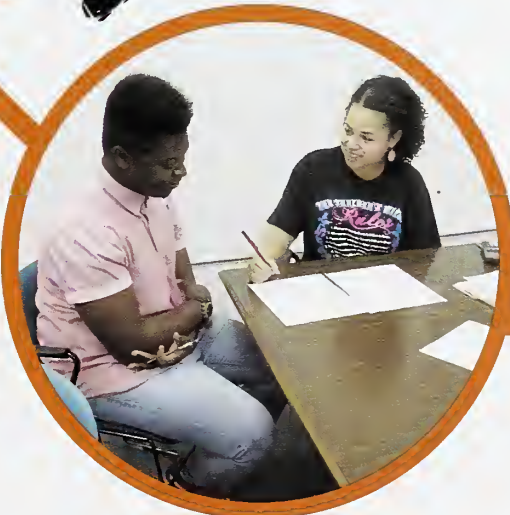
Entrepreneurs & Educators

UNCP has a reputation for being a teaching institution. This reputation fulfills itself through our education department. The mission of the UNCP School of Education is to prepare competent education professionals to serve in school and community settings as effective practitioners, leaders, and advocates in their respective fields. As an inclusive and collaborative community of learners, the School of Education supports student success and well-being through the use of innovative teaching practices, scholarship development, technology, and partnerships with local schools, families, and community resources and organizations. Establishing a strong foundation by focusing on education and human development, our School of Education works to inspire future educators by modeling excellent teaching practices; supporting faculty in research, teaching and service on local, state, and national levels; engaging students in service learning; maintaining accreditation in all program areas; developing school and community partnerships; focusing on undergraduate and graduate recruitment; acquiring additional funding through grants and stakeholder relations; and leading the way in the application of technological innovations.

The School of Business wants to create an education that meets students' needs. They want to make sure students are well prepared for what lies ahead. UNC Pembroke is one of a handful of schools offering undergraduate students the soft skills they need to be successful in the working world through our Passport to Professional Success program. The School offers the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA), with concentrations in Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, International Business, Management, or Marketing, and the Bachelor of Science in Accounting (BSA). In addition, they offer the Master of Business Administration (MBA). They offer online programs for students with concentrations in Management, Marketing and Finance as well the Master of Business Administration program where their faculty are using state-of-the art teaching methods for online education.

This student reads from her textbook during an education class.

Enjoying the work that you do is important as these students seem to be enjoying their collaboration on an assignment.



Writing and history have always gone hand and hand. As we progress through our lives, it is important to think about our culture and current events and then write about them and document them. We have several departments on campus that embody that ideology including English, History, Foreign Languages, Philosophy and Religion, American Indian Studies, and Sociology and Criminal Justice.

The means of verbal delivery have changed over the centuries from vellum manuscripts to paper books to pixels on a screen, but verbal language continues to be the primary means by which people everywhere share ideas. Knowing that the people who will lead and succeed in the future are those who can use language effectively, the English and Foreign Languages department helps students become strong readers, writers, and speakers.

The study of History enables the individual to understand the perennial issues confronting human beings living in society, making more likely an informed, reasoned, and intelligent response to these problems. The History department provides a solid foundation for those who wish to teach History or Social Studies and for the study of History at the graduate level.

Philosophy and religious studies deal with questions about meaning. Philosophy and religious reflection may evaluate the purpose and meaning of other academic disciplines, as well as broader and deeper meanings—even the ultimate meaning—of human life. Employers of college graduates today say that the primary assets they seek are the abilities to think critically and creatively and to write and speak clearly. A philosophy and religion major is ideal for those interested in pursuing careers in business, management in the non-profit or public sectors, or law.

American Indian Studies majors are people with curious, critical, and open minds who are eager to understand the holistic histories and contemporary concerns of American Indian and Indigenous peoples regionally, nationally, and globally. The AIS major at UNCP offers an interdisciplinary education providing both breadth of knowledge about the extensive diversity of Native peoples throughout the Americas and specific courses concerning regional Southeastern Indian peoples.

The Sociology and Criminal Justice department places emphasis on applied sociology and criminal justice. Many courses allow students to test classroom learning through community experience. In addition to providing a rewarding learning opportunity, these experiences enhance employment opportunities following graduation.

Writers & Historians



This student (left) carefully examines her notes during an English class period.

Developing study habits that work for you is a very important task for many students. This student (above left) seems to prefer the serenity of the outdoors, as she highlights her notes.

Collaboration is common among the various courses offered here, because it helps us develop communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills. These students (center) are examples of that.

Music helps many students keep a clear and focused mind, as this student contemplates an assignment with his headphones in.



Each year the use of technology becomes increasingly acceptable. These students (left) use their phones during one class period to help with their thoughts and research.



College is an avenue for developing writing skills, which is a vital skill to have in our professional lives. This student to the right works diligently on a writing assignment in an English class.



Critical thinking is vital to a successful undergraduate career, as this student ponders over course material during a class period.





This student takes advantage of an empty bench to do some biceps curls

Christopher Chapman (below) performs a stretch on the shoulder of another student during an athletic training lab in the Jones building.



The Health Sciences Building's modern and open design makes it an inviting place to study, as this student demonstrates.



An athletic training professor instructs one of her lecture classes.



Cassidee McCall takes notes in one of the Health Science Building classrooms.

Among the many major fields UNCP offers are health-related fields. Examples of these include the nursing program, and the exercise physiology and athletic training programs. In addition to these more physically oriented majors, mental health is also a very important aspect of everyone's lives. UNCP offers majors in both Psychology and Social Work.

The nursing program is committed to the tripartite roles of teaching, research, and community service that contribute to the cultural, intellectual, and social development of professional nurses in North Carolina and the nation. Through this ideology, students are prepared for lifelong learning, professional development, and service to others. The nursing program is one that takes great time commitment. If difficult upper-level courses weren't enough, students must eventually balance time between their class work and their clinicals, which give students direct experience within their career field.

This same practice can be found in the athletic training majors, as students have clinicals of sorts working with student athletes.

At UNCP learning gets personal and that is especially true when you major in Athletic Training. Our students gain real life, hands-on experience evaluating and treating college and high school student-athletes as well as general population patients in their physical therapy and general medical rotations. In addition to having one of the premier athletic training facilities in North Carolina, UNCP boasts the most affordable CAATE accredited AT Program in North Carolina.

Additionally, as part of the UNCP curriculum, students must take two gym classes to promote healthy life style. Options include classes like weightlifting, swimming, soccer, tennis, and even fitness walking, which can be taken online and be done at your own leisure.

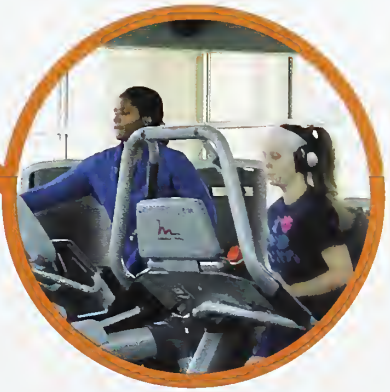
People throughout history have been intrigued by the question, "What is human nature?" Psychology's approach to this topic is aimed at understanding basic patterns of thought, emotion, and behavior. It uses a variety of scientific methods, including interviews, case studies, field observations, neurophysiological recordings, and controlled experimentation.

The mission of the Social Work Program seeks to prepare students for professional social work practice within a generalist (BSW) and advanced generalist (MSW) model and to become leaders in enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of this region.

Other than being leaders and promoters of healthy lifestyles, something that the students within these majors hold is their passion for helping others, a congruent trait for many others at our university.




This student (right) reviews her notes, presumably for an upcoming exam.



It was a cardio day for these students (right), as they build up their endurance on the treadmills in the gym



LIVERMORE LIBRARY



P *people were the essence of our university, coming together from a variety of places and backgrounds to form the UNCP community. Seniors and graduate students were busy completing final projects, theses, and internships and polishing their résumés as they prepared to leave UNCP and begin the next leg of their journeys. Juniors were immersing themselves in their major courses, strengthening friendships, and pursuing new activities. Sophomores had the accomplishments of their first year to look back on and new adventures awaiting them. Freshmen were just*

People

beginning to feel at home

as they navigated the many challenges of college life.

Standing behind and supporting all of them were the dedicated and accomplished members of our faculty and staff, who were always ready to provide advice, assistance, and share their knowledge and experience to guide students through their journey at UNCP.

David Gazali is excited about receiving his diploma from the Chancellor during December 2016 graduation.

This senior has a contemplative look on her face as she listens to the speakers at the May 2016 commencement.



Carmen Johnson Aguilar

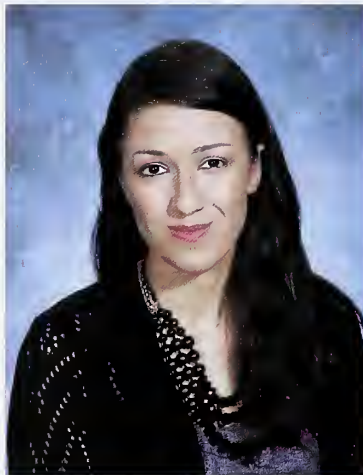
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Zebulon

Andrew Stephen Aliseo

Elementary Education
Reidsville

La-Teisha Yolenda Allen

Biology
Hollywood, FL



Meghan Nicole Allen

Elementary Education
Lumberton

Hannah Rose Anderson

English
Tar Heel

Jamell Se'quan Artis

Sports Management
Reidsville



Choral, Involved



Aaron Brown is a 24-year-old senior who hasn't gone far from his home in Fayetteville which is where he has lived his entire life. Aaron

has a fantastic family who all live in Fayetteville. He was an only child until a year and a half ago when he and his mother adopted two little girls. Aaron will also be the first person to go to college and come out with a four year degree. His father is also attending a university and will be finished with that soon. This experience has strengthened his family's sense of accomplishment and has also helped them push the importance of school even more.

Currently Aaron is a commuter student but before this year he lived on campus. He has lived in North, Oak, and Pointe over his four years here. Aaron believes that there are many things around campus if you know what you're

looking for. He thinks that the University needs to do something about parking to better help the commuter students.

Aaron is a music major. Aaron said, "I chose it because I could not see myself doing anything else. I think about music constantly and I want to teach it to high school students." Aside from his major, Aaron is a proud member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America Inc. "Being a part of this fraternity has introduced me to a lot of people on campus... I have learned leadership skills as well as life skills that have made me a better man to be around and work with."

Aaron's main goal is to teach at the collegiate level, which is what he plans to pursue after graduation. First, he says that he will have to go to graduate school for choral conducting and then teach in high school for a few years before finally moving on to teaching at a university. "The biggest advice I have gotten is, 'I'd rather have a 3.7 GPA and have a full resume than have a 4.0 and have and done nothing!'"



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Exercise Physiology
Greensboro

Brittany Lark Bailey

Criminal Justice
Greensboro

JaSarah Nicole Baldwin

Psychology
Shannon



Timesha Rita Batchelor

Nursing
Middlesex

Montana Nicole Baxter

Social Work
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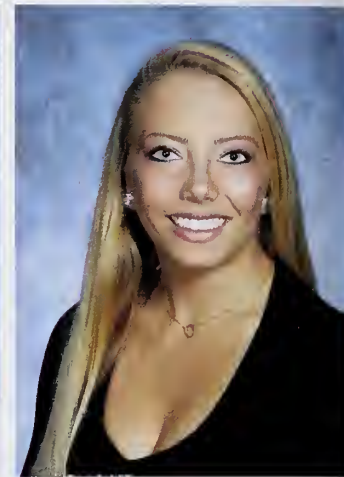
Business Administration
Lumberton

Corry Botzenhart

Finance
Jacksonville

Mélia Patricia Bovard

Exercise Physiology
Sneads Ferry



Christine Friederick is all smiles during the graduation ceremony.

This senior is raising his arms up for joy after walking across the stage during the December undergraduate commencement.



Miranda Geneva Bowens

Psychology
Charlotte

Amanda Rose Bowman

Biomedical
Rockingham

Alexander Andres Bradley

Exercise Sports Science
Fayetteville



Bryanna Jakia Braithwaite

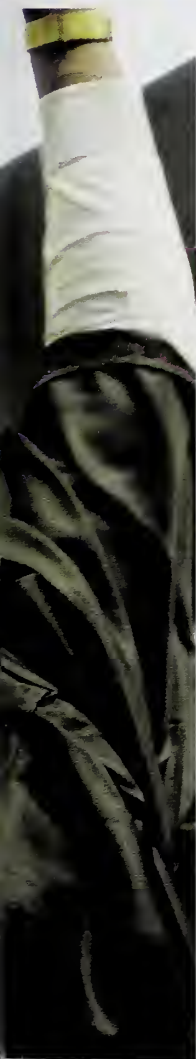
Business Administration
Clayton

Corey Darrell Bratcher

History/Science Education
Lumberton

Leslie Aldelia Brewer

Environmental Science
St. Pauls



COMtech, HCAP

Camille Louise Colvin is from Fayetteville, NC. She has lived there her entire life and has two siblings, a brother and a sister. She has a big family, with

relatives spread all over the US and a few out of the country. She lives on campus, and likes that the campus is small. Because there is no class is more than 15 minutes away, everything is within walking distance. The one thing she dislikes about living on campus is dealing with the constant fire alarms.

Camille is majoring in Biology. She was a nursing major, and one of her advisors suggested that she consider going to medical school and she changed her major to Biology. She is currently volunteering at COMtech with Dr. Bahr in the Alzheimer's lab. She has a job on campus as a peer tutor, tutoring in Organic Chem-

istry I and II, working 3-5 hours per week. She is a part of HCAP and the Tri-Beta club. HCAP has helped her to learn more about the medical schools in North Carolina and also helped her look for summer internships. She enjoys drawing when she has time. When she is in Fayetteville, she is usually with her family or her friends, her two closest friends are Alyssa and Selah. She met Alyssa when she was a Nursing major; they met in Freshman Seminar. She has known Selah since middle school, and they are roommates at UNCP.

She has met many people from different backgrounds here on campus and appreciates the diversity. "It is nice to see people from several different places and learn about where they are from," she says, such as her late Spanish professor, Peter Imoro. She will miss all of the people that she met here. She is relieved about finally being a senior. "It's just a great feeling," she said. After she graduates, she plans on doing a summer internship to give her more experience in the field that she is pursuing.



Jazz, Cruise Ship

Darius LaQuan Dawson is a senior from Fayetteville. His hometown is a very diverse place with an abundance of things to do and a vast amount of

people. While Darius was in Fayetteville he lived with his Mother, Father, and younger brother. His family is a bunch of crazy characters who are loving and passionate. Although he is a first generation college student, he has an apartment in Commons instead of living on campus.

Darius has been enrolled in the department of music as a Music Business major with a focus of classical percussion. He also has had the opportunity to play for a jazz combo and various other ensembles. "The music department faculty has so many diverse experiences that it gave me a great learning environment. I've gotten to work

with the best staff that has worked with top tier music performers and teachers," he said.

He also works at Prospect United Methodist Church and on the marching band staff here on campus where he works a combined sixteen hours. Prioritizing is an issue when it comes to work and school.

When he is not working or studying he really enjoys stand-up comedy. His hobbies are "drawing, reading, dancing, singing in the shower. Oh, and long walks on the beach. I'm a Scorpio."

He has met friends from all over the world and plans to play on a cruise ship for six months. He wants to move to Wilmington, Raleigh or stay in Fayetteville and make music with as many people as possible. His advice to underclassmen is to "Be prepared and work for free to get your name out. Don't throw your book bag down Friday night and pick it back up on Monday morning."



Brandon K. Bulla

Exercise and Sports Science
Hope Mills

Leyia Q. Bullard

Nursing
Pembroke

Sarah Jordan Campbell

Criminal Justice
Laurinburg



Shakema Tyrese Carr

Nursing
Ivanhoe

Kristen Faye Chason

Birth-Kindergarten Education
Parkton

Cristina Morvia' Clark

Biology
Maxton





This student jumps for joy as she walks across the stage during December 2016 graduation.

Krystin Hanooman, adorned in her many graduation cords, smiles as she walks across the stage



Maria Victoria Clark

Accounting
Fayetteville

Virginia Nicole Clymore

Public Relations
Raleigh

Hannah Elizabeth Cole

Biology
Morehead City



Camille Louise Colvin

Biology
Fayetteville

Andrina Christine Corella

Public Relations
Holly Springs

Tory Alexander Covington

Criminal Justice
Rockingham

Zachary Lane Covington

Criminal Justice
Rockingham

Melissa Renae Craddock

Psychology
Sanford

Christian Caroline Crumpton

Business Management
Aberdeen



Mary Grace Curiale

Psychology
Fair Bluff

Julien Montrel Daniels

Information Technology
Hope Mills

Garrison Reed Davis

Political Science
Anderson Creek



Writing, Reporter

Briana Goins, known as "Bri," is from Rockingham, North Carolina. She has lived there for her whole life. He still lives there now and commutes to school

WNCP-TV. She is really dedicated to her craft.

every day. She comes from a small, close family. She has two younger brothers. She is the first person in her family to go to college straight out of high school. She said this "motivated me to finish."

She loved everyone and all the courses that she took here at UNCP. She also did a internship in Myrtle Beach. She really enjoyed studying abroad in Ireland and thought it was neat how they got the chance to meet up with some kids and professors who were studying geology at East Carolina University. She is currently employed at Fatz Café. It was difficult for her at first working 25 hours a week and going to school, but she learned time management. She is now looking for a job after she graduates. She would like to continue to be a reporter but is considering creative writing.

Briana's major is Mass Communication. She always wanted to pursue this degree but coming here helped her realize that she wanted to be a reporter. She in now the anchor for WNCP-TV and co-president for Write Club. She enjoys being involved on campus because she gets the chance to meet a lot of new people. She met her friend Christal through WNCP-TV and study abroad in Ireland. She spends most of her time outside of class working on homework and

Her most favorite part about UNCP was the one on one time that she got with the professors. It really helped her learn more and get the basics on how to be a great reporter. She is excited about being a senior, but it's hard because you have a lot of things you have to complete before you can graduate. Her advice is to make sure you accomplish what you have to get done and don't wait until the last minute.





Grace Marianna Davis

Biology
Pembroke

Jessica Lillian Deese

Sociology
Robeson County

Melanie Canady Dial

Business Administration—Finance
Lumberton



Michael Taylor Doss

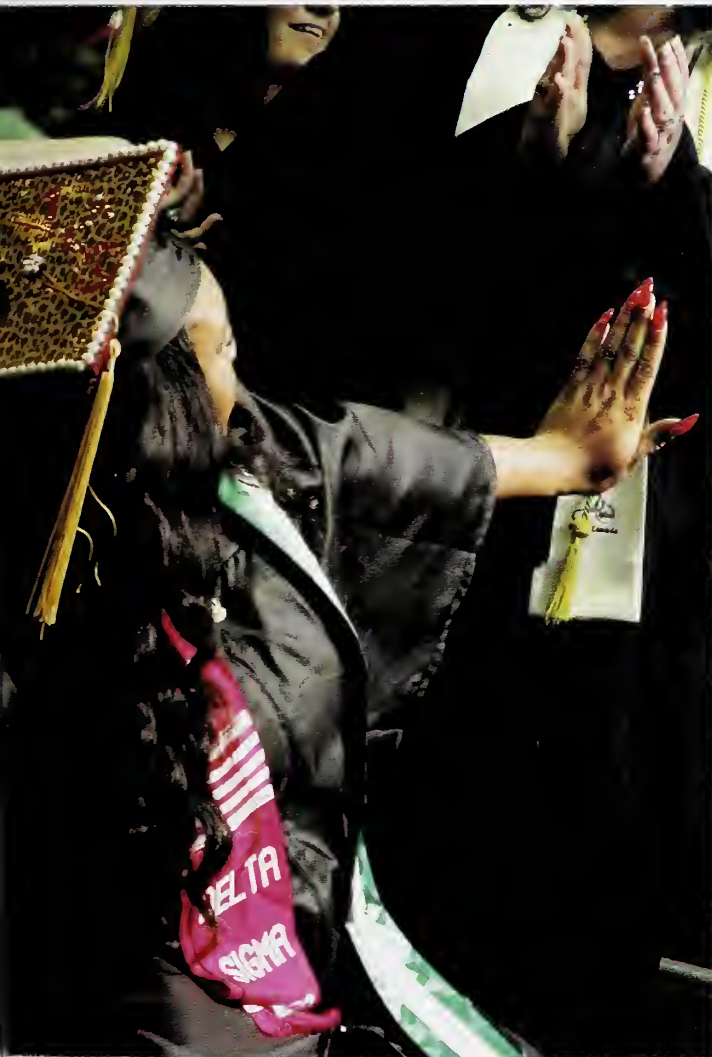
Nursing
Rockingham

Mary Katharine Dudas

Nursing
Raleigh

Taylor Latrese Dudley

Exercise Physiology
Raeford



This member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. expresses her pride for her organization as she walks across the stage during graduation.

There is nothing but exuberance on this student's face as he crosses the stage during graduation.

At this long awaited moment, this senior sits anxiously anticipating her turn to receive the fruits of her labor.

As this senior waves goodbye to UNCP, he also says hello to the future that his education has prepared him for.



Jacklyn Nicole Duenas

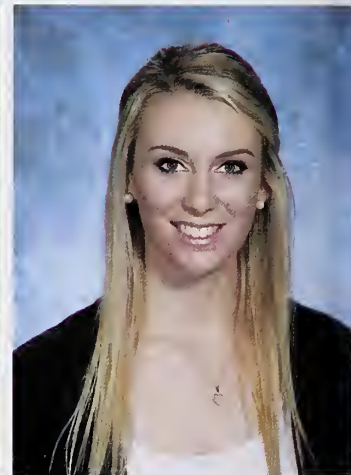
Nursing
Fayetteville

Carly Layne Edwards

History
Roanoke Rapids

Lauren Ashley Edwards

Mass Communication
Kinston



Joshua Stephen Elliott

Criminal Justice
Greenville

William T. Q. Etheridge

Chemistry
Durham

Sheareline N'Kole Flythe

Education
Red Springs





Guitar, Spectrum

Kayden James Lewis is from Zebulon, North Carolina, where he's lived his whole life. It's a farming community. He would rather live

in Wilmington or out of state because he doesn't like the small town vibe.

His family consists of his mother, Betty, and his grandmother, Louise. Being a first-generation college student, he's motivated to work harder to become a successful adult. He commutes from Commons, and while it's better than on-campus housing, it isn't fun to walk to class when it's cold, extremely hot, or raining.

Kayden is a double major in Criminal Justice and Sociology. He chose this because he doesn't want to work behind a desk. With his major he gets to work in the field. That element of danger is what appeals to him most.

He's a member of Spectrum, formerly known as GSA (Gay Students and Allies). In his free time he likes to play video games (on his new ps4), sing, play guitar and ukulele, and read. His favorite place to study is Starbucks because of the coffee shop atmosphere; it's easy for him to focus. He's friends with most of the baristas due to all his time spent there.

Kayden likes UNCP because it's a really diverse place and the size is convenient: "You don't have to take a car or a bus to classes, although sometimes that would be easier." The student body is like a family since it's so small. He will miss "the teachers and the friends I've made so far. Dr. Guy was one of my favorite professors because he drove me to try harder than I probably have in a class before."

His advice to incoming freshmen is to not be afraid of being yourself. Don't force yourself into something you know isn't who you are—but don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone.



Darmita Cherelle Ford

Biology
Gastonia

Darius Allen Fortune

Computer Science
Raeford

Zachery Doyle Freeman

History
Lincolnton



Haylee Mansa Gardner

Political Science
Salisbury

Brianna Alexandria Goins

Mass Communication
Rockingham

Miah A. Goode

Criminal Justice
Charlotte

Joshua Arron Great

Political Science
Huntersville

Brandi Kiersten Guffey

Biology
Canton

Briana Trevon Hall

Social Work
Whiteville



Christian Happel

Studio Art
Fayetteville

Julia Elizabeth Harmon

Spanish/Health Promotion
Charlotte

Gabriel Dean Hattis

Information Technology
Durham



Jimmy Baker seems pleased to finally get up from his seat and walk to the stand to receive his diploma.



Onya Daye's pride in the effort she put toward her education is fully expressed in her smile.



Brittany Noel Hayes

Education
Cerro Gordo

Bianca Nichole Haywood

Criminal Justice/Sociology
Raleigh

Tyler Paul Holley

Sports Management
Raleigh



Ashley Nicole Hower

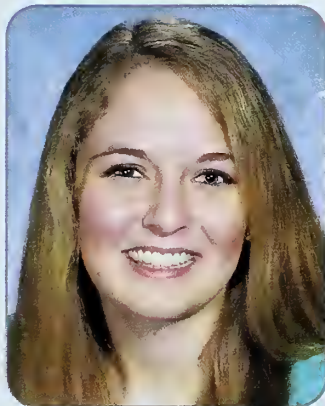
Psychology
Salisbury

Kendra Hunt

Nursing/Biology
Lumberton

Jasmine Shavon Huntley

Exercise Science
Monroe



Animals, Scenery

Brandi Guffey is a senior from Canton, North Carolina, a rural small country town much similar to here, where she lived her whole life. Her parents

have attended college though she is the first person in her family to attend a university. She has stayed on campus for her time here; her only complaints are that “the buildings are a bit old and could use some renovations.” She likes the area, because it reminds her of her home. She is currently employed at the Literacy Commons and works about 10 hours a week.

Brandi is majoring in Biology with a concentration in Zoology. Her hobbies include playing with her dogs—Banjo, Chance, and Mia—hiking, and sightseeing on cooler days. “I love to embrace the scenery and the cool weather,” she said.

She has made many friends throughout the time she has been here and believes that the friends you make here will help change you and build you up and be your support system when needed. During her sophomore year she was roomed with some Chinese students and learned a lot about their cultures and religions.

One of the best things about this school, in her opinion, is the small classrooms which allow for better socializing to get to know the professors and students for a better learning experience. When she graduates she is planning to attend graduate school at NC State or Clemson for Bio-science focused on animals. She wants to work in a research conservation center. Over this past summer she did an internship at the Atlanta Zoo through a research assistant program with Dr. Mooreson.

Her advice to the entering freshman class is, “Don’t wait around; do some good networking and don’t ever be afraid to ask the professor to help. But enjoy your time here because it flies. Learn time management to survive.”

Art, Mixtape



Christian Happel was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and eventually moved to Fayetteville, NC, after his father joined the Army. He graduated from Jack Britt High School in

2012 and decided to go to UNCP because of how close it was to home. He has commuted all five of his years on campus, but he says, "I feel like I miss out on a lot of quality times with my friends because I go home everyday." He also mentioned that his late nights in the studio can become increasingly strenuous because he often leaves campus after midnight, only to return as early as 7:30 the next morning. He stated, "I often spend anywhere between 20 and 40 hours per week perfecting my work."

When he got to UNCP he began as biology major but switched to business for two weeks during his junior year. He then quickly realized where his true passions were and switched to art. Christian is a very involved student on campus. He currently

has four jobs on campus and has been involved in Greek life for several years. Finding free time is not always easy for him; however, he feels that art in itself is a form of stress relief. Most of his time lately is spent working on pottery and large-scale steel sculptures—some of which are installed on campus and in the surrounding area. Aside from art, he enjoys cooking; watching football, basketball, and cartoons; and visiting his family in Louisiana.

His plans for after he graduates are to attend grad school to pursue an MFA in sculpture, with the goal of becoming a university professor. He hopes to attend LSU in Louisiana. He mentioned, "The most difficult thing about graduating will be leaving a university that made me who I am today." He is very close with many of his professors and said that working with all of the other great artists in the department is both incredibly inspiring and motivating. His advice for freshmen was: "No career in life is worth having if you aren't deeply in love with it. Never sell your dreams short, never stop striving for greatness, keep grinding and don't let anyone hold you back." As a final note, he said if you want to see some of his art, you can "check the mixtape" at happel.carbonmade.com.

Tamilya Reshea Isom

Criminal Justice
Wilson

Mena Çamal Issa

Biology
Raleigh

Tienra Victoria Jackson

Health Promotion
Whiteville



Brittany Nichole Jacobs

Nursing
Pembroke

Kayla Lee Jacobs

Computer Science
Pembroke

Taylor Mane Jacobs

Psychology
Red Springs





Nothing can stop Annabel Russel as she walks forward to the stand to receive her diploma.

Jeffery Johnson seems glad to be surrounded by encouraging peers and professionals.



Terrence Lee Jefferies

Broadcasting/Journalism
High Point

Alyssa Emily Jimenez

Elementary Education
Apex

Rosezetta Yvette Johnson

Exercise Physiology
Washington, DC



Erin Nicole Kenworthy

Sports Science
Pembroke

Kim Kershaw-McNair

Public and NonProfit Administration
Raeford

Jonathan Ryan Kistner

Computer Science
Readington, NJ

Gita Krishna

Biology
Southern Pines

Kaitlin Brittany Kurtz

Nursing
Fayetteville

Cody Locklear

Criminal Justice
Rowland



Mayra Lopez-Valtierra

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Sanford

Simone Nicole Lott

Sociology
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Olivia Marie Lowman

Elementary Education
Fayetteville



CRJ, Travel

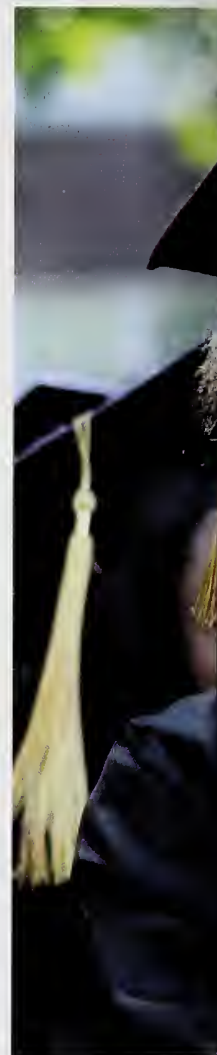
Tamilya Isom is a senior from the middle-sized town of Wilson, NC. Tamilya says that Wilson is “a town where everyone pretty

much knows each other.” She has lived in Wilson all 20 years of her life. Tamilya was raised by a single mother, whom she is very grateful to have, and was an only child for fourteen years until her sister came along. On her father’s side, Tamiyla has four younger sisters. College and education have always played a huge role in her and her family’s lives. She is not a first-generation college student but her dreams of college began at her early-college based school. She continues to pursue her goals of accomplishing her major in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociol-

ogy. She knew she wanted to Criminal Justice when she first took her Introduction to CRJ class as a forensic science major.

Living on campus has been a huge part of attending a four year university for her. She explained, “What I like about the dorms and the apartments are that there is so much diversity and that you can build relationships with those that stay near or in the same area as you.” She met so many different students from different regions of the world that she hopes to travel to one-day. While at UNCP, she continued to work at Target and as a desk clerk in a residence hall. She also enjoyed attending campus athletic and GPAC events.

Graduate school is in her future in order to continue in the Criminal Justice field. She hopes to go into probation work with juvenile and adult offenders. Her advice to freshmen: “Find your passion.”





Aliyah Nicole Lynch

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Dallas

Kabrina Odetta McAfee

Biology
Charlotte

Barbara A. McInnis

Sociology
Maxton



Monica Lisette McIntyne

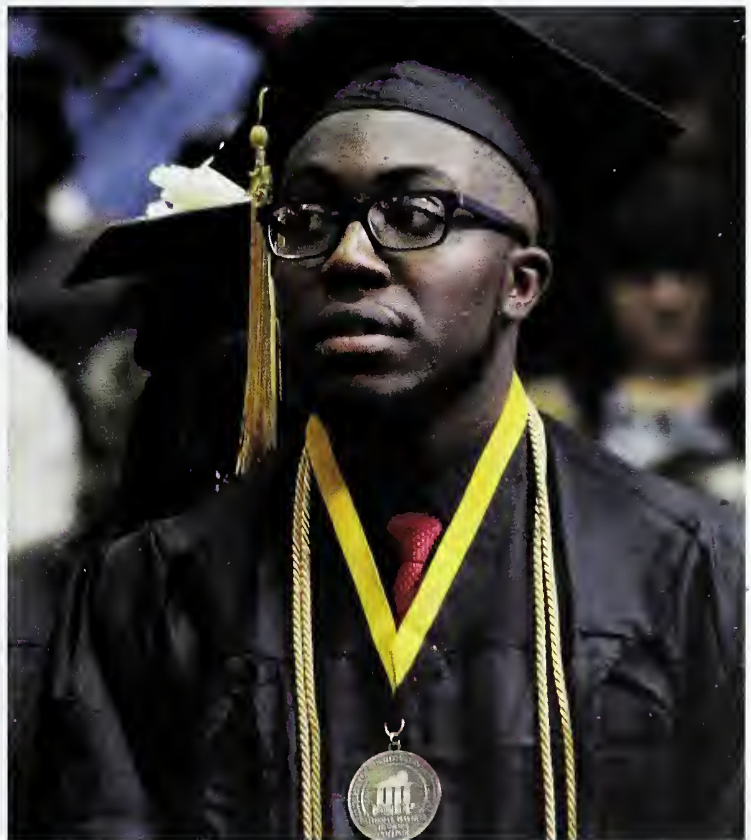
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Fairmont

K'Yana Elise McLean

Chemistry
Goldsboro

Jeremiah Mileek McLeod

Mass Communication
Laurinburg

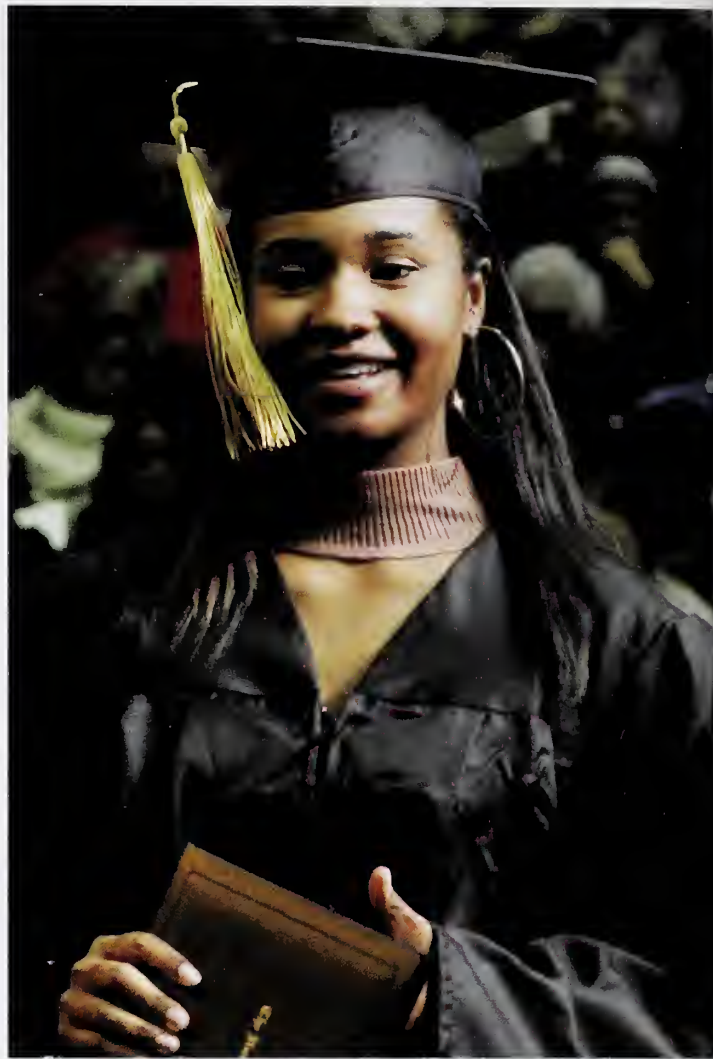


Kara Atkins seems relieved that the clouds and trees have blocked some of the sun's heat this May morning.

Divine Mbalu is glad that this stage of his college career is finally over. Soon he can move on to greater things.

This senior is heading to the stage to receive his diploma in May 2016.

This senior is smiling about the fact she just graduated and is walking back to her seat.



DeShanta K. McMillian

Biology
Tar Heel

Gwendolyn M. McMillian

Psychology
Tar Heel

Ariisa Marie McNeal

Elementary Education
Huntersville



Francisca Merino-Urioso

Criminal Justice
Mexico

Patrik Thomas Merkell

Business Administration—Finance
Stockholm, Sweden

Christopher Darnell Mitchell

Psychology/Science
Detroit, MI





Army, Active

Christopher Darrell Mitchell, known as Chris, is from Detroit, Michigan. He describes his hometown as an impoverished area where “most people are

not expected to graduate high school, so for me to be in line for my bachelor’s degree and an opportunity for graduate school is major.” “My high school advisor once told me that she didn’t think that I would live to be 18 or graduate,” he added; “Detroit is full of violence and underfunded school systems, and this is what made me decide to go into school counseling.”

Chris lived in Michigan until he was 22 years old and was then transferred to North Carolina when he enlisted into the Army. He says his family is very close knit, and if anyone ever were to need anything, they can always depend on each other. He has three sisters and two brothers. He has always dreamed of graduating

college but never thought it would be possible financially. During his four years of college, he commuted. The only thing he disliked about commuting was that the traffic was sometimes unbearable. Chris’s major is Psychology because he really enjoys science and thinking of others’ perspectives in different situations. Chris found the courses to be interesting, fun, and challenging. He thought the faculty was extremely professional and helpful. He thanks Dr. Allen: “Without her, I would have definitely dropped out.” He works at Walmart with 50 to 70 hours a week. Sleep deprivation has definitely interfered with his school work. He joined the Psychology, Running, and Student Veterans of America Clubs but unfortunately wasn’t able to participate as much due to the amount he worked. Outside of the classroom, Chris enjoys working out and writing poetry. Attending UNCP has been a very cultural experience to him, similar to his experience while in the military. His final advice: “I would tell freshmen to have a plan and pay attention to it strategically.”



Rebecca Leigh Moran

Sociology
Jacksonville

Mollie Catherine Morrow

Environmental Science
Washington

Reilly Joseph Morton

Music/Business
Jacksonville



Melissa A. Murdock

Social Work
Raleigh

Sean Michael Murphy

Criminal Justice
Bunn

Timiya De'Ann Murphy

Mass Communication
Tarboro

Jasmine Monique Newby

Nursing
Randleman

Alyssa June Notton

Biomedical
Brevard

Cecilia Amarahukwa Nwosu

Social Work
Raleigh



Ina Mae Locklear Oxendine

Criminal Justice/Art
Wagram

Hope Olivia Peddle

Criminal Justice/Sociology
Winston-Salem

David John Pedersen

Biology
Raeford



Shaquille Ray is taking his graduation very seriously.



Evi Locklear is ecstatic about graduation and waiting to see what the future holds.



Jael Melody Pembrick

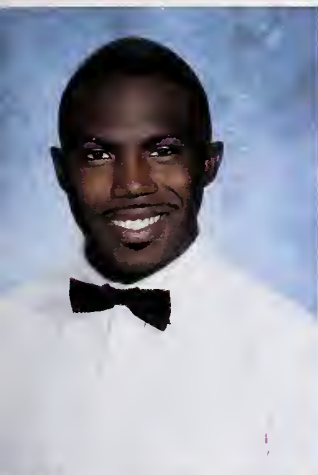
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Taylor Alexis Penn

Sociology/Social Work
Gastonia

Mireida Perez-Cortez

Mathematics
Asheboro



Jonathan Lawrence Perkins

Music
Holly Springs

Brenda B. Phillips

Sociology
Clarkton

La'Nita Alivia Lee Powell

Accounting
Lumberton



Tech, Nature

Kayla Lee Jacobs is a senior from Pembroke. She is a Computer Science major who enjoys technology and nature. Jacobs has been at UNCP since the 2010-

2011 school year, trying to discover what it was she wanted to do with her life and finding what she was interested in along the way. Through this journey of her life, she has experienced many different challenges that have come her way and has found something that she excels at and plans on doing for a career. She is a commuter from her home where she lives with her girlfriend. She is an only child and lived with her father on the farm when she younger.

She has some hands-on experience in her field by working over 160 hours of an internship with a computer repair company called Sacred Pathways Inc. While she was there she created

a website for them, which is set to go live and active soon. "This was done as part of the capstone project. Their focus was on the senior citizen community to better help and serve them."

Kayla was a part of the billiards team last year and went to the nationals at Arizona State University, where she placed fifth. She is also on the Wall of Champions in the Hawk's Nest. Most of her extra time is spent in the library and volunteering for her community. "Being a Lumbree student I felt like it was important for me to remain true to my roots," she said. She uses her free time to be with her family and enjoy technology and computers.

While at UNCP, Kayla said, "I have met many different people from other countries, some from China, others from neighboring states. The campus diversity makes me miss home. I feel that others should be required to learn about another culture to be aware of things." The best thing she liked about UNCP is the professor-to-student ratio being low. Her advice is to be prepared and don't procrastinate; use your resources.



Radio, CRU

George Pette-way Yandle Jr., also known as G-Yandy, was born in Charlotte, North Carolina. He moved around a lot growing up, never staying in

one place for too long. He moved to Concord, NC, Mansfield, OH, York, SC, Rock Hill, SC, Gaffney, SC and then spent 10 years in Richmond County, NC, in the Rockingham/Hamlet area. He is the youngest of 5 siblings, all of whom are sisters.

The first in his family to pursue a college degree, he transferred to UNCP from a community college in his hometown. He is majoring in Mass Communication with a concentration in Broadcasting. He loves radio and TV production and even goes by the name G-Yandy on radio. The faculty in his department have been extremely helpful.

He works a part time job on campus as a student technician for the Interactive Video Facility. He is also part of the student ministry CRU and participates in Athletes in Action, which have both been a positive impact on his time here: "CRU and Athletes in Action have helped me out greatly; I needed to connect with others that share the same belief with me. Being able to go to weekly Bible studies has been awesome!" He's made a few lifelong friends while pursuing this journey and has made lasting memories.

After graduation, he hopes to seek employment in the broadcasting field. He planned to start applying for jobs during his last semester here at UNCP. If TV or radio don't work out, his back up plan is grad school at UNCG or ECU. He's extremely positive given the rough patches he's had in life. He advises freshmen to "decide on a major; know that you will have ups and downs along the way but you have to push through them. You made the right step in continuing your education, so don't let anyone put you down!"

Kelsey Leann Prevatt

Nursing
St. Pauls

Daniel Craig Proconer

Exercise Physiology
Charlotte

Lee Martin Reesor

Biology—Environmental Sciences
Hendersonville



Christopher Tyler Register

Sport Science
St. Pauls

Amy-Jo Revels

Social Work
St. Pauls

Nicholas Alexander Rhodes

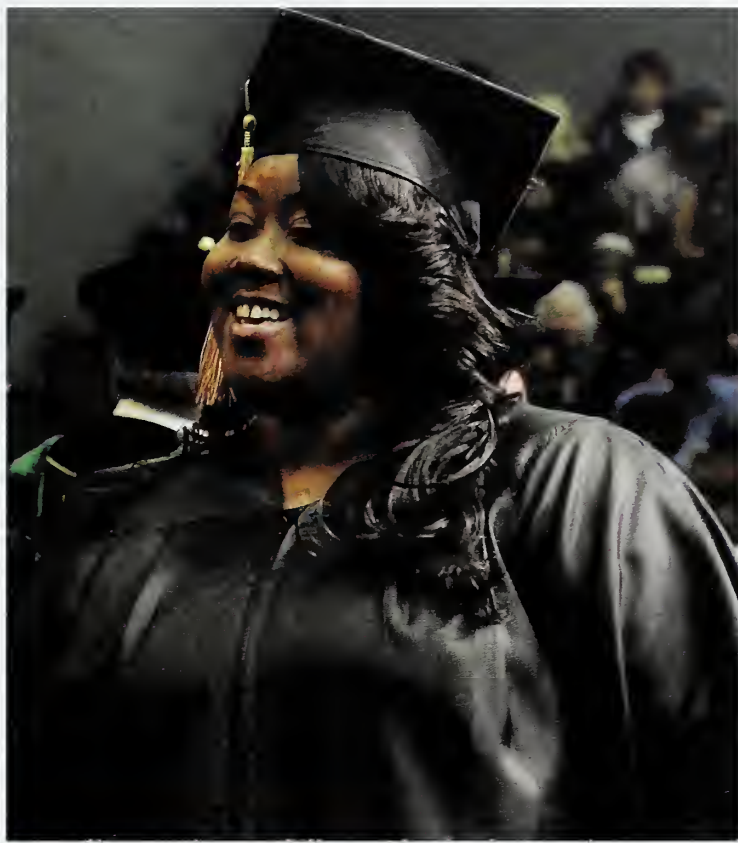
Music Business
Charlotte





George Bancroft IV is all smiles as he walks back to his seat after receiving his diploma.

Brittany McCall is joyous as she walks up to receive her diploma from Chancellor Cummings.



Daniel Gray Robertson

Criminal Justice
Providence

Schaintel O. Robinson

Criminal Justice
Thomasville

Phazon Roddy

Exercise Physiology
Winston-Salem



Frida Rodriguez

Criminal Justice
Sanford

Kacey Rowe

Social Work
San Diego, CA

Kimberly R. Sampson

Management
Pembroke

Adrian Antonio Sanchez

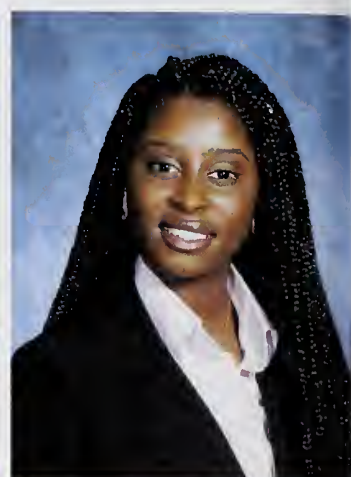
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Hope Mills

Anna Nicole Scholten

Management
Morresville

Jasmine Breona Sharpe

Exercise Physiology
Rocky Mount



Milo Marquesas Shelton

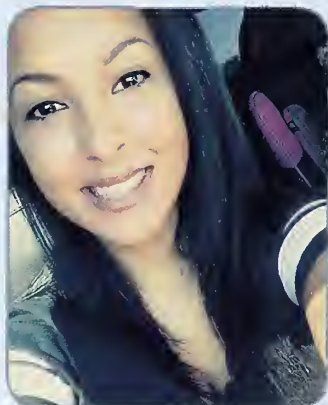
Biology
Fayetteville

Unique Y'vette Simpson

Social Work
Charlotte

Annadell Sinclair

Psychology
Charlottesville, VA



Psych, Daughter

Taylor Jacobs is from Red Springs, North Carolina. She grew up in a small town and came to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke to major in

psychology after one of her family members had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. She has spent six total years at UNCP and is in Alpha Pi Omega sorority.

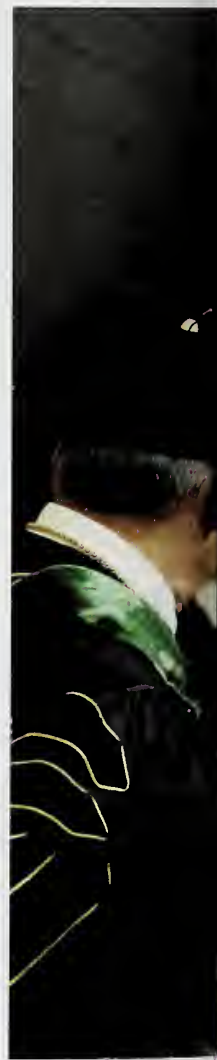
her job as a financial assistant for an accountant in Lumberton. Balancing her studies as well as her work was a challenge but she managed to maintain her grades. Taylor has experienced diversity amongst faculty, staff, and the student body but was able to relate to most, given her Lumbee heritage. She will miss the atmosphere and will miss participating in events that she has been a part of. She also felt that UNCP did a lot in terms of special events to get the students involved. She is extremely grateful that it is her turn to graduate and exclaimed, "It was a long time coming!" She has enjoyed her experiences here and urged future freshmen to take advising week seriously to get the classes vital to their success. "Don't forget to join some sort of club or group," she advised, "and try to get involved in the campus."

psychology after one of her family members had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. She has spent six total years at UNCP and is in Alpha Pi Omega sorority.

Taylor came from a family of two parents, a brother, and a sister. Taylor also has a daughter of her own. She is a second-generation college student after her mother, who has two master's degrees. Taylor commuted while at UNCP and enjoyed the luxury of being able to have her car to drive; however, she hated parking. She absolutely loves the psychology department staff because of their enthusiasm and organization.

She averages around 25-30 hours a week at

After college, Taylor plans on going to grad school for psychology but is unsure where she will attend. She also plans to seek a job with child protective service and wanted to work within Robeson or surrounding counties.





Mariah Lynn Sippial

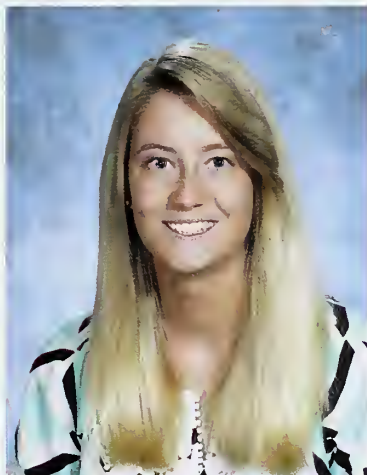
Broadcasting
Jacksonville

Kaitlyn Moriah Sitton

Health Promotion
Hendersonville

Bren-ee Desatai Smith

Biology
Long Branch, NJ



Caleb Warner Smith

Biomedical Emphasis
Fayetteville

Summer Danielle Smith

Nursing
Lumberton

Tonye S. Smith

Criminal Justice
Raeford



Montrell Daniels crosses the stage in December 2016 to receive his diploma from Chancellor Cummings.

This senior walks to shake one of her professors hands, as a sign of gratitude for her time at UNCP.

Desiree Thomas is excited about what her future holds as she completes her walk across the stage.

This student looks onward as the graduation ceremony comes to a close.



Hannah Brooke Stockton

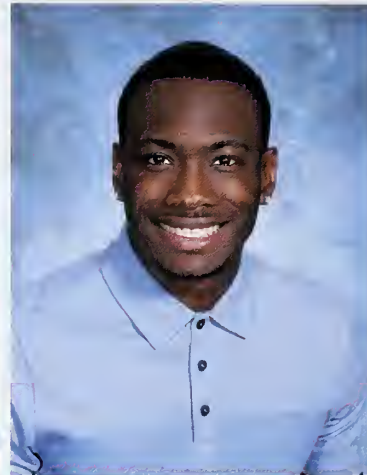
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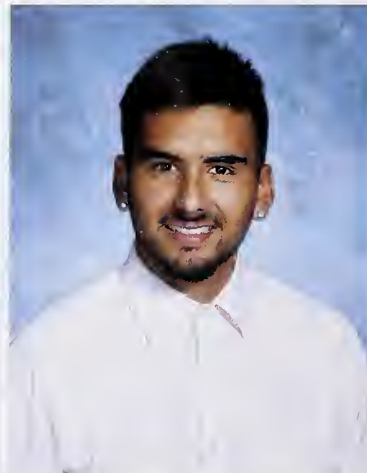
Psychology
Hamlet

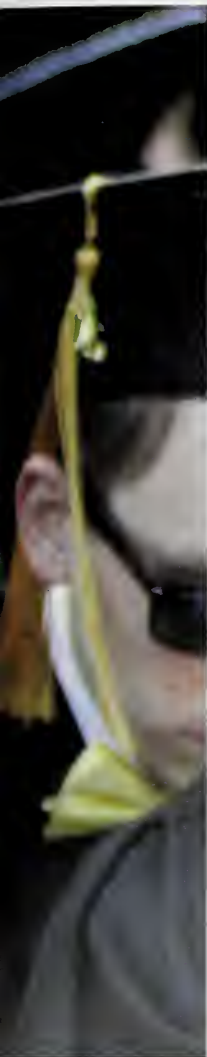
Branco Anton Theis

Business Management/Spanish
Raleigh

Jordan Matthew Thomas

Criminal Justice
Red Springs





Beach, Family

La'Nita Powell, a.k.a Nini, was raised in Lumberton, NC, and grew up with four siblings. It was no surprise to hear her say, "Having four siblings, my

upbringing was very unpredictable; one minute you can be in a house with your worst enemy and the next you'll be with your best friend." Being a first-generation college student, La'Nita feels stressed at times due to the pressure and encouraged to continue her pursuit at others.

La'Nita is a commuter student and an accounting major. She has pursued this as a career in order to learn more about the financial world. Although school has certainly taken plenty of time and diligence, La'Nita has managed to juggle three jobs as well. She is a finance intern at Campbell Soup Supply Company, a tutor for the School of Business Accounting Lab,

and a TRIO tutor. Regarding juggling work and school, La'Nita had this to say: "Working almost 30 hours a week has taken away a great amount of time that could be used towards my studies; however, I am thankful for my jobs because I am constantly learning." Somehow, Nini has found a way to be the treasurer for the Accounting Students Association and the Rogers CPA Review Campus Representative.

Although she doesn't get many breaks in her busy schedule, when she does, she enjoys going to the beach, homemaking, spending time with her friends and family, and making lasting memories. Through La'Nita's time here at UNCP, she has encountered many people who she believes have had major impacts on her academic career, including Dr. Bukowy and Dr. Shoulders, both of whom she has enjoyed working with. While she will certainly miss it here, she is ecstatic to graduate. After graduation, she plans to take the CPA exams and become a CPA (certified public accountant). She tells freshmen: "Do not overestimate your time."



Ashlii Marie Thompson

Sports Management
Brown Summit

Alexander Craig Umstead

Exercise Physiology
Winston-Salem

Jessica J. Villafane

Nursing
Bridgeport, CT



Bria V. Walcott

Business Management
Brooklyn, NY

Andrew Nicholas Walker

Elementary Education
Chadbourn

Daryl Kelan Walker

Biology
Raleigh

Dominique Jakeem Walker

Chemistry
Elkin

Donielle Nicole Walker

Elementary Education
Charlotte

Tamika Walker

Social Work
Shannon



Wei Wang

Chemistry
China

Kayla Stacy Watson

Special Education
Fayetteville

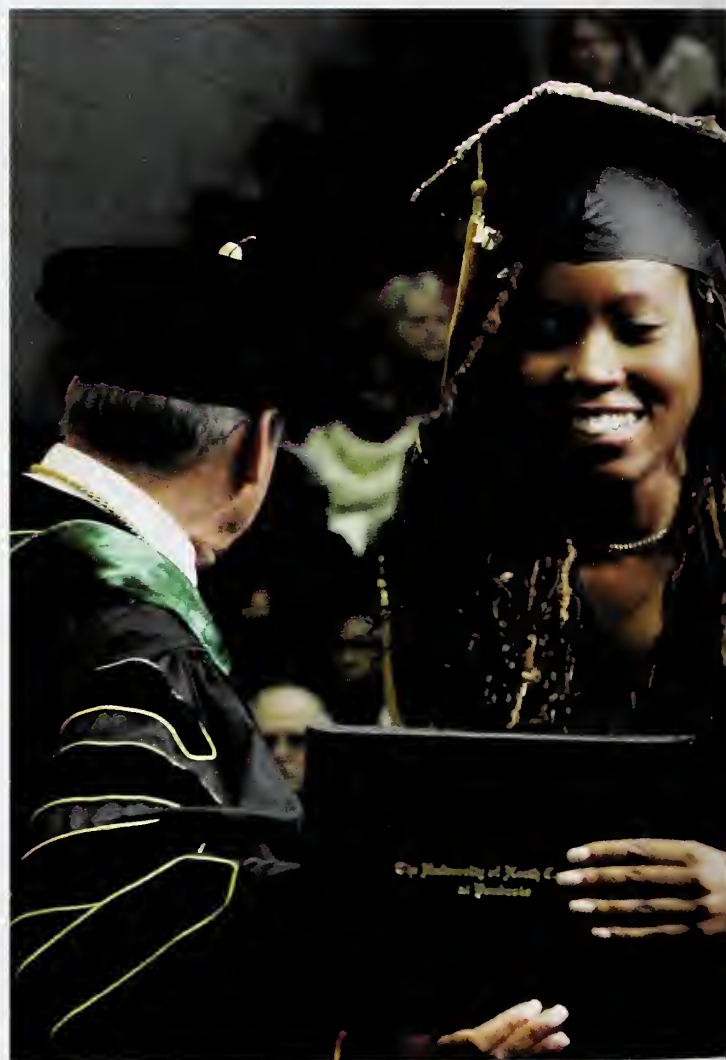
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White

Management
Hamlet



Terry Johnson smiles because his future is as bright as the sun's rays on this hot spring morning.



Pure joy radiates from this young lady's face as she proudly strides across the graduation stage.



James Williams Jr.

Criminal Justice
Randleman

Latazia Shanice Williams

Elementary Education
Hilton Head Island, SC

Taylor Sheree Williams

Biology
Louisburg



Alexa Jo Wilson

Exercise Science
Yanceyville

Ashley Denise Wood

Broadcasting
Virginia

George Petteway Yandle Jr.

Broadcasting
Charlotte



NCNW, Balance

Schaintel Oteyonna Robinson is from Thomasville, North Carolina. Thomasville, a small city that is very diverse, and everyone knows

each other. Schaintel has lived in Thomasville all of her life. She has close family who are always together and can talk about anything. Schaintel has an 11-year-old sister and a 5-year-old brother.

Being a first generation college student, she feels that she has to work twice as hard. She says, "I'm not just getting this degree for myself, I am getting it for my family as well." It means a lot to her family who are extremely proud of her and her younger siblings who look up to her.

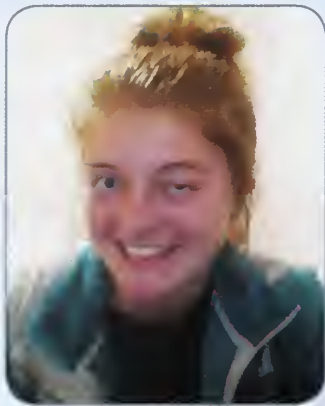
Schaintel is majoring in criminal justice. She chose this because it's something she always had an interest in. She felt that she will be able to help other when they feel like they are at their

worst. She enjoyed many of the courses. She has learned a lot that helps her with her career.

Schaintel was part of NCNW (National Council of Negro Women). She has made friends that will have lifelong friendships with people like Taylor Rice and Donnielle Walker. She has met both of these friends in the summer of 2012 in the Raising the Bar program at UNCP.

Ater graduation, Schaintel's options are endless. Her dream job is to work in a prison or jail, possibly in Raleigh, because she can make a difference there.

She advises entering freshmen to stay focus and balance school and social life. UNCP is "very diverse with many different cultures and races." Her favorite part of UNCP was the welcoming community. She is going to miss everyone here, and never imagined meeting so many great people. She is very excited to be a senior but yet she's also nervous. Some advice she gives underclassmen is to frequently meet with your advisor so you can stay on the right path and to apply to as many jobs as possible.



Honors, Sports

Hannah Brooke Stockton is a senior from Marion, North Carolina. Marion is a small, conservative town and she has lived there her entire life. Hannah's

family, comprised of Hannah, her mother and father, and her older brother, is a conservative Baptist family that is loving and very hard working. She's also a first-generation college student, which was challenging for her at first. She said that she had to seek out help and that she lacked important skills for successful college living. She got the help she needed and since then she has made her family very proud.

Hannah lived on campus and she loves the town of Pembroke. She liked the size of the campus and town, saying, "I like the size of everything around here; it makes me feel safe and at home." The only thing that she did wish to be

different was for more to do on the weekends.

Having a passion for helping people, Hannah felt that the Social Work major was the best choice for her. She found the courses in her major to be very thought provoking and she has gained a lot of knowledge about her field of work through various hands-on experiences and having discussions with a diverse group of people from very different backgrounds and ethnic groups.

Her job affected her studies in both good and bad ways. "Having extra money is always nice but I would sometimes put more emphasis on work than studying for school." It was a learning experience, and she has no regrets.

Hannah was very involved during her time at UNCP, being a part of the Honors College, in Alpha Chi sorority, on the Dean's list, and played intramural sports. Being so involved has given her perspective on life and has helped her to learn about herself. Advice that she wants to give to freshmen is to not be afraid to ask for help and don't be afraid of failure.

Daria Bannetman

Social Work
Maple Hill

Elizabeth Ashtleigh Bell

Social Work
Lumberton

Mariel Monica Biebl

Professional School Counseling
Whiteville



Pauline Hill Campbell

Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Fairmont

Sharolyn Renae Campbell

Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Rowland

Eleanor Gardner

Public Administration
Darlington, SC





This senior solemnly accepts his diploma from Chancellor Cummings during the December graduation ceremony.

Chalice Cline is beaming with delight after completing her undergraduate journey.



Derrian Janae Glenn

Health Administration
Fayetteville

Ehvan Iman Graham

Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Raleigh

Tanqie Harris

Health Administration
Raeford



Kerstin Hudgins

Nursing
Fayetteville

James T. Locklear

Business Management
Pembroke

Sherry Marie Matthews

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Lumber Bridge

Elizabeth Monique McNeill

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School Administration
Weldon

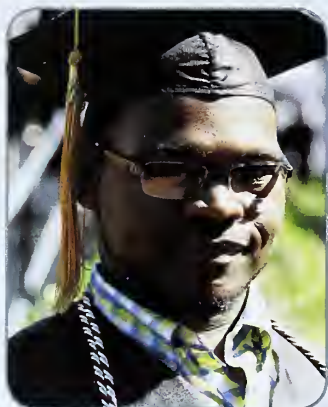


Elliot Samuel III

Health and Physical Education
Rockingham

Nadine V. Samuel

Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Rockingham



Helpful, Listener

Terry Johnson is a graduate student from Elizabethtown, NC, and has one year left in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. He spent his undergraduate

years here at UNCP studying Sociology and decided he would stay when he was accepted into the graduate program. He has two sisters, a niece, and a nephew who he says are an amazing support system. When asked why he chose the Clinical Mental Health Counseling field, he stated: "I enjoy being able to help people and I am a good active listener." He later mentioned that he was inspired to pursue this career path because he saw the need for counseling in universities at the undergraduate level.

When asked to compare his undergraduate experiences to his graduate program experience, Terry said that "Being a grad student is very dif-

ferent because you have to think differently. You are a little bit more independent." He later went on to mention that he doesn't always get to see campus as often as he used to, and doesn't have as much time for extracurricular activities. He has met many people during his involvement at UNCP, and has remained close with some who he considers to be like family.

In addition to his graduate studies, Terry works full time at BB&T where he is a collections representative. He stated that working full time hasn't affected his studies much because school always comes first. "Everything else is secondary," he said. After graduating, Terry plans to obtain his counseling licensure and begin counseling—likely in state. When asked for advice for any seniors entering graduate schools, Terry stressed the importance of taking advantage of every opportunity that your program offers. "Working to get ahead is critical," he said. As a final note he wanted to make sure to let everyone know to make the best of your college experience.



Melinda Short

Social Work
Tarboro

Eugene Mitchell Smith III

Middle Grades Social Studies Education
Lumberton

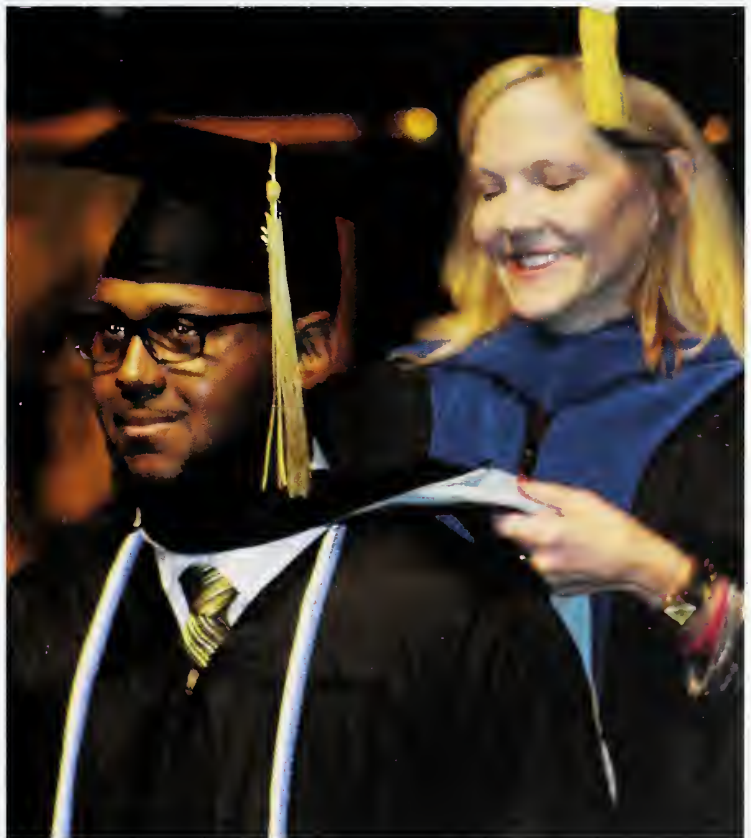


Clatise A. West

Social Work
Raeford

Tonya Tynetta Williams

School Administration
Maxton



This graduate cannot contain her smile as she receives her master's degree hood during the graduate commencement ceremony.

On to bigger and better things for this student as he participates in the graduate graduation ceremony.

A community service event at the Odom Home means a fresh coat of paint, as these students work hard to produce an even coat.

Dajer Fernandez enjoys a slice of pizza as he and other students wait for the returns to come in at the Election Party this past November.



Ashraf Alsaïdi
 Joshua Gavin Arnold
 Tiffany Cierrah Bellamy
 Justice Sincere Boykin



David Brown III
 Kiera Brown
 Elia Lorene Chavez
 Octavius Devante' Copeland





History, Pilot

Nick Kight is a junior History major from Holly Springs. Originally born in Virginia Beach, Nick has two

siblings: one brother named Matthew and a sister named Hannah. His father is a former marine, and his mother is a university professor at Mount Olive University and is working on her doctorate degree.

Nick has an avid love for 20th century warfare, tactics, and weaponry, which he considers to be his specialty. When asked how he chose his major, Nick replied, "I chose history as a major because I have a passion for the military and a deep respect for their sacrifices. I want to educate people about the events of the past so that they don't forget why they live in a free land." This passion for the military is also reflected in his model building hobby, where he builds model tanks, planes, and cars in his spare time.

Nick's extracurricular involvements have been an important part of his collegiate experience. He is a member of several organizations on campus; he is a Junior Senator in the Student Government Asso-

ciation, and a part of the Model United Nations class. Additionally, he is a founding father of the Eta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. When asked how this level of involvement influenced his time here thus far, he responded, "The amount of orgs I am in, coupled with the events and activities that accompany them provide me with new experiences and fun things to do. But they make me have to manage my time better." Through these experiences, Nick says he has met people here that he sees himself being friends with for a very long time.

After graduating, Nick plans on going to Officer Candidate School for the Marine Corps to become a pilot. Nick says if he enjoys that enough he may make a career out of it, but if not he plans to pursue a doctorate in history at UVA. Nick would eventually love to work in film for National Geographic, travelling and informing the world of the past wars and the scars they left behind. Nick's final statement for us was to reiterate the need to get active. He said, "Don't wait for an opportunity to come to you. For all you know, it may never come around. Nothing good comes easily. And above all, as Steve Perry from Journey once said, 'Don't Stop Believin.'"



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Erin Duprey
Marissa Danielle Eller
Chneadra Floyd*

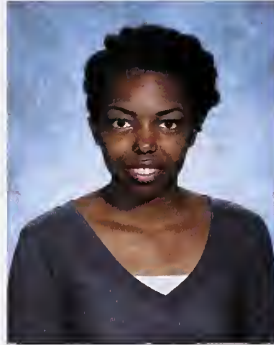


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Gainy Guzman-Santini
Dasha Reinee Harrell
Georgian Kailovdo*

*Michael Anthony Keeler
Berri Nicole Locklear
Elizabeth Barnett Locklear*



*Krystal McMillan
Joshua Allen Oxendine
Adam Nicholas Peele
Brandon Richard Tester*



This student entertains the audience with a marvelous performance of "Amazing Grace" at the 2016 Miss UNCP Pageant.

Jaleesa Davis and her friend are taking a break from their work at the Odom Home, one of many community service activities students participated in on MLK Day.

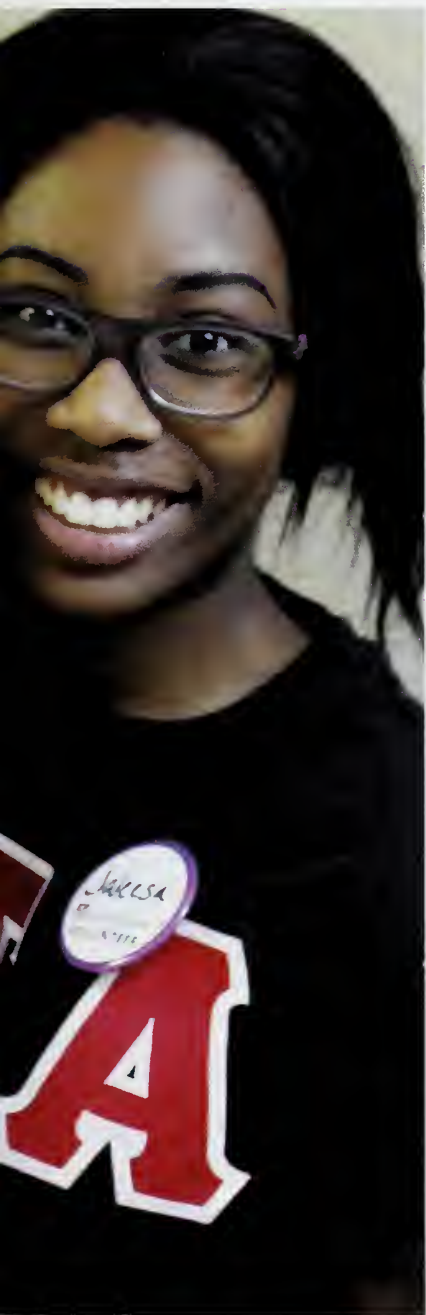




*Savannah Rae Thompson
Joseph Thornton
Jeism Jesus Valencia*



*Rasheed Wade
Asia Symone Wallace-Barthell
Denzel Lamon Webb
Carlisa Williams*



David Brown (above) finds something to laugh about during the Superbowl Watch Party in the UC.



LEAD, PAC

Brandon Dai Le is a Sophomore who was born and raised in Greensboro.

He says that it's much busier than Pembroke due to traffic and surrounding commercial venues. He lives on campus and says that it's a good skill builder. Living with strangers forces one to use clear, concise, and respectful language when speaking to others. Team building skills are learned largely during room inspection week because everyone has to work together to pass. He loves opening the window on sunny days and hearing the life around him. It inspired him to move to a city after graduate school.

Brandon is a Biology major with a Biomedical focus. He's always wanted to major in science and it's a dream to utilize science and medicine to better humankind. He has taken many classes from Anatomy to Physics and loves that it's so comprehensive and extensive, and he admires his professors' intelligence and energy for their respective disciplines.

Being involved on campus is important to Brandon. He is a part of LEAD FELLOWS, PAC, Student Culinary Council, and NCHCAP (North Carolina Health Careers Access Program). He has gained a sense of social belonging from the organizations that he is involved in. It's a necessary component of both a healthy academic and social life. In his spare time he likes to spend time on the Lumbee practice field watching rugby, soccer, or frisbee. He enjoys sporting events, musical recitals, theatre productions, and any other school event he can manage to attend. He himself plays sand volleyball, dodgeball, and he swims.

He chose to come to UNCP because of its nature-filled campus. Since enrolling, he's come far in his studies and believes that many prospective students lack the means to attend college and UNCP provides a happy medium to help students.

Brandon encourages increased employment of student resources by better marketing of those services. Many students do not know of the resources available to them and therefore it doesn't help anyone.



*Kadijah Renee Agganie
Sadira Jasmine Bacchus
Isaac Bragg
Katelyn Breanna Britt*



*McKenley Byrd
Mayghan Elisabeth Campbell
Alex-Clarshiaa Ky-Anna Champ*





Kimberly Johnson (below) dances it out at the Genshiken Costume Contest in the UC while a Hawk's Nest worker (left) gets someone a bowling lane.



*Brittany Chavis
Daniel Labrenz Gonzalez
John William Hicks
India Semone Johnson*

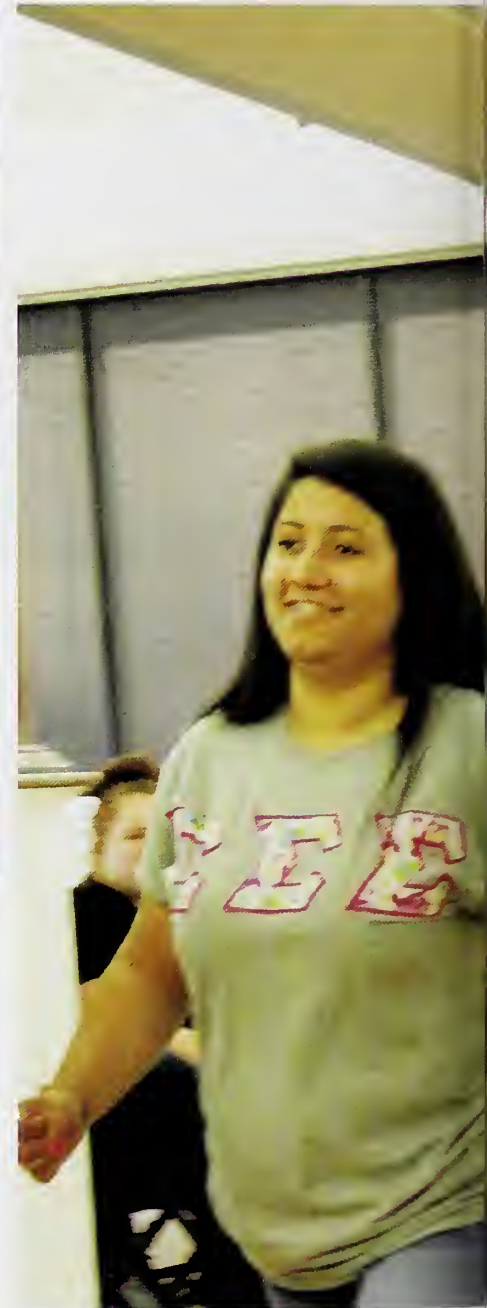


*Kimberly Lydia Johnson
Brandon Dai Le
Alexis Danielle Lowery*

*Grace Blondella McLean
Chamyria Fa' Tachia McNair
Courtney Simone Moore*



*Joy Morgan
Alessa Rose Pereira
Brittany Anna Preslar*



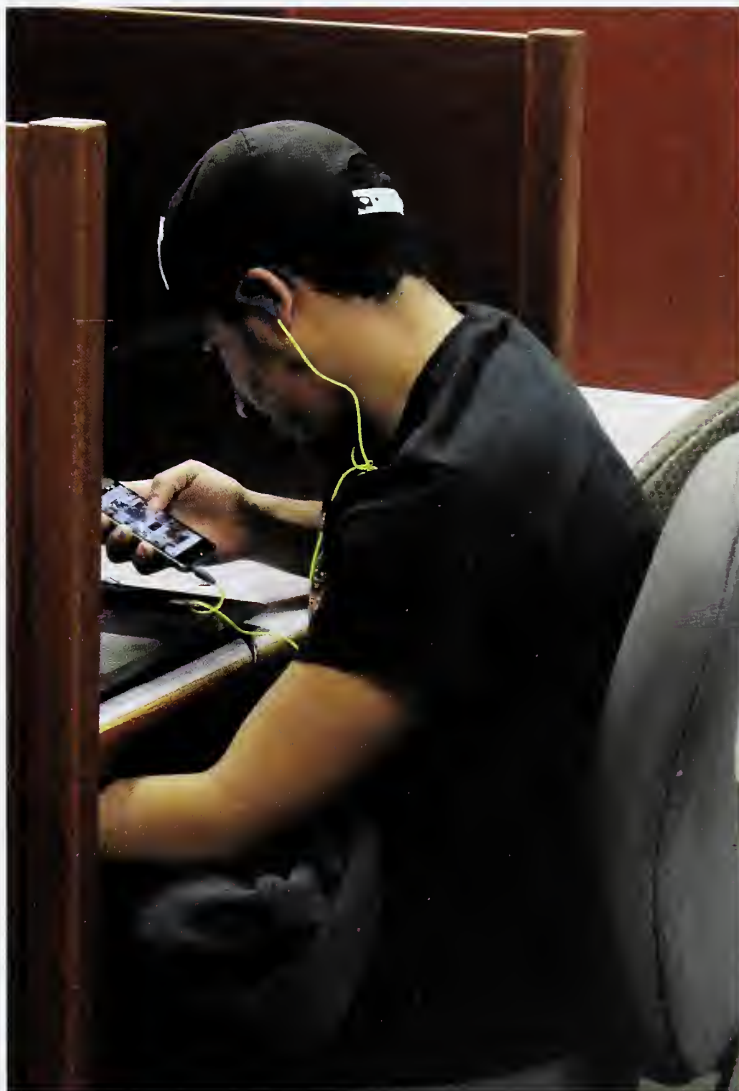
Deion Perry (above) listens to Chancellor Cummings's speech at the Chancellor's Breakfast. These Greek organization members (right) participate in the Stroll Competition during the annual Greek Week.



*Jordan Isiah Robinson
Jenna Brooke Sampson
Lea-Anna Santos*



*Kendall Tyler Scott
Alex Smith
LaToya Sepria Watson*



This student (above) takes a break from studying by scrolling through Instagram.

These Greek students (below) share laughs during Greek Week while Tralicia Turner and Jakita Lane (right) dance in Hannah Baggott's English class while learning about quotes.

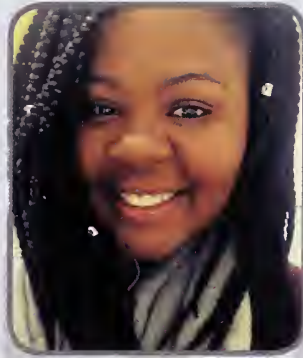


*Laruth Anderson
Ladeish Nicole Banks
Megan Kathleen Benedict
Muhaimenul Bhuiyan*



*Caitlin Elizabeth Chabala
Marissa D. Chavis
Alexandra Rangeley Cole*





Security

Ranada Johnson

is a freshman from Greenville, three minutes from ECU. It's a

very busy town filled with restaurants and friendly people.

She lives on campus in Cypress Hall. An advantage, she says, to living on campus would be gaining communication skills. Living with others helped her learn how to effectively speak to them and build strong relationships. Her suitemates are really close. The disadvantages are that home cooked meals are hard to come by and it's a lot of gas traveling back and forth to home depending how far away "home" is.

She works at Highway 55 during breaks and sometimes on weekends when she goes home and therefore it hasn't affected her studies. She is involved with AAUW (the American Association of University Women). Being involved with AAUW has opened her eyes to real-world problems and issues as well as giving her the opportunity

to express and give opinions related to the organization.

UNCP was a last minute choice for Ranada. She heard about it for the first time when some friends from her high school mentioned it. She enjoys UNCP because it's very close knit and the teacher to student ratio isn't as large as at other colleges and universities.

Ranada's favorite professor is "Hands down, HANNAH PAIGE BAGGOTT." She is her favorite because she "goes above and beyond for her students. She is very welcoming to new students and makes sure that we have fun while actually learning."

The athletics program here is good. She hasn't been to many games but she's heard that our football, basketball, and baseball teams are great!

Security is a big problem on campus, according to Ranada. "They're too focused on giving out parking tickets instead of protecting the students. There have been break-ins in some of the apartments and I think campus security should improve on securing those areas." She would change student life by adding more events on the weekends. Pembroke is very boring on the weekends so most students leave.



*Sarah Elizabeth Graybar
Solomon Hammond
Owais Hassan
Jasmyn Lynnee' Jones*

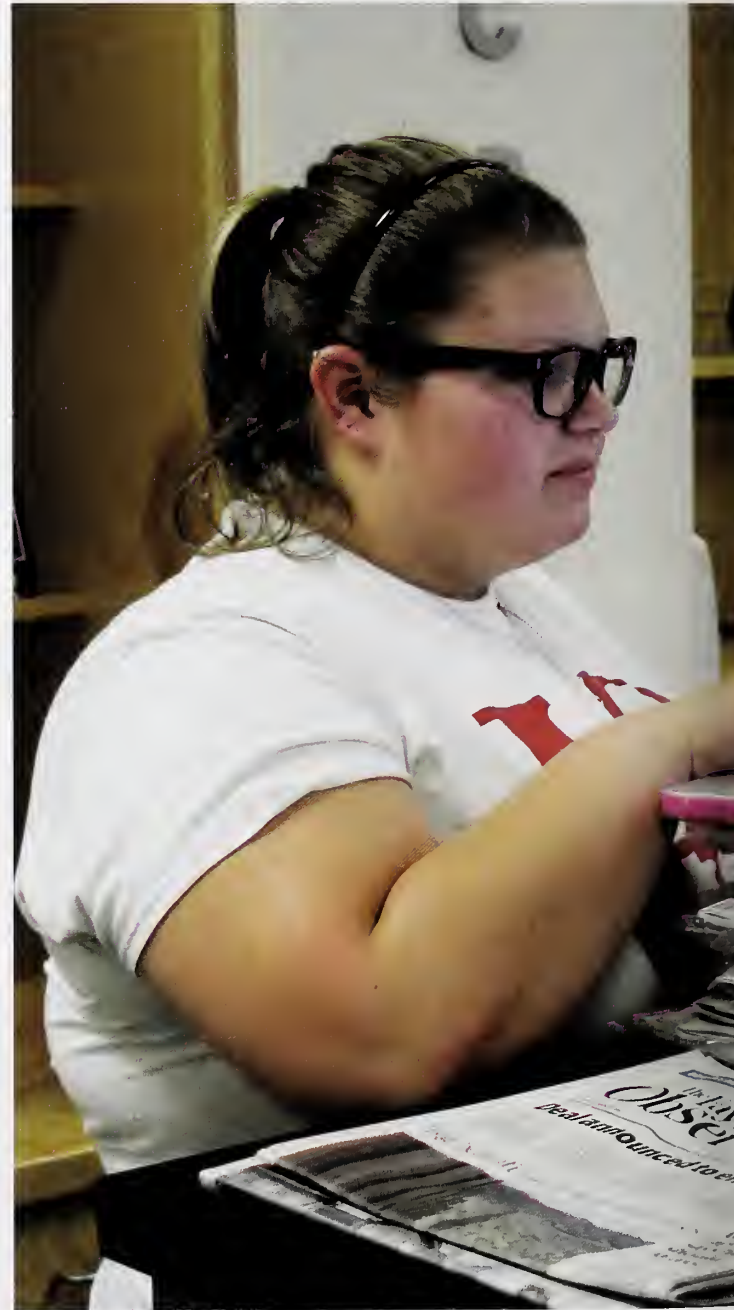


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Jurnie Kaylee Lowery
Oliva Lynn McKay*

*Justice Marget McLeod
Mark Anthony Melton Jr.
Alexandria Nguyen*



*Sydney Oxendine
Madeline Brooke Peterson
Spencer Allen Ray*



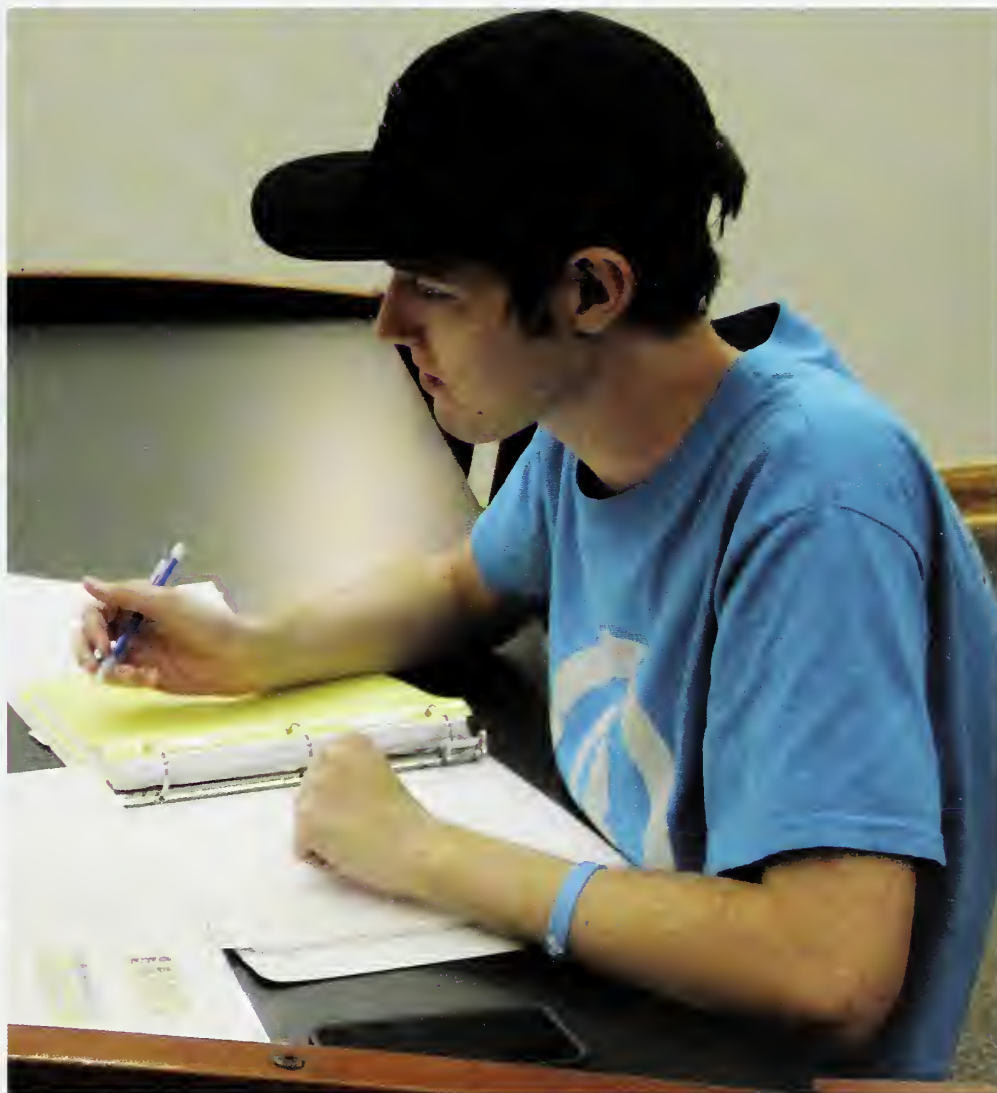
This Greek member (above) dances to Guitar Hero music during Greek Week while another student (right) studies her music for Band.



*Jairus Salmon
Abdul Yusuf Shah
Gayla Faith Toney*

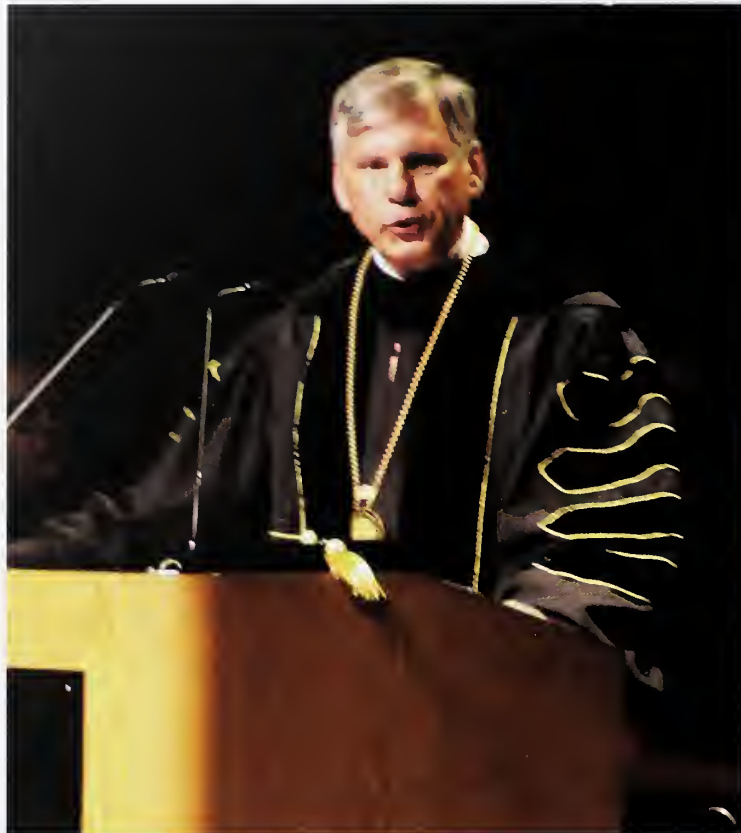


*Michelle Marie Webb
Ashley Taylor Westman
Breanna Marie Winston*



Robby Owens (above) studies for a math midterm in the library late at night.

Dr. Robin Gary Cummings addresses the crowd in the GPAC after his installation as Chancellor in April 2016.



Dr. Lisa Scjaeffler, who was named Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs in November 2016, smiles as she walks into the quad for May 2016 graduation.



Robin Gary Cummings

Chancellor

Scott Billingsley

Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs

Wendy Lowery

Vice Chancellor for Advancement



Steven Arndt

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

Lisa Lewis Schaeffer

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Rebecca Bullard-Dillard

Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and
Special Programs





Facilities, CFO

Steven A. Arndt became our new Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration effective June 6, 2016. A seasoned professional,

Arndt has more than 28 years of higher education experience in facilities maintenance, campus planning and construction management, having served most recently as associate vice chancellor for Facilities at N.C. State University. As a key member of the Chancellor's cabinet, Arndt's responsibilities at UNC Pembroke range from finance, management, and budgeting to facilities, strategic planning and human resources; he serves as the chief financial officer of UNC Pembroke and the UNCP Foundation, Inc. and is responsible for the university's \$116 million total budget and \$19.3 million endowment. "Steven has a long history in his field with experience in a number of universities," Chancellor Cum-

mings said. "We are excited to welcome him to the UNC Pembroke leadership team and our community."

"I am thrilled at this opportunity and thrilled with the chance to join Chancellor Cummings' team," Arndt said. "I am very excited about coming to UNC Pembroke and making a difference." "I am really looking forward to this new chapter," he said. "I am ready to do good things for (UNC) Pembroke."

A native of Downers Grove, Illinois, Arndt earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana University in 1981. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served four years as an engineering officer aboard USS Fletcher.

He later obtained a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Roger Williams University and a master's degree in business administration from Fayetteville State University. Arndt also holds a diploma in facilities engineering management from N.C. State University. Arndt and his wife, Maria, have a daughter, Tonya.



R. Travis Bryant

Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Safety and Emergency Operations

Glen Burnette Jr.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning and Special Initiative

Nancy Crouch

Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Resources/CIO



Cammie Hunt

Associate Vice Chancellor for Engaged Outreach

Elizabeth Normandy

Associate Vice Chancellor for Planning and Accreditation

Irene Pittman Aiken

Dean
Graduate School

Hannah Paige Baggot

Lecturer
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Geography

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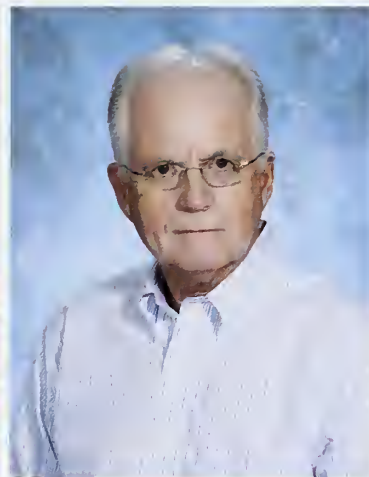
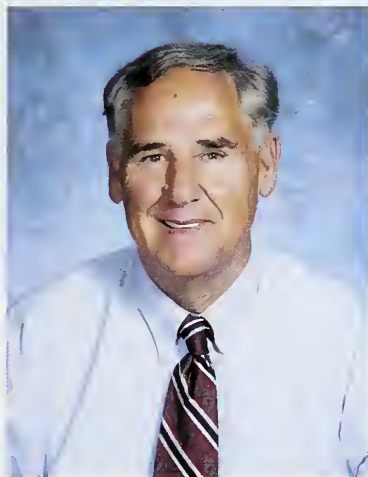
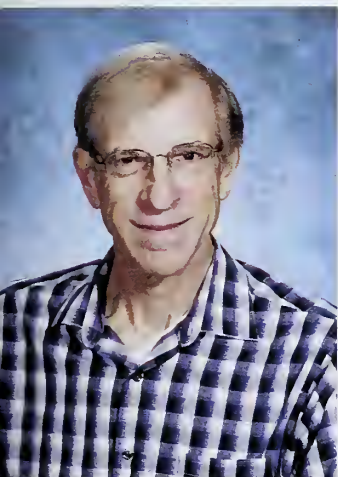
Professor
Economics and Decision Science



Dr. Stephen Bukowy of the Accounting Department helps out with a food drive at the Care Center in September 2016.



Dr. Jamie Litty, Chair of the Mass Communication Department, confers with a student in her office in Old Main.

**Thomas Heffernan**Lecturer
English**Chet Jordan**Professor
Theatre**Robert McDonnell**Lecturer
Criminal Justice**David H. Nikkel**Chair
Philosophy and Religion**Michael Barry O'Brien**Dean
School of Business**Sara Oswald**Senior Lecturer
English/Mass Communication

Math, Passion

Dr. Kayonna "Kay" Pitchford, who joined the UNCP faculty in August 2016 as an Assistant Professor of Elementary Education, received the Presidential

Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Dr. Pitchford was among 213 educators nationwide to receive the prestigious honor during a ceremony at Constitution Hall in the nation's capital on September 8. She won the award for her outstanding talents as a math teacher at Stoney Point Elementary School in Fayetteville.

"It is an honor to represent the many exceptional elementary mathematics teachers in North Carolina by accepting this Presidential Award," Dr. Pitchford said. "Teaching is my passion, and I am grateful to be recognized for what I love to do," Dr. Pitchford said.

While in Washington, D.C., she attended events at the National Zoo and Grand Hyatt Washington and toured the East Wing of the White House. She met Dr. Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy and Megan Smith, the U.S. Chief Technology Officer. "I was honored to be recognized by the White House," she said. "There are many teachers who are making a difference in the lives of children, and there should be more ways for these teachers to feel appreciated."

As an educator for 20 years, Dr. Pitchford has supported teachers through leading professional development, selecting educational materials, assisting with lesson planning, monitoring instruction, and presenting model lessons. "The award and the ceremony served as an affirmation that our instructional choices help children engage in important learning experiences now and prepare them for success in the future," Pitchford said. Dr. Pitchford is thrilled to take the next step in mentoring future teachers by joining our faculty. To her, it's exciting to lead those who will educate the future of our country.



GPAC, Community

James Bass was a sophomore at UNCP when he was cast in his first major production at the Givens Performing Arts Center. The play was *Noises Off*. The

year was 1991. After the show, it was praise he received from the play's director, William Biddle, then GPAC director, who altered Bass's career path. "That was the turning point for me," Bass said. "He saw what I did on stage and asked if I would be interested in the Arts Management program. That's when I realized that this is what I wanted to do."

On November 7, 2016, Bass began his new job as executive director of the Givens Performing Arts Center, responsible for overall management and operations for the 1,600-seat facility. Bass, a two-time UNCP graduate, is no stranger to the Pembroke campus. He previously served 12 years

at UNCP, first in Student Activities and then in Alumni Relations. For the past 13 years, he has taught courses as an adjunct professor and has also served four years on the GPAC Advisory Board.

Floyd Locklear, president of the GPAC Advisory Board, said Bass's years of experience will allow him to continue providing GPAC with the leadership needed to provide students and the community with excellent shows, service and performances.

"James will be committed to providing the community and the students with the highest quality of performances available and will be an attentive listener to the needs of both the students and the community." "UNCP has been my home away from home," Bass said. "I am very happy to be coming back." Bass is confident that the high caliber of performances, Broadway shows, and musical guests will continue to thrive under his direction. "It's not going to be about who I would like to bring to GPAC, but more importantly, the community I am serving."



Kayonna Do'shan Pitchford

Assistant Professor
Elementary Education

Entique Potrue

Associate Professor
Spanish

Marvin M Richardson

Lecturer
History



Sara Coble Simmons

Professor
Elementary Education

Xin Zhang

Professor
Mathematics





Dr. Wes Cook of the History Department and Ms. Pecouse Lucas of the College Opportunity Program attend the Veterans' Day ceremony in November 2016.

Dr. Jonathan Drahos of the Theatre Department is in the audience for a change at the Clinton campaign visit in October 2016.



Alexander Rook Brandt

Study Abroad Coordinator
International Programs

Tony Chavis

Jones Center Facility Manager
Campus Recreation

Qi Liu

Asian Program Coordinator
International Programs



April Whittemore Locklear

Senior Coordinator
TRIO Programs

Pecouse S. Lucas

Administrative Support Associate
College Opportunity Program



We have almost come to the end of our journey through 2016-2017 at UNCP. The 2016-2017 year was filled with experiences that we will forever remember, though some of them we may want to forget. Times spent with friends and loved ones, knowledge learned, and relationships built highlight some of the great moments, while flooding from a hurricane, relationships lost, and a chaotic political climate can be representative of some of this year's lowlights. However, it is these experiences on the extensive journey that is life that mold us and strengthen us into who we are as individuals. Between the dedicated, caring people and the interesting opportunities offered, our university is a tremendous resource in this stop of our lives. As we look back on the year, think about your journey here and the impact it has had on you. Allow that memory to resonate within you. From the beginning, this book was about the journey; 30 years from now, you will be able to open this book and reflect on that and analyze how it influenced you as a person and the journey afterwards. For some of us, our time at UNCP is coming to a close; for others, it is only beginning. But for all of us, this was an unforgettable ride through BraveNation.

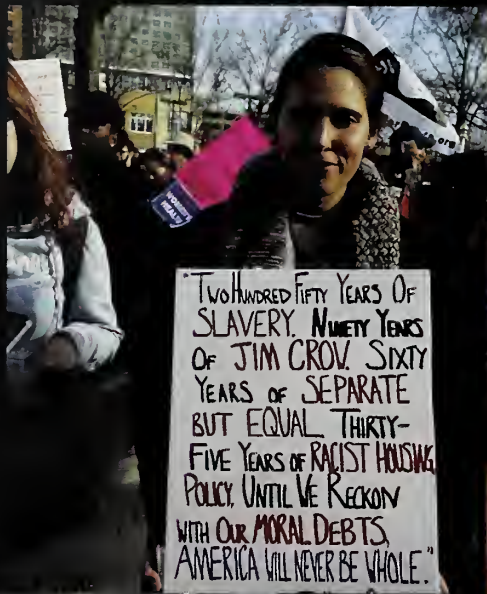
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