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Call for Honorary Degree Nominations

One of the highlights of UNC Charlotte's Commencement is the recognition of individuals for exceptional and distinctive service to the University or the larger community with an [honorary degree from UNC Charlotte](#). On behalf of the Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee, we are asking your assistance in nominating persons for this honor.

By way of background, the following criteria have been established by the Board of Trustees regarding prospective nominees:

1. Exceptional and distinctive achievements on behalf of the University, the region, state or nation
2. State, national or international esteem because of activities recognized as significant in higher education
3. Eminent achievement in scholarship, high distinction in public affairs, outstanding accomplishments in humanitarian endeavors or artistic attainment
4. High qualities of character and personal reputation
5. Not currently employed by The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
6. Former faculty and staff eligible if they have achieved distinction in a second career or in work unrelated to their University positions
7. Merit rather than popularity

A nomination should include the full name of the nominee, a vita, resume and/or biography (if available), and a statement of the rationale for the nomination. The nomination must also include the name of the nominator in order to be considered by the Committee. Confidentiality is very important. Therefore, **the nominee should not know of his or her nomination**. In addition, if you have previously nominated an individual and would like to share any additional contributions of that nominee, you are welcome to submit supplementary materials.

The **deadline for nominations is October 25, 2019**. Nominations should be directed to Matt Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant, Office of Academic Affairs, 501 Reese Building, UNC Charlotte (mwyse@uncc.edu).

For more information or questions, please contact Allison Stedman, Chairperson, Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee, (astedman@uncc.edu) or Matt (mwyse@uncc.edu).

We strongly encourage you to nominate someone who deserves this recognition. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Seeking Nominations for Harshini V. de Silva Mentoring Award



The Graduate School currently seeks nominations for the annual competition for the 2020 Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award. The award recognizes the full-time member of the graduate faculty who displays outstanding graduate mentoring. This award was established in memory of Dr. Harshini de Silva, an associate professor of biology, noted for her dedication to the academic and professional development of graduate students.

The award, consisting of a crystal obelisk, a framed citation, and a cash prize, will be presented in the spring semester at a ceremony and reception presided over by the Chancellor, the Dean of the Graduate School and University officers.

Information on this year's competition can be found in the [Graduate School website](#). **The deadline for nominations is November 1, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.**

Occupational Fraud Webinar for CPE Credit

The Office of the State Controller's Audit, Risk, and Compliance Services staff are pleased to announce the following upcoming internal controls webinar: **Occupational Fraud – What, Why, How, and Who?**

The webinar will be held on **Tuesday, October 8, 2019, beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m.** The Webinar is being provided at no charge to all state agencies, universities, and community colleges and qualifies for one (1) hour of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit.

For further information, please visit the [OSC website](#). Each participant who plans to view the webinar and/or request CPE credit must [register in advance](#).

Seeking Student Speakers and Bell Ringers for December Commencement



The Dean of Students Office is conducting a search for the Fall/December 2019 Student Commencement Speakers and Bell Ringers. Each role is a prestigious honor for the selected individuals.

Nominations are due by October 13. For more information, visit the [Dean of Students website](#).

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Please be sure to [RSVP by September 27!](#)



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 4:00PM

HALTON READING ROOM | ATKINS LIBRARY

2019 RECIPIENT

DR. KAUSTAVI SARKAR
DEPARTMENT OF DANCE

FINALIST

TIFFANY MORIN
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

FINALIST

DR. MALIN PEREIRA
HONORS COLLEGE

Center for Teaching and Learning

CTL Resources

- Check out the [Mid-Semester Toolkit](#) for easily creating and using mid-semester feedback!

CTL Workshops

- Canvas Quizzing - Tuesday, September 24, 2:30-3:45 p.m., Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))
- Canvas Assignments and Gradebook - Wednesday, September 25, 9:30-10:45 a.m., Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))
- Creating Video Podcasts in the Area 49 EZ Video Studio - Wednesday, September 25, Atkins 242, 2:00-3:00 p.m., ([Register](#))

49er Democracy Experience



We are gearing up for an important year of local, state, and national politics! Your voice matters! If you are not yet registered to vote, and if you have questions about election processes, we can help!

The [49er Democracy Experience](#) is hosting a [series of voter engagement events](#) ahead of local elections in November. These events are designed to help you get registered, get informed, and get out to vote!

If you would like to volunteer to register the campus community to vote and to answer questions about election processes, please [sign up](#).

Charlotte Kids Fest



Hosted on the UNC Charlotte campus, [Charlotte Kids Fest](#) seeks to inspire and motivate young minds with professional artistic, creative, educational, and playful experiences. We are once again looking for faculty and students to participate in this festival – introducing over 6,000 kids and their families to activities that will encourage them to play, discover, learn, and create. To learn more about the festival and how you and/or your students can get involved, email Jordan Harris at jordanharris@uncc.edu.

- Saturday, October 5, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., CRI Campus, UNC Charlotte ([Register](#))

Charlotte Teachers Institute



Charlotte Teachers Institute will announce its 2020 seminars and showcase new teaching ideas developed by local teachers at CTI's Evening for Educators event. Evening for Educators features engaging new curricula Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools teachers developed for their own students in the arts, sciences, humanities during CTI seminars and summer research experiences. The teachers, from a wide variety of subject areas and grade levels pre-K through 12, will discuss their new curricula and share poster presentations at Evening for Educators. The event includes refreshments and is free and open to the public.

- Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Discovery Place Education Studio, 300 N. Poplar Street, Uptown Charlotte ([Register](#))

Undergraduate Research Conference 2020



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Save the Date for the [Undergraduate Research Conference \(URC\) 2020](#), which will be on Friday, April 17, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The URC 2020 registration will open in January. Please encourage your undergraduate students to submit their research projects for presentation at the URC 2020.

Dissertation Defenses

The dissertation defense is one of the ways a new scholar demonstrates readiness to join the academy and is an opportunity to share their research widely. [View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Sep-Nov** Check the [Botanical Gardens events calendar](#) for a variety of gardening and learning opportunities
- Sep 23** [Lecture: Architect Sergio Palleroni](#)
- Sep 24** [Personally Speaking with Dan Grano, "The Eternal Present of Sport"](#)
- Sep 25** [Welcome to Fairyland: Gay Miami Before 1940](#)
- Sep 26** [Optional Practical Training \(OPT\) Workshop](#)
- Sep 27** [Archaeology Lecture: Monitoring Site Damage in Conflict Zones via Crowdsourcing](#)
- Sep 27-Oct 3** [Department of Theatre presents *Detroit '67*](#)

Next Week:

- Oct 2** [Chinese Folk Music Performance](#)
- Oct 2** [Employment and Payment of Non-Residents Workshop](#)
- Oct 3** [Exhibition Reception, Rowe Galleries](#)
- Oct 3** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Oct 3-5** [Annual Fall Plant Sale](#)
- Oct 4** [Global Studies Exhibition Reception](#)

Upcoming: provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events