DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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Strategic Planning Discovery Sessions and Online Survey

The University has begun the planning process to develop the next-strategic plan that will map how we will focus our energy, resources and attention over the next ten years. One of the Strategic Planning Committee's primary charges is to engage the UNC Charlotte community to solicit input regarding UNC Charlotte's most important strengths that the strategic plan should build upon, the areas that we need to focus on in the next two to three years to advance the University, and up to three big, overarching aspirational goals that Niners would like to see accomplished in the next ten years. Beginning today, the Committee will host discovery sessions for students, faculty and staff to provide their thoughts, feedback and recommendations to inform the development of the strategic plan. All discovery sessions will be virtual via Zoom conferencing. We are asking attendees to register in order to plan for optimal facilitation and engagement.

- Student Discovery Session, Monday, November 2, 12:00 12:45 PM (Register)
- Faculty Discovery Session, Wednesday, November 4, 12:00 12:45 PM (Register)
- Staff Discovery Session, Thursday, November 5, 12:00 12:45 PM (Register)

Recognizing that some members of our campus community cannot participate at these times, the Committee is also administering an <u>online survey</u> as a convenient, confidential opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations to the Committee to inform its work. The online survey is available until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 6.

Post-Election and Election-Related Stress Management Resources

Facilitation Civil Discourse in Polarizing Times

A resource guide linking to strategies for facilitating conversations across differences.

Resources for Faculty

In the <u>Strategies for Supporting Students Coping with Election Related Stress</u> handout we offer some suggestions as you consider ways to support students in navigating election-related stress.

Resources for Students

The <u>Tips for Coping with Election-Related Stress</u> handout lists strategies to help navigate election-related stress and ideas on ways to take care of your mental health and overall wellbeing.

The 2020 Election Results: What Just Happened and What Happens Next?

Dr. Eric Heberlig, Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration

Wednesday, November 4, 12:00 - 1:00 PM (<u>Register</u>)

Post-Election Community Conversation

Facilitated conversation by faculty and staff for anyone who wants to share their thoughts or feelings about the election. Facilitators are not content experts about the election or voting in America.

• Wednesday, November 4, 1:00 - 2:00 PM (*Register*) (space is limited)

Let's Talk: Election Edition

Brief one-on-one drop-in consultations with a CAPS staff member to discuss the impact of the election. Access information can be found at caps.uncc.edu/election.

- Wednesday, November 4, 1:00 3:00 PM
- Thursday, November 5, 10:00 AM 12:00 PM and 2:00 4:00 PM

Post-Election Gathering Space

This is a space open to all students looking to gather in community and discuss the impact of the election.

- Wednesday, November 4, 5:00 6:30 PM
 To join: https://uncc.zoom.us/j/91849583755?pwd=T2xMSmpqMFhBQWNjenFpaW53Q1Indz09
 or dial 929-205-6099 | Meeting ID: 918 4958 3755
- Thursday, November 5, 5:00 6:30 PM
 To join: https://uncc.zoom.us/i/92519461756 or dial 929-205-6099 | Meeting ID: 925 1946 1756

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Niner Commons: UNC Charlotte's Institutional Repository - Faculty Survey

Atkins invites UNC Charlotte faculty to complete a <u>survey</u> about the university's institutional repository, Niner Commons. This information will inform our outreach and marketing efforts as well as further enhancements and improvements to better serve our faculty, staff, and students.

Niner Commons Workshop: Using the Institutional Repository

Join Tiffany Davis and Christin Lampkowski from Atkins Library to learn more about Niner Commons. Get a brief history of how the repository was started, how you can deposit your scholarly works, and the benefits of participation. Learn how to create long term preservation of your scholarly work that can be easily shared and is widely accessible to colleagues, students, and potential partners locally and around the world. The workshop is hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning.

• Tuesday, November 17, 12:00 PM (*Register*)

Virtual Panel Discussion: T.J. Reddy - A Life of Art and Activism

Thomas James "T.J" Reddy was a UNC Charlotte alumnus and a talented artist, poet, musician, and civil rights activist. As a student here, he helped to found the Black Student Union and Africana Studies Department at UNC Charlotte. Along with two other activists, together known as the "Charlotte Three," Reddy was wrongfully convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison for setting a horse stable on fire. After his sentence was commuted by Governor Jim Hunt in 1979 and he was released from prison, Reddy brought art to life with his paintings and poetry. He passed away on March 31, 2019, but he is still with us in art and memory. Please join us virtually as we honor and celebrate him in what would have been his 75th year of life.

• Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 - 5:15 PM (*Register*)

NinerScholars Portal Open for Applications

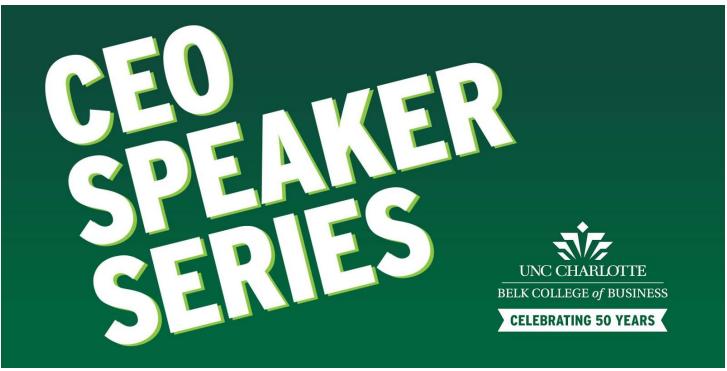
The NinerScholars Portal is now open for students to begin applying for scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year. Students should be advised to access the NinerScholars Portal through the <u>University Scholarship Office webpage</u>. As a reminder, if your college or department has not completed the Scholarship Content Review Process for AY21/22, you'll need to do so before the University Scholarship Office can open your scholarship for student applications.

Scholarship funds that do not currently have a sufficient balance to make an AY21/22 award, but receive the necessary funding before January 1, 2021, may still be opened for applications in NinerScholars. Please contact the University Scholarship Office to request an application be opened to students.

The University Scholarship Office will host a training session for those who use the NinerScholars Administrator and Application Reviewer Portals during the spring semester. The session will offer resources and in-depth training on current and new functionality in the portals. All new and continuing scholarship administrators are encouraged to attend. More details will be made available in the new year.

If you have questions or need any assistance, please contact the University Scholarship Office by calling 704-687-5871 or by emailing Scholarships@uncc.edu.

Belk College of Business News and Events



Join the Belk College of Business for the Fall 2020 CEO Speaker Series featuring alumnus Scott Case '00 MBA, Chief Information Officer for Charlotte-based Truist Financial Corporation. This free event is from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, and will be presented via Zoom. Register now.

Childress Klein Center for Real Estate Issues '2020 State of Housing in Charlotte' Report



Housing and rental prices in the Charlotte region continue to rise, report finds. Read more.

Continuing Education Partners with City to Offer Career Comeback Scholarships

<u>UNC Charlotte Continuing Education</u> has received \$350,000 in grant funding from the city of Charlotte to support career training and professional development scholarships for individuals affected by furloughs, layoffs, unemployment or underemployment due to COVID-19. <u>Read more</u>.

Center for Teaching and Learning Resources and Workshops

Guest Speaker: Dr. Laura Pipe, UNC Greensboro Director of Teaching Innovations Office You're Coming in Hot: Active Learning, Online, and Equity

In a year of uncertainty, students are looking to us to help make sense of where we are and where we can go. This requires attention to inclusive teaching that gives space to active participation in the conversation and learning. This workshop assists in the development of active learning strategies that are attentive to issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion in the online learning environment.

Wednesday, November 18, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (Register)

Provide Students with Mid-Semester Feedback

As we approach the mid-semester, remember that giving students regular feedback is essential. Feedback can improve student performance and achievement. Receiving feedback from students is also important. Asking for feedback reminds students that you are interested in what, and how, they are learning.

- Provide regular opportunities to give and receive feedback
- Acknowledge and respond to student feedback
- Use multiple methods for giving and soliciting feedback

<u>Use the Mid-Semester Feedback Toolkit</u>: The Mid-Semester Feedback Toolkit has ready-to-use questions that can be easily used in Canvas and Poll Everywhere.

Mid-Semester Feedback Toolkit Walkthrough (pre-recorded webinar)

Upcoming Workshops

Planning Your Online Exams

Canvas Quizzing (Creating Exams in Canvas)|
 Thursday, November 5, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Register)

Engaging Students Online

- Starting with a Fresh Canvas (start planning for Spring now!)
 Wednesday, November 4, 10:00 11:00 AM (<u>Register</u>)
- Using Breakout Rooms and other Zoom Features to "Break the Silence" (Active Learning Academy sponsored webinar)
 Tuesday, November 10, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (Register)
- Active Learning Online Open Discussion Forum Thursday, November 12, 12:30 - 1:30 PM (Register)

Teaching & Learning Essentials Certificate Workshops

- Introduction to Learning Objectives (asynchronous delivery)
 Monday, November 9 Monday November 16 (Register)
- Syllabus 101: Roadmap to Success (asynchronous delivery)
 Monday, November 16 Wednesday, November 18 (<u>Register</u>)

Resources for Instructors Teaching During Fall 2020

Resources for instructors teaching during Fall 2020 are available on the Office of the Provost website. This includes suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, Q&A from the General Faculty meeting and other helpful resources.

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. <u>View All Dissertation Defense Announcements</u>

Latest AA News

For up-to-the-minute news from Academic Affairs (faculty awards, research, recognition, initiatives), follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics) or visit the Academic Affairs Division News webpage.

Upcoming Events

This Week:

Nov-Dec UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events

Nov-Dec Diversity events

Nov 2 Strategic Planning: Student Discovery Session
 Nov 4 Strategic Planning: Faculty Discovery Session
 Nov 5 Strategic Planning: Staff Discovery Session

Nov 5 CEO Speaker Series: Scott Case, Chief Information Officer, Truist Financial Corporation

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