

Message from the Vice Chancellor



Welcome to "Campus Connection," a Student Affairs newsletter for parents! We know that students consider their families to be their best support systems. With cell phones, instant messaging, and email, students are in touch

with their parents often; when questions arise, parents are asked first! When parents understand our college policies, procedures, and student development efforts, they can respond to student concerns by referring students to appropriate campus resources, reinforcing UNCP messages, and delivering timely information. We welcome parental partnerships with OUR students as we promote student learning, development, and success!

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke is always looking for innovative ways to strengthen communication with our students and parents. We want to keep parents and our students informed of important announcements, events, programs, and services.

To continue increasing the quality of our communication system with our students, this fall each student will receive an e-mail account from the University at the point of admission. Official University e-mail messages will be posted periodically to keep students informed of important happenings and dates that will impact them. For example, students will be informed of important information such as class registration, financial aid, and other important announcements and dates. Encourage your son or daughter to take special note of these messages that are designed to promote the success of our students.

Have a wonderful fall season.

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A Transition Time for Parents

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As your child begins his or her university experience, it can be stressful for you as a parent. The information below may help you during this transition time.

Expect What?

Changes in Communication

Keeping in touch with your student may take place through a variety of means, such as phoning, emailing, instant messaging, and visits. Expect miscommunications and do your part in seeking clarification and understanding. It may take a semester to find a system of communicating that works well with your student.

Errors in Judgment

As your student discovers independent living, expect some resource management errors. It may be easier for you to find patience with these errors if you keep in mind that your student has to adapt to the University system. It is common for first-year students to run short of money and time. Oftentimes it is not a total lack of planning on their part but this is part of learning how to allocate their resources wisely in a new living environment.

Mixed Feelings

While you have lived for this proud moment to send your student to a university, you may miss having your student at home. Be patient with your changing emotions as you adjust to this significant life change and expect that you might even be a little jealous of your student's new freedom and life choices.

Encourage What?

Balance and Wellness

Modeling a lifestyle of balance and wellness can be extremely helpful to your student's development. Assist him or her in setting reasonable short and long term goals. Discourage perfectionism and actively encourage your student to schedule rest and social times around work and study times.

Attending Classes

One of the most difficult and important choices that your student makes each day is to attend classes. Many students assume that if they did not need to study in high school and made it to the university that they are probably smart enough not to attend classes and do just as well. When this assumption proves faulty, encourage your student to attend classes which provides both structure and motivation to their learning experience.

Involvement

Many students do not get involved in organizations and clubs, intramural sports, cultural events, or study groups while attending the university. Lack of university involvement can lead to social isolation, increased homesickness, and academic burnout. Encourage your student to take advantage of the numerous opportunities to enrich their university experience by becoming involved.

Financial Aid Refunds

Refund Day for students who have their Financial Aid file complete (all paperwork received) is September 8, 2006; checks will be available in the James B. Chavis University Center, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

UNCP Briefs

◆ CAREER SERVICES' PARENT LISTSERV

To receive announcements and updates about upcoming Career Center events via e-mail (i.e. workshops, career fairs, on-campus recruiters, etc.), please join the Career Services Parent Listserv by sending an e-mail message with the subject line "SUBSCRIBE PARENT" to lori.bumgarner@uncp.edu. We hope that you'll find these announcements helpful in encouraging your student to take advantage of the services the Career Center has to offer.

◆ FERPA FACTS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of students education records. It applies to schools receiving funds through a U.S. Department of Education program. Once a student turns 18, information from his or her student records cannot be shared with others without written permission. In some special cases, the law does allow an institution to disclose records without consent.

◆ UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

View all campus events by logging on to www.uncp.edu/calendar/ and clicking the "Master" link.

UNCP Parents' Weekend

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend Parents' Weekend, October 6-8, 2006. The University community welcomes all family members and friends to return to campus to visit with their students and partake in the many scheduled events.

Highlights of the weekend include performances by Miss UNC Pembroke 2006, Jorgiana Martin, and hypnotist Jim Wand on Friday evening in the James B. Chavis University Center. On Saturday, join us for a carnival and cultural exhibit, and a number of sporting events. On Saturday evening, parents of UNCP students are invited to a special dinner. The event is sponsored by the UNCP Alumni Association and features an elegant banquet and light jazz music, performed by members of the UNCP Music Department. This special event will be held prior to the *Survivor* concert at the Givens Performing Arts Center. In addition to the banquet, the UNCP Alumni Association will honor *Legacies*, those UNCP students whose parents also graduated from the University.

Information and registration materials will be mailed in late August or you may register online at www.uncp.edu/activities. The cost of registration is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under, and no charge for UNCP students. To be eligible for the Grand Prize Drawing of free room and board for the Spring 2007 semester, registration forms must be received by September 29, 2006. The drawing will take place at Saturday's banquet and you must be in attendance to win. Registration for the drawing to win free textbooks will take place at the Bookstore on Saturday, October 8th, from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

For questions about Parents' Weekend, please call the Office of Student Life at 910-521-6207 or email activities@uncp.edu.

Staying Connected

Home	www.uncp.edu/ (800-949-8627)
Advisement and Retention	www.uncp.edu/ar/ (910-521-6625)
Counseling & Testing Center	www.uncp.edu/ct/ (910-521-6202)
Career Services Center	www.uncp.edu/cs/ (910-521-6270)
Division of Student Affairs	www.uncp.edu/sa/ (910-521-6226)
Financial Aid Office	www.uncp.edu/fa/ (910-521-6255)
Housing & Residential Life	www.uncp.edu/housing/ (910-521-6228)
Office of the Registrar	www.uncp.edu/registrar/ (910-521-6298)
Student Health Services	www.uncp.edu/shs/ (910-521-6219)
UNCP Police & Public Safety	www.uncp.edu/police/ (910-521-6235)
Alumni Relations	www.uncp.edu/alumni/ (910-521-6533)
<i>Pine Needle</i> (Student Newspaper)	www.uncp.edu/pineneedle/ (910-521-6204)