

CAMPUS CONNECTION

A STUDENT AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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Parents' Weekend September 14-15

Parents' Weekend, which will be held on September 14 and 15, is an annual event that gives you the opportunity to meet the people and see the places that are important to your UNCP student. Packed full of activities, Parents' Weekend will provide you with a sample of what opportunities your son or daughter will experience on the UNCP campus.

The weekend's festivities begin on Friday night, starting at eight o'clock with student performances and special entertainment featuring Miss UNCP 2007, Deidra Locklear, and hypnotist Dr. Larry Volz. Wake up early to start your Saturday with breakfast, tours of UNCP facilities, and a chance to register to win free textbooks. After lunch, you're invited to take in UNCP Football's second home game of the season when they square off against Wingate University. The evening activities include the Parents' Banquet, where you are invited to join your student for a wonderful meal. After dinner, head over to see UNCP Men's Soccer battle in-state rival Catawba College, or take in a special Parents' Weekend concert featuring Tony Orlando.

Watch your mailbox for Parents' Weekend registration information, or you may register online by visiting <http://www.uncp.edu/life/parents>. Registration fees are: adults, \$25 each; children 10 and under, \$10 each; and UNCP students, free. Register by September 7, 2007, for a chance to win free room for the spring 2008 semester.

Parents' Weekend is sure to be a memorable experience for your entire family. We look forward to meeting you this fall.

For questions regarding Parents' Weekend or the schedule of events, please call the Office of Student Life at 910-521-6207.

Discover a World of Opportunity

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Greetings from The Career Center! As a parent, you are an essential component in your student's career planning. Students look to their parents for advice on what to major in and what career path to pursue.

We will work with your student to help him/her discover what path to pursue, and we can also help you! Our Career Center Web site, www.uncp.edu/cs, has a Parents page to answer any questions you might have. Also, we keep parents updated throughout the year via email. If you would like to be added to the Parent Listserv, please email Sarah Francisco at sarah.francisco@uncp.edu.

We will now address a few common questions we hear from parents to help prepare you to assist your student.

Question: What is the best major?

Answer: The best major is the one that fits



your student! The major should be something that the student enjoys, is good at, and that is realistic for him/her.

Question: How much money do new graduates earn?

Answer: The National Association of Colleges and Employers publishes a quarterly Salary Survey. Included in this study are average salaries for different majors and career

paths as well as salary information for different experience and education levels. The results of this survey are available in The Career Center.

Question: When should my student visit the Career Center?

Answer: Now!! Students who visit the Career Center early during their college career are more familiar with the entire career planning process and are better prepared for a job search. They understand that finding a job after graduation does not happen overnight, it takes proper preparation.

UNCP Briefs

◆ SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING 2007: OCTOBER 5 - 6

Homecoming is a time when the University, community and students unite to celebrate UNCP. Homecoming offers more than just football. This is your chance to explore the campus, meet your student's roommate(s), meet other parents, and reassure yourself that your student is doing great at UNCP! Homecoming 2007 promises to be an exciting event. Hope to see you there!

◆ UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

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

◆ FINANCIAL AID REFUNDS

Refund Day for students who have their Financial Aid file complete (all paperwork received) is September 10, 2007. Checks will be available in the Auxiliary Services Building. If your student recently applied for financial aid, refunds may be received at a later date due to processing.

◆ GIVENS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The 2007-08 Professional Artist Series is your ticket to entertainment with world-class shows and performers. This exciting season features numerous performers, Broadway acts, and guest speakers. Visit us online at <http://www.uncp.edu/gpac/> for more details.

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It's A Date

September 3

Labor Day (Holiday)

September 14

Deadline for Immunizations

October 18 - 20

Fall Break

October 25

Early Registration for Spring 2008

November 21

No Classes

November 22 - 24

Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes)

November 30

Classes End

December 3 - 7

Final Examinations

December 7

Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

December 8

Winter Commencement at 10 a.m.

Credit Through Examination

Get a year's worth of UNCP credit for under \$1,000! Did that line get your attention? It's true. Students can receive up to 30 semester hours of credit by examination in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Since each test costs only \$90, it is theoretically possible to get a whole year's worth of credit for under \$1,000.

If your student has taken honors or other advanced classes, or if he or she has taken four years of a foreign language, you may want to encourage him/her to consider taking a CLEP test. These tests are not easy because they cover a semester or more of college level work. However, if your student earned good grades, this can be a great way to get credit for some introductory classes and jump-start college!

At UNCP, students have a choice of over thirty classes through which to earn credit by examination. Depending on the subject, a student can receive from three (3) semester hours to 12 semester hours credit. The tests for each subject are ninety minutes long and computerized. For all tests, except English Composition with Essay, the student receives his/her score immediately.

So why would a student want to "test out" of a class? Well, by getting credit for an introductory class he or she may take more advanced class. Also, by getting credit through examination, a student will have "more room" in his/her schedule over the next four years to take other classes.

CLEP tests are administered every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the Counseling & Testing Center. Registration for a test may be made by calling 910-521-6202. Encourage your student to check out our web site at www.uncp.edu/ct/testing/clep.htm for more details.

Student Health Insurance

All registered students taking nine (9) or more credit hours (except students taking only distance or web classes) are required to purchase the student injury and sickness insurance plan. Only students who submit evidence of equivalent coverage satisfactory to the policyholder may waive coverage. Students who wish to waive insurance must do so online at www.studentinsurance.com. Registered students taking less than nine (9) credit hours may purchase this insurance on a voluntary basis. Contact Student Health Services for further information. If electing to waive insurance, please remember all students must waive the insurance each Fall and Spring Semester.