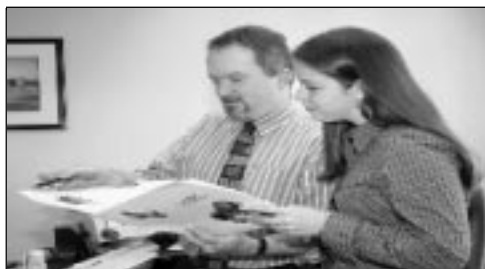


CAMPUS CONNECTION

A STUDENT AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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FINANCIAL AID:

What Every Parent Needs to Know

Now is the time for you to file for financial aid for the 2006-2007 school year. Here are some important things to remember:

- 1) File online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. It is faster than filling out the paper version and you are less likely to make errors.
- 2) Use your electronic pin number to sign the application. Parents should have a four-digit pin number and students should also have a separate number. If you have trouble remembering your number, you can receive assistance by going to www.pin.ed.gov.
- 3) Students who received a loan this year do not have to do another promissory note. The loan will automatically be processed for the new year. Remember that sophomores may receive \$3,500, while juniors and seniors may receive \$5,500.
- 4) Pay attention to the results of your FAFSA after it is processed. Some families are selected for a process known as verification. This means that you will have to submit other documents to the UNCP Office of Financial Aid in order to have your financial aid processed.

For more information, please visit www.uncp.edu/fa or the College Foundation of North Carolina at www.cfnc.org.

Students Choosing a Major or a Career: What's a Parent to Do?

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One of the questions we are asked frequently in the Career Center is, "What can I do to help my son or daughter choose a major and prepare for life after graduation?" That is such a great question! As the parent of a college student, you can have a tremendous impact on your student's career planning and there are a lot of things you can do to help with these important decisions.

In fact, Marcia B. Harris and Sharon L. Jones have written a helpful book entitled, "The Parent's Crash Course in Career Planning" on this very topic. One of the many interesting sections of this book deals specifically with the role you can play in your son or daughter's decision-making related to choosing a major or a career, as well as searching for an internship or a job after graduation. They outline the roles of parents as Listener, Network Resource, and Advocate.

YOUR ROLE AS A PARENT

Listener

- Initiate conversations on career plans
- Listen, respond, and ask questions
- Provide non-judgmental listening and honest feedback
- See the situation from your student's perspective
- Encourage your student to be true to self, values, interests, and talents
- Help your student clarify ideas, priorities, and concerns
- Give feedback on specific abilities you see in your student to help develop a solid sense of self
- Help to develop independent decision-making skills and increase motivation

Network Resource

- Help your student develop contacts for information, advice, and assistance in career planning and job search
- Refer your student to colleagues, friends, neighbors, parishioners, family, and community members with experience related to his or her interests
- Offer encouragement to approach people and ask for this kind of information for themselves

Advocate

- Encourage your student to avoid procrastination and begin the career planning process early (first semester of freshman year)
- Encourage your student to take advantage of all resources available to them through the Career Center

If you follow this advice, you will be helping your son or daughter more than you can imagine!

There are a lot of other resources available to you as well. The UNCP Career Center Web site has a page dedicated specifically to the parents of college students who are interested in the career development of their sons and daughters. Visit www.uncp.edu/cs/parents for links to a wealth of information!

And, remember that the staff of the Career Center is here to help your college student with everything career-related from choosing a major/career to finding internships to planning for graduate school or a job search upon graduation!

IT'S A DATE!

March 6 - 11
Spring Break

March 8
Mid-semester grades due

March 16
Grad Finale for graduating seniors

March 29
Department Majors Meeting

March 31
Fall graduation applications due

April 3 - 21
Juniors register for Fall 2006

April 5 - 21
Sophomores register for Fall 2006

April 7 - 21
Freshmen register for Fall 2006

April 14
Holiday (Good Friday)

April 28
Classes end

May 1 - 5
Final Exams

May 5
Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

May 6
Spring Graduation at 10 a.m.

UNCP Briefs

◆ TUITION PAYMENTS MADE EASY

Will your student's account be left with a balance in 2006-07? If so, there is a payment program that allows you to pay your student's balance in installments rather than in one lump sum. Sign up for one semester or the entire year, but sign up early. The first of your five fall semester installments will be due the first week of June. For more information, please call Student Accounts at 910-521-6525.

◆ MARCH MADNESS AT GPAC

Take a break from basketball and visit the Givens Performing Arts Center for one of its fantastic shows or concerts. Please call the box office at 1-800-367-0778 to reserve your tickets today. The March lineup includes: *The Trip to Bountiful*, *Our Sinatra*, Chairmen of the Board, *Band of Oz*, *Willie Wonka* and Emmy Award winner Roy Firestone.

◆ HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2006-07

Beginning March 22-30, students who want to reclaim their current room assignment for 2006-07 may do so during a scheduled floor meeting. Students requesting a change in their assignment may accompany their new roommate at the floor meeting also during this time. The third opportunity is by a random lottery scheduled April 6. For more information visit us online at www.uncp.edu/housing.

◆ BUYBACK FOR GREENBACKS

Your student will work hard all semester to earn good grades, but when the semester is over, it will be time to get paid. Final exam week is May 1-5, and when they're done with exams, your student can go to the UNCP Bookstore to sell back his/her unwanted textbooks for cash. Textbook buyback is always offered at the end of each semester.

Staying Connected

Web Calendar	www.uncp.edu/calendar
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)
UNCP Bookstore	www.uncp.edu/bookstore (910-521-6222)
<i>Pine Needle</i> (Student Newspaper)	www.uncp.edu/pineneedle (910-521-6204)