

CAMPUS CONNECTION

A STUDENT AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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Introducing Dr. Corti



Dr. Tom Corti joins UNCP as the new assistant vice chancellor of student development. A native of Oregon, Dr. Corti comes to us from Newman University in Kansas and has also

worked at several Texas universities for 15 years. A United States Army veteran in Military Intelligence, Dr. Corti has a bachelor's degree from University of Portland with a master's and doctoral degrees from St. Louis University. "I'm excited to be a part of the UNCP family," he said. "It's a vibrant, growing campus with a very diverse student population." Dr. Corti will direct five offices for student affairs: Student Life, the Center for Leadership and Service, Multicultural and Minority Affairs, Greek Life and Intramural/Recreational Services.

"We have over 100 student organizations and clubs on campus. One of our goals is to encourage students to become involved not only in these groups but also nurture new groups on campus," Dr. Corti said. "Our role as educators is to be a part of a student's journey as they learn at UNCP through programming events, taking leadership roles and enriching their immersion into a variety of ideas, cultures and environments. The most effective learning is through student engagement. In other words, by being involved."

Dr. Corti believes "we are looking for ways to captivate the curiosity of UNCP students to participate and find their passions. I hope I can be part of that process."

Internship Spotlight: Joey Kirk

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When entering the job market, students need to set themselves apart from their peers. One way to do this is by "beefing" up their resumes with an internship. Internships allow students to develop specific skills while gaining valuable work experience. Not all majors require a student to complete an internship prior to graduation, however it is highly recommended.

Joey Kirk, a senior Marketing/Management major, completed an internship during the fall semester with a national corporation that helps students with the academic and social transition to college life. This opportunity allowed him to gain hands-on experience in marketing a newly developed interactive online freshmen resource for the University. As a result of his efforts at UNCP and after a highly competitive process, Joey was selected for an internship with GoalQuest, Inc. in New York this coming summer. Joey stated, "The fall internship helped me to develop my interpersonal and communications

skills. The summer internship will further strengthen my overall marketing experience and assist me in developing and implementing effective marketing strategies."

As a parent, you may want to encourage your student to explore internship

opportunities while in college. At UNCP, the Career Center can assist students with navigating this process. There are a variety of internship resources available, with one of the best being www.internships.com. Some internships are more competitive and have added perks such as stipends, room and board. The staff at the Career Center can help students select the right

internship for their career interests and needs. Participating in an internship is a great way for students to strengthen their resumes and develop the kinds of skills that future employers desire.

For frequent updates on internships and other career opportunities, please email Sarah Francisco at sarah.francisco@uncp.edu and request to be added to the parent email list.



Family Day 2007

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke invites you to attend Family Day 2007 on Saturday, April 14. Family Day is an opportunity for family and friends of current UNCP students to experience a day of fun and entertainment. We are happy to welcome back Herps Alive for a hands-on live reptile and amphibian program. During Family Day there will also be inflatable obstacle courses, an inflatable golf range, caricature artists, racing tracks, and more. Please bring the whole family to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke for fun and games for everyone of all ages. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 910-521-6207.

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FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

If my son or daughter has not yet applied for financial aid for the 2007-2008 academic year, is it too late?

No. Although the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) priority filing deadline for 2007-08 financial aid was March 15, 2007, your son or daughter may still apply for financial aid for the 2007-08 academic year to be considered for the Pell Grant, Stafford Loan, Work-Study, etc. The FAFSA application is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. UNCP's school code is 002954.

If my son or daughter has already applied for financial aid for 2007-08, when will he/she receive an offer of financial aid?

Applications are processed on a first come, first serve basis. The financial aid office will award financial aid beginning in late April.

Is financial aid available for summer 2007?

Yes. UNCP has limited funds available for summer. However, many students will have little aid eligibility left for summer due to using up their aid eligibility during the regular academic year (fall and spring). If you know that your student will be attending summer school, see a financial aid counselor at the beginning of the academic year.

Student Distress: How Parents Can Help

Final exams are just a few weeks away and students typically feel more stress during this time of year. Please encourage your son or daughter to take advantage of the Counseling Center's Exam Stress Break scheduled April 30 to May 2 in the Chavis University Center.

Free manicures and massages are offered. Students are encouraged to "hang out;" playing with Play-Doh, singing karaoke, and creating items such as stress balls and aromatic bath salts. Faculty members lead groups in relaxation yoga and mindfulness meditation.

Stress is normal for most students during their college years and every student handles stress differently. It is important to observe your student to make sure their stress is managed. As a parent, you have the advantage of knowing what your son or daughter's typical behavior looks like; therefore, you can more easily identify when it may be changing for the worse.

Warning signs of distress include changes in behavior, appearance and personality. For example, evaluate if your student has lost interest in regular activities and relationships. Notice weight changes and sleeping patterns. Observe if your student has long periods of sadness or tends to withdraw from family. It is important to take your student's problems seriously, and take action if you feel your student is in danger.

Stress management resources and short-term counseling interventions are available on campus in the UNCP Counseling Center. For more information, call 910-521-6202 or visit www.uncp.edu/ct.

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- 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 & Residence 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)