

# CAMPUS CONNECTION

A STUDENT AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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## Career Center News

Greetings, parents! The Career Center is eager to assist your student this Spring. Help us keep your student informed of career-related activities and employer visits this semester.

Two events that should not be overlooked are the Career Expo and the Business Etiquette Dinner. The Career Expo, on March 19, will feature graduate schools, government agencies, school systems and other employer representatives eager to talk to your student about possibilities within their organizations. The Business Etiquette Dinner is a campus favorite, and will be held on April 9 in the UC Annex. Reservations and professional attire are required.

Other activities and workshops we will hold over the course of the semester are: Resume Writing and the Resume Critique Stations, Getting into Law School and Getting into Graduate School, Interviewing, and Choosing a Major. All UNCP students are encouraged to visit the Career Center for help with a variety of needs.

The Career Center Web site, [www.uncp.edu/cs](http://www.uncp.edu/cs), has a link especially designed for you, the parents, as well as a complete listing of our workshops, services, and other events.

If you are interested in joining the Career Center Parent Listserv, please email Sarah Francisco at [sarah.francisco@uncp.edu](mailto:sarah.francisco@uncp.edu) and ask to join the list! We look forward to hearing from you.

## Does FERPA give me the right to see the education records of my son or daughter?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of student education records.

When a student turns 18 years old or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, all rights afforded to you as a parent under FERPA transfer to the student ("eligible student"). However, parents may still get information from an eligible student's education record without the student's consent under certain circumstances. For example:

- ♦ Schools may disclose education records to parents if the student is claimed as a dependent for tax purposes.
- ♦ Schools may disclose education records to parents if a health or safety emergency involves their son or daughter.
- ♦ Schools may inform parents if the student, under age 21, has violated any law or policy concerning the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance.

♦ A school official may generally share with a parent information that is based on that official's personal knowledge or observation of the student.

### Contact Information

For further information about FERPA, contact the Department's Family Policy Compliance Office.

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave. S.W.  
Washington, DC 20202-5930  
202-260-3887

For quick, informal responses to routine questions about FERPA, parents may also e-mail the Family Policy Compliance Office (FPCO) at [FERPA.Customer@ED.Gov](mailto:FERPA.Customer@ED.Gov).

Additional information and guidance may be found at FPCO's Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/index.html>.

## UNCP Parents' Council

Parents from all over the state came together on September 15, 2007, during Parents' Weekend to form a new Parents' Council at UNCP. The UNCP Parents' Council will serve as the Executive Committee of the Parent Association, which includes all parents of students enrolled at the University. The group will function as an Advisory Council to offer feedback on engaging all parents in the Association; to offer advice and feedback about the Parents' Newsletter and Parents' Weekend; to assist with recruitment of new students; and to offer advice to UNCP administration about how the University can enhance the overall student experience.

The Parents' Council will meet twice each year – once during the annual Parents' Weekend and a second time in the spring. The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 2008. The Council is divided into subcommittees, which are chaired by members of UNCP's offices of Enrollment Management, Student Affairs and Advancement.

Parents interested in being part of the Parents' Council, or getting more information, are encouraged to contact James Bass, Director of Alumni Relations, at 910-521-6533 or by e-mailing [james.bass@uncp.edu](mailto:james.bass@uncp.edu).

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## It's A Date

**February 5**  
Deadline for Immunizations

**March 3 - 8**  
Spring Break

**March 5**  
Last day for pro-rated refund

**March 12 - 13**  
Grad Finale for Graduating Seniors

**March 21**  
Good Friday (University closed)

**March 31**  
Online Registration Begins

**April 26**  
Classes End

**April 28 - May 2**  
Final Examinations

**May 2**  
Residence halls close at 5 p.m.

**May 3**  
Spring Commencement

## UNCP Briefs

### ◆ PARENTS NEEDED FOR PLANNING

We are looking for parents who are interested in planning the next Parents' Weekend, scheduled for September 26-27, 2008. The planning committee will work around the schedule its members, and parents are not expected to come to campus for meetings; we will communicate via teleconferencing and e-mails. We are eager to have input from parents in order to make Parents' Weekend an enjoyable event for both you and your son/daughter. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Tom Corti, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Development at 910-775-4220 or tom.corti@uncp.edu.

### ◆ 2008-09 HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

The housing selection process for returning students for the 2008-09 academic year is scheduled to begin in March. To prepare yourself for discussions you may have with your son or daughter as they make housing plans for next year, please visit our Web site that offers you an overview of the process. Demand for campus housing is high, and we make every effort to satisfy requests within the limits of our available space. The room reservation procedure may be viewed at [http://www.uncp.edu/housing/reservations/current\\_students.htm](http://www.uncp.edu/housing/reservations/current_students.htm). Please contact Ms. Carol Hunt at 910-521-6228 or Ms. Wanda Campbell at 910-775-4253 if you have questions.

## FAQs: FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

**If my son or daughter has not yet applied for financial aid for the 2008-09 academic year, is it too late?** The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) priority filing deadline for 2007-08 financial aid is March 15, 2008. It is recommended that you apply for financial aid as soon as you file your income taxes each year. The FAFSA application is available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). UNCP's school code is 002954.

**Is financial aid available for summer 2008?** Yes. UNCP has limited funds available for summer assistance. However, many students will have little aid eligibility left for summer due to using all 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.