Chemistry and Physics Graduates
The 2018 Spring Graduate and Undergraduate Ceremonies was held May 4 – 5, 2018. UNCP awarded 686 degrees during the two ceremonies. The graduates from our department are: Abumohsen, Ahmad Bashir; Assaedi, Shehab Zakaria; Blue, Josie Leigh; Brown, Amelia Christina; Curt, Chase Alan; Dupuy, Marie Suzanne; Felton, Taylor M.; Gerges, Ereny; Huggins III, Samuel O’Neal; Issa, Neveen G.; McDonald, Killian Kilpatrick; Miller, Zachery Taylor; Paul, Helen Beatrice; Sanborn, Tristan K.; Snead, Erin Nicole; Stephens, Andrew Alexander; Stevens, Ebone’ Semone; Swales, Diamon Alexis; Wise, Stephen Michael. Congratulations to our graduates.

Dr. Jose D’Arruda Phase Retirement
On May 8, a celebration dinner was given in honor of the UNCP retirees. Dr. Jose D’Arruda (44 years of service to the community and University) was amongst the retirees. Many friends and family attended this special event. Congratulations, Dr. D’Arruda.
Cape Fear High School
On May 21, Dr. Bill Brandon and his students (Brittany Stokes (Grad student), Killian McDonald, and Sandra Huneycutt) visited with Ms. Jennifer Evans’ students at the Cape Fear High School. Everyone had a great time learning and doing experiments. Thank you, Dr. Brandon.
UNCP Canvas Support
The Canvas system will begin operation on June 1, 2018. All materials will be moved from Blackboard to Canvas.

UNCP Staff Council Awards & Recognition Ceremony
UNCP will host the 3rd annual Staff Council’s Staff Awards & Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, June 6th, 2018 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the UC Annex. The ceremony will recognize UNCP Staff who exemplify the UNCP’s six values (accountability, communication, collaboration, integrity, innovation, and service) and our University’s mission of Changing Lives through Education. The department congratulates Mrs. Carolyn Oxendine as one of the nominees for one of these special awards.
American Chemical Society

The Committee on Professional Training (CPT) has reviewed our response to the areas of noncompliance identified in our 2010 periodic report. It is determined that our department now meets all of the requirements in the ACS guidelines and CPT voted to continue approval for our program. The department has received approval from ACS and can continue to provide ACS certificates to its graduates. Thank you, Dr. Paul Flowers, for all the hard work done to get this approval and the dedication to our students. Well done. Congratulations!

New Instruments in Lab

The department has replaced the 15 years old GC Mass Spec system with a new one. The procurement of the new instrumentation for the instrumental lab is to enhance the advancement of our instrumentation capabilities. The air compressor was replaced as well. Nicely done, Dr. Flowers.