New Hanover Crime Lab
Dr. Steven Singletary and his students visited the New Hanover Crime Lab in Wilmington, NC on March 2, 2020. The group had a great time and an informative visit with the forensic chemists.

Alumnus, Ph.D. Candidate Marcus Sherman Speaks to RISE Students
Alumnus Marcus Sherman, a bioinformatics Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan, spoke with members of UNCP’s RISE (Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement) program on Thursday, March 5, 2020. Before his presentation, he held a Q&A session with students regarding his research experience and offered advice about graduate school. Sherman, a 2015 graduate, is a fifth-year student studying structural variation in human genomes. Thank you Dr. Rachel Smith, RISE Program Director.
UNCP to Host FIRST Robotics Competition
Twenty-nine teams of students from local and statewide school districts will compete March 6, March 7, and March 8 at the FIRST Robotics competition.
Read more: https://www.robesonian.com/news/education/132102/robotics-teams-to-gather-at-first-meet
Thank you to the following faculty members who served as Judges on March 7th and 8th. It was a lot of work on both days continuously without any stop except for a lunch break for half an hour. The faculty members are as follows: Dr. Ben Killian, Dr. Quinton Rice, Dr. Tom Dooling, Dr. Steven Singleteray, and Dr. Siva Mandjiny. Thanks guys, you are awesome.

Dr. Benjamin Killian
Dr. Quinton Rice
Dr. Tom Dooling
Dr. Steven Singletary  
Dr. Siva Mandjiny

**GAMMA SIGMA EPSILON CHEMISTRY HONORS SOCIETY**

The Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honors Society Induction Ceremony was cancelled due to the COVID-19. The ceremony was schedule to take place at the University Center Annex on April 1, 2020. The students are Brandon Le, Tiffany Bramblett, Minj Huy Giang, Ashley Reeves, Morgan Casanova, Jocelyn Bullard, Mikayla Williams, Zixian Jiao, and Megan Byrne. This is our 17th year of the GSE CHS at UNCP with 115 inductees. Congratulations to each of you. Thank you, Dr. Storms, for the preparation of this special event for the department and our students. Thank you, Dr. Meredith Storms, Mrs. Felicia Scott, and Mrs. Hope Bullock for organizing the Gamma Sigma Epsilon Honors Society Induction Ceremony.

**Departmental Awards Day Ceremony Cancelled**

On behalf of both the Faculty and Staff members, Dr. Siva Mandjiny took the decision to cancel the Academic Awards Day Ceremony at the UC Annex on April 2, 2020. Thank you Dr. Storms and Mrs. Bullock for all the hard work you put together for this Awards Ceremony and the programs. Also, thank you to the Scholarships Committee members: Drs. Storms, Flowers, Dooling, Brandon, and Rice.

This year’s recipients are:

- **Malerie Leviner** American Institute of Chemists Outstanding Senior Award
- **Kaysey Manista** Professional Promise Award
- **Kaysey Manista** Sonntag Award for Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society
- **Samantha Cranford** Continuing in Chemistry Award
- **Kathryn Flax** ACS Sponsored award in Analytical Chemistry
- **KC Tennant** ACS Sponsored Award in Inorganic Chemistry
KC Tennant  ACS Sponsored Award in Organic Chemistry
Casey Burroughs  ACS Physical Chemistry Undergraduate Award
Elizabeth Stewart  CRC Freshman Chemistry Award
Blanca Trejo-Munoz  Undergraduate Research Award in Chemistry
Evert Garcia-Guzman  Undergraduate Research Award in Physics
Tristan Dwyer  Outstanding Pre-Engineering Student Award
James Graham  Einstein Achievement Award in Physics
Kelvin T. Ortega  “3+2” Student Award
Tyler C. Millwood  Outstanding Department Assistants
Wendy A. West  Outstanding Department Assistants
Tiffany Bramblett  Drs. Cecil and Naomi Lee Conley Endowed Scholarship
Jameson McDonald  Linda D. Oxendine Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Melissa Creech  UNCP Biotechnology Endowed Scholarship
Elizabeth Stewart  Anne Marie Teague Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Terry Chavez  Jose and Dorothy D’Arruda Endowed Scholarship
Evert Garcia-Guzman  Comstock Foundation Pre-Engineering Scholarship

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Hope everyone is doing well. Be safe during this pandemic.
Take care.