



News Digest

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Summer and Fall 2018 Advising Holds

With registration right around the corner, it is time to place advising holds on students' accounts. Requests should be submitted to [Beth Dawson](#) by Monday, February 26. In an effort to ensure advising holds are placed accurately and in a timely manner, the Office of the Registrar is asking departments to send an Excel spreadsheet that includes a complete list of students needing advising holds. The [Report Central](#) report called "Cumulative GPA by level, class, college, degree in major order" under the GPA/Credit Hours tab is a good resource for this information. Please note:

- Freshman automatically receive an advising hold so they (class of FR) should be excluded from your request.
- Exclude students who have applied to graduate for the current term.
- If you require a custom message to appear with the advising hold (limit of 30 characters), please include it with your request. (Example: Contact PBUS advisor)
- One request per department should be submitted.

Calls for Nominations

Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship for Teaching

[The Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship in Teaching](#) was established in 2006 and is awarded annually to a member of the faculty who has been awarded tenure within the last three years (2015, 2016, or 2017). The Professorship appointment will be for a three-year term. Each year a recipient will be named. Dr. Margaret Quinlan, Communication Studies; Dr. Peter Tkacik, Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science; and Dr. Jennifer Webb, Psychological Science, currently hold the professorship. For more information on the nomination process, please visit the [award webpage](#). Nominations are due in the Office of the Provost by **March 16, 2018**, and may be sent electronically to Shannon.Homesley@uncc.edu.

Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching

[The Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching](#) is granted to an academic department, program, or unit in recognition of the collective responsibility of faculty members for maintaining high-quality teaching. The award is intended to recognize documented efforts that improve student learning and outcomes. The award of \$5,000 can be used at the discretion of the recipient unit for any purpose authorized for state appropriations. A permanent plaque has been

created to move each year to the recipient unit in recognition of the award. All University departments and programs are expected to maintain ongoing methods for enhancing and evaluating teaching performance to encourage and support effective student learning. The Provost's Award, therefore, is given to a department or program with a documented record of sustained accomplishment, commitment, and innovation in undergraduate or graduate teaching. The award acknowledges unusual efforts on the part of a department or unit to work together to deliver teaching of the highest quality that impacts student learning. For more information on the nomination and award process, please see the [award webpage](#). Nominations are due in the Office of the Provost by **March 16, 2018**, and may be sent electronically to Shannon.Homesley@uncc.edu.

Provost's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising

[The Provost's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising](#) is granted to an advising center, academic department, program, or unit in recognition of the collective responsibility of faculty and staff members for maintaining high-quality undergraduate academic advising. The award is intended to recognize sustained efforts that assist students to achieve their educational and lifelong learning goals. The award of \$2,500 can be used at the discretion of the recipient unit for any purpose authorized for state appropriations. A permanent plaque is given each year to the recipient unit in recognition of the award. All University departments and programs are expected to maintain ongoing methods for enhancing and evaluating academic advising performance to encourage and support effective students' educational progress. The Provost's Award, therefore, is given to a center, department, program or unit with a documented record of sustained accomplishment, commitment, and innovation in undergraduate academic advising. The award acknowledges unusual efforts on the part of a center, department or unit to promote collaborative efforts of faculty and staff to deliver academic advising of the highest quality that impacts students' educational progress. For more information on the nomination and award process, please see the [award webpage](#). Nominations are due in the Office of the Provost by **March 16, 2018**, and may be sent electronically to Shannon.Homesley@uncc.edu.

NEW Schedule Wizard

Taking the Stress Out of Student Registration

Schedule Wizard is a schedule building tool for students that allows for a simple and less cumbersome course scheduling process to support the goal of degree completion. Students easily select preferred classes, block off breaks/personal commitments, and generate possible schedules for registration. Schedule Wizard will be available on the student view of my.uncc.edu under Quick Links beginning March 5. For more information about the program, visit the [Schedule Wizard page](#) of the Office of the Registrar website.

Advisor Open Swims:

- Thursday, February 22, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, CHHS 370
- Monday, February 26, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, CHHS 370

Celebrating the Life of Bill Ribarsky

The College of Computing and Informatics is celebrating the life of Bill Ribarsky on Saturday, February 17, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Bank of America Atrium, UNC Charlotte Center City Building. All are welcome; please [RSVP](#). The College is also delighted to announce the William Ribarsky Memorial Scholarship Fund; contributions to the fund can be made [online through a secure module](#). Brief video tributes can be uploaded to a specific [Google Drive file](#) and will be shared at the event. Bill Ribarsky's life impacted so many and we look forward to celebrating together. More information can be found in the [official invitation](#).

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

Numerous CONNECT training sessions are scheduled for Spring 2018. These training sessions will include Early Alert Training. **Early Alerts are due for designated courses by noon on Friday, February 2.** Information on spring training for advisors and faculty for CONNECT, including the link for registration, can be found on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting [LeeFredrick Bowen](#), Director for Academic Advising Systems.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Canvas Assignments and Gradebook

In this workshop, you'll learn how to use the Canvas Assignments page to set up your Gradebook to calculate course grades.

- Tuesday, January 30, 9:30 – 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

Creating Videos in Canvas (Kaltura CaptureSpace)

This workshop will walk you through the most common features of Kaltura CaptureSpace in Canvas. It will also help establish a foundation for further exploration of sharing and using rich multimedia content across Canvas courses.

- Tuesday, January 30, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ([Register](#))

Canvas Open Swim

Want to explore new areas of Canvas or new instructional techniques with personalized attention available? The Center for Teaching and Learning consultants will be on hand to work with you and answer your questions.

- Wednesday, January 31, 9:30 – 10:30 AM ([Register](#))

Starting with a Fresh Canvas

This workshop is for people who want to build their Canvas course from a clean slate.

- Wednesday, January 31, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ([Register](#))

Difference in the Classroom

This workshop will focus on understanding our lens, and dissecting implicit bias and its effects in the classroom.

- Thursday, February 1, 9:30 – 10:45 AM ([Register](#))

Mastering the Canvas Gradebook

In this workshop, faculty will see how to utilize the Gradebook to store all information about student progress in the course, and assessment, measuring both letter grades and course outcomes.

- Thursday, February 1, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

Excel Training

Do you want to improve [Excel Lists and Lookups](#) skills for you or members of your department? Space is limited in the upcoming class. Cost is \$125 per person. Enroll [online](#) or call 7-8900 with your P-Card.

- Thursday, February 22, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, CHHS 342 ([Register](#))

UNC Charlotte to Host NC STRIVE



UNC Charlotte hosts more than 800 veteran students on campus, and our university's origin was as an institution serving returning World War II veterans. So outreach to and support for veterans and their family members is a significant component of our identity. That's why we're proud to be hosting the April 18 regional conference of [NC STRIVE](#) – the Governor's agency promoting veteran support among our state's 2- and 4-year institutions. The all-day conference (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) is aimed at regional college and university administrators, faculty and staff as well as veteran service providers, behavioral health advocates and government

agencies. The event is free, including lunch sponsored by Cardinal Innovations Healthcare, but registration is required. [NC STRIVE REGISTRATION](#). Slated for McKnight Hall in Cone University Center, the event begins with a keynote address by [Bruce Capehart, MD](#), a psychiatrist and Medical Director for the OEF/OIF Program at the VA Medical Center at Durham. There will be individual panel presentations by Charlotte region business leaders, current veteran students and college/university administrators. Break-out sessions will address topics such as “Green Zone” training, suicide prevention, military transfer credit, mentoring the non-traditional student and additional topics designed to equip administrators, faculty and staff in higher education with information, resources, and networking that will enhance the experience and success of student veterans in their pursuit of certificates and degrees. Registration is capped at 150 and all area colleges and universities are invited. Contact [Dr. Alan Freitag](#) in the Graduate School (x77312) for more information.

Army Research Office Guest Speaker

Dr. Cliff Wang, Army Research Office (ARO) Computing Sciences Division Director, will offer a guest speaker seminar titled “ARO Funding Strategies and Opportunities”. Dr. Wang has served as an ARO division head for over 10 years and has managed over \$200M in research funding which has led to significant technology breakthroughs. He holds a faculty appointment in the NC State University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and is an IEEE fellow. This is an open invitation program for all faculty and is sponsored by the Charlotte Research Institute. Seating for the program is limited.

- Wednesday, January 31, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Grigg 136

2018 Undergraduate Research Conference

Faculty are asked to please remember to spread the word and save the date for the [2018 Undergraduate Research Conference](#). Please encourage your undergraduate students who are involved with research to apply for the URC. The UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is a university-wide showcase of research projects completed by undergraduate students of all levels from all colleges and departments in the university. The URC is sponsored by Academic Affairs, the Atkins Library, Charlotte Research Institute, the Honors College, and the Levine Scholars program.

- URC Registration opens: Monday, February 12
- URC Registration closes: 5:00 PM, Friday, March 16
- URC 2018 Conference: Friday, April 20, Student Activity Center

Dissertation Defenses

The dissertation defense is one of the ways a new scholar demonstrates readiness to join the academy and is an opportunity to share their research widely.

[View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#)

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK:

- Jan 29** [Deadline to Request Classroom Presentations: International Student Panel Discussion](#)
- Jan 30** [Personally Speaking: To Kill a People](#)
- Jan 31** [Great Decisions Lecture Series: China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation](#)
- Feb 1** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Feb 2** [Opening Reception: Technoecologies](#) (Art)

NEXT WEEK:

Feb 7 [Great Decisions Lecture Series: The Warning of Pax Americana? With Dr. Dale Smith](#)

Feb 8 [The Child in Southern Literature and Film](#)

Feb 10-13 [Botanical Gardens Annual Valentine's Orchid Sale](#)

UPCOMING: <https://provost.uncc.edu/about-academic-affairs/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events>

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