



## News Digest

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### Doctoral Hooding Ceremony Moves to McKnight; Tickets Required

In an effort to create a more intimate ceremony, the Doctoral Hooding will take place in McKnight Hall on Thursday, December 13. Because of the limited seating in McKnight, each graduate received up to four tickets. Only those with tickets (graduates, advisors, family) will be able to attend the ceremony in McKnight. However, a remote viewing room is available in Cone 110/111. Faculty are encouraged to watch the Hooding ceremony and then join students and family at the reception in the Lucas room.

### Commencement Website Provides Instructions for Wearing Academic Hood

The [Commencement website](#) contains lots of valuable information for students, staff and faculty. Most recently, [video instructions on how to properly place your academic hood](#) were added to the website. Check out the video as well as the other information that can be found on the Commencement site.

### 2019-2020 FAFSA Priority Deadline: January 1

Please encourage your students to complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA application if they haven't already done so. All students who want to be considered for financial aid must reapply every year. Students who submit the application by January 1 will receive an early financial aid award decision by March 1.

### Faculty Development Opportunity with Japan Studies Institute in California

The Japan Studies Institute (JSI) offers AASCU faculty members without prior experience in Japanese studies to learn from scholars, business leaders, artists and journalists about Japan, both past and present. The [two week institute, located on the campus of San Diego State University](#), encourages participants to develop strategies for incorporating Japanese studies into courses on their campuses. The institute runs June 3-16, 2019. The application deadline is February 28, 2019. To register or for more information, visit the [JSI webpage](#) or contact [Jody Dixon](#) (202.478.7814).

### Faculty Mentors Needed for 2019 Summer Research Experiences

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) is recruiting Faculty Mentors for the Charlotte Research Scholars Program and the Charlotte Community Scholars Program for the 2019 Summer Research Experience. The Summer Research Experience for both programs will be held May 28-July 26, 2019. Faculty Mentors will be paid a stipend of \$750 for their participation. The deadline for applications is December 18, 2019. If you are interested in being a Faculty Mentor, please contact Dr. Erin Banks, Assistant Dean, Office of Undergraduate Research at [ebanks10@uncc.edu](mailto:ebanks10@uncc.edu) or 704-687-5540.

### 2019 MLK Celebration

The Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement invites you to the 2019 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

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### **March and Speak Out: ThinkKING of a Better Tomorrow**

The March and Speak Out will serve as an opportunity to reflect on the contributions of MLK Jr. We will march throughout campus, starting at Cato Hall and concluding with the Speak Out in the Student Union, where the UNC Charlotte community will share their thoughts on MLK Jr., injustices in our communities, and how it relates to the theme, "ThinKING of a Better Tomorrow. We are asking student organizations and departments to wear their paraphernalia and carry banners to represent their organization.

- Tuesday, January 15, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, Starting at Cato lawn, ending at the Student Union

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### **Timeless Change: The Time was Then, The Time is Now**

Join the University community to celebrate the life, work, and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program will feature a message from keynote speaker Dorothy Counts-Scoggins, recognition of campus partners, and a candle lighting ceremony. The keynote speaker is Dorothy Counts-Scoggins, one of the first black students admitted to Harding High School in Charlotte.

- Tuesday, January 22, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, McKnight Hall, Cone University Center

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### **MLK Day of Service**

Honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by serving the Charlotte community. Contact [Sean Langley](#), Assistant Director for Leadership and Community Engagement, for more information.

- Promising Pages: 20 volunteers
  - Habitat for Humanity: 20 volunteers
  - Charlotte Tool Bank: 20 volunteers
  - Crisis Assistance Ministry: 20 volunteers
  - Second Harvest Food Bank: 50 volunteers
- Friday, January 25, 12:00 - 4:00 PM (begins with lunch in the Union Rotunda)

## **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:**

**Dec 15** [Deadline for AASCU application for opportunity to teach in China](#)

**Upcoming:** [provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events](http://provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events)

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