



News Digest

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STEM Summit

Improving Student Learning in Critical Progression Courses

Across the nation, universities are focused on improving student success in STEM courses. Some of the challenges that faculty encounter are changing student demographics, lack of student preparation, and differing student expectations about what a college education should entail. Fortunately, there are a number of discipline based educational practices that can create learning environments to support inclusive excellence and result in improved student learning in classes of all sizes. Successful transformation of teaching practices requires alignment with the beliefs of stakeholders, recognition of a complex university system, and strategies that align with the university strategic goals. This summit is open to all faculty and administrators from STEM disciplines. We encourage departments to send teams of faculty who teach the same course. This will facilitate rich conversations about the challenges instructors face teaching critical progression STEM courses and potential solutions to these challenges. Participants will explore best practices for increasing student learning in STEM courses and examine existing practices through this lens, with the goal of implementing deeply engaging and effective practices in critical progression courses.

- Wednesday, May 16, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Kennedy 236 ([Register](#))

Hire-A-Niner

Beginning June 1, 2018, if you want to hire a student worker, you will post your job in Hire-A-Niner. This applies to all paid positions, whether you hire temp-wage, federal work-study (FWS) positions, new GA positions, or UPIPs. View more info and Hire-A-Niner training session dates on the [Student Employment website](#). Please note that for GA positions, Hire-A-Niner is the method used to post a position and find a person to hire, but if you have a student in mind that you want to hire, that should still be conducted through eGA.

UCAE Student Ambassador

University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE) Ambassadors are dedicated to serving and representing the University Center for Academic Excellence in a professional and positive manner. They support UCAE programs by providing solid customer service and executing administrative tasks as needed. Students must receive federal work study for the

2018-2019 academic year to be eligible for the Ambassador position. Please have students email rose.brown@uncc.edu with their resume and Fall 2018 schedule to apply!

EPIC Seminar

The Era of Practical Electric Vehicles Has Arrived

Electric Vehicles (EV) are playing a larger role in popular modes of transportation. EPIC is pleased to welcome Cornelius Willingham, manager, Electric Vehicle Fleet Business Development for Nissan, as he discusses the history of EV's, including why they didn't previously become dominant and how the climate, national security needs, and tech

advancements have brought EV's back to the forefront. There will be time for questions on anything you'd like to know about EV, whether for business or personal use. All are welcome to attend what will be a most informative seminar!

- Thursday, May 10, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Siemens Energy Lecture Hall (EPIC G256) ([Register](#))

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:

- May 9** [International Student Graduation Reception](#)
- May 11** [Walk Tall: Wander Among the Trees of University City's Green Heart](#)
- May 11-12** [Commencement](#)
- May 12** [The Night of the Hunter](#) (movie)

NEXT WEEK:

- May 15** [In the Company of Trees: New Walk](#)

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

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