



News Digest

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New Service Unit in Office of Academic Affairs

"We now have a one-stop shop for student administrative services. We need something similar for faculty to support teaching and learning," Provost Lorden stated in announcing the formation of a new unit in the Office of Academic Affairs. Tentatively named The Teaching and Learning Connection, the new unit brings together support for pedagogy and the teaching environment as we seek to serve both on and off campus populations. We now teach approximately 11% of our student credit hours in a 100% online format and that number is expected to grow as we make our programs more accessible. Our student body is complex. We serve not only traditional first-time in college students but transfer students, adults seeking to complete degrees, and alumni or others seeking more limited credentials such as certificates. By bringing together the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Audiovisual Integration and Support for Learning Environments (AISLE, previously known as Classroom Support), Continuing Education, Distance Education and Summer School, we can better the resources needed to serve all these populations and make these resources easier for faculty to identify and locate. The new unit will report to Senior Associate Provost Jay Raja. Aggregating these units under a single umbrella organization will also enable us to focus Metropolitan Studies and Extended Academic Programs on public service in the form of urban research and community engagement.

Troyer Serving as Interim Dean for CHHS

Provost Joan Lorden is pleased to announce that effective July 1, 2018, Dr. Jennifer Troyer will serve as Interim Dean for the College of Health and Human Services while a national search is conducted for Dean Nancy Fey-Yensan's replacement. Dr. Troyer has been on the faculty of the Belk College of Business since 1999 and has served as Senior Associate Dean. A professor of health economics with a focus on on long-term care issues, Dr. Troyer has received funding for her work from the federal Administration on Aging and the National Institutes of Health and served as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Public Health Sciences. According to Provost Lorden, "Dr. Troyer's leadership experience and familiarity with the college made her a clear choice for the interim role and I appreciate that she was willing to take it on."

Pianos / Digital Pianos Available for Purchase

A large selection of grand pianos, baby grands, digital player grands, vertical (upright) pianos, and digital pianos will be available for purchase August 2-4. This event will feature instruments from such famous makers as Yamaha, Steinway & Sons, Kawai, Cable Nelson, Story & Clark, Pearl River, Disklavier, Clavinova, and many others. Most instruments are less than one year old, include a new factory warranty, are tuned, and ready to go. Delivery and technical services are provided by Miller Piano. Special no-interest financing is available on site. There are two ways to view and purchase:

- BY APPOINTMENT: Attend a special "pre-sale" on Thursday, August 2, Friday, August 3, and the morning of Saturday, August 4 prior to the sale opening to the general public, providing you an opportunity to purchase with priority in selection and price reduction. To secure a time call (704) 687-1999.

- **FINAL DAY:** You may attend the final sale day on Saturday, August 4 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. with no appointment.

The University has had the use of new first-class pianos on a no-cost basis for the 2017-2018 school year. This arrangement is provided through an association with the [Rockley Family Foundation](#). These instruments, instruments provided to other institutions, and instruments made available by various manufacturers will be sold to perpetuate this valuable program. The Rockley Family Foundation indicates that in many cases, a substantial portion of your purchase is considered as a charitable contribution to the Rockley Family Foundation and may be tax deductible.

Advanced Excel Training

The office of Continuing Education is offering a two-day Advanced Excel class. Register [online](#) or call 704-687-8900. The cost of the class is \$175. Pcard is an accepted form of payment.

- Tuesday, July 17, and Thursday, July 19, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, CHHS 370

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:

Jul 5 [Kids "Craft"ernoon – Fun with Ferns](#)

NEXT WEEK:

Jul 12 [Botanical Gardens: Insect Control Class](#)

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

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