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Mid-Semester Grade Report Opens September 18

The Mid-Semester Grade Report opens Wednesday, September 18. Please submit the following by October 4 by noon. Please refer to the [midterm grading instructions](#) for more information.

1. Unsatisfactory Progress

Beginning on Wednesday, September 18, web grading capability will be available for faculty to assign Unsatisfactory Progress grades for all students. If you are unable to access your class list to assign unsatisfactory grades, please contact Elise Mickey in the Office of the Registrar at ext. 7-5485. Please note that this process is only to solicit unsatisfactory progress, not a grade for all students.

2. Courses with All Satisfactory Grades

Faculty are asked to report if all grades are satisfactory in the course in addition to submitting unsatisfactory grades.

Enter your unsatisfactory grades using [My UNC Charlotte](#). If you have a student who has stopped attending or never attended class, award that student an unsatisfactory grade ("F" for undergraduate level and "U" for graduate level) as well. This informs the student that he/she is currently enrolled in the class and runs the risk of an unsatisfactory final grade provided proper procedures are not followed.

Report only students with unsatisfactory progress by using the following notations:

- Undergraduate students: record only "D" or "F" grades
- Graduate students: record only "C" or "U" grades

Call for Nominations: 2019-2010 O. Max Gardner Award

Your assistance is needed in identifying potential faculty nominees for the 2019-2020 O. Max Gardner Award. This award is given annually by the UNC Board of Governors to "that member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina who, during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race." Please note that nominees can be of any rank, "including instructors, engaged in teaching in any unit, institution or branch of service" in the University system. Past winners of the award include UNC Charlotte's own Dr. Pinku Mukherjee and Dr. Diane M. Browder. Linked [here](#) is the UNC System announcement of last year's winner, Dr. Sy Atezaz Saeed of East Carolina University.

Please forward the names of nominees to the [Faculty Governance Assistant](#) before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2019.

Include in your nomination the individual's name, rank, and department/unit. Also, please provide a description of this individual's specific contribution(s) or achievement(s), and their impact on others.

First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal Nominations Sought

The Graduate School currently seeks nominations for the 2020 First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal. Recognizing outstanding scholarship, creativity and/or research among senior full-time faculty members, nominations may come from any UNC Charlotte faculty member. The First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal has been awarded since 1988 with last year's honoree being Dr. Steven Rogelberg, UNC Charlotte Chancellor's Professor, Psychological Science and Management, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. View previous recipients on the [Graduate School website](#). The award, consisting of a cash prize, framed citation, and a medal, will be presented in the spring semester at a ceremony and reception presided over by the Chancellor, officials of First Citizens Bank, the Dean of the Graduate School and University officers. Information on this year's competition can be found on the [Graduate School's website](#). The deadline for nominations is 5:00 pm, November 8, 2019.

44th Annual UNC Charlotte International Festival - Saturday, September 21



UNC Charlotte's International Festival takes place on Saturday, September 21, 2019, from 10am-6pm. The International Festival features booths arranged in a colorful marketplace style setting representing the cultures of over 30 nations. Many of them have food and arts and crafts for sale. There will be international music and dance on indoor and outdoor stages throughout the day. New for the first time this year will be Opera Carolina and the Charlotte Independence. Opera Carolina will appear on the Inside Stage at 11 am, singing famous arias from a variety of operas. The Charlotte Independence will give demonstrations from 10 am to 2 pm and will have a booth near the Game Zone, where attendees of all ages participate in and learn about the cultural significance of various games. Note: It is highly recommended to bring cash to the event. While some booths may accept credit cards, many only accept cash.

Personally Speaking: Sport As Religion or Sport v. Religion



What do sports, politics and religion have in common? Find out as Personally Speaking looks at the sport-religion relationship in *The Eternal Present of Sport: Rethinking Sport and Religion* by Daniel Grano. The book considers the importance of religious images and ideas in contemporary sport controversies like performance enhancement, the head trauma crisis, and collegiate athletics' pay-for-play. Many believe sport is "religious," providing an escape from politics. Grano argues religion is a source of crisis and change in sport.

- Tuesday, September 24, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City ([Register](#))

Martin Receives Inaugural Reynolds Leadership Award

Dr. Florence Martin, Educational Leadership, is the recipient of the inaugural [Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award](#) for excellence in graduate program administration. She is a professor in [Learning, Design and Technology](#), Graduate Program Director (GPD) of the Post-Master's Certificate of University and College Teaching, and Program Coordinator of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, Learning, Design and Technology. For more information on Dr. Martin and the Graduate Program Leadership Award, please view [Recent News](#) on the Graduate School website.

Nominations Sought for Outstanding Master's Thesis Award

The Outstanding Master's Thesis Award is presented annually to a student to recognize high quality work. Faculty may nominate a student whose thesis has been accepted in partial fulfillment of master's degree requirements during the past two academic and/or summer sessions. Nominations for the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award may be submitted through October 18, 2019. For more information, visit the [Graduate School webpage](#).

Ventureprise Launch NSF I-Corps Fall Cohort Now Accepting Applications

Have an idea or research finding that the National Science Foundation may be interested in Funding? Want to receive up to \$5000 for your research or business idea? Apply to participate in the fall 2019 Ventureprise Launch National Science Foundation I-Corps cohort. The program provides UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students with commercialization training

and up to an initial \$5000 in NSF funding. The goal of the program is to identify potential commercial uses and prepare for more substantial commercialization funding opportunities. The next stage is a six month \$50,000 NSF I-Corps Teams grant. The cohort will run October 11 through November 11. Applications due October 7. A complete schedule and application form can be found at entrepreneurship.uncc.edu. To learn more, please contact Principle Investigator [Devin Collins](#) (7-8058).

A Review of the NEW Code of Student Academic Integrity

Join Amy Kelso, Senior Associate General Counsel; Bruce Long, Chair of the Academic Integrity Board; James Lorello, Director of Student Conduct & Academic Integrity; Kaela Lindquist, Associate Director of Student Conduct & Academic Integrity; and Laura Bizzell, Assistant Director of Student Conduct & Academic Integrity for a discussion of the latest revisions to the Code of Student Academic Integrity, including an overview of prohibited academic conduct, adjudication methods (including the new facilitated resolution option), and the procedures for resolution of cases.

- Wednesday, September 25, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM, CHHS 159 ([RSVP](#))

The Butterfly Affairs: An Evening To Support Recovery

The Butterfly Affair: An Evening to Support Recovery is an annual fundraiser for the UNC Charlotte Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC). This year's event will be held on Friday, September 27. The event consists of a short formal program where student scholarships are awarded and program successes are highlighted, dinner and networking, and live and silent auctions. A golf outing for three with Chancellor Philip Dubois is one of the many auction items available. All proceeds benefit the CRC Scholarship Fund and the CRC Program Sustainability Fund. [Purchase Tickets](#)

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Atkins Faculty Engagement Award and Library Social

Join Atkins librarians and staff to honor the recipient and finalists of the [2019 Atkins Library Faculty Engagement Awards](#) on October 2 at 4 p.m. in the Halton Reading Room. The event will be an opportunity for faculty to meet with librarians who can support their research, instruction, and scholarship in numerous ways. Attendees are asked to [RSVP](#) by September 27.

Basic Sewing Skills Workshop

This beginner's workshop will consist of getting to know the sewing machine and its functions. Participants will get hands-on experience enhancing comfortability with using a sewing machine.

- Tuesday, September 17, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Area 49 Makerspace, Atkins 223 ([Register](#))

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Upcoming Workshops

- Getting Started with Active Teaching and Learning: September 18, 9:30 - 10:45 AM, Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))
- Viewpoint Diversity and Civil Discourse in the Classroom, September 19, 2:30 - 3:45 PM, Kennedy 221, ([Register](#)) (These workshops count towards the [Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate](#).)

Announcing a new workshop series: Active Learning in Large Courses

- Intensify Your Large-Class: Large-Class Space Mapping, October 10, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))
- Intensify Your Large-Class: Large-Class Activity Mapping, October 30, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))
- Intensify Your Large-Class: Large-Class Grading and Feedback, November 21, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Kennedy 221 ([Register](#))

Charlotte Kids Fest



Hosted on the UNC Charlotte campus, [Charlotte Kids Fest](#) seeks to inspire and motivate young minds with professional artistic, creative, educational, and playful experiences. We are once again looking for faculty and students to participate in this festival – introducing over 6,000 kids and their families to activities that will encourage them to play, discover, learn, and create. To learn more about the festival and how you and/or your students can get involved, email Jordan Harris at jordanharris@uncc.edu.

- Saturday, October 5, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., CRI Campus, UNC Charlotte ([Register](#))

Undergraduate Research Conference 2020



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Save the Date for the [Undergraduate Research Conference \(URC\) 2020](#), which will be on Friday, April 17, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The URC 2020 registration will open in January. Please encourage your undergraduate students to submit their research projects for presentation at the URC 2020.

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:

- Sep-Nov** Check the [Botanical Gardens events calendar](#) for a variety of gardening and learning opportunities.
- Sep 16** [Faculty & Friends Concert: David Russell](#)
- Sep 17** [U.S. Constitution Day observance: A reading by students](#)
- Sep 17** [Study Abroad Gilman Scholarship Workshop](#)
- Sep 19** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Sep 20** [Exhibition Reception: X-Ray Vision vs. Invisibility](#)
- Sep 20** [Student Writing Awards, University Writing Program](#)
- Sep 21** [International Festival 2019](#)

Next Week:

- Sep 23** [Lecture: Architect Sergio Palleroni](#)
- Sep 24** [Personally Speaking with Dan Grano, "The Eternal Present of Sport"](#)
- Sep 25** [Welcome to Fairyland: Gay Miami Before 1940](#)
- Sep 26** [Optional Practical Training \(OPT\) Workshop](#)
- Sep 27-Oct 3** [Theatre department presents *Detroit '67*](#)

Upcoming: provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events

The [OAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.