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2021 University Convocation - Updated Location

University Convocation is a chance for members of the campus community to hear about UNC Charlotte's long-term goals and immediate plans and issues. Speakers include the President of the Staff Council and President of the Student Body. The Faculty President will present the faculty agenda for 2021-2022. Also addressing the campus community will be Provost Joan Lorden and Chancellor Sharon Gaber, who will speak on the state of the University. The University Convocation is also a time to welcome new members of the faculty and professional staff and to recognize faculty members who have been granted permanent tenure as well as those who are beginning their 25th year of service to the University. A general faculty meeting in the form of a question-and-answer session will immediately follow the Convocation. All members of the campus community are welcome to remain for the meeting.

- Thursday, August 19, 10:00 AM (UPDATED LOCATION: [Hauser Alumni Pavilion](#) and [via Live Stream](#))

New Student Convocation: Change of Location and Request for Faculty RSVP

New Student Convocation will be held in Jerry Richardson Football Stadium on Sunday, August 22 at 6:00pm. New Student Convocation is an effort to celebrate and welcome our new students and provide clear academic expectations and an understanding about what it means to be a 49er. The event presents the traditions of the institution, the Noble Niner Honor Code, a faculty keynote address, and a performance by the Pride of Niner Nation Marching Band.

All faculty are asked to [RSVP via this form](#) and participate in the New Student Convocation ceremony from 6:00-7:00pm in regalia. Visit the [faculty information page](#) for more information.

Resources for Classroom Instructors for Fall 2021

Instructors of fall 2021 courses have access to a number of resources related to [instruction during the pandemic](#). Resources include masking guidance, COVID-19 talking points, suggested syllabi language, related academic policies, and FAQs. Refer to the [Niner Nation Cares](#) site for other details related to the fall semester.

University/Classroom Expectations of Students Related to COVID-19

Faculty are reminded of the protocol that was established last year surrounding violations of [student expectations](#) related to required face coverings in the classroom to control COVID-19. Please become familiar with the [steps](#) adopted by the Faculty Council for faculty to take if a student comes to class without the required face covering. As a reminder, syllabus language related to wearing face coverings in classrooms and labs and absenteeism due to COVID-19 can be found on the [Office of Legal Affairs website](#).

W+GRA hosts Panel Discussion - She-Cession: Getting Women Back to Work

W+GRA invites you to join the August 2021 Research and Practice panel discussion, Addressing the "She-Cession": Getting Women Back to Work. The panel is scheduled for August 18, 12:00-1:00p.m., via Zoom. The moderator is Dr. Michelle Meggs, Executive Director of W+GRA. Panelists are Dr. Fatma Mili, Dean of the College of Computing and Informatics at UNC Charlotte; LaToya Faustin, Executive Director of She Built This City; Deidra Sheppard-Calloway, Vice President of Programs for the Urban League of Central Carolinas; and Dr. Dana McDonald, Vice President of Talent Development for Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont. Registration is free but required. [Panel information and registration](#).

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

The [Center for Teaching and Learning](#) is offering Back-to-School Workshops for new and returning faculty to help them get their courses ready for the semester.

- See the [CTL calendar](#) for the full schedule.
- Print this [handy calendar](#) for easy-reference.
- For NEW FACULTY: [Quick Start Teaching Resources for New Faculty](#)

Highlights for this week:

- Survival Guide for International Instructors, Tuesday, August 17, 3:00 - 4:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Effective Online Teaching Bootcamp, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 17-18 ([Register](#))
- Copyright for Remote Learning, Friday, August 20, 3:00 - 4:00 PM ([Register](#))

Canvas Training:

- Adding Videos to Canvas, Wednesday, August 18, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Creating Instructional Videos in Kaltura, Thursday, August 19, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Canvas Assignments and Gradebook, Thursday, August 19, 2:30 - 3:30 PM ([Register](#))
- Engaging Students with Canvas Quizzes, Friday, August 20, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

Convenient Self-Paced Training:

- Self-Paced Starting with a Fresh Canvas ([Register](#))
- Self-Paced Teaching with Zoom ([Register](#))
- Self-Paced Online Video Foundations ([Register](#))
- Self-Paced Online Teaching Foundations ([Register](#))

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

CONNECT training sessions will be offered virtually for Fall 2021. Advisors and faculty can request training using the Google form on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). These virtual training sessions can include Early Alert training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX level courses by 12:00 p.m. on **Friday, September 17**. Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting [Stephanie Westine](#), Advising Systems Administrator, or [LeeFredrick Bowen](#), Director for Academic Advising Systems.

Be Part of CTI's Class of 2022 Seminar Leaders

Are you interested in sharing your research with a broader audience? Do you care about public education? Do you see PK-12 teachers as allies in your work? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then consider submitting a seminar proposal idea for the Charlotte Teachers Institute (CTI) lineup of 2022 seminars. CTI is an educational partnership among UNC Charlotte, Johnson C. Smith University, and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) to strengthen teaching and learning through collaboration, creativity, leadership, and content knowledge. CMS teachers in grades PK-12 apply to participate in professor-led seminars based on research and teaching interests with the goal of creating original curricula for CMS students. To date, 700+ CTI Fellows have written more than 1,045 original curriculum units, all available on CTI's website. Check out [CTI's website](#) for more information, including the commitment to [racial equity](#) and [testimonials](#) from teachers, professors, and funders. Please [submit your ideas](#) by Friday, September 3. CTI Director [Scott Gartlan](#) will be in touch following submission to discuss next steps.

In Memoriam: Nish Jamgotch, Jr.

Professor Emeritus Nish Jamgotch, Jr. passed away recently. Nish retired from UNC Charlotte where he taught in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration; he spearheaded the formative development of the department as well as the University's program in international studies. [Obituary](#)

Faculty Council News

Please visit the Faculty Governance website for the latest news from the Faculty Council including:

- [Meeting Schedules](#)
- [Agendas/Minutes](#)
- [Latest News](#)

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](#)

Latest AA News

For up-to-the-minute news from Academic Affairs (faculty awards, research, recognition, initiatives), follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

Aug-Sep [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

Aug-Sep [Diversity events](#)

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

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To have items included in the digest, complete the [NEWS DIGEST REQUEST FORM](#).
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.*