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### Signs of Excellence: UNCG's unique Professions in Deafness program



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The presence of skilled sign language interpreters, teachers, and advocates is critical in working toward a more accessible and fair society. Meeting needs for communication begins with comprehensive education in American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf culture. That's where UNC Greensboro comes in.

UNCG's [Professions in Deafness](#) in the School of Education is the only program in the UNC System that graduates students with a license in sign language interpreting. It is the only one in the nation to offer a program with three distinct tracks: Interpreter Preparation, Deaf Education K-12 teacher licensure, and Advocacy Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. And with each graduating class, its uniquely remarkable impact continues to grow.

The PID curriculum isn't only about developing professional-level ASL skills but also about becoming familiar with the deaf or hard of hearing person's experience, and the nuances within the Deaf community.

[Read the full story with photos.](#)

## UNCG celebrates 2019 Earth Day and Arbor Day



In 2009, the UNC System adopted a Sustainability Policy compelling each of the schools in the system to recognize sustainability as a core value, and to work toward carbon neutrality by 2050 at the latest.

Working toward that goal, UNCG established a Sustainability Council, developed a Climate Action Plan, committed to constructing new buildings to United States Green Building Council LEED Silver standards, embedded sustainability-related topics across the curriculum, including annual appointments of [Sustainability Faculty Fellows](#), and has initiated a process to move toward socially responsible investing strategies, with the involvement of governance groups and investment committees.

Four years ago, students elected to establish a [Green Fund](#) which has since invested over \$183,000 in 39 projects that include numerous research and professional development opportunities for students, the creation of [campus wetlands](#), and the installation of occupancy sensors in dorms, outdoor LED lighting, a cistern to collect rainwater, and electric vehicle charging stations in the Oakland parking deck (more are being installed in McIver), to name but a few. Those efforts have produced annual savings of over \$16,000 and an annual reduction of 230,000+ kWh used.

All of that work recently earned UNCG a [STARS Silver](#) rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). (See full story.) STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education. With more than 800 participants in 30 countries, AASHE's STARS program is the most widely recognized framework in the world for publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college or university's sustainability performance.

Furthermore, UNCG was just ranked within the top 101-200 universities globally in the inaugural [Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings](#), which measures global

universities' success in delivering the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#), which serve as a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

Those rankings reflect the day-to-day operations and culture of UNCG's campus community. At UNCG, we define sustainability as the enduring interconnectedness of social equity, the environment, economy, and aesthetics. That interconnectedness provides a foundation from which we aim to instill values that promote justice and invent innovative approaches and solutions to environmental and economic challenges.

Whether you attend guest lectures from leading experts in climate change, ride a bike, rent a Zipcar, recycle (UNCG has an average annual landfill diversion rate of about 40 percent), or join student clubs that garden, clean-up streams, and reduce food waste, there's never a lack of opportunity to learn about or to lessen your impact on the environment. Earth Day may only come once a year, but at UNCG we do our best to celebrate and protect the Earth every day.

This April 22 is the 49th anniversary of Earth Day. We hope you will join us for our Earth Day Fair as student clubs and UNCG departments table from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the EUC lobby. Then on Friday, April 26, we'll celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting and a walking tour of our Tree Campus USA – meet in the EUC quad near Campus Ministries at 10 a.m. Later in the day, you can attend a nutrition workshop on a plant-based diet – [register here](#).

*Copy provided by Sean MacInnes, Sustainability Specialist*

## **A spring of sweet music: upcoming ‘Concert Weeks’ at UNCG**



Near the end of each spring, UNCG's wonderful music ensembles perform a variety of world-class concerts. These concerts, nearly one night after another, allow you to enjoy beautiful music in great venues.

And, most performances are free. It's hard to find an opportunity like this anywhere else.

Here are just some of the exciting performances coming up for “concert weeks.” Events are free unless otherwise noted:

- 4/23: Symphonic Band: The Symphonic Band is made up of 55 music majors chosen by audition who perform a variety of pieces in two concerts each semester. They will perform a variety of pieces with Professor of Oboe Ashley Barrett and Guest Conductor Andrea E. Brown. 7:30 p.m. at the UNCG Auditorium.
- 4/25: Wind Ensemble: The Wind Ensemble is a highly select concert band of fifty performers majoring in music at the UNCG School of Music. They will be performing with soprano Lindsay Kesselman. 7:30 p.m. UNCG Auditorium.
- 4/26: Becca Stevens With Jazz Ensemble I and The Third Floor Orchestra: As part of the Miles Davis Jazz Festival, singer-songwriter and Winston-Salem native Becca Stevens will be featured in a program of her original music, American songbook standards, and other surprises. 8 p.m., UNCG Auditorium. Tickets range from \$6-12. To purchase tickets, see the entry on the website [here](#).
- 4/28: University Chorale and Chamber Singers: The University Chorale is an ensemble of approximately 60 of the most gifted and dedicated singers from the UNCG student body, while the Chamber Singers are a highly select ensemble of 22-26 pre-professional singers, music educators, and amateurs chosen from the UNCG student body. 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 617 N. Elm St.
- 4/29: Symphony Orchestra and Sinfonia: The University Band consists of 85 music majors and non-majors who perform challenging music of artistic and historical significance. The Symphonic Band is made up of 55 music majors chosen by audition who perform a variety of pieces in two concerts each semester. The Sinfonia is dedicated to broadening the artistic performance level of its members while presenting programs that encompass a wide range of styles, from Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern eras. 7:30 p.m., UNCG Auditorium.
- 5/1: University Band: The University Band is comprised of approximately 85 musicians, both music majors and non-majors, who join together to perform two concerts each semester. This ensemble is dedicated to broadening the artistic level and interest of its members while performing challenging music of artistic and historical significance. 7:30 p.m., UNCG Auditorium.

If you can't make it to an event, many programs are streamed via CVPA Live. See more information [here](#).

For a complete listing of events, see [the School of Music website](#).

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## **Thomas Undergraduate Research and Creativity Expo**

## winners



April 4 marked the 13th Annual Carolyn and Norwood Thomas Undergraduate Research and Creativity Expo, designed as an opportunity for undergraduate students to showcase their research, scholarship and creative inquiry.

203 presentations were included in the event, making it the largest thus far. 245 UNCG undergraduates participated, with 111 mentors from 42 academic departments and programs.

First, second, and third place winners and honorable mentions were selected in four categories: Humanities and Social Sciences, Education and Behavioral Sciences, Mathematics, Life and Physical Sciences and Performing Arts. The award winners are:

### **Humanities and Social Sciences**

1st Place: Courtney Phillips (Nursing)

“Nurse Practitioner Knowledge and Use of Complementary and Alternative Therapies for the Management of Chronic Pain: A Pilot Study”

Faculty Mentor: Susan Letvak

2nd Place: Vanessa Enoch (Human Development and Family Studies)

“Trauma and Abuse Experience and Elevated Scalp Hair Cortisol Concentrations Among SE Asian Refugees in the US South”

Faculty Mentor: Sudha Shreeniwas

3rd Place: Kaitlyn Chaplin (Communication Studies), Ariana Chavez (Classical Studies), and Brianna Rogers (Classical Studies)

“There’s No Place Like Homescreen” (Performance)

Faculty Mentor: Killian Manning

### **Education and Behavioral Sciences**

1st Place: Avila Ramirez Itzel (Psychology)

“Do Ethnic-Racial Socialization Messages Manifest in Technological Communication Between

Romantic Partners of Latinx Heritage?"

Faculty Mentor: Michaeline Jensen

2nd Place: Sarah Ragab (Biology)

"The Transfer of Global Applications of Sport for Positive Youth Development"

Faculty Mentor: Michael Hemphill

3rd Place: Brianna Ferraro (Specialized Education Services)

"From Accommodation to Invitation: Roles Communication Centers Play in Acknowledging and Empowering People with Disabilities"

Faculty Mentor: Roy Schwartzman

Honorable Mention:

Morgan Bryant (Interior Architecture)

"The Ancillary Office: The Effects of Biophilia and Ergonomic Solutions within the Workplace"

Faculty Mentor: Travis Hicks

Aran Garnett-Deakin (Human Development and Family Studies) and Rachel Fuqua (Human Development and Family Studies)

"A Meta-Analytic Review of the Associations between Marital Dissolution and Anxiety"

Faculty Mentor: Heather Helms

### **Mathematics, Life and Physical Sciences**

1st Place: Ayesha Ejaz (Chemistry)

"Simulating a Microchip-based Stark Guide and Decelerator using Simion"

Faculty Mentor: Liam Duffy

2nd Place: Quashawn Chadwick (Biology & Biochemistry)

"Transgenic Tobacco with Archaeal Heat Stress Resistance"

Faculty Mentor: Ayalew Oseno

3rd Place: Ekaterina Ellyce San Pedro (Biology)

"Effect of the Regulatory Light Chain of MyosinII on Glut 4 Translocation to the Plasma Membrane"

Faculty Mentor: Yashomati Patel

### **Performance**

1st Place: Michael Newman (Theatre), Jordan Speas (Theatre), Steve Williams (Theatre), Auntais Faulkner (Theatre)

“MAMA” (Mindfulness Arts Mindfulness Action)

Faculty Mentor: Denise Gabriel

### **Emerging Scholars** (UNCG Residential College Students)

1st Place: Isabelle Cooper (Environmental and Sustainability Studies)

“An Interactive Map of Holistic Veterinary Medicine”

Faculty Mentor: John Sopper

2nd Place: Ryan Peace (Political Science)

“The Effects of Child Sexual Abuse on Black Men”

Faculty Mentor: Sara Littlejohn

3rd Place: De’Viona Lowery (Consumer Apparel & Retail Studies)

“Cancel Culture: Destroyer of Celebrities but How Does It Affect You?”

Faculty Mentor: Sara Littlejohn

Honorable Mention:

Belle Downing (Community and Therapeutic Recreation)

“How Recreation Therapy Can Improve the Quality of Lives within Human Trafficking Survivors”

Faculty Mentor: Sara Littlejohn

Sydney Chamberlain (Biology)

“Cannibalism in Food Culture: Why Prions Need Regulation”

Faculty Mentor: Sara Littlejohn

## **Summer and Fall 2019 Course Reserves**

Attention faculty members, it’s time to create your print and electronic course reserves with University Libraries. In order for the course reserves to be available for students on the first day of classes, new lists are due as follows:

- Summer 2019: Friday, May 10
- Fall 2019: Friday, August 9

Requests to renew spring lists for use in summer and/or fall are due Wednesday, May 8, 2019. At UNCG, eReserve readings are stored in Box and delivered to students via Canvas. The reserve staff create eReserve folders in Box and then email instructors, along with embedded codes to insert into Canvas. The embedded codes allow students to see the eReserves in a Box widget inside Canvas. Instructions are available at

[https://library.uncg.edu/info/depts/access\\_services/reserves/AddingeReservestoYourCourseinCanvas.pdf](https://library.uncg.edu/info/depts/access_services/reserves/AddingeReservestoYourCourseinCanvas.pdf)

Before placing a film on reserve, review University Libraries' streaming film sources by visiting <http://uncg.libguides.com/streamingfilms>. We also offer e-books that may be linked directly to your course syllabus. To learn more about e-books, visit <http://uncg.libguides.com/ebooks>.

For more information about Course Reserves, please contact University Libraries with any questions at [reserves@uncg.edu](mailto:reserves@uncg.edu), 336.256.1199 or 336.334.5245 or visit [http://library.uncg.edu/info/depts/access\\_services/reserves/](http://library.uncg.edu/info/depts/access_services/reserves/).

## **Refugees and the CNNC: “The Cone and Summit Experience”**

UNCG's Center for New North Carolinians and its interns will host a symposium “Working in the Midst of Adversity: The Cone and Summit Experience” Thursday, April 25, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

It will be held at Christ Church 414 N. Church St.

The purpose is to reflect on a series of events that happened last year affecting the refugee community. In May, 2018, a tragic apartment fire in Northeast Greensboro resulted in the death of 5 refugee children who came to the U.S. with their parents from the Democratic Republic of Congo. The fire spurred a city-wide conversation regarding the state of the entire apartment complex and in September 2018, almost all of the units were condemned by the city. Over 30 families had to relocate, all but one being foreign-born. The CNNC along with lots of other community partners assisted in the process of the families moving.

The center's social work student interns, which include UNCG students and students from other universities, were instrumental in that process and are still providing case management to a number of those families. The symposium is an intern-led event that will include a panel of intern voices, a panel of residents from the apartments, and other community partners who assisted in the process.

## **Spartans score silver for Sustainability achievements**



UNC Greensboro has earned a STARS Silver rating in recognition of its sustainability achievements from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education.

With more than 800 participants in 30 countries, AASHE's STARS program is the most widely recognized framework in the world for publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college or university's sustainability performance. Participants report achievements in five overall areas: 1) academics 2) engagement, 3) operations, 4) planning and administration, and 5) innovation and leadership.

"STARS was developed by the campus sustainability community to provide high standards for recognizing campus sustainability efforts," said AASHE Executive Director Meghan Fay Zahniser. "UNC Greensboro has demonstrated a substantial commitment to sustainability by achieving a STARS Silver Rating and is to be congratulated for their efforts."

Unlike other rating or ranking systems, this program is open to all institutions of higher education, and the criteria that determine a STARS rating are transparent and accessible to anyone. Because STARS is a program based on credits earned, it allows for both internal comparisons as well as comparisons with similar institutions.

"We are very proud to have achieved a STARS Silver rating for our sustainability accomplishments. We look forward to growing our sustainability efforts and improving through the STARS program," said Jorge Quintal, UNCG's Chief Sustainability Officer and Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities.

AASHE is an association of colleges and universities that are working to create a sustainable future. AASHE's mission is to empower higher education to lead the sustainability transformation. It provides resources, professional development and a network of support to enable institutions of higher education to model and advance sustainability in everything they do, from governance and operations to education and research. For more information about AASHE, visit [www.aashe.org](http://www.aashe.org).

UNCG's STARS report is publicly available on the STARS website here: <https://reports.aashe.org/institutions/university-of-north-carolina-greensboro-nc/report/2019-02-07/>

## Lighting up the fairways this spring



Bryce Hendrix at Irish Creek Collegiate

UNCG Men’s Golf is having an outstanding year. And they head to the SoCon Championship tournament next week.

The team won the recent 2019 Irish Creek Intercollegiate – marking only the second time Men’s Golf has won three tournaments in one year. They also finished in first place at the UNCG Grandover Collegiate and the UNCG Martin Downs Collegiate.

Bryce Hendrix, a senior majoring in recreation and parks management, easily took home the individual championship in the tournament, finishing at 20-under. His 54-hole score of 193 shattered the previous school record of 203 set by Carter Jenkins and his 20-under also easily broke the school record for a score against par.

Women’s Golf competed in the SoCon Championship this week. They placed second at the Fall Spartan Classic. Their academic discipline is noteworthy. They have a team GPA of 3.83. That stellar academic mark received special notice during last week’s trustees meeting.



Lexi Kershaw, business administration major

## Newsmakers: Ali, Tew Recital Hall, Etnier, Spartan Passage, “Unlikely,” and Welsh

Whether researchers with timely insights or students with outstanding stories, members of the UNCG community appear in print, web and broadcast media every day. Here is a sampling of UNCG-related stories in the news and media over the week:

- Dr. Omar Ali was featured as an expert on the PBS documentary “Reconstruction,” speaking on the aftermath of Reconstruction, the rise of sharecropping, and the political movement Black Populism. [The documentary.](#)

- The News & Record featured the naming of the Tew Recital Hall. [The piece.](#)
- Dr. Jenny Etnier spoke to Fox8 about UNCG's upcoming clinical trial on Alzheimer's. [The piece.](#)
- The Richmond Daily Journal featured the Spartan Passage program, which provides co-admission between Richmond Community College and UNCG. [The article.](#)
- Business North Carolina wrote a piece on the conversation on student success spurred by the screenings of "Unlikely" and talks by the filmmaker at UNCG. [The piece.](#)
- Dr. Dianne Welsh was featured among the winners of the UNC system Teaching Excellence Award in the News & Record. [The article.](#)

## Inaugural inductees of UNCG's new Phi Kappa Phi



Phi Kappa Phi is one of the nation's oldest honor societies. Now, it is UNCG's newest.

On April 11, a ceremony honored the first Spartan members of this prestigious honor society. The 70 initiates, chosen from students, faculty, and staff, were each called to the front of the room and presented with a certificate of membership and a Phi Kappa Phi pin. The ceremony, held in Ferguson Auditorium, featured remarks by Provost Dana Dunn, Dr. Omar Ali, Dr. Brad Johnson, Dr. Heather Holian, Dr. Angela Bolte and Dr. Greg Bell.

Ali is president-elect of the organization. Johnson is the secretary, Holian is the treasurer, and Bolte the PR officer.



The 352nd chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society had been officially installed at UNCG March 13 in a small ceremony.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest cross-discipline honors society, founded in 1897, and one of the most prestigious. It admits the most distinguished junior, senior, and undergraduate students in any major. It was also one of the first honors societies to admit women, two years after it formed. Notable past members include former president Jimmy Carter, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley, and astronaut Wendy Lawrence.

For more information and future events, see the PKP website [here](#).

## 38 inducted into 2019 Golden Chain at UNCG



The Golden Chain Honor Society welcomed 38 new members during the Spring 2019 inductions. This diverse student population represents many facets of the university experience.

This semester’s induction class includes:

### **Kelsey Barrett**

Kelsey is a student athlete on the UNCG Cross Country/Track team. She is a junior double majoring in Biology and Psychology.

**Michael Bell**

Michael is a senior majoring in Classical Studies and is a member of the first class of McNair Scholars here at UNCG.

**Caroline Bolin**

Caroline is a senior majoring in Communication Studies. She is also a Senior Managing Consultant in the UNCG Speaking Center.

**Casey Bolt**

Casey is a senior majoring in Sociology. He is a United States Army National Guard and has served for 8 years, recently helping residents to safety during Hurricane Florence.

**Jack Burkill**

Jack is a junior majoring in Business Administration. He is a student athlete on the Men's Tennis Team.

**Breanna Butcher**

Breanna is a junior majoring in Kinesiology and a member of the UNCG Women's Softball Team.

**Nicholas Conklin**

Nicholas is a junior majoring in Sociology. He has dedicated several hours volunteering and mentoring with the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program.

**Rachel Digman**

Rachel is a senior double majoring in Political Science and Communication Studies. She is also a Communications Consultant in the UNCG Speaking Center.

**Kendall Dobbins**

Kendall is a junior majoring in Business Marketing. She is a student athlete on the Women's Golf Team.

**Maria Esch**

Maria is a junior double majoring in International Global Human Rights and Women's and Gender Studies. She is also a member of the UNCG Women's Volleyball Team.

**Marissa Ferrantino**

Marissa is a junior majoring in Psychology and a member of the UNCG Women's Soccer Team.

**Brandi Fier**

Brandi is a senior majoring in Studio Arts and minoring in business. She is also student

athlete on the Women's Basketball Team.

**Nautica Friday**

Nautica is a junior majoring in Kinesiology and a member of the UNCG Cross Country Track Team.

**Jordan Gontram**

Jordan is a junior majoring in Business Administration and a member of the Women's Softball Team.

**Mary Kennedy**

Mary is a junior majoring in Speech Pathology and a member of the UNCG Women's Soccer Team.

**Kate Krupp**

Kate is a senior majoring in Business Administration with a minor in American Sign Language.

**Matthew Mattis**

Matthew is a senior majoring in Business Economics. He is a student athlete on the Men's Soccer Team.

**Megan Moran**

Megan is a junior majoring in Business Marketing and member of the UNCG Women's Volleyball Team.

**Taqqi Muhammad**

Taqqi is a senior majoring in Kinesiology. He is a student athlete on the Men's Basketball Team and a student assistant coach.

**Jasmine Palmer**

Jasmine is a Senior majoring in Communication Studies and a member of the Women's Softball Team.

**Kellar Poteat**

Kellar is a junior majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders with a minor in American Sign Language.

**Victoria Powell**

Victoria is a junior majoring in Media Studies. She is an athlete on the Women's Basketball Team.

**Ali Ramirez-Garibay**

Ali is junior majoring in Spanish. Next year she will oversee the children's program at Real World English, which is a two-generation program which helps Latinx parents learn English while their children participate in STEM activities.

**Cienna Rideout**

Cienna is a junior majoring in Supply Chain Management. She is a student athlete on the Women's Soccer Team.

**Daniel Rust**

Daniel is a junior majoring in Business Economics. He is a student athlete on the UNCG Cross Country Track Team.

**Sara Rydman**

Sara is a junior majoring in International Business and is a member of the Women's Golf Team.

**Nadine Soliman**

Nadine is a junior from Egypt majoring in Communication Studies. She is also a student athlete and Captain of the Women's Basketball Team.

**Kara Stomp**

Kara is a senior double majoring in Public Health and Communication Studies with a minor in Business Studies. She is a managing consultant in the UNCG Speaking Center. She is also a member of the first Chancellor's Ambassador's Class.

**Kaitlyn Stone**

Kaitlyn is a junior double majoring in Anthropology and Sociology. She is captain of the UNCG Cross Country/Track team and an employee in the Kaplan Center for Wellness.

**Olivia Tarpley**

Olivia is a junior double majoring in History and Women's and Gender Studies. She is a member of the Spartan Orientation Staff and Vice President of the Student Government Association.

**Crystal Tejada**

Crystal is a junior majoring in Business Administration. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society, and the Lloyd International Honors College.

**Abigail Thomas**

Abigail is a junior majoring in Spanish and Communication Studies. She also volunteers with the UNCG Speaking Center with groups of elementary and middle school students in theatre

camps during the summer.

**Louisa Tichy**

Louisa is a junior majoring in Kinesiology and a member of the Women's Golf Team. She has also served as an Assistant Golf Instructor.

**Kaley Tucker**

Kaley is a junior majoring in Communication Studies. She is a student athlete on the Women's Soccer Team at UNCG.

**Heida Vidarsdottir**

Heida is a senior majoring in Sociology with a minor in Women's and Gender Studies. She is a captain on the Women's Soccer Team and awarded Most Outstanding Player of the SoCon Tournament.

**Cameron Warren**

Cameron is a junior majoring in Business Administration. He is also a Writing Consultant in the University Writing Center.

**Ny-Juan Williams**

Ny-Juan is a senior majoring in Kinesiology. He is a student athlete on the UNCG Cross Country/Track team.

**Riccardo Zarri**

Riccardo is a junior majoring in International Business. He is also a student athlete on the Men's Soccer team.

## UNCG Board of Trustees welcomes newest members

**UNCG** announced two new members to its Board of Trustees.

Mae Douglas and Linda Sloan, both UNCG alumni with tremendous business, civic, and community credentials, were appointed by the UNC System Board of Governors on March 22 to four-year terms beginning July 1. They will replace Charles Blackmon and Susan Safran, who rotate off the board as of June 30, following eight and 10 years of service, respectively.

Mae Douglas is a native of Greensboro and holds a BA in Sociology from UNCG. She is an active and engaged community leader with an established, decorated career as a Human Resources executive, culminating with her tenure as a highly respected executive vice-

president and chief people officer for Cox Communications. Under her leadership, Cox received recognition for its people practices from Women in Cable Telecommunications and from Diversity, Inc. as one of the top 50 companies for diversity and inclusion. Mae has previously served on UNCG's Excellence Foundation Board of Directors as well as the boards for Gateway University Research Park and Friends of the UNCG Libraries. In 2015, she established the Mae Douglas Fund in honor of her nephew, Sterling Douglas, to support the Library's Digital Media Commons and name its Presentation Practice Room.

Said UNCG Board of Trustees Chairman, Brad Hayes, "Mae's professional background and passion, along with her commitment to leading diversity and inclusion initiatives and setting human capital strategy, align perfectly with the UNCG mission, core values, and strategic plan."

Linda Sloan is a dynamic leader in the Greensboro community, particularly in the area of theater and the arts. She is a UNCG alum with a Master's in Fine Arts. Linda and her husband Tom have established five scholarships at UNCG, including the Lisbeth V. Stevens Scholarship Fund in 1988 in memory of Linda's sister, and the Harry B. and Edith V. Sloan Memorial Scholarship in Science, Math & Health in 1997, in memory of Tom's parents. Linda has served on the Board of Visitors for the College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) and as a member of the Weatherspoon Arts Foundation Board. She and Tom have hosted welcome dinners at their New York City home during the annual UNCG CVPA Theatre Industry Showcase and at their Greensboro home for our Library's Jackson Society. Sloan taught for twenty years at Greensboro Day School, where she established their ongoing theater program. She was instrumental in founding the Women to Women Endowment of the Community Foundation. She was also the founding board chair of Triad Stage, a role she served for seven years. Her community involvement also includes chairperson of the United Arts Council and Greenhill Art Gallery, as well as service on several additional arts organizations and community boards.

"Linda's established support for student success is well aligned with our strategic plan," Hayes said. "Her expertise in the arts and engagement in that community will be invaluable as we develop the Visual and Performing Arts district of UNCG's Millennial Campus."

The Board of Governors also reappointed Brad Hayes and Mona Edwards to the UNCG Board for second four-year terms. Hayes currently serves as Chairman of both the Board and the Executive Committee. He has been a member of the Board since 2014. Edwards currently serves as Secretary and has been a member since 2015. She chairs the Grievance Committee.

Their appointments run through June 30, 2023.

## In Greensboro, it's just one great event after another



This week the world Irish Dancing Championship is hosted at the Koury Convention Center on Gate City Boulevard. Not your cup of tea? You won't know unless you check it out. And if you take a pass on that, consider all the other events you can conveniently see that make this city so full of life.

Each time the NCAA Tourney is hosted there, you get a free opportunity to see open practices. Each time figure skating championships are there, there are free or lost-cost opportunities to see the warm-up sessions – remarkably up-close. And then the real competitions are well worth the price.

Our city has hosted lots of big events, including the greatest Final Four ever (1974 at the Coliseum). Our campus has hosted [Charlie Chaplin](#), Martha Graham and [George Washington Carver](#). And [Flannery O'Connor](#). John Hope Franklin.

Remember the double-bill of Emanuel Ax and Yo-Yo Ma in UNCG Auditorium? That was an evening. And the double-bill of pianist George Shearing and blues singer Joe Williams?

The many dozens of concerts in the area by the Carolina Chocolate Drops, with former UNCG grad student Rhiannon Giddens. In an early concert, I took my boys to an Alamance County community center to hear them play with Joe Thompson. I have some photos somewhere.

And speaking of Ms. Giddens, did you see the first production of “Beautiful Star,” with music by alumna Lauralyn Dossett, in which [Rhiannon sang “O Holy Night”](#) to end the show? Moments like those are Broadway quality – and you don't have to fly to New York. UNCG Theatre's ongoing relationship with Triad Stage is a win-win – and Triad Stage tickets are as low as \$10 for any production. You can park in the deck behind the theater, often for free. Try that in Manhattan.

I missed Toad the Wet Sprocket on campus in the 90s. I did catch The Drive-By Truckers beside Yum-Yum. 10 dollars a ticket. I missed a free show by Merle Haggard at a summer downtown festival, but I did see The Mavericks. Free.

I've seen Springsteen five times at the Coliseum, plus The Cars, Dixie Chicks, Prince (Purple Rain tour, with Sheila E. opening.), Paul Simon.

Charlie Louvin at a local club. Jason Isbell at the Blind Tiger. Guitar Gabriel at New York Pizza. Gillian Welch at the Flying Anvil. Gibson Brothers at the Green Bean. The pop/punk band [Ex Hex](#) in the Gatewood Studio Arts Building, electric guitar reverb bouncing off the concrete walls. That was crazy good.

UNCG and one or two other Greensboro colleges hosted [Kendrick Lamar \(and joining him, J. Cole\)](#) at the Coliseum complex, geared for students. I didn't see it, but I heard it was a blast. Our university hosted The Lumineers in Cone Ballroom for students just before "Ho, Hey" was broke big. [Someone recorded the moment.](#)

Prefer sports? Spartans in the 90s caught a couple of seasons of Derek Jeter playing shortstop for the Greensboro Single A team. (I remember the fielding errors – and his looking pretty smooth.) More recently, Spartans have seen stars like Brian McCann and Bryce Harper play at the stadium a mile away. And remember [Giaoncarlo Stanton](#) blasting all those homers? And then there's basketball. The [Kyle Hines vs Stephen Curry match-ups](#) on campus and at the Coliseum. (My sons were impressed by how quickly Curry could get a shot up. They still are.) And our PGA tournament, another great deal. The chance to [see Tiger Woods](#), Davis Love III, and other top golfers up-close with my family made for good memories.

The point is: Greensboro and UNCG offer so much. Every month of every year. And most of it's relatively low-cost. Or free-admission. You just have to go.

This year's UCLS has been particularly strong. I am looking forward to what's in store next year. And speaking of next year, I've already bought my tickets for the first opera at the Tanger Center, "Porgy and Bess," starring UNCG alumna Rhiannon Giddens. I expect it'll be *the* big event in our state next spring; it will sell out; I recommend buying your tickets soon.

The [Greensboro Bound](#) book festival, all events free-admission, is a few weeks away. The [NC Folk Festival](#), a few months away, is all free-admission. Spartan Cinema again will offer free movies in the LeBauer Park, each Friday this summer. (CW will run a story before each of these three begin, spotlighting the UNCG connections.)

And check out the other colleges' listings too – they offer some great things as well.

If you haven't seen a UNCG Music performance, [check this story out](#). Haven't seen a softball or baseball game? You have a few weeks left to do it. UNCG Tennis is great to watch too – you're very close to the action. There are a few events left in the Sixties series, including the [big Grateful Dead weekend](#) and "[Man of La Mancha](#)" next month.

Now, I'm going to go see about this Irish dancing. I hear we have a student competing.

*By Mike Harris '93 MA, Campus Weekly editor*

## **Dr. Dianne Welsh**

Dr. Dianne Welsh, Hayes Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship, was appointed as the US Alumna Liaison for the Fulbright-Hall Distinguished Chair for Entrepreneurship in Central Europe at WU Vienna, 2019-2023.

## **Dr. Holly Sienkiewicz**



Dr. Holly Sienkiewicz, director of research at the Center for New North Carolinians, received new funding from The Weaver Foundation for the project “Promoting Sustainability: Updating the Interpreter Bank and Community Center Model.”

The Interpreter ACCESS Project is a fee-based program that provides face-to-face interpretation services for health and human service providers. The interpretation field is moving in the direction of providing video remote interpretation. To stay relevant and sustainable, this element needs to be incorporated into the Interpreter ACCESS Project. The services of a business professional will be utilized to assist with the addition and transition of this technology into our existing Interpreter program.