Moss Street Partnership School in Reidsville is searching for qualified teachers and substitute teachers.

We hope that as part of the extended UNCG community, you can help us share this tremendous opportunity and encourage friends, family and colleagues to join our team and mission to make a real impact.

Teaching is at the heart of what we do, and Moss Street offers so much more to our students and community. We blend expanded instructional capacity integrated with broad wrap-around services – like counseling and nutritional programs – to support students’ health, social development, and emotional well-being, as well as the professional development of the educational staff.

We are a fully inclusive, collaborative culture for K-5 students that is learner-centered and learner-led. All students learn to be contributors to their families and communities. At Moss Street Partnership School students are encouraged and supported in pursuing their dreams and aspirations.

Help us expand our reach and bring talented, caring professionals into our very special Moss Street environment. Teaching at Moss Street Partnership School matters, and it will make a real difference every day.

Learn more about Moss Street Partnership School at mossstreet.uncg.edu.

Questions about Moss Street Partnership School, contact:
Dr. Christina O’Connor
UNCG School of Education
Email: ckoconno@uncg.edu
Phone: (336) 256-1082

Find information about this unique opportunity, and the application process at spartantalent.uncg.edu.

**Just for faculty/staff: Free tickets for Saturday’s games**

All UNCG faculty and staff members will receive FREE admission to both UNCG basketball games on Saturday, December 21, with a valid university ID.

The women’s team hosts High Point University at 4 p.m. The men’s team hosts Northern Kentucky at 7 p.m. Both games are in Fleming Gym.

Bring guests for just $5 per ticket. Tickets are good for both games.

The deadline to order guest tickets is this Friday, Dec. 20, at noon. Questions? Call 336-334-3250 or email t_weedon@uncg.edu

**Starfish Updates and Reminders: December 2019**

As the University prepares for a new term, the Students First Office would like to remind the campus community of important information about the Starfish early alert and scheduling technology.

Starfish Features and Winter Break Schedule:
- December 4: Last day of Fall 2019 classes
- December 12: Last day of final exams; last day for instructors to issue flags, kudos, and referrals for Fall 2019 courses
- December 13: December Commencement; all Fall 2019 flags, kudos, and referrals will be cleared (Note: Cleared tracking items will remain available for historical viewing until the start of spring term)
- December 16: Winter Term courses begin; flags, kudos, and select referrals will remain available for instructors to issue to students enrolled in Winter Term courses
- December 24-January 1: UNCG Closed for Winter Break

Online appointment scheduling will remain available over the winter break to all faculty and staff who
post availability on their Starfish calendars. Faculty and staff who will be away from campus during this time should remove all calendar availability prior to leaving to prevent scheduling conflicts.

Workshop Opportunities:
If you are new to Starfish or would like to refresh your knowledge, please consider attending one of our Starfish 101 workshops in the spring. These workshops are designed to introduce undergraduate course instructors and advisors to the basic Starfish features available to support and enhance their work with undergraduate students. View available workshop times and sign up via workshops.uncg.edu. The spring workshop schedule will be posted by January 13, 2020.

Starfish Support & Training
For Starfish assistance, please email starfish@uncg.edu. Please note that Starfish support will be unavailable when the University is closed December 24, 2019 – January 1, 2020.

Students, staff, and instructors are encouraged to explore UNCG’s Starfish website for additional information about Starfish and available training guides.

Healthy UNCG update as we look toward 2020

Beginning in January 2020, ALL services provided by our registered dietitian Cari Culp, will be covered at 100% by the State Health Plan. Employees on either plan, 70/30 or 80/20, will be able to meet with Cari or attend workshops at no cost. Cari is already booking for January. Consultations take place in various locations on campus. Choose whichever location is most convenient for you! To learn more or to book an appointment with Cari, click here: http://healthyuncg.wp.uncg.edu/programs/healthyu/

The Kaplan Center for Wellness is offering group swim lessons beginning in January. The Learn-to-Swim program teaches people to be safe in, on, and around water and focuses on skill development, water safety, and drowning prevention. Class available for ages preschool to adult. All lessons are taught by an American Red Cross certified instructor. For more information, registration and times, click here: https://recwell.uncg.edu/aquatics/lessons/swim-lessons-group/
Newsmakers: Dunn, GCSTOP, Weatherspoon, Davis, Whitt, Brady, basketball

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 last week:

- Provost Dana Dunn spoke to Root Cause about UNCG’s efforts to raise graduation students. [The interview.]
- Government Technology interviewed members of the GCSTOP opioid prevention program, including Terri Shelton, Stephen Sills, and Chase Holleman. [The piece.]
- The News & Record highlighted the Weatherspoon Art Museum’s work to diversify its collection. [The feature.]
- Graduate student Monica Therisa Davis spoke to ABC 11 about efforts to turn Wilson-area shotgun houses into accessible tiny houses. [The piece.]
- MyFox8 highlighted Vickie Whitt, who was recently crowned UNCG homecoming royalty. [The article.]
- Ashlyn Brady spoke to Fatherly about the risks of infidelity in relationships. [The piece]
- The UNCG vs. NC State game – with its dramatic ending – was on a lot of newscasts. [The Raleigh News & Record report and News & Record.]

In memoriam: Mariana Newton

Dr. Mariana Newton died Dec. 12. Newton was a professor of Speech Pathology here at UNCG from 1969 until her retirement in 2000. A native of California, Newton received both her B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Redlands, California. She received her Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1969, and was hired at UNCG to direct the Speech and Hearing Center.

From 1969 to 1985 she was the Director of the Speech and Hearing Center at UNCG. From 1979 to 1985 she was Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Communication and Theater. From 1989 to 1994 she was the Chair of Interdisciplinary Programs in Gerontology, and from 1992 until her retirement in 2000, she was the Director of Graduate Studies in Communications Sciences and Disorders. In 1999, a year before her retirement, Newton received the School of Health and Human Performance Teaching Excellence Award for innovating technology in the classroom and for helping to develop the plan for the new masters’ degree in gerontology. ([Source])

She also served as UNCG Faculty Senate chair for the academic year 1999-2000.
Tom Martinek and John Chapman on SoCon Faculty & Staff Team

Each year, the Southern Conference honors two representatives from each of its member schools for their services to their institution and to the larger community. For 2019, Dr. Tom Martinek, Sr. in Kinesiology and the Bryan School’s John Chapman will receive the honor.

Martinek and Chapman will be recognized by the SoCon at the UNCG vs. NC State game on Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Greensboro Coliseum.

For the length of his career, Martinek has focused his work on how best to teach and support at-risk youth to ensure their success. He is best known for creating Project Effort, a values-based after-school sport and leadership program for underserved youth, and for playing a pivotal role in establishing UNCG’s Middle College, which serves as a bridge from high school to college and career for children who may struggle in mainstream schools. His work, at the nexus of research and hands-on research, has had an international impact, as it ensures youth who may struggle in school can get the resources and outreach they need.

Chapman, a lecturer in UNCG’s Bryan School of Business & Economics, is co-founder and director of business development of the North Carolina Sales Institute at UNCG. Chapman has more than thirty years of experience developing effective sales strategies with global businesses. He has worked with start-ups, community organizations, and major international companies including Coca-Cola and Stanley Works. At Stanley, he received the prestigious Sales Excellence Award in recognition of his work. He passes on this wide-ranging experience in his teaching at UNCG. He also oversees the Bryan School’s participation in the National Millennial Community and Gen Z Council. This national organization provides students from less-recognized institutions the opportunity to meet with the leaders of Fortune 1000 companies.
Mark Bell retirement celebration Tuesday at 3 p.m.

After 41 years at UNC Greensboro, Mark Bell is retiring from his role in Internet Technology Services.

Bell led the establishment of the campus’ managed print services. All those networked printers and copiers around campus are the result of his efforts.

But he didn’t start out in ITS. He spent the first ten years of his UNCG career as a campus police officer. “I’m very proud of our police department and how far they’ve come over the years,” he says.

Mark left the police department to work on mainframe computers in the Research Triangle for a few years, then returned to UNCG. That’s when he started working for the ITS department.

What was it like working on computers then versus now?

“Back then, I could go into a person’s office and it would be six to seven hours of me manually loading software onto each computer build. When I started in IT, it was me and one other guy taking care of all the faculty and staff computers. Five years ago, we were up to 15.”

Bell says that one of the biggest advances in campus IT support is the standardization of hardware and software. He notes that in the early days, most of the computers were custom-built and consisted of varying components. Now all of that has been streamlined so that IT personnel know what to expect when they go to work on someone’s computer.

He notes that an added benefit of the department is that it gives students solid working IT experience. “Students work with us and can leave here with a two or three years of hardcore IT experience to go along with their degrees. That’s a real advantage for them when they go out onto the market.”

Bell notes that one of the most important things about his experience working at UNCG is that he has genuinely loved his job. “Most days I arrive to work and then leave with a smile on my face. It’s a place where I am comfortable, and I really like the people here.”

Bell’s last day on campus will be Friday.
The retirement celebration is open to the public and will take place today (Tuesday, Dec. 17) from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Virginia Dare Room, Alumni House.

*By Matthew Bryant*

**Dr. Keith Debbage**

**Dr. Keith Debbage (Geography, Environment, and Sustainability)** received the American Association of Geographers (AAG) 2020 Media Achievement Award for his efforts in finding the right voice to bring geographic scholarship to the public sphere.

Debbage’s research spans local-scale urban planning, regional economic decline and recovery, and the impacts of creative economies. The AAG notes that Debbage “breaks the complexity down into jargon-free and readable packets of knowledge.”

“Debbage draws on his scholarship, extensive professional service, including his appointment as a Coleman Foundation Fellow, and his lived experience when communicating with the public, such as in his recent columns on the power of local-scale entrepreneurialism and the role of higher education in the economic and cultural life of North Carolina,” the Association’s award announcement continues. “A disarming folksiness is underlain by decades of applied scholarship, much of it completed with external grant and contract funding.”