**Quick Facts**

- HHS is the second largest academic unit at UNCG, with 5 locations across campus.
- 2953 undergraduate and 473 graduate students.
- 132 faculty members, 32 staff members.
- 10 departments and programs.
- 52 concentrations and certificate programs.
- 40% of our students are from minority populations; 5.5% self-identify as Hispanic.
- Research and contract funding: $8,489,999.

**Points of Pride**

**Child life specialist joins HHS** — Judy Kinney joined the Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation this academic year. She is a certified child life specialist (CCLS) as well as a certified therapeutic recreation specialist (CTRS). Judy has close to 20 years of clinical experience working in a variety of settings including inpatient pediatric rehabilitation, behavioral health, and residential facilities. Her research interests include pediatric pain management, the impact of disability and hospitalization on child development, program evaluation, and violence prevention in schools.

**National ranking** — The doctoral program in Human Development and Family Studies was ranked 7th in the country by two separate national rankings, with its emphasis in Child Development receiving a ranking of 4th. It is the only program of its kind in North Carolina and has a 100% job placement rate.

**Research in HHS** — HHS is known for its strong research program. This academic year, our talented faculty were awarded $8,489,999 in contracts and grants. Sixty proposals in the amount of $25,912,656 were submitted of which 43 were funded. Our research funding supports internal grants for junior faculty, research grants for undergraduate and graduate students, and assistantships for many graduate students in our departments and programs.

**Workforce need** — Many of our graduate programs boast 100% placement rates for their graduates, including the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Dietetics, Master of Science programs in Genetic Counseling and Gerontology, the Master of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders; and doctoral programs in Nutrition and Human Development and Family Studies.

**New strategic plan** — HHS leadership, led by Dean Celia Hooper, worked throughout the 2014-2015 academic year to define priorities for our school and create a new strategic plan. Faculty participated in the process through a survey, a town hall meeting, and departmental meetings led by their chair or director, where they were invited to provide feedback and suggestions. The plan, already being implemented, has three goals: Enhance student success; support faculty development; and strengthen graduate programs. It will guide HHS for the next three years, particularly in the allocation of resources and will be revisited frequently.

**Nutrition star** — Senior Shaikhah Almesbah was selected as a 2015 Spartan of Promise by the UNCG Alumni Association. She is one of only 10 students throughout the university to receive this honor. She was recognized at the Alumni of Distinction Award Dinner on October 15th. Among other qualities, Spartans of Promise demonstrate strong involvement in campus activities, proven leadership, and a passion for UNCG.

**Social work is thriving** — Melissa Floyd-Pickard received continuation funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the JMSW Behavioral Health...
**Workforce Education Training** grant. Twenty nine Masters in Social Work students received stipends from the grant this year to help prepare them to meet the growing behavioral health crisis among youth. This continuation funding will ensure stipend funding for two additional years. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, jobs in Social Work are growing at a rate higher than average.

**Two Fulbright scholars in PCS** — The Department of Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) is hosting Yurii Loboda, a Fulbright Scholar from the National Academy of Public Administration in Kyiv, Ukraine. His research focuses on the philosophy of war. Department chair, Tom Matyók, received a Fulbright to travel to the University of Konstanz in Germany where he will research the political impact of the International Student Exchange Program.

**Public health responds** — Sharon Morrison from the Department of Public Health Education is part of a group of professionals and voluntary agencies heeding the call to respond to the Syrian refugee crisis by providing cultural competency training and outreach. She traveled to Austria earlier this month to work with service organizations who are working to process and resettle refugees and asylum seekers. Sharon is a research fellow with the Center for New North Carolinians and is renowned for her expertise on integration challenges and empowerment strategies of newly arrived and settled refugees in the Piedmont.

**Health coaching’s first conference** — Over 150 state-wide leaders in health care, HHS faculty and students, and community partners in public health attended the full-day Health 2.0: Redesigning Health and Wellness Coaching in the Community Conference at UNCG to share fresh ideas and innovative approaches to help clients reach their goals. The event was sponsored in part by the Ethel Martus Lawther fund. Sessions focused on effective health coaching strategies to improve patient outcomes, best practices of health coaching in community and public health agencies, success stories of transformative value-based health care, and research updates on the effectiveness of health coaching.

**Increasing access to doctoral education** — The departments of Communication Sciences and Disorders at UNCG and Western Carolina University have partnered to create an inter-institutional program that will extend doctoral-level training to qualified individuals in the western region of North Carolina. The program, which has been in development for seven years, was approved in late fall 2014 and was designed for part-time doctoral students with working professionals in mind. Potential candidates have already begun the interview process and the submission of materials. The program will prepare professionals for careers in higher education or industry, with emphasis on research, professional leadership, public policy and economic development. Graduates of the program will receive their doctoral degrees from UNCG.

**Major Fundraising Objectives**

The School of Health and Human Sciences is dedicated to making the world a safer, healthier, more just place. In order to support these efforts, we have a number of financial priorities, including the following: a new facility for the Child Care Education Program, an expanded Advising Center, increased funding for Graduate and Undergraduate research, assistantships and scholarships, and faculty program funding.

Join us as we **Do something bigger altogether.**