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## Excellence Awards

*Honoring staff, faculty, students*

"Today we honor those individuals who really are the heart and substance behind UNCG's well-deserved reputation for excellence," said Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan to begin the University Excellence Awards Convocation on May 7.

Faculty, staff and students received awards for teaching, research, scholarship and service during the event in EUC Auditorium.

- Staff Excellence Awards – Audrey Siler, facilities operations housekeeper, School of Music; and Ray Carney, building manager for the Sullivan and Eberhart science buildings.
- Alumni Teaching Excellence Awards – Dr. Shelly Brown-Jeffy, assistant professor, Department of Sociology; and Dr. Annette Van, assistant professor, Department of English.
- Research Excellence Awards – Dr. Susan Calkins, professor, Department of Psychology and Department of Human Development and Family Studies; and Dr. Anatoly Miroshnichenko, assistant professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy.
- Gladys Strawn Bullard Awards for Service – Mary Early, administrative staff specialist, graduate School; Jeff Colbert, lecturer, Department of Political Science; and social work major Eugenia Brown.
- UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching – Dr. Vidyaranya Gargeya, professor of information systems and operations management, Bryan School.
- UNCG Service Pins – For 35 years, Dr. Robert Cannon, Department of Biology; Dr. Terence Nile, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry; Dr. Walter Salinger, Department of Psychology; Jack Masarie, School of Music; Steven Siler, Facilities Operations; and for 30 years, Dr. Jeffrey Soles, Department of Classical Studies; Dr. Susan Stinson, Department of Dance; Dr. Stuart Allen, Department of Economics; Dr. John Seta, Department of Psychology; Mary Jane Conger and Cynthia Slater, University



*Dr. Susan Calkins receives a Research Excellence Award from Sullivan as Dr. Ceola Ross Baber and Dr. Rosemary Wander look on.*

Libraries; Neal Thacker, Teaching & Learning Center; Wayne Moser, Cashier's & Student Accounts Office; Chris Russell, Financial Planning & Budgets Office; Dr. James Clotfelter and Mark Bell, Information Technology Services.

Dr. Bob Calhoun, Department of History, and Dr. Bert Goldman, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, received The Order of the Longleaf Pine award, the state's highest recognition. Both are retiring and have served more than 40 years.

- Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards – Swetha Chakravarthi, School of Human Environmental Sciences; Heather Sanderson, School of Health & Human Performance; Amy Bigbee, School of Education; Kathryn Bridwell-Briner, School of Music; Michael Peterson, College of Arts & Sciences; Richard Schilhavy, Bryan School of Business & Economics.
- Outstanding Dissertation Award – Dr. Tina Miyake, Department of Psychology, "Metacognition, Proactive Interference, and Working Memory: Can People Monitor for Proactive Interference at Encoding and Retrieval?"
- Outstanding Master's Thesis Award – Mary Julia Constance Moore, Department of Human Development & Family Studies, "Linking Adolescents' Problem Behaviors and Parents' Divorce Proneness."

## Free Commencement Shuttle

Park & Ride shuttle service will be provided Friday, May 16, to transport faculty, staff and students between campus and the Greensboro Coliseum Complex during Commencement.

Board the bus at the HEAT bus stop at the Walker Avenue circle behind the Jackson Library tower to be dropped off in front of War Memorial Auditorium, near the volunteer station and faculty robing room. Shuttle service begins at 7 a.m. and ends around 4 p.m., with pick-ups at 15 minute intervals.

## Free Parking, Too

To accommodate graduates and guests attending departmental graduation ceremonies, parking in all campus lots and three parking decks (Oakland, Walker and McIver) will be free Thursday, May 15, through Saturday, May 17. Faculty and staff with deck permits are cautioned to anticipate increased traffic flow and possible entry/exit delays during this time.

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## Close to 2,400 Ready to March

*Commencement is Friday at coliseum*

Our campus will hold commencement on Friday, May 16, at 10 a.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum, with Davidson College President Thomas W. Ross as the featured speaker.

Honorary doctoral degrees will be presented to N.C. State Basketball Coach Kay Yow, Doctor of Humane Letters; Fred Chappell, UNCG professor emeritus of English and North Carolina Poet Laureate emeritus, Doctor of Fine Arts, and Ross, Doctor of Laws.

UNCG will present degrees at the undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels, and more than 2,400 students are candidates to complete degrees during second semester.

UNCG's 116th graduation will be the final one for Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan as chancellor. She is retiring on July 31.

From her first commencement in May 1995 through last December's graduation, a total of 35,484 degrees have been awarded – 24,357 undergraduates, 10,097 master's and 1,030 doctorates – or approximately one-third of the total degrees UNCG has awarded in its history.

Notable in this year's commencement are:

- Two former University Marshals are retiring, Dr. Bob Calhoun (History, 44 years) and Dr. Bert Goldman (Curriculum and Instruction, 43 years). Both will attend and Goldman will hood six graduate students who have completed their PhDs.

- The first Ph.D. in Nursing will be awarded.
- Stephanie Turner of Greensboro, an adult student majoring in religious studies and history, is graduating from UNCG a century after her great grandmother graduated from the State Normal and Industrial College in 1908. Turner's mother (1960) and grandmother (1931) also graduated from UNCG.

In addition to Sullivan, other participants will include UNC President Erskine Bowles; Provost David H. Perrin; Kathryn Crowe, chair of the Faculty Senate; Stephen C. Hassenfelt, chair of the UNCG Board of Trustees, along with other trustees; Betsey Ervin, president of the UNCG Alumni Association; Dr. James Petersen, dean of the Graduate School; N.C. Rep. Alma Adams; and Paris Lofaro of Reston, Va., who is the speaker for the Class of 2008.

Also taking part in the ceremonies will be UNCG's academic deans; mace bearer Dr. Terence Nile and chief marshal Meredith Andrews of Hillsborough. At the conclusion, the University Bell will be rung by Rascha Kriegsman of the Class of 1958, and GaBriana King of Asheville, Class of 2008 alumni representative, and the tassel-turner will be Dedrick Curtis of Lenoir. The Commencement Band and Chorus will provide music.

## Diploma/Recognition Ceremonies

In conjunction with commencement exercises, the professional schools and many departments in the College of Arts and Sciences will hold diploma ceremonies. A complete listing is available on the University Registrar's web site at [www.uncg.edu/reg/Com/Comm\\_Event\\_Web.pdf](http://www.uncg.edu/reg/Com/Comm_Event_Web.pdf).

More details are available at [www.uncg.edu/reg/CommencementCentral](http://www.uncg.edu/reg/CommencementCentral).



## University Adopts New Smoking Policy

The air around campus buildings will be getting a little clearer. The university has adopted a new smoking policy that takes effect Aug. 1.

The new policy reads: "Smoking shall be prohibited outdoors within 25 feet of any campus building unless designation otherwise has been provided. Wherever possible, ash urns and other provisions made available to smokers should be located to positions outside the 25 foot perimeter of buildings. No facilities shall be approved or areas otherwise designated within 25 feet of any entrance, outdoor air intake, or operable window."

The Student Health Center can help smokers who want to quit. For information about cessation services, which are available to students, faculty and staff, contact Wellness Coordinator Jason Robertson at 4-3097 or [jrobert@uncg.edu](mailto:jrobert@uncg.edu).

The new policy augments the existing ban on smoking inside buildings. Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan enacted the policy after it was formulated by a university task force. Last summer, the NC General Assembly banned smoking in all state buildings and gave state institutions, including universities, greater authority to limit smoking. The state's action prompted new consideration of smoking policies throughout the UNC system.

One of the factors considered in formulating UNCG's new policy was an online survey conducted during the fall. The Student Government Association, the Residence Hall Association, the Faculty Senate and the Staff Senate spread the word about the survey, which was filled out by 138 people.

Eighty-six percent of respondents reported that they encountered smoke at least occasionally when entering or exiting campus buildings. Sixty-two percent said they were offended by that smoke. Sixty percent of smokers surveyed indicated a desire to quit.

The new policy meets Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council.

## TLC Workshops

This summer, the Teaching and Learning Center, in collaboration with Unit Instructional Technology Consultants and ITS, will offer a comprehensive series of workshops and brown bag lunches on subjects related to instructional technology as well as teaching and learning. Starting May 20 and continuing through July, brown bag lunches will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with longer workshops on Wednesday afternoons.

The sessions will cover subjects related to teaching online, classroom technology, teaching and learning strategies, library and online resources, Blackboard, technology tools and production of multimedia.

For more information and to register, visit [utlc.uncg.edu/workshops](http://utlc.uncg.edu/workshops) – click on "Univ. Teaching & Learning Center." For additional information, call 4-5108.

# looking ahead

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

6 p.m. – Baseball vs. Davidson.

### THURSDAY, MAY 15

9 a.m. – Oral examination in defense of dissertation, Loizos Loizou,

"A Case Study of Implementation of Response to Intervention in First Grade: Assessing Student Performance Data and Teacher Beliefs as a Model for Providing Effective Reading Instruction to All Students," Room 315, Curry Building.

10 a.m. – Oral examination in defense of dissertation, Sara J. Littlejohn,

"The Rhetoric of Food Narratives: Ideology and Influence in American Culture," Room 3319, MHRA Building.

6 p.m. – Baseball vs. Davidson.

### FRIDAY, MAY 16

10 a.m. – Commencement, Greensboro Coliseum.

10 a.m. – Art Exhibition opening, "The Faraway/Nearby: Landscapes and Urban Views from the Permanent Collection," Weatherspoon.

6 p.m. – Baseball vs. Davidson.

### TUESDAY, MAY 20

8:30 a.m. – Workshop, Office of Leadership and Service-Learning

Summer Faculty Development Workshop, Maple Room, EUC. \$100 Stipend. RSVP at 6-1484.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Summer session starts.

Staff Senate  
Employment Enrichment Committee

## BROWN BAG LUNCH SEMINARS

### Sending and Receiving

#### Better Email

Kevin Bullard, ITS Communications Officer

Tuesday, June 10

& Tuesday, July 15

### "To Shred or Not to Shred" Is That Your Question?

How to Maintain, Preserve and Dispose  
of University Records with Confidence  
Barbara Tbokey, University Records Officer  
(with Betty Carter, University Archivist)

Thursday, June 26

Bryan 416

12-1pm

Seating Limited

Registration Required

Drinks & Dessert Provided

For Information and Registration visit the UNCG Staff Senate website:  
<http://www.uncg.edu/staff.groups/senate/>

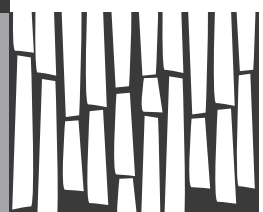
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### UNCG Shred-A-Thon

Campus-wide Document Disposal Event

Thursday, July 24

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# campus people



Dr. Ruth King

**Dr. Ruth King** (Bryan School) received a 2008 Boeing Welliver Faculty Fellowship. King is one of nine professors nationwide who were honored with the award. The fellowship, which runs from June to August, matches faculty with mentors from Boeing. The approach is to expose a small number of professors to key elements of the business realities of the industrial workplace by enabling them to “look over the shoulder” of working professionals. It also provides faculty with a better understanding of the practical industry applications of their areas of academic expertise.



James Fisher

**James Fisher** (Theatre) will soon have his book “Understanding Tony Kushner” published by the University of South Carolina Press. Last year, Fisher received the Betty Jean Jones Award for Excellence in the Teaching of American Theatre, from the American Theatre and Drama Society.



Connie Uselman

**Connie Uselman** (Bryan School) was the chair and organizer of the recent Administrative Personnel Conference sponsored by the North Carolina College Personnel Association. The conference had more than 115 participants from 13 colleges and universities from across the state.



Dr. Deborah J. Taub

**Brad Johnson** (Housing & Residence Life) was elected as president-elect of the North Carolina College Personnel Association. It provides growth and developmental opportunities for undergraduate, graduate students and college personnel across North Carolina.

**Dr. Deborah J. Taub** (Education) was named the Distinguished Scholar for 2008 by the North Carolina College Personnel Association. To be nominated for the award, the individual must have made significant contributions to the field of Student Development in Higher Education.



Michael Parker

Soccer coach **Michael Parker** (Athletics) has written a book, “Premier Soccer,” which provides insights for mastering the game of soccer.

**Hema Yarragunta** (University Speaking Center) was awarded the National Communication Association’s 2008 Communication Center Section Outstanding Student Tutor Award.

## New Chancellor at UNC-CH

Dr. H. Holden Thorp has been elected chancellor of UNC Chapel Hill by the UNC system’s Board of Governors.

Thorp, 43, will assume his new duties July 1. He succeeds James Moeser, who is retiring after eight years in the post.

Thorp served as director of Morehead Planetarium from 2001-2004. In 2005, he was named Kenan Professor and chair of UNC-CH’s Department of Chemistry. Last year, he became dean of the campus’ College of Arts and Sciences.

## Largest Class Gift in UNCG History

The class of 1958 has presented UNCG with the largest reunion class gift – \$1,080,663 – in the history of the university. This is the first time a reunion class gift has exceeded one million dollars.

The gift was presented to Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan during the 115th meeting of the UNCG Alumni Association held during reunion weekend, May 2-3.

Presenters were Rascha Sklut Kriegsman of Greensboro, Pat Shore Clark of Winston-Salem and Sue Sigmon Williams of Atlanta, who served as reunion chairs. Williams received the Distinguished Alumni Award at reunion.

Class members were encouraged to give to whatever program, fund, scholarship or other designation had special meaning to them from across the six schools, the College of Arts and Sciences and other parts of the university.

More than 12 major gifts have been established by individual classmates.

Funds from the gift will go toward the Students First Campaign.

## Service-Learning Opportunity

On Wednesday June 25, UNCG will host Dr. Marilynne Boyle-Baise, professor of curriculum studies in social studies education at Indiana University and author of “Multicultural Service Learning: Educating Teachers in Diverse Communities.” Dr. Boyle-Baise will lead off a day of presentations and workshops on service-learning in teacher education at the Symposium for Future Ready Schools that the School of Education is organizing at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The Office of Leadership and Service-Learning will pay one-day registration fees for UNCG faculty, students and community partners interested in attending the service-learning events scheduled for June 25. They must email Dr. Adrian Wurr at [ajwurr@uncg.edu](mailto:ajwurr@uncg.edu) before Friday, May 23. More information is available at [www.uncg.edu/ted/summersymposium](http://www.uncg.edu/ted/summersymposium).

## SON Distinguished Alumna

The School of Nursing Alumni Association recognized Lelia Moore, a 1971 graduate, with the SON’s 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Moore, who launched the Congregational Nursing Program at Moses Cone Health System eight years ago, has established nurse programs in more than 50 area congregations. Programs pair nurses and churches to offer free health education, screenings and consultations.