Friends of UNCW

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We need YOU!

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Friends of UNCW grants wishes for UNCW

The Friends of UNCW Board of Directors needs your help to raise money for their yearly grant program. Each year the board raises money through this annual appeal in order to award grants to faculty and staff at UNCW. The board raised $12,000 last year to support grants for departments and programs at the University of North Carolina Wilmington for the 2015-16 academic year. Grants for students, faculty and staff would not be possible without your support. For the 2015-2016 academic year, the Friends awarded 19 grants that totaled $12,000. While this award amount may not seem extravagant to some, the impact is HUGE. A little can go a long way at UNCW due to the resourcefulness of the faculty and staff. Your gifts assist students with their applied learning experience and their outreach in the community. The grant award amounts ranged from $159 to $1,230. The faculty and staff who received these awards in the past have provided quotes and photos of how gifts to the Friends directly impact the students at UNCW and outreach in the community. We hope you will see the impact of your gift and decided to make a gift to support the Friends of UNCW again this year. Your support touches the lives of many!

This year thanks to the Friends of UNCW, the WCE Junior Seahawk Academy was able to provide 10 scholarships for middle school students to attend the two week long day program on the campus of UNCW this summer. The scholarship allowed these students to attend the program and engage in real-world, hands on, field experiences. Their participation helped them to work with technologies and books to enhance literacy skills and other math and science learning tools to spark their interests in STEM (Science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Health and Teacher Education. The students participated in numerous activities and met with various UNCW faculty, staff and students as they learned networking skills and how to be a successful student. This year one of the scholarship recipients was named the 2015 Laverne Whitted Outstanding Junior Seahawk participant. Friends of UNCW have really allowed Junior Seahawk program to meet its mission.

Angelia Reid-Griffin, Associate Professor, Instruction Technology, Foundations and Secondary Education, Watson College of Education

Reaching out to the Community

You can also make a gift online! All gifts count and are greatly appreciated!
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The I Can Do It, You Can Do It program utilizes faculty and students from the School to provide physical activity programs to individuals with disabilities. It encourages additional physical activity time through the week by going walking, bowling, hiking, biking, or any other form of physical activity. The program also offers information to the participants and their families about nutrition and making healthy food choices. Mentors are UNCW students enrolled in PED 415 (Adapted Physical Activity).

Sue Combs, Professor, Health and Applied Human Sciences

The generous Friends of UNCW grant has allowed us to grow the Fisher University Union permanent art collection, the largest union art collection of student work in the state. This grant allows us to purchase work from UNCW students who are selected through the All Student Show the Boseman Art Gallery hosts yearly. This could be the first piece of work the student has sold and allows them to leave their permanent mark on the university.

Stefanie M. Norris
Interim Associate Director, Campus Life Arts and Programs

The purchase of four timpani heads for our second set of timpani has enabled us to maintain the busy rehearsal and performance schedule between the Wilmington Symphony, Wilmington Symphonic Winds, UNCW Symphonic Wind Band, UNCW Chamber Winds, percussion studio practice, and those times when we host high school students for Honor Band. - John Rack, Associate Professor, Music

"Drum circle was fun to interact with the class through music and dance. It definitely made my day better to create a beat and dance in the sun." - Student quote from Christine Liao, Assistant Professor, Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle, Literacy and Special Education

The iPad mini (in its keyboard case) made its second successful trip to Buenos Aires this May, leading thirteen lucky students in their discovery of Argentine art, music, history, politics, and literature. The device looked compact and inconspicuous, but it had a big assignment. It took photos of the the students and posted them to the UNCW ENG 294 Facebook page. It disseminated information about where to meet for class discussions, which bus to take to the museum, and what to wear to a milonga. It kept track of expenses and sorted the email. It even collected students’ written assignments and sent them their grades. When the iPhone would not work, the iPad efficiently stepped up to fill the gap. The iPad mini was a great worker and an effortless traveler. It will be invited on the trip again next year!

Paula Kamenish, Associate Professor, English

Please make your gift today to support more great initiatives next year!

Susan Catapano, Ed.D., Chair and Professor, International Coordinator, Watson College of Education