



COLLEGE of HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

Date	Milestone
March 2007	Provost charged Task Force on the Future of Health-related Programs at UNCW.
January 2008	Task Force Report forwarded to Chancellor and Provost.
March 2008	Proposal to establish a new administrative unit, the College of Health and Human Services, approved by the University of North Carolina Wilmington Board of Trustees.
May 2008	UNC Board of Governors approved the request for authorization to establish a new administrative unit, College of Health and Human Services, effective August 2009.
June 2008	Irwin Belk Distinguished Professorship in Nursing was established by Irwin "Ike" Belk to promote health and nursing care for underserved and vulnerable populations in rural Southeastern N.C. with mental health disorders and other chronic illnesses.
May 2009	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) granted re-accreditation of the baccalaureate degree program in nursing and master degree program in nursing for a term of 10 years, extending to June 30, 2019.
June 2010	McNeill Distinguished Professorship in Nursing was established by John A. "Sandy" McNeill and his wife, Deborah, to promote a successful aging process in older adults.
July 2010	Dr. Johnson Akinleye appointed Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services. College officially opened with the following Schools: School of Health and Applied Human Sciences (SHAHS): Dr. Terry Kinney, Interim Director; School of Nursing (SON): Dr. James McCann, Director; and School of Social Work (SSW): Dr. Reginald York, Interim Director.
July 2010	McNeill Hall officially opened. The 75,000 square foot building was named in honor of the McNeill family, and the total building cost was 30.1 million dollars. The building anchors the Health Sciences Quad on the UNCW campus and includes 10,000 square feet of simulation lab space.
January 2011	Dr. Jeanne Kempainen was appointed the Irwin Belk Distinguished Professor in the School of Nursing.
July 2011	Dr. Charles J. Hardy was appointed Founding Dean and Professor, College of Health and Human Services. Dr. Lori Messinger was appointed Director, School of Social Work.
August 2011	School of Social Work and select faculty from the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences relocated to McNeill Hall.
September 2011	Dr. Robert Boyce, School of Health and Applied Human Sciences, received the 2011 Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award. Brandy Mechling, School of Nursing, received the 2011 UNCW Lecturer of the Year Award.
October 2011	Inaugural CHHS Convocation, Kenan Auditorium, UNCW. Chancellor Miller provided the Keynote Address and Founding Dean Hardy provided the state of the College report.
November 2011	Distinguished Professorship in Oncological Nursing, Lucy Ann Boddie Brewer was established by members of the Brewer and Boddie families of eastern North Carolina to enable the SON to develop new programs focused on cancer. This is the third Distinguished Professorship in the SON/CHHS.

February 2012	In collaboration with the UNCW Office of Alumni Affairs, CHHS held its Inaugural Alumni Breakfast in celebration of the University's 2012 Homecoming Celebration.
July 2012	Dr. Kathy Browder appointed Associate Dean and Professor, College of Health and Human Services. Dr. Chris Lantz appointed Director, School of Health and Applied Human Sciences. Dr. Stephanie Smith appointed Director, Office of Community Engagement and Impact.
July 2012	The MSW in the School of Social Work reaccredited by the Council on Social Work Education (next review: 2020).
October 2012	The School of Health and Applied Human Sciences received permission from the UNC General Administration to change the B.S. in Community Health Education degree title to B.S. in Public Health Studies.
September 2012	Second Annual CHHS Convocation held at Burney Center. SON alumna Lolita Bryant provided the Keynote Address and Dean Hardy provided the State of the College Report.
September 2012	CHHS launched Strategic Initiatives complete with Faculty Champions: Art/Science Integration in Health and Human Services; Impact of the Coastal Environment on Human Health and Life Quality; Global Health, Health Equity and Vulnerable Populations; Healthy Aging; Obesity Prevention; Understanding and serving our Military Community – Veterans, Active Duty Soldiers and their Families; and Embracing Technological Innovations to advance Health and Human Services Education, Research, Service and Management.
September 2012	Dr. Steve Elliott, School of Health and Applied Human Sciences, received the Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award.
February 2013	CHHS established the Southeastern North Carolina Regional Health Collaborative (SENCRHC), partnering with health directors from New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Pender and Onslow counties and the CEO of the Southeastern Area Health Education Center.
February 2013	CHHS established the Health Transformation Lecture Series. The inaugural speaker was Dr. Donald Fisher, President and CEO of AMGA. This event was co-sponsored by Wilmington Health Associates. Dr. Fisher's address focused on implementation of the Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act.
March 2013	CHHS established a formal affiliation partnership with the region's Veteran's Affairs Administration (Fayetteville VA Medical Center).
March 2013	Faculty, staff and students from CHHS participated in the Inaugural Wilmington Race for the Cure sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Foundation. CHHS won the award for the largest University/College team to participate in the event.
April 2013	CHHS faculty approved the CHHS Organizational Structure, establishing a parallel structure across the college management structures for operations, academic affairs, resource management, community engagement and impact, student success, and research and innovation. The structure was unanimously approved by UNCW Faculty Senate at the May 2013 meeting.
May 2013	Dr. Jeanne Kemppainen, Irwin Belk Distinguished Professor in the School of Nursing, was the 2013 recipient of the UNCW Honors Faculty Mentor Award.
May 2013	Associate Provost for External Programs, Johnson Akinleye and Resource Manager of Academic Affairs Resource Management, Sherri Batson received the initial CHHS Unsung Hero Awards for 2013 at the CHHS Spring Picnic.
July 2013	Dr. Susan Pierce appointed Interim Director of the School of Nursing.
July 2013	Obesity Prevention Initiative transitioned from the Division of Continuing Studies and Professional Service to the CHHS. The OPI transitioned into the Center for Healthy Communities operated out of the Office of the Dean.

August 2013	CHHS implemented a Support Team Model with three Core Support Teams: Business Core Service Team, Student Success Core Service Team and Operations Core Service Team. Unique Core Service Teams were established in each of the academic Schools.
August 2013	The Human Performance Laboratory established in the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences (renovation and expansion of Exercise Science Laboratory located in Trask).
August 2013	Student Learning Commons opened in McNeill Hall as part of the CHHS Student Success Initiative.
August 2013	CHHS/SON launched RN/BS partnership with Academic Partnerships, Inc.
August 2013	CHHS/SHAHS launched Dog Assistance Program/Curriculum.
August 2013	Miracle Field opened in Wilmington and is hailed as one of UNCW's 13 in 13. Dr. Dan Johnson, Associate Professor in the SHAHS, serves as Chair of the Board for the Miracle Field League.
August 2013	Dr. Barbara Lutz was appointed the McNeill Distinguished Professor in the School of Nursing.
August 2013	Dr. Robert Neese, CEO, Mayo Clinic Health System, delivered the Health Transformation Lecture. This event was co-sponsored by Wilmington Health Associates. Dr. Neese's address focused on transparency of healthcare within the implementation of the Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act.
September 2013	Third Annual CHHS Convocation held on the lawn in front of McNeill Hall. Chad Porter, SHAHS alumnus, provided the Keynote Address and CHHS hosted a student-centered carnival.
September 2013	At the Fall 2013 UNCW Faculty meeting, CHHS faculty members Dr. Deborah Pollard, School of Nursing, received the Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award; Dr. Laura Spivey, School of Health and Applied Human Sciences received the Lecturer of the Year Award; Dr. Sue Combs, School of Health and Applied Human Sciences, received the Distinguished Scholarly Engagement and Public Service Award.
October 2013	The BSW in the School of Social Work reaccredited by the Council on Social Work Education (next review: 2020).
November 2013	T.R. Reid, award-winning journalist, delivered the Health Transformation Lecture. This event was co-sponsored by Wilmington Health Associates and the North Carolina AARP. Mr. Reed's address focused on healthcare systems around the world.
December 2013	The CHHS/SENCRHC was awarded \$150,000 from the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation to further the development of the regional health collaborative and the startup of the Center for Healthy Communities.
January 2014	Dr. Deborah Pollard appointed Interim Director of School of Nursing.
February 2014	Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accepted accreditation application for Standalone Baccalaureate Program in Public Health Studies.
April 2014	CHHS was awarded \$40,000 from the Cape Fear Memorial Foundation to further develop the Healthcare Transformation Lecture Series.
April 2014	The inaugural CHHS Health and Human Services Week was held April 7-11, 2014. Events included the State of the Region Health Forum, Yoga workshop, a fitness walk, a global health presentation, a workshop on the use of Art Expression in Social Work, our first CHHS Research Day lecture and poster presentations by faculty and students and Keynote Address delivered by Dr. Glen Mays, College of Public Health, University of Kentucky.
April 2014	Dr. Paul Gundy, IBM's Global Director of Healthcare Transformation, delivered the Health Transformation Lecture. This event was co-sponsored by NHRMC. Dr. Gundy's address focused on technology and the development of the medical home.

May 2014	The School of Social Work won the 2014 UNCW Senior Challenge, with 32.43% of the senior class making a gift to the school. Overall, the CHHS was the highest ranked college with 21.63% of the seniors in all academic programs providing a financial gift to one of the schools in the college.
May 2014	Accessible Coastal Carolina Events Sports and Services (ACCESS) of Wilmington, N.C. and CHHS signed an MOU to formalize a partnership to offer collaborative programs at the Miracle Field.
May 2014	Major Gifts Officer, Terri McDermott, Office of University Advancement and Bob Russell, Director of Budgets, Budget Office were presented the CHHS Unsung Hero Awards for 2014 at the Spring Picnic.
May 2014	The UNC Graduate Council approved (14 Yes / 1 No) the Request for Authorization to plan a new degree program for the Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP).
July 2014	Dr. Justine Reel appointed Associate Dean of Research and Innovation and Professor, College of Health and Human Services.
July 2014	Tanya Armour was appointed Major Gifts Officer for the College of Health and Human Services.
September 2014	CHHS was awarded \$60,000 from the Cape Fear Memorial Foundation to further develop the Center for Healthy Communities.
September 2014	Fourth Annual CHHS Convocation held on the lawn in front of McNeill Hall. Stephanie Lanier, SSW alumna, provided the Keynote Address. CHHS hosted a student carnival.
November 2014	CHHS was awarded a four-year cooperative agreement from the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, to develop the North Carolina Local Performance Site of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Region IV Public Health Training Center.
January 2015	Dr. Carol Heinrich appointed Interim Director of School of Nursing.
January 2015	Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, delivered the Health Transformation Lecture titled "The Future of the Healthcare in the VA".
April 2015	The Second Annual CHHS Health and Human Services Week was held April 6-10, 2015. Events included the State of the Region Health Forum; a laughing yoga workshop; a clinical research industry panel; a youth health summit; a fitness walk; workshop and presentation by Theater Delta on the use of theater in health and human services; CHHS Research Day lecture and poster presentations by faculty and students; and the Keynote Address delivered by Dr. Moises Prospero, University of Utah.
May 2015	President of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Gabriel Lugo and Director of New Hanover County Health Department, Mr. David Rice were presented the CHHS Unsung Hero Awards for 2015 at the Spring Picnic.
June 2015	Initial meeting of the Dean's Advancement Council planning group.
July 2015	Dr. Laurie Badzek appointed Director of the School of Nursing.
July 2015	Dr. Stacey Kolomer appointed Interim Director of the School of Social Work.
August 2015	The School of Social Work initiated the Substance Use Disorders and Addictions Certificate. The four-course sequence is open to social work practitioners with a MSW and meets the educational requirements for the Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS) credential administered by the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board (NCSAPPB).
August 2015	Angela Medina joined the Center for Healthy Communities as a fellow in the Public Health Associates Program (PHAP). The PHAP is a program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

September 2015	Fifth Annual CHHS Convocation was held in the McNeill Hall Lecture Hall/Multipurpose Room and on the McNeill Hall front lawn. Danielle Cray, SON alumna and current graduate student, provided the Keynote Address and CHHS hosted a student carnival. Chancellor Sartarelli and Provost Sheerer attended and provided welcoming remarks.
September 2015	Inaugural meeting of the CHHS Dean's Advancement Council. Founding Board members: Louise Coggins (Council Convener), Caroline Neal, G. Wayne Long, Marilyn Bollinger, Dr. James Hundley, Lee Garrett, Dr. Henry Temple, Dr. Nelson Reid, Dr. Lee Whitehurst, Wendy Simmons, Antoinette (Tonye) Gray and Leigh Venters.
September 2015	CHHS was awarded a three-year grant (Total Funding = \$390,000) from Duke Energy to develop programs to strengthen workforce development for the local clinical research industry.
September 2015	At the Fall 2015 UNCW Faculty meeting, CHHS faculty members Dr. Steve Elliott, School of Health and Applied Human Sciences, was the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award 2015 and Dr. Chris Hall, School of Social Work, was the recipient of the 2015 Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award.
October 2015	UNC Board of Governors unanimously approved the request for authorization to establish the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP).
November 2015	Council on Education for Public Health Accreditation site visit.
November 2015	Dr. Adam J. Zolotor, President and CEO of NC Institute of Medicine; Dr. Randall Williams, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Health and Human Services; and Dr. Brian Caveney, Vice President and Medical Director, Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC served as the panelist for the Health Transformation Lecture, moderated by WECT TV Anchor, John Evans. The title of the panel discussion was "Patient and Family Engagement: Implications for Payment, Practice and Health Professions Education – An elaboration on the NC IOM Task Force Report on Patient and Family Engagement.
December 2015	CHHS faculty and MSW students travel to Bangalore, India to participate in an international conference on mental health. This event was co-sponsored by CHHS and St. Joseph's College.
February 2016	Tom Main, a partner for Oliver Wyman's Health and Life Sciences practice group and managing director of the Oliver Wyman Health Innovation Center, delivered the Health Transformation Lecture titled "The Patient-to-Consumer Revolution."
March 2016	Connect NC Bond proposal supported by voters. Bond includes \$66 million to construct the Allied Health and Human Services Building.
March 2016	The Simulation Learning Center in the School of Nursing conducted its first-ever emergency trauma simulation on March 4th. Participating students gained hands-on experience working as a team, prioritizing treatment plans and delivering care to various patients.
April 2016	The Third Annual CHHS Health and Human Services Week was held April 6-10, 2015. Events included the State of the Region Health Forum; the UNCW One in a Million Hearts Initiative; a student diversity forum; several physical activity programs, including a fitness walk with students from Pine Valley Elementary; a cross-cultural workshop on mental health systems (India and USA); a community call to action around substance use disorders and addiction and a presentation Enter the Faun; CHHS Research Day lecture and poster presentations by faculty and students; and the Keynote Address delivered by Dr. Karen Mustain, University of Rochester Medical Center.
April 2016	Nancy Ahern, Associate Professor in the School of Nursing was inducted into the National Academy of Practice as a Distinguished Scholar and Fellow.
April 2016	Dr. Eliana Perrin, Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Vice-Chancellor for Research at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, delivered the Health Transformation Lecture titled "Childhood Obesity Prevention: From the Doctor's Office to Society."

May 2016	Dean Charles J. Hardy was selected for membership in the North Carolina Institute for Medicine. This prestigious body includes more than 100 leaders in health care, academics, business and policy across the state.
May 2016	Sarah Barnes, a 2015 Graduate of the Public Health Studies Program within the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences, was honored by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing for obtaining the highest score in on the Spring 2016 Certified Health Education Specialist National Exam.
May 2016	Dr. Cara Cilano, Director of University Studies; Mr. Jeff Stanfield, Instructional Technology Specialist; Ms. Olivia Herndon, SEAHEC; and Dr. Jim Hundley, retired Orthopedic Surgeon, were presented the CHHS Unsung Hero Awards for 2016 at the Spring Picnic.
May 2016	Deputy Secretary for Health Services, Dr. Randall Williams delivered the Spring 2016 commencement address for the College of Health and Human Services and the Watson College of Education on Friday, May 6, 5:30 p.m. in Trask Coliseum.
June 2016	The Center for Healthy Communities and the Southeastern North Carolina Regional Health Collaborative (SENCRHC) celebrated the grand opening of two Kids In Parks TRACK trails. The trails, at Elizabeth Brinkley Park in Lake Waccamaw and Town Creek Park in Brunswick County, are designed to encourage physical activity by adding a bit of adventure to an ordinary outdoor hike. A TRACK trail was dedicated last year at Smith Creek Park in New Hanover County, and similar trails are in the works at Millers Pond in Pender County and Onslow Pines in Onslow County.
July 2016	Dr. Stacey Kolomer appointed Director of the School of Social Work.
August 2016	Director of the School of Nursing, Laurie Badzek (LLM, JD, MS, RN, FAAN) was the 2016 Recipient of the International Society of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG) Founders Award in recognition of Excellence in Genomic Nursing Research.
August 2016	Doctor of Nursing Practice inaugural class (N = 9) initiated.
September 2016	Sixth Annual CHHS Convocation was held on the lawn in front of McNeill Hall. Dr. Philip Brown, SHAHS alumnus and Physician Executive, NHRMC, provided the Keynote Address and CHHS hosted a student carnival. Chancellor Sartarelli and Provost Sheerer attended and provided remarks.
October 2016	CHHS held its first College-wide faculty and staff meeting.
October 2016	T.R. Reid, awarding winning journalist, delivered the Health Transformation Lecture. Mr. Reed's address focused on the politics of health care with special focus on "Colorado Care."
October 2016	School of Nursing faculty, Dr. Penny Sauer was named a North Carolina Nurses Association Nurse of the Year Award recipient in the education category. The NCNA Award recognizes role models in education who use innovative and creative teaching strategies, demonstrate excellence in knowledge and subject matter expertise and who have a positive impact on students, staff and/or patients.
October 2016	CHHS hosted the American Heart Association's Cape Fear Heart Walk on the front lawn of McNeill Hall. The annual event, chaired by CHHS Dean Charlie Hardy, brought in over 2,000 attendees and raised over \$150,000 to support the fight against diseases of the heart. Marsha Todd of SHAHS organized the CHHS Heart Walk Team composed of faculty, students and staff.
November 2016	Dr. Dan Johnson, Associate Professor in Recreation Therapy, SHAHS, was named a 2016 "Heath Care Hero," an honor bestowed through an award program that recognizes individuals and organizations for their contributions to the quality of health care in Wilmington. The program is sponsored by the Greater Wilmington Business Journal. Dan was honored in the category of Community Outreach for his involvement with Accessible Coastal Carolina Events and Sports Services (ACCESS) of Wilmington and the Miracle League of Wilmington.
November 2016	Nate Miner appointed as new Assistant Dean for Finance and Resource Management.

November 2016	Sheri Shaw appointed as new Assistant Dean for Student Success.
January 2017	The School of Nursing launched the MSN/Nurse Educator in the Online Accelerated Program (OAP) model with Academic Partnerships.
March 2017	The Fourth Annual CHHS Health and Human Services Week was held March 27-31. Events included the annual poverty symposium, a student case competition, the health of our community symposium/panel discussion, a fitness walk and health fair for third graders at two local elementary public schools, gentle yoga, live performances by the "Nile Project" and "The Steel Blossoms," the North Carolina Institute of Medicine kickoff event for Dementia-Capable North Carolina, Solution-Focused Practice Workshops, practice and class examples for military student populations and CHHS Research Day. Dr. Cynthia Franklin, the Stiernberg/Spencer Family Professor in Mental Health and the Associate Dean for Doctoral Education in the School of Social Work, University of Texas Austin and Dr. Diane Pastor, Associate Professor, School of Nursing at UNCW, presented keynote addresses.
March 2017	Dr. Bennet Omalu delivered the spring Health Transformation Lecture. Dr. Omalu discovered chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a disease afflicting many former NFL players. The book <i>Concussion</i> , was adapted into a film in which Dr. Omalu is portrayed by Will Smith.
April 2017	Angie Vandenburg, MSW, School of Social Work, received the 2017 Tin Man Biggest Heart Award from the Carousel Center in Wilmington, NC.
April 2017	Dr. Lori Messinger, UNCW Associate Vice Chancellor for Community Engagement and tenured Professor in the School of Social Work, was awarded a fellowship for the 2017-18 academic year by the American Council on Education.
May 2017	CHHS held its inaugural retirement reception for faculty: Dr. Robert Blundo, Professor (SSW); Dr. Anne-Marie Goff, Associate Professor (SON); Dr. Carol Heinrich, Associate Professor (SON); and Dr. Jeanne Kemppainen, Irwin Belk Distinguished Professor (SON), were honored with a champagne toast and also presented "Old Wilmington Cups" engraved with the UNCWCHHS logo.
May 2017	Nancy Francis, MS Candidate in Applied Gerontology, received the UNCW Graduate Teaching Award for 2016-17.
May 2017	The CHHS Annual Spring Picnic was held at the Miracle Field, Wilmington, NC. Dr. Cathy Barlow, Vice Provost and Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Joe Pino, President and CEO, South East Area Health Education Center, were presented the CHHS Unsung Hero Awards. The CHHS faculty defeated the CHHS staff 8-3 in the inaugural kickball tournament.
May 2017	The CHHS Office of the Dean and several Core Service Teams relocated to the Academic Affairs Annex and the Natural Sciences Building (trailers) to accommodate renovations to McNeill Hall. New faculty offices, a new office for the Business Services Team and for members of the Student Success Center, as well as new administrative offices for both the School of Nursing and the School of Social Work were created.
June 2017	The revised strategic plan, developed by the CHHS Strategic Planning Task Force, was affirmed by the Leadership Team and implemented by the Dean. The plan will guide the CHHS from 2017-22.
August 2017	Dr. Chris Lantz appointed Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Senior Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Kathy Browder, accepted the position of Vice President of Academic and Faculty Affairs at Augusta University.
August 2017	Dr. Steve Elliott appointed Interim Director of the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences.

September 2017	At the Fall 2017 UNCW Faculty Meeting, CHHS faculty members Dr. Elizabeth Gazza, School of Nursing, was the recipient of the Excellence in e-Learning Award; Ms. Angie Vandenberg, School of Social Work, was the recipient of the Lecturer of the Year Award; and Dr. Susan Sinclair, School of Nursing, was the recipient of the 2017 Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award.
September 2017	The Seventh Annual CHHS Convocation was held at the UNCW Amphitheater. Rebecca O'Neill, SSW alumnus, Class of 2004 and Attorney practicing in Louisville Kentucky, provided the Keynote Address and CHHS hosted a Student Carnival. Chancellor Sartarelli and Provost Sheerer attended and provided remarks.
September 2017	Tiffany Erichsen was appointed Coordinator for FUSECR – Center for Clinical Research Workforce Development.
October 2017	Dean Hardy presented the CHHS Story to the University of North Carolina System President Margaret Spellings and members of the Board of Governors.
October 2017	FaceAge traveling exhibit was hosted by CHHS – displayed on the second floor of McNeill Hall for two weeks (programing focused on aging and ageism in our culture.)
November 2017	Glen deVries, President and Co-Founder for Medidata Solutions delivered the fall Health Transformation Lecture. The title of his lecture was "The Most Used Medical Device in the World."
December 2017	The CHHS Office of the Dean relocated to the Purchasing Building to accommodate construction of the Allied Health Building.
January 2018	Ashley Wells appointed Assistant Dean for Community Engagement.
January 2018	Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Allied Health Building.
January 2018	The University of North Carolina Wilmington has been ranked #7 on the U.S. News & World Report list of Best Online Bachelor's Programs. U.S. News reviews a variety of elements to determine college rankings, including student engagement, faculty credentials and training, and peer reputation. The Best Online Bachelor's Programs rankings are awarded only to programs where all required coursework is completed online. UNCW was recognized for its two qualifying programs, nursing and clinical research.
January 2018	Clinical Research Alumna Rachael Beatty ('13) was named Distinguished Young Alumna of the Year by the UNCW Alumni Association.
February 2018	The Center for Healthy Communities, College of Health and Human Services received the 2018 Public Health Partners Award from the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors for support of the Southeastern North Carolina Regional Health Collaborative.
March 2018	Amy Mangus appointed Marketing and Communications Coordinator.
March 2018	Dr. Jaci Webb-Dempsey appointed Director of Program Assessment, Accreditation, and Development.
March 2018	MS in Social Work and MS in Nursing were ranked 75th (up 28 spots from last year) and 141st (up 22 spots from last year) respectively, by U.S. News & World Report list of 2018 Best Graduate Schools.
March 2018	CHHS, along with former School of Nursing Director, Dr. Virginia Adams, and UNCW Board of Trustees Chair, Mrs. Wilma Daniels, honored former President of the American Public Health Association, Dr. Camara Jones, with a luncheon on Monday, March 12th. Dr. Jones is currently Senior Fellow and Adjunct Associate Professor at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Jones spoke to those in attendance at the luncheon about the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of the nation.
April 2018	Dr. Susan Sinclair, Professor of Clinical Research, received the 2018 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.

April 2018	The 5th Annual CHHS Health and Human Services Week was held April 9-13. Events included the annual poverty symposium; a student interprofessional case competition; film presentations; and an "Open House" for FuseCR; presentations and workshops on the opioid epidemic; end of life care; psychological first aide; thalidomide disabilities; a child welfare simulator workshop and an intergenerational fitness walk with students from Pine Valley Elementary School, residents from Carolina Bay retirement community and CHHS faculty and staff; gentle and power flow yoga; an outdoor boxing boot camp; and CHHS Research Day. Dr. Karin Weman-Josefsson, from Halmstad University, Sweden and Dr. Anne Glass, Professor of Gerontology at UNCW, presented keynote addresses.
April 2018	Nick Buettner delivered the spring Health Transformation Lecture. The title of his presentation was "The Blue Zone of Longevity: What Does it Take to Live Longer, Better Lives?"
April 2018	The CHHS Annual Spring Picnic was held on the McNeill Hall lawn. Dr. Ron Vetter, Associate Provost and Dean for the Graduate School, and Louise Coggins, psychotherapist practicing in Wilmington and Raleigh and a Board Certified Diplomat in Clinical Social Work, were presented the CHHS Unsung Hero Awards. The following faculty and staff were presented "Old Wilmington Cups" engraved with the UNCW CHHS logo and a copy of UNCW Giving Flight to Imagination: 70 Years of Excellence 1947-2017: Nancy Grant (SON), Jonia Smith (SON), Dr. Reggie York (SSW), Dr. Robert Boyce (SHAHS), Dr. Randy Cottrell (SHAHS) and Dr. Jim Herstine (SHAHS). Dr. Kristin Bolton, Associate Professor of Social Work, was named the CHHS 2018 Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award. Dr. Barbara Lutz, McNeill Distinguished Professor, received the 2018 UNCW Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award.
May 2018	The College of Health and Human Services held its first-ever standalone Commencement Ceremony at Trask Colosseum. Six hundred and thirty-four students from the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences, School of Nursing and School of Social Work received their diplomas. The Commencement Speaker was Chad Porter '98 UNCW alumni and motivational speaker.
May 2018	Rebecca Clark (SHAHS) awarded the 2017-18 Graduate Teaching Assistant Award.
June 2018	FuseCR awarded a \$5,000 grant from UNC Wilmington's Office of Community Engagement to develop MentorCR: FuseCR Mentoring Program.
June 2018	CHHS's Recreation Therapy Program was awarded the 2018 Community Engagement Scholarship Award, the Association of Public Land-grant Universities and the Engagement Scholarship Consortium for outstanding community involvement.
June 2018	School of Nursing Associate Professor April Matthias was awarded two grants to complete her nursing history research. The grants—American Association for the History of Nursing H-15 Research Grant (\$3000) and The Karyn and Terrance Holm Visiting Scholar Award (\$1500)—are funding for archive research to study early distance education, correspondence courses in nursing that operated in the early 20th century.
June 2018	CHHS hosted a flag football scrimmage to send off the UNCW Unified Football Team to the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, Wash. The four players on the team are students within the College of Health and Human Services.

July 2018	Dr. Justine Reel (R&I) was nominated for Wilma Women to Watch award.
July 2018	Dr. Steve Elliott assumed the position as Director of the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences. Chris Lantz assumed the position as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Linda Pugh assumed the position as Interim Director of the School of Nursing.
July 2018	CHHS was funded as a community-based training partner with the Region IV Public Health Training Center (PHTC) headquartered at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University in Atlanta.
July 2018	CHHS collaborated with colleagues across campus to create STEAM Team, a week-long residential summer camp for underserved 9th and 10th graders from New Hanover, Pender and Brunswick counties.
July 2018	CHHS collaborated with the UNCW Office of the Arts and the UNCW Office of Community Engagement to host Hooked on Arts. Created by Paula Baisden, (SON) the festival aimed to raise awareness and funds to support addiction-related services in the region.
July 2018	Dr. Kit Huelscamp (assistant professor, SHAHS) taught 12 students for four weeks about health science and fitness technology during Summer Ventures, a summer camp designed to introduce girls to careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).
July 2018	Athletic Training program was awarded CAATE accreditation.
July 2018	The NCPHTC was re-funded for 2018-2022 as a community-based training (CBT) partner with the Region IV Public Health Training Center (PHTC) headquartered at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.
July 2018	SHAHS student Victoria Decea was accepted into the CDC Public Health Associates Program.
August 2018	Ashley Wells (assistant dean for community engagement) earned her PhD in adult learning, leadership and organizational development.
September 2018	Dr. Beth Gazza (associate professor, SON) was inducted as a National League for Nursing Academy of Nursing Education Fellow (ANEF).
September 2018	Access of Wilmington selected as the Organization Citation award winner by the American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) awards committee.
October 2018	Dr. Justine Reel (associate dean for research and innovation) was awarded the Wilma Magazine Women to Watch award in the education category.
November 2018	Dr. Stacey Kolomer (director, SSW) was appointed to the NC Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Board (NCMFTLB).
November 2018	Innovation Advisory Council selected six winners to participate and they will be attending two half-day workshop sessions at the UNCW Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship to learn about the innovation process. They are: SSW: Dr. Kris Hohn (assistant professor), Dr. Alicia Sellon (assistant professor), Dr. Stacey Kolomer (director, SSW); SHAHS: Dr. Alexia Franzidis (associate professor), Dr. Alana Seaman (assistant professor), Dr. Justine Reel (associate dean for research and innovation); SON: Dr. Michele Mendes (assistant professor), Dr. Lorie Sigmon (assistant professor), Dr. Julie Hinkle (assistant professor), Robin Cunningham (SLC coordinator)
November 2018	Dr. Susan Sinclair (professor, SON) was inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing (AAN).
November 2018	Dr. Sabrina Cherry (SHAHS) won a national Award of Excellence from the University Economic Development Association for a project she worked on while a graduate research assistant at UGA.
November 2018	CHHS students Tyler Rowe (RT) and Daysja Phillips (MSW) received 2018 Health Care Heroes \$500 scholarship awards.

December 2018	CHHS graduated 810 undergraduate and graduate students with degrees from the CHHS. This represents 35% of the total UNCW graduating class of 2,314 for fall 2018.
December 2018	Jordan Weber (lecturer, SHAHS) earned his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at Watson College of Education.
December 2018	Leah Mayo (Coordinator, CHC and NCPHTC) received the Distinguished Service Award at the 2018 North Carolina Public Health Association Meeting.
December 2018	Dr. April Bice (assistant professor, SON), Dr. Meen Lee (assistant professor, SON), Dr. Anka Roberto (assistant professor, SON) and Leah Mayo (coordinator, CHC and NCPHTC) were awarded UNCW Community Engagement grants.
December 2018	Dr. Debra Hrelac (SON) was awarded a \$10,000 Academic Partnerships grant for a project titled, "Deciphering Competency Assessment in Online Courses: Individualized-Student Experience, Assessment, and Development Plan Integration."