



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. Reid'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	Leah Mayo joined CHHS as Coordinator for the Center for Healthy Communities
October 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 (programming 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 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.
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.
September 2018	The 8th Annual CHHS Convocation was postponed due to Hurricane Florence. The University was closed for five weeks due to storm-related damage. Convocation was moved to Health and Human Services Week in April 2019.
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	The fall Health Transformation Lecture Series, "Let's Talk: End of Life Care is Everyone's Business," was held at Cape Fear Community College. Panelists were Jason Clamme: Lower Cape Fear Hospice; Tanya Fermin-Jones: filmmaker (The Arrangements) and entrepreneur; Anne Glass: gerontology program coordinator, UNC Wilmington; Andrew Olsen: Elder Law Practice Group; Jason Wheeler: Pathfinder Wealth Consulting
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 graduating class of 2,314 for fall 2018.
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 Hrelc (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."
December 2018	Sheri Shaw (SSC) was accepted to the 2019 WILMA Leadership Institute.
January 2019	School of Social Work Professor Dr. Debra Rhodes was awarded the UNCW Discere Aude Award for her outstanding mentoring of students.
January 2019	UNCW was ranked 8th in the nation on the U.S. News & World Report list of "2019 Best Online Bachelor's Programs. This includes two CHHS programs: RN-BSN and Clinical Research.
January 2019	The UNC Board of Governors approved CHHS' request to establish the Masters of Healthcare Administration (MHA) degree program. The program is projected to begin Fall 2019.
January 2019	The following CHHS faculty were awarded 2019 Cahill Grant Awards: Dr. Hayley Estrem, SON; Dr. Anne Glass, SHAHS; Dr. Kris Hohn, SSW; Dr. Josalin-Hunter Jones, SSW; Amanda Mitchell, Research Assistant in the SON; Jillian Perry, Gerontology Graduate Student in the SHAHS; Dr. Anka Roberto, SON; Dr. Angie Sardina, SHAHS; Dr. Alicia Sellon, SSW
January 2019	CHHS faculty, staff and community partners were awarded Cultural Activities Grants to fund their projects: <i>Ups and Downs: Life Experiences of Diverse Aging:</i> Dr. Angela Sardina (SHAHS); Dr. Anne Glass (SHAHS); Dr. Noell Rowan (SSW); Dr. Amy Van De Motter (SSW); Dr. Kris Hohn (SSW); Dr. Tammy Arms (SON); Dr. Susan Glose (SON); Andrew Zeldin (SHAHS); Amber Smith; Beth Schrader; <i>Breast Health: Education Before, During, and After Cancer for Men and Women across the Lifespan:</i> Dr. Justine Reel (R&I); Leah Mayo (CHC); Emily Crouch; Joy Wade; Kristi Dorsey (R&I); <i>Let's Talk: Narrating Your Story of Diversity, Health & Social Justice:</i> Leah Mayo (CHC); Nick Szuberla; Franchon Francees; Rebekah Edwards (CHC); Dr. Elizabeth Baynard (SHAHS); Dr. Jacquelyn Lee (SSW); Dr. Ashley Wells (Community Engagement); Tiffany Erichsen (FuseCR); <i>Hooked on Arts Live Street Arts Fair:</i> Paula Baisden (SON); Dr. Cara Gray (SHAHS); Dr. Ashley Wells (Community Engagement); <i>Bending the arc toward health equity: Panel on diversifying clinical trial enrollment:</i> Tiffany Erichsen (FuseCR); Carrigan Creech; Jasmine Beal; six FuseCR Student Ambassadors; Dr. Susan Sinclair (SON) Randall Johnson; Lori Dugan (SSW); Leah Mayo (CHC); Dr. Ashley Wells (Community Engagement)
January 2019	Assistant Dean for Community Engagement Dr. Ashley Wells appointed chair of Recognize and Reward sub-committee of the UNCW Community Engagement Advisory Board.

January 2019	Center for Healthy Communities engaged community partners in Brunswick County through contracting with Brunswick County Health Services to lead their Community Health Assessment, and partnered with Brunswick Wellness Coalition and Doshier Memorial Hospital for their Walk With A Doc Program.
February 2019	The new Master of Athletic Training program was approved by SACSCOC. The program is projected to begin Summer 2020.
February 2019	Assistant Dean for Community Engagement Ashley Wells appointed as UNCW representative to the NC Governor's Internship Council.
March 2019	UNCW's master's degree programs in nursing and public administration each moved up 12 places on the U.S. News & World Report list of "2020 Best Graduate Schools." Social work also made the list.
March 2019	CHHS was awarded the UNC System Office Digital Innovations Platinum Award at the inaugural Digital Learning Initiative Symposium held at the Carolina Club in Chapel Hill. The award was presented to CHHS for excellence and innovation in online learning through its Online Accelerated Program (OAP), which makes select CHHS degree programs available to adult learners.
March 2019	Clinical Research Graduate Program Coordinator, Susan Sinclair and Assistant Dean for Student Success, Sheri Shaw were nominated for the YWCA Lower Cape Fear Women of Achievement Awards.
March 2019	Ashlee Jensen was named as the new Executive Assistant to the Dean.
March 2019	School of Social Work Assistant Professor Josalin Hunter-Jones was selected to participate in the 2019 Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute at the University of Maryland College Park.
March 2019	School of Social Work Director Stacey Kolomer was elected to serve on the board of National Association of Deans and Directors Schools of Social Work
April 2019	CHHS held its 6th annual Health and Human Services Week April 1-6. Programs included Research and Innovation Day, Diversifying Clinical Trials, Planning for Retirement, Stop the Bleed training, yoga, art and practicing mindfulness.
April 2019	On April 1, the College of Health and Human Services and University Advancement hosted a scholarship and donor appreciation luncheon, bringing together donors and student recipients to celebrate student success.
April 2019	On April 11, Dean Charles Hardy, along with Chancellor Sartarelli, CAS Dean Aswani Voley and Director of Military Affairs Bill Kawczynski, met at the construction site of Veterans Hall to celebrate the Topping Off Ceremony, which is the placing of the final steel beam on Veterans Hall. Before the celebration, they signed the last beam.
April 2019	Center for Healthy Communities received grant funding from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation. The funding, totaling \$583,000, will support rural health departments in navigating the state's Medicaid transformation plan.
May 2019	The College of Health and Human Services held its Commencement Ceremony at Trask Colosseum. 637 students from the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences, School of Nursing and School of Social Work received their diplomas. The CHHS graduated its first DNP class of nine students. The Commencement Speaker was Stephanie Lanier '07 UNCW alumni and owner of the Lanier Property Group.
May 2019	The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education granted the School of Nursing accreditation for its Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing and Post-Graduate APRN Certificate programs for 10 years. Additionally, CCNE granted accreditation to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program for five years.
May 2019	Assistant Dean for Student Success Sheri Shaw won the Education Award at the YWCA's Women of Achievement Awards. Also, chair of the CHHS Dean's Advancement Council, Louise Coggins, won the Lifetime Achievement Award and Jessica Aguilar, a social work student, won a Student Impact Grant.
May 2019	Melissa Sinclair joined the CHHS team as the Director of Development for Major Gifts.

June 2019	Dr. Linda Haddad was appointed Director of the School of Nursing and Irwin Belk Distinguished Professor. Haddad assumed the role June 1, 2019.
June 2019	Dr. Kirk Brown (SHAHS) and Barbara Snyder, Cheryl McFaden, Dr. Jeeyae Choi and Dr. Stephanie Turrise (SON) participated in the 2nd annual STEAM Team Camp.
June 2019	Dr. Justine Reel, associate dean for research and innovation, along with Dr. Karl Ricanek (Computer Science) was awarded a \$10,000 Interdisciplinary Research Seminar Series (IRSS) Award to be used for a project titled “Interdisciplinary Innovation Café and Seminar Series: Artificial Intelligence and Health.”
July 2019	Dr. Kit Huelskamp (assistant professor, SHAHS) taught students for four weeks about health science and fitness technology during Summer Ventures, a summer camp designed to introduce boys and girls to careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).
July 2019	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.
August 2019	Dr. Kit Huelskamp (assistant professor, SHAHS) was awarded the Excellence in Applied Learning Award and was recognized at the Applied Learning Summer Institute.
September 2019	CLR faculty hosted a discussion forum with John Barry, Chief Operating Officer of Pharm-Olam Barry and his wife Barbara (lecturer, SON) recently lost their daughter after a long battle with glioblastoma. Barry has recently written and published an article for the Journal of Clinical Research Best Practices, entitled “Shannon’s Story.”
September 2019	CHHS, in collaboration with the Department of Computer Science, North Carolina Biotechnology Center and the Institute for Interdisciplinary Identity Sciences (I3S), held its first Artificial Intelligence & Health Seminar Series event, as part of a yearlong grant-funded series. Dr. Mohd Anwar, associate professor of computer science at North Carolina A&T State University and Dr. Karl Ricanek, director of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Identity Sciences (I3S) and professor of computer science at UNCW presented about the implications and increased popularity of population health care, used to diagnose, treat and predict disease condition across diverse patients.
October 2019	CHHS transitioned its undergraduate athletic training program to the Master’s degree level.
October 2019	CHHS launched its newest degree program, Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA).
October 2019	The SON Prelicensure Program hosted its first-ever White Coat Ceremony for its students. The White Coat Ceremony signifies a nursing student’s transition from didactic learning to clinical learning.
October 2019	SHAHS was approved as a Registered Yoga School for the Yoga Studies Minor through Yoga Alliance.
October 2019	Dr. Kellie Griggs (associate professor, SON) won the 2019 <i>WILMA</i> magazine Women to Watch Award in the education category.
October 2019	Dean Charles Hardy won the <i>Greater Wilmington Business Journal’s</i> “Healthcare Heroes” Lifetime Achievement Award.
October 2019	Center for Healthy Communities Coordinator Leah Mayo was elected as vice president of the North Carolina Public Health Association (NCPHA).
November 2019	SON launched four Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree concentrations: two BSN to DNP concentrations, Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and two MSN to DNP concentrations, Nurse Executive Leadership and Post APRN.

November 2019	CHHS Dean Charles Hardy and School of Nursing Assistant Professor Dr. Jennifer McCall were named to “WilmingtonBiz 100,” an initiative of the <i>Greater Wilmington Business Journal</i> to recognize the top “power players, influencers, innovators, connectors and rising stars” in southeastern North Carolina.
November 2019	Megan Toothman was named the new project coordinator for the Center for Healthy Communities.
November 2019	School of Nursing DNP Coordinator Dr. Tammy Arms was recently selected as a regional coordinator for the North America 13th Region of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma) at Sigma’s 45th Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C.
December 2019	CHHS graduated 496 undergraduate and graduate students with degrees from the CHHS. This represents 34.23% of the total graduating class of 1449 for fall 2019.
December 2019	The Cape Fear Coalition For A Drug-Free Community held their Agents of Change Breakfast, where the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences (SHAHS) and Center for Healthy Communities Coordinator, Leah Mayo were nominated for awards. SHAHS won an award in the category of Community Organization for playing a key role in organizing and conducting Alcohol Purchase Surveys with our local stores as part of enforcement efforts to prevent the sale of alcohol to underage individuals. Mayo was nominated in the category of Community Hero.
January 2020	UNCW was ranked 8th in the nation on the U.S. News & World Report list of “2019 Best Online Bachelor’s Programs. This includes two CHHS programs: RN-BSN and Clinical Research.
January 2020	Lorie Sigmon (assistant professor, SON) and Wayland Tseh (associate professor, SHAHS) won the 2019-20 Discere Aude Award for outstanding mentoring of students.
January 2020	Dr. Ashley Wells, assistant dean for community engagement, was selected to participate in WILMA’s 2020 Leadership Institute.
February 2020	Dr. Jennifer McCall (assistant professor, SON) was inducted into the James F. Merritt Million Dollar Club. The Million Dollar Club honors UNCW researchers and faculty who have received more than \$1 million in research funding.
February 2020	Dr. Tammy Arms (associate professor, SON), Debra Hrelac (assistant professor, SON) and Dr. Justine Reel (associate dean for Research and Innovation) were recognized at UNCW’s annual Research Reception with the highest number of journal article publications for fiscal year 2019.
February 2020	Dr. Ashley Wells was recognized as one of top five scholars with the most grant submissions at UNCW for July 2018 to June 2019.
February 2020	Center for Healthy Communities and School of Social Work partnered with Lower Cape Fear Life Care to conduct an opioid grief support needs assessment. Students from Public Health Studies and Social Work assisted with phase 2 of the assessment.
February 2020	Center for Workforce Development partnered with SEAHEC for their first co-sponsored program, a two-day in-person training on Dialectical Behavioral Therapy.
March 2020	Stefanie Powell was named the Assistant Dean for Administration and Resource Management for the College.
March 2020	CHHS received SACSCOC approval of the Respiratory Therapy substantive change.
March 2020	Master of Healthcare Administration program started its first cohort.
March 2020	The coronavirus forced UNCW to go virtual. CHHS transitioned to a virtual campus through online instruction and teleworking for administration and student success services.
March 2020	The School of Nursing responded to the shift to online instruction by converting all prelicensure courses into an online format; purchasing virtual simulation software to support the prelicensure program with expansion of simulation in place of on-site clinicals; training clinical faculty on how to operate virtual simulation.

March 2020	College created Virtual Cafe and Virtual Resources/Learning website in response to COVID-19, led by Dr. Ashley Wells, Natalie Lucero (Community Engagement) and Amy Mangus (Marketing and Communications).
March 2020	The School of Social Work and the local chapter of National Association of Social Workers held “Expanding Knowledge and Skills with Technology and Substance Use Disorders Treatment and Recovery” training seminar online. More than 100 people attended, exceeding the in-person event’s capacity of 75. In honor of Social Work Month, the training was designed to enhance the curriculum required of students within the Substance Use Disorders and Addictions Program. The event was open to students, field Instructors, faculty and community partners with interest in substance use treatment and recovery.
April 2020	SHAHS welcomed the following faculty: Dr. Michelle Reppell-Cathorall, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator and Dr. Sasha Canan, Assistant Professor (Public Health); Dr. Tina Kruger, Professor and Program Coordinator (Gerontology); Dr. Brent Hawkins, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator (Recreation Therapy); Dr. Dan Fisher, Assistant Professor and Dr. William Opoku-Agyeman, Assistant Professor (Healthcare Administration); Dr. Nicholas Castro, Assistant Professor (Healthful Living and Fitness Education); Dr. Lidio Lima de Albuquerque, Assistant Professor (Exercise Science); Jamy Chulak, Lecturer and Program Coordinator and Thomas Neitman , Lecturer and Clinical Education Coordinator (Respiratory Therapy)
April 2020	The School of Social Work’s Governor’s Institute Scholars (Jake Burns, Davonna Cohen and Shannon Allen) in the substance use disorders and addictions program in the master’s program delivered a presentation for the Wilmington community and the Bair Foundation. The purpose of the presentation was to enhance knowledge and skills to foster parents dealing with addiction in families.
April 2020	The School of Nursing received the largest scholarship endowment in its history: more than \$700,000. This endowment is from the estate of Ida P. FormyDuval to fund the F. L. FormyDuval Family Nursing Scholarship.
May 2020	The School of Social Works hosted Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) for a site visit.
May 2020	The National Association of Social Workers North Carolina Chapter (NASW-NC) named Douglas (Doug) Kim Bai as the recipient of the 2020 NASW-NC Toby Brown Award for Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) undergraduate students for the 2019-2020 academic year.
May 2020	College formed Interprofessional Teaching Clinic Task Force led by Dr. Ashley Wells, Assistant Dean for Community Engagement.
May 2020	College established COVID-19 Student Service Corps.
May 2020	The multiple applications process for the OAP was implemented.
May 2020	The School of Nursing hosted virtual commencement ceremonies for graduates.
May-June 2020	The School of Social Work hosted virtual commencement ceremonies for the main and Onslow campuses.
June 2020	The Exercise Science program within the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences was approved a National Strength Conditioning Association (NSCA) Education Recognition Program (ERP).
June 2020	Richard Huse joined the CHHS as the research grant administrator for the college.
June 2020	Master of Science in Athletic Training program started its first cohort.
June 2020	Center for Workforce Development launched the popular FuseCR clinical research professional certificate program, “Fast Track to Understanding Clinical Research” in an online, asynchronous format.

July 2020	Dr. Kent Guion joined the College as a tenured professor in the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences.
July 2020	CHHS began moving furniture and equipment into Veterans Hall.
July 2020	Sara Miller (lecturer, SHAHS) was appointed to the American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) Board of Directors.
August 2020	The College of Health and Human Services created a Public Health Outreach Support fund. Supported by donations, the purpose of the fund is to provide students and/or faculty the opportunity to explore and respond to every day public health outreach opportunities and to respond to challenges facing communities of need in Southeastern North Carolina, particularly in the area of health disparities and rural health initiatives.
August 2020	Tiffany Erichsen (Center for Workforce Development) was nominated in the education category for a WILMA Women to Watch Award and Jessica Aguilar '20 (Social Work), Juntos 4-H Pender County coordinator and program assistant for UNCW's Centro Hispano, was nominated as a "Rising Star."
August 2020	Dr. John Lothes (lecturer, SHAHS) became a Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Certified Clinician through the DBT-Linehan Board of Certification. Less than 2,000 people in the world that have received this certification.
September 2020	The Healthful Living and Fitness Education (SHAHS) program launched its Virtual Nutrition Education Program in collaboration with Feast Down East and Local Motive.
September 2020	At the UNCW fall faculty meeting, Dr. Eric Richardson (assistant professor, SHAHS) received the Excellence in eLearning Award for his course, HCA 500, "Introduction to Healthcare Management." Dr. Jacquelyn Lee (associate professor, SSW) won the Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award, Barbara Pennington (lecturer, SON) won the Lecturer of the Year Award and Dr. Stephanie Smith (assistant professor, SON) won the Distinguished Scholarly Engagement and Public Service Award, Junior Scholar.
September 2020	Stephanie Turrise (associate professor, SON) was elected as a Fellow of the American Heart Association. This election recognizes Turrise's collective years of work in cardiovascular nursing, related to scholarship/research, practice/education and her service to the American Heart Association.
September 2020	The Gender and Leadership Academy, a program focused on building a pipeline of diverse leaders at UNCW begins. Funding was provided by a CHHS Cultural Activity grant to Associate Dean for Research and Innovation Dr. Justine Reel and her interprofessional team of faculty, staff and students to implement the initiative.
October 2020	SHAHS Healthful Living and Fitness Education faculty Dr. Jordan Weber (lecturer) and Dr. Amelia (Kit) Huelskamp (assistant professor) have been named educators of the year by the N.C. Society for Health and Physical Educators (NC SHAPE).
October 2020	Recreation Therapy Professor Candy Ashton-Forrester (SHAHS) was awarded the 2020 American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) Distinguished Fellow Award. The award is given annually to one person and is the highest recognition award given by ATRA.
October 2020	The Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP) announced FuseCR as one of three finalists for the ACRP 2020 Innovation in Workforce Development Award. The annual ACRP Innovation in Workforce Development Award recognizes organizations who exemplify the spirit of creativity and innovation through adaptation, improvement, or development of new processes or tools that result in workforce development quality.
October 2020	UNCW's School of Nursing was selected as a finalist for a Health Care Heroes Award in the category of Innovation in Health Care. The awards, presented by the Greater Wilmington Business Journal, honor people and organizations that enhance the quality of health care in the Cape Fear region. Two students, Evonne Meyreles '21 (nursing) and Alex Payton '22 (public health and Spanish), have been selected as the UNCW student scholars as part of the Health Care Heroes Awards. They will receive \$500 scholarships sponsored by Delta Dental.

October 2020	Governor Roy Cooper appointed Carolyn Craddock (lecturer, SSW) to the North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board. Craddock has extensive clinical and administrative experience in behavioral health, working in community mental health and crisis services with families, children and adults and serves as the president of the National Association of Social Workers in North Carolina.
October 2020	Dr. Brent Hawkins (associate professor, SHAHS) was inducted into the National Academy of Recreational Therapists (NART).
October 2020	Ashlea Pinkham (SHAHS) was nominated for the UNCW 2020 Staff Award for Excellence.
November 2020	The Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN) announced the creation of The Barbara Lutz Stroke Rehabilitation Grant, developed to honor the 2019-2020 ARN President, Barbara J. Lutz, McNeill Distinguished Professor (SON)
December 2020	The Recreation Therapy program (SHAHS) earned its initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon recommendation by the Committee on Accreditation of Recreational Therapy Education (CARTE).
December 2020	Public Health Assistant Professor Sabrina Cherry (SHAHS) won the 2020 Franklin H. Williams Award. The award recognizes ethnically diverse returned Peace Corps volunteers who demonstrate a lifelong commitment to civic engagement, service, diversity, inclusion and world peace to the Peace Corps' Third Goal of promoting a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans. Cherry is one of six recipients of the award.
December 2020	The Schools of Nursing and Health and Applied Human Sciences held virtual commencement celebrations for their 2020 graduates.