February 2017

Commencement will be here before you know it! To help you prepare, this email contains important information regarding graduation. As always, please feel free to share this email with family and friends who wish to celebrate this milestone in your life.

Because we want our graduates to have family and friends join them for commencement without needing tickets, we have four separate ceremonies over two days in May. Students and families should attend the ceremony in which their major is included, as indicated on the chart below.

Aside from and in addition to the formal commencement ceremony, many departments host receptions for their graduates and families; some are prior to their commencement ceremony while others are after. The specific locations of departmental events will be posted on the Commencement website as soon as they are available.

Also included in this email is specific information about:

Seahawk Salute
Regalia (cap and gown ordering)
Alumni Association Celebration
Senior Class Campaign
Guidebook App
Commencement Photographs
Career Services

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Seahawk Salute

Seahawk Salute is a special day just for you! Seahawk Salute will be held on Monday, March 27 and Tuesday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the UNCW Bookstore. During this event you will gain additional information from the offices/services listed below:

The following information/material will be available during the Seahawk Salute:

- The **Registrar’s Office** will issue name cards. You will need your name card during the commencement ceremony.
- **Distinction cords** are also from the Registrar’s Office. Personnel from the Registrar’s Office will be issuing distinction cords during the event.
- Specials on diploma frames from **Framing Success**
- Join the **UNCW Alumni Association**
- Important job search guides from **Career Services**
- Supporting **UNCW Senior Gift Campaign**. More information is available below.
- Commencement information from **Transition Programs**
- Graduation Portraits from **Photo Specialties**
- Class rings and announcements from **Balfour College**

Distance Education & Extension Student | Regalia

Students classified as distance education/extension students do not pay the same mandatory fees that are paid by on-campus students in Wilmington. For this reason, you will need to purchase your regalia to participate in the commencement ceremony. Instructions are listed below regarding how to purchase your commencement regalia.

Regalia will cost $45.98 for undergraduates, which includes your cap, gown and tassel. Master student’s regalia will cost $86.96, and includes your cap, gown, hood and tassel. Shipping will be $16.95. Doctoral students should email **sm282@bncollege.com** with their degree, height, name, phone number and email address. Doctoral students’ regalia rental will be $30.
Purchasing Regalia and Honor Cords

*Students who are eligible for academic honor cords will be notified by email with instructions on how to order*

There are four options for you to purchase regalia:

1. Order through the UNCW Bookstore, directly online from Oak Hall and have shipped to you 
2. Pay for and Pick up during Seahawk Salute 
3. Pay for and Pick up at the Onslow Campus 
4. Pay for and Pick up in Hanover Gym the day of Commencement

*Regalia Purchased from the UNCW Bookstore*

The UNCW Bookstore purchases regalia from Oak Hall Company. Oak Hall has set up a website for UNCW distance education/extension students (undergraduate and graduate) to order their cap and gown and have it shipped directly. Doctoral students should email sm282@bncollege.com with their degree, height, name, phone number and email address. Doctoral students’ regalia rental will be $30.

*Regalia Pick Up at Seahawk Salute*

Distance education/extension students will have the opportunity to purchase and pick up their regalia directly from the UNCW bookstore during Seahawk Salute.

*Regalia Pick Up at the Onslow Campus*

Distance education/extension students will have the opportunity to purchase their regalia directly from the Onslow Campus. Students who wish to pay for and pick up their regalia at the Onslow campus may do so on Tuesday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Hanover Gym Regalia Pick Up the Day of Commencement*

The UNCW Bookstore will be set up in Hanover Gym on the day of your commencement ceremony for the final distribution of regalia. Distance/extension students will be able to purchase their regalia one hour prior to their ceremony start time.

**Doctoral students cannot order their regalia online.** Doctoral students should email sm282@bncollege.com with their degree, height, name, phone number and email address. If you do not have a UNCW One Card, contact the [UNCW One Card Office](mailto:uncwonecard@uncw.edu) to obtain one as you are required to present it in order to receive your regalia.

**May 2017 Alumni Association Commencement Celebration**

**Thursday, May 4, 2017 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Wise Alumni House**

The UNCW Alumni Association invites all graduating students and their families to drop in to the Wise Alumni House for a pre-graduation celebration! Complimentary hors d’oeuvres and refreshments will be served. The Wise Alumni House is located at the corner of Market Street and 18th Street. Parking is available across the street at the Temple Baptist Church lot located on the corner of 18th Street and Princess Street. Registration will open in March.
Senior Class Giving Campaign

Spring 2017 graduates, make a difference for the Seahawks following in your footsteps by participating in this year’s Senior Class Giving Campaign. Make a gift of $20.17 or more to any area of campus that you love most and you’ll receive several benefits - including a VIP parking pass to commencement and an invitation to the Senior Toast!

Gifts from seniors help provide scholarships, research opportunities, hands-on learning experiences and classroom technology. Participate today!

Students who participate in the Senior Class Giving Campaign will also receive an invitation to the Senior Toast that will be held on Thursday May 4, 5 p.m. at Kenan House.

Visit uncw.edu/seniors for more information. Questions? Call 910.962.3075 or email Keith Fraser, fraserk@uncw.edu

Commencement Guidebook App

Download the UNCW App from the Apple App Store or the Android Marketplace using the key words UNCW Guide. Once you have the app, click Download Guides, and click on Commencement to access information on ceremonies and other resources.

Official Commencement Photographs

Professional photographers from GradImages will take individual photographs of each of the graduates during their Commencement ceremony. During the presentation of candidates, each graduate will pose for two pictures, one as a portrait and the other receiving their scroll. Participants will receive a free photo proof and can order copies of their photograph directly from GradImages.

To receive your photos quickly, pre-register family and friends' email addresses. GradImages will email photographs when they are available for online viewing and ordering. Pre-register with GradImages by visiting www.gradimages.com, and clicking on the "Pre-Event Registration" at the bottom of the page. This provides them with the most correct and up-to-date contact information and ensures the delivery of your graduation proofs in a timely manner. You may register your email and up to 6 emails of loved ones who would like to share in your accomplishment by viewing and ordering photos.

Your proofs will be available after the ceremony. To view your proofs online, please visit www.gradimages.com. Pictures may be ordered online, by phone or by mail. If you have any questions, please contact Customer Service at 800.261.2576.

Individuals who do not receive a photo proof within two weeks of the ceremony should contact GradImages at 800.261.2576 or via e-mail at service@gradimages.com. To learn more, visit www.gradimages.com/universityofnorthcarolinawilmington.
Career Services

See how the UNCW Career Services can help jumpstart your career planning! Don’t miss the opportunity to receive their advice as you prepare for your next steps!

Office of Transition Programs | 910.962.3098 | transitions@uncw.edu

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