Dr. Pricope demonstrates the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) to the Mabele community in the Chobe Enclave of northern Botswana at the request of the local traditional authority leader (the chief or Khosi in Setswana). In addition to obtaining research permits at the central government level, the research group demonstrated their commitment to community engagement and respect for local knowledge by seeking out the permission of local communities. The researchers are collecting vegetation health data for a larger interdisciplinary research project funded by the National Science Foundation, aimed at understanding vulnerability to climate and environmental change.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 8 • 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
*MarineQuest: World Ocean Day*
*Watson College of Education, UNCW*

June 8 • 7:30 p.m.
*Port City Music Festival*
*Beckwith Recital Hall, UNCW*

June 14 • 6:00 p.m.
*Virtuosos: Department of Music and CMA Faculty and Guests*
*Beckwith Recital Hall, UNCW*

June 18-21 • 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*UNCW Athletics: Coach CB McGrath Summer Basketball Camp*
*Trask Coliseum, UNCW*

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