

Dear Dr. Christina Lanier and Dr. Kristen DeVall,

Congratulations! On behalf of the UNCW Sponsored Programs and Research Compliance Team, it is with enormous pleasure that we welcome you as the newest member of the distinguished **James F. Merritt Million Dollar Club**.

Named for the director emeritus of the Center for Marine Science in acknowledgment of his over \$14 million in funding during his 34-year tenure at the university, this club honors researchers and faculty members that have cumulatively received over one million dollars in externally sponsored funding at UNCW.

As of the end of fiscal year 2020, you had surpassed this considerable milestone – accounting for a total of \$1,931,330 in externally sponsored funding over the course of your research endeavors here at UNCW! Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

UNCW and SPARC have traditionally recognized and celebrated all Million Dollar inductees during the Annual Research Reception. Due to the COVID pandemic and restrictions on large group gatherings, the reception scheduled for winter 2021 was unfortunately canceled. To recognize your research achievement, we have worked with the Office of University Relations (OUR) to commission digital billboards in Wilmington that will run in late April and early May. As such, we request permission to use your name and photo to proclaim your success story to the greater Wilmington community. OUR will follow up with you soon to finalize the details of the recognition. In addition, we anticipate hosting the 14th Annual Research Reception in fall 2021 to recognize your accomplishment in person.

Again, congratulations on your outstanding sponsored research milestone and thank you for your excellent work at UNCW. Your work is making a difference.

Sincerely,  
SPARC