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DEAR FRIENDS,

Truth be told, we could publish countless stories about what makes UNCW soar; there is a bottomless well of inspiration in our faculty, students and staff; our distinguished alumni; and the enormous community of Seahawk supporters. Trying to narrow this issue down to a mere sampling of those stories was difficult – and a terrific problem to have!

Now that Kathy and I have settled in, we are able to see the university’s stellar reputation in action. I often highlight the ways UNCW has been commended in national rankings for our commitment to excellence and affordability, but being surrounded every day by the people who earn those rankings for the university is so motivating. It makes me want to do everything I can to support our students, our faculty’s passion for teaching and research, and our staff’s dedication to making this campus efficient and welcoming. I am also inspired to continue to shine a light on all the wonderful things that happen here by engaging our community, and not just locally. Waving the UNCW flag to potential partners across the country and around the world can bring about additional learning and research opportunities, economic development for our region, and greater prominence for recruiting students and employees.

Telling the story of this institution is an honor, and I encourage you to be great ambassadors for the university by sharing the stories you’re about to read. I also encourage those of you who are eligible to vote “yes” on the Connect NC bond when it appears on the March 15 primary ballot. With no increase in taxes and immense benefits for higher education, this bond is a win-win.

What makes UNCW soar? In a nutshell, it’s our collective desire to serve our students. Read on to learn more about just a few of the many ways we do that. Go Seahawks!

Yours at UNCW,

Dr. Jose V. “Zito” Sartarelli
Chancellor, UNCW
UNCW ranked in

**top 10**
for nursing and education online degree programs
SR Education Group

**top 20**
“Best Regional Universities” in the South
U.S. News & World Report

**top 50**
institutions in the country
The Business Journals

UNCW named

**10th**
in the country among Top 50 Values for Public Colleges and Universities
Consumers Digest

Watson College of Education named a

**top 5**
best value in North Carolina
National Council on Teacher Quality

UNCW ranked

**#9**
on list of Top 50 Best Value Residential Masters in Curriculum and Instruction
Top Masters in Education

www.uncw.edu/rankings
Inflation Inspiration

"Watson" the whale will travel through southeastern North Carolina teaching children about marine life and harmful ocean debris thanks to a recent grant. UNCW’s MarineQuest Traveling Through Trash (3T) program received $29,615 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to educate students on how animals like whales, dolphins and sea turtles are affected by trash in the ocean.

"Securing grant funding from NOAA makes it possible to provide programs free of charge to rural, underserved schools in our region," said Sue Kezios, director of youth programs at MarineQuest. This is the first time NOAA has granted money to UNCW’s MarineQuest, which will use the funds to help with travel expenses to and from rural eastern North Carolina K-8 schools. The grant will also help MarineQuest create teaching kits that can be used in schools to educate children about marine life and ocean debris.

MarineQuest uses the massive, 56-foot inflatable right whale "classroom" to achieve its teaching goals. (The right whale is a species of whale that migrates through the waters off the NC coast.) Equipped with life-size organs that can simulate what happens when whales come in contact with ocean debris, Watson allows children to diagnose sick whales from the inside out. The aim is to inspire change at a young age that will lead to a more ocean-friendly future. – Kamerin Roth

No need to tiptoe into the ocean any longer, wondering if jellyfish will crash the party on your foray into the sea.

Rob Condon, assistant professor of biological oceanography, is working closely with students to expand and enhance the Jellyfish Database Initiative, also known as JeDI. Designed as an open-access database for all researchers, media and the public and a data hub for general information on global jellyfish populations, it currently holds more than 476,000 records spanning the past two centuries. Future efforts include a searchable map tool, so anyone can log on, choose a part of the world and see what jellyfish live there. Condon and JeDI contributors are using the creature’s visual appeal to educate and enlighten others.

"We had an international jellyfish art contest and received 560 entries from 16 countries including Slovenia, Brazil and Japan," Condon said. "We’re turning many of the entries into an educational coffee table book, combining the kids’ art with scientific facts about jellyfish." Bethany Robbins ‘17, an Honors College student, is working on assembling it.

With growing student enthusiasm and public interest, JeDI continues to probe the mysteries of the deep sea. – Jamie Lynn Miller
We’re Going to Need a Bigger Boat

All eyes were on the coastal South this past summer after a series of shark sightings and incidents off North Carolina beaches.

Fred Scharf, professor of fisheries biology, and Larry Cahoon, professor of biology and marine biology, were called on time and again, locally and nationally, for their expert advice.

“The surge in shark attacks along the North Carolina coast during the early summer was unprecedented and created a heightened level of anxiety among beachgoers,” Scharf said. “Trying to provide some perspective on the possible reasons for the large number of attacks, and repeating some commonly expressed points of advice to minimize risk, was really important. And I think coming from university faculty who work in the marine environment helps to make that perspective and advice more credible.”

For his part, Cahoon said he was concerned about misrepresentation during times of media scrutiny.

“I’m a biological oceanographer and know a fair bit about how oceanic ecosystems work, but that does not make me a shark expert,” he clarified. He wanted to provide “a fuller explanation of what really happens when sharks attack people, because overwhelmingly they do not. It’s sometimes tough to explain rare, but riveting, events.” – Jennifer Glatt

Fred Scharf (left) and Larry Cahoon stand behind a Megalodon jaw replica at the N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher, showing this prehistoric shark had serious bite potential.
Rhythm and Music

Seventh-graders at Wilmington’s Williston Middle School have a unique opportunity to find their voices through rich, rhythmic poetry, thanks to a rather nontraditional teaching method.

For ten weeks each semester, young poets and a group of Watson College beginning education students gather at Williston’s library to craft original poetry reflecting personal goals, aspirations or social justice issues and perfect the delivery of the poems by incorporating music, technology and movement. The Poetry Slam is the culmination of weeks of hard work and showcases the students’ efforts.

“My students and I get to bear witness to the growth of young people learning that their voice has value, purpose and power,” said WCE associate professor Candace Thompson, who created the poetry project.

The Mighty Williston Poetry Project began in 2011 as a means to deepen the learning experiences of beginning education students while aiding seventh graders in the development of creative and critical thinking, writing, leadership and public speaking skills. It is currently offered as an elective; Thompson hopes to expand the project to an after-school program.

Williston principal Ronald Villines has seen firsthand the many benefits of the poetry project. He said students have developed a love for writing, and the collaboration with Watson College has shown his students possibilities for their futures.

“The poetry project has helped the students become strong writers, and, as a result of their spending time with their mentors, the students are starting to think about life beyond high school,” he said. – Venita Jenkins
Healthy Hike in Numbers

With just 50 percent of registered nurses in North Carolina holding baccalaureate or graduate-level degrees, UNCW's innovative RN to BSN program is poised to play a critical role in the state's effort to raise that number to 80 percent by 2020.

From fall 2013 to fall 2015, the program grew from 71 students to 712 – an increase of 900 percent.

Research shows that registered nurses who obtain a bachelor’s degree in nursing possess higher-level critical thinking and problem-solving skills and, on average, tend to improve patient outcomes. Some hospitals require a BSN on initial hire; others require a BSN within five years of hire. To meet the needs of non-traditional students who often have to balance their personal and work lives while taking classes, UNCW's online program offers accelerated classes in six sessions throughout the year and provides students with a dedicated academic advisor to ensure that they complete their program as quickly as possible. In the end, the patients are the real winners. – Kamerin Roth

The Secret of Success

UNCW's Cameron School of Business offers a Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) program that consistently places over 95 percent of graduates in jobs. Many graduates begin their careers in North Carolina; nationwide placements have included New York, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Denver and San Diego.

The class of 2016 includes 68 MSA students; more than half have already secured full-time employment offers upon graduation. Several things factor into that success.

"UNCW's great relationship with the accounting profession rests on our history of well-prepared graduates with strong technical and interpersonal skills and a great work ethic," explains MSA program director Bill Kerler. "Tuition and fees for the MSA program are much lower than our competitors, but our placement opportunities and salaries are the same as the most competitive and expensive programs in the country, making UNCW an exceptional value." – Jamie Lynn Miller

Walk This Way

While most Seahawks enjoyed the beaches and steamy weather over the summer, Sammy C. Hawk was hard at work leaving his indelible footprints on campus to help visually guide the more than 20,000 visitors who attend campus tours each year.

These vibrant teal talons lead future Seahawks safely from Visitor Parking Lot M to the Office of Admissions in James Hall to start their campus tour. Another big enhancement: the first bilingual campus tour was offered in October, co-hosted by the Office of Admissions and Centro Hispano. With Sammy's footprints to guide visitors, it has never been easier to tour UNCW's beautiful campus and see what Seahawk life is all about. To take a virtual tour yourself, visit uncw.edu/admissions/virtuatour.html.

– Kamerin Roth
Seahawk Resurgence

UNCW checked a very large item off its to-do list this fall – a 24x26-foot one, to be exact. The floor of Trask Coliseum received a facelift, incorporating the university’s new athletics logo.

“We’re very excited about being able to showcase our new logo as new energy and excitement surrounds our program,” said Jimmy Bass, UNCW’s athletic director. “Trask Coliseum has long been the cornerstone of our athletic facilities, so it’s important for us to showcase our primary mark in the most visible way we possibly can.”

– Kyle Brown

Wagoner Dining Hall will save 8,782 gallons of water a day through the elimination of trays, plastic bags will be removed from all dining locations (preventing the use of 20,000 bags annually) and all fryer oil from campus dining will be converted into biodiesel after use.

– Kyle Brown

Based on UNC system averages, it is estimated that UNCW will save $20 million in energy costs from 2015–20, while actual energy costs will drop from $78.4 million to $34.4 million in the next ten years.

Waste Not, Want Not

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Source: 2015 Seahawk Sustainability Report

In a venture to reduce UNCW’s carbon footprint and bring the university closer to the UNC General Administration mandate of carbon neutrality by 2050, this fall Wagoner Dining Hall began sending its organic, compostable materials to a nearby composting facility.

All pre-consumer food waste is now composted on-site with a dehydrator located in Dub’s Café, while coffee grounds from multiple locations on campus are diverted to local farms to be used as compost.

Source: 2015 Seahawk Sustainability Report
I started to notice the ways Marines or sailors would escape from the daily violence, heat and lack of sleep. Some would turn to their iPods, others would lift rocks to work out or read a book. This Marine, Private First Class Joseph Pecko, was on his first deployment overseas and I found him escaping, just for a moment, in a letter home.

In His Own Words

The place is Forward Operating Base Sharp, named after our squad’s first casualty, Lance Corporal Charles S. Sharp. Forward Operating Base Sharp is located in Mianposteh, which is just outside the Garmsir district within the southern Helmand province of Afghanistan. The building itself used to be a school for local children; however, the Taliban took it over and converted it into a recruiting center for Taliban fighters. Outside the building were two roads, used to supply Taliban forces in the north and facilitate the Taliban’s illegal arms trafficking and narcotics trade (mostly heroin).

We had been in that area since July 2, 2009; we were the first forces to go that far south in Afghanistan. The days would get up to 120+ degrees outside, and we were constantly getting shot at or having to maneuver around IEDs [improvised explosive devices]. There were no showers, no phones, no Internet, no bathrooms. On this day, August 13, 2009, I had been trying to take more pictures of Marines and sailors without them knowing. I wanted the camera to disappear in a sense, but also bring the observer into these very private moments in a place where it’s really hard to have a private moment.

James LaPorta ’16 is a freelance journalist, combat veteran and a student at UNCW. His photo is displayed in the new Military Resource Lounge.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of students, faculty and staff, UNCW opened a new Military Resource Lounge in the Warwick Center on the university’s main campus.

Student veterans face challenges unique to their situation, said Pat Leonard, vice chancellor for the Division of Student Affairs. The resource lounge will serve as a central place for them to learn about campus and UNC system services, study and network with other military-affiliated students.
Power Play

Dan Spaulding ’17 came home from the United States Association for Blind Athletes Summer Sports Festival with a new perspective on adaptive sports and a greater respect for athletes with disabilities.

Spaulding and eight other UNCW recreation therapy and athletic training majors traveled to Colorado Springs, CO, in July to volunteer at the festival, an adaptive sports event for visually impaired veterans from across the U.S. Students assisted veterans with various sports, including rock-climbing, rowing and track and field.

“It was amazing to see those guys perform,” said Spaulding, a junior majoring in athletic training and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

“A lot of veterans say, ‘We’re handi-able, not handicapped.’

Students spent two weeks learning about community-based and elite-level adaptive sports programs and participating in adaptive sports before traveling to Colorado. The experience was a part of the Special Issues in Recreation Therapy: Adaptive Sports course offered through UNCW’s School of Health and Applied Human Sciences.

— Venita Jenkins

“Labels and stereotypes hinder our perspective,” said Brandi Crowe, assistant professor of recreation therapy. “As a result of this course, I hope students see that athletes who have a disability have the same interests, desires and goals as athletes who do not have a disability; they train just as hard and are operating at the same level of elite competition.”
Moving Forward

To better prepare students for the 21st-century workplace, UNCW offers a robust lineup of new degree offerings, both online and in the classroom.

NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS:

Master of Fine Arts in filmmaking
planned for fall 2017

Master of Science in business analytics
planned for fall 2017

Master of Arts in Teaching
Secondary math and science (online)
English as a Second Language specialization (online)
Spanish specialization (traditional)

Ph.D. in coastal marine science
joint program with ECU, planned for fall 2017

Ph.D. in psychology
approved fall 2015, planned for fall 2017

Doctor of Nursing Practice
approved fall 2015, planned for fall 2016

NEW TO THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOGUE:

• Clinical research minor
• Educational studies minor
• Nonprofit management and leadership minor
• Security studies minor
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CLASS of 1965

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Fifty years ago, when the towering oaks that now shade Hoggard Lawn were just saplings, the first four-year class graduated from what was then Wilmington College. The Class of 1965 was a part of a wealth of historic changes, both on campus and in the world at large.

by Marybeth Bianchi and Andrea Monroe Weaver
YESTERDAY,

all my troubles seemed so far away
... oh, I believe in yesterday.

“Yesterday” by the Beatles, Released in 1965
The modern university that UNCW has become took root while the Class of 1965 was on campus, when the College Road location was new (the groundbreaking was held in 1961), and the traditions of a four-year university were just starting to take shape.

At Wilmington College, the student editors of the *Fledgling*, the college yearbook, showed their pride for the growing campus in photos celebrating the construction of new buildings. In 1965, the Seahawks played their basketball games in a brand new gymnasium, later named Hanover Hall. That same year, the college held a groundbreaking ceremony for Kenan Hall, named for benefactor Sarah Graham Kenan, and established the Wrightsville Marine Biomedical Laboratory, a precursor to the Center for Marine Science, now part of CREST Research Park.
1965

Stamps: 5¢ each
Gas: 31¢ per gallon
The Grateful Dead held its first concert
Back in 1965, the college held commencement ceremonies in June. Then-Lt. Gov. Robert Scott delivered the commencement address for the 72 members of the Class of 1965. Fourteen students received the first teaching certificates issued by the college. Two students received degree distinctions: Bonnie Sullivan Daniel, magna cum laude, and Ron Mihal, cum laude. In May 2015, 565 students graduated with distinction.

Harvey T. Covil received the Hoggard Medal for Achievement, given to the senior who demonstrated the most improvement. The award – named for legendary Wilmington College President John T. Hoggard, who died in 1965 – remains one of the highest honors the university bestows.

“We were extremely proud to have been the first four-year graduates from this campus,” said Al Corbett, who went on to join his family business, Corbett Package Co. “My best memories were celebrating our national baseball champs, participating in fraternity life, observing campus building growth, learning from great professors and developing lifelong friends.” (The Seahawk baseball team won the National Junior College World Series in 1961 and 1963.)

Grady Conner, who maintains his university connection through the alumni association’s Triangle Chapter, remembered that UNCW supported non-traditional students then just as the university does now, helping them balance the demands of work, school and life.

“The Class of 1965 was small and mostly from southeastern North Carolina,” he recalled. “Those from outside of the area lived off campus, usually at the beach. Many worked part-time and adjusted their classes and activities so they could work.”

Ron Staton, who earned both an associate’s degree and a bachelor’s degree from Wilmington College, said it was an accounting class with Anne Barksdale that cemented the foundation for his career as a certified public accountant. He remembers that the business program, which evolved into the Cameron School of Business in 1979, focused on helping students succeed after graduation.

“We ran our own placement service,” he said. “We were allowed to mail out invitations to interview on the dean’s letterhead.”

“I have remained involved (at UNCW) because of the quality of graduates,” said Staton, who has been active with the alumni association as well as the business school and contributes to numerous scholarships.

Corbett, too, has been steadfast in his support of the university over the decades, serving on the university’s Board of Trustees, Foundation Board, Seahawk Club board and alumni association board and supporting established scholarships. “We share the pride of being UNCW Seahawks,” he said.

Fifty years and thousands of graduates later, UNCW remains committed to its core mission to enhance students’ lives through education, according to alumni like Corbett, Staton and Conner. Each one credits the faculty and staff of Wilmington College with preparing them for the opportunity to “pursue their dreams and lead productive and fulfilling lives,” Conner said.

“UNCW is a great university, and it is getting better each year.”

Imagine the year 2065. Those stately oaks that shade Hoggard Lawn will be 100 years old. The Class of 2015 will return to campus for Homecoming or Family and Alumni Weekend, and they will remember their favorite faculty, their friends and the fundamental ways their alma mater changed their lives and they, too, will celebrate the timeless pride of being Seahawks.

Photos: University Archives. Not all of the 1965 seniors are represented.
Sowing the Seeds of Change

Corn meets chemistry in the hands of Fred Jaeger '97

by Andrea Monroe Weaver

PHOTOS BY CHI BROWN
“We’re looking for ways to address food shortages globally,” he said of the work he and his colleagues are doing with Bayer CropScience at the global company’s North American Headquarters in North Carolina’s Research Triangle Park. “It’s already an issue and will become more of one as the world’s population grows.”

Creating corn SeedGrowth™ products that help plants grow stronger with higher yields will support a crop that feeds more than a billion people daily, even beyond the approximately 850 million tons of corn that, according to Bayer CropScience, the U.S. produces. (That’s more than one-third of the world’s annual harvest.) But uses for corn don’t stop with food; it is also a leading ingredient in biofuel and bioplastics.

Jaeger discovered his passion for scientific research as a chemistry major at UNCW. A Chicago native who moved to Cary, NC, at age 12, Jaeger said that the faculty in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry had high expectations of their students.

“I found out really quickly that I got out of things what I put into them. I remember the pressures – good ones – from the faculty to do things right,” Jaeger explained. “It was uncomfortable at the time, but I emerged as an adult who was capable of handling things in the real world.”

Jaeger recalled how much fun he and other students had in a physical chemistry course called P-CHEM, which was taught by Professor Mike Messina, an “absolutely brilliant” theoretical chemist in Jaeger’s estimation.

Fred Jaeger ’97 plants seeds for a living, although he’s not your traditional farmer.

As a cutting-edge researcher for Bayer CropScience, his work is all about nurturing growth potential. For each tiny kernel of corn he handles, it’s the protein within that he believes holds the most possibilities.

14.2 billion bushels of corn were produced by U.S. growers in 2014, valued at $51.9 billion

Source: 2015 “World of Corn” report by the National Corn Growers Association
"It was considered a nightmare class – kind of a rite of passage – because it was very mathematics-based," he remembered, "but he taught the class with such joy and happiness. I still use some of the equations I learned in the class."

After graduation, Jaeger landed a role as an advanced research assistant with a firm in the Research Triangle Park. For seven years, he worked his way up through the ranks, taking on various roles with research companies in the area.

At first, he didn’t consider going to graduate school, much less earning a Ph.D., but mentors encouraged Jaeger to continue his education.

“I knew the things I wanted to accomplish would require more education, and these mentors pushed me and pushed me hard,” he said. "One of them asked me, 'What’s stopping you?'"

Jaeger worked full-time while earning his graduate (2005-08) and doctoral degrees (2008-14) in chemistry at NC State University. He learned to juggle his studies around his successful career and growing family life. He and his wife Lava live in Raleigh with their three children: Hough, 12; Mason, 10; and Lyla, 8.

Jaeger’s current work at Bayer builds on the skills he developed while working on a groundbreaking project as a senior laboratory research analyst at the Duke University Human Vaccine Institute. His team isolated a protein, Tenascin-C (or TNC), which neutralizes HIV and may protect babies from getting the virus from their infected mothers. TNC had previously been recognized as playing a role in wound-healing, but its antimicrobial properties were unknown to science. The team’s patent-pending discovery may one day lead to new treatments for HIV prevention. In his understated way, Jaeger said, "It has the potential for having a pretty big impact for saving lives."

Thinking about his children's future, and the future for children all over the world, inspires Jaeger’s interest in finding scientific solutions for big issues such as disease and food shortages.

Although he’s come a long way from his days as a student at UNCW, Jaeger and his family visit campus each year while on vacation at local beaches. He’s proud of the university’s growth and its strong reputation, which he credits to the faculty’s commitment to teaching. He followed two older sisters to UNCW, and he hopes to keep their family legacy going strong with his children.

“They love the campus,” Jaeger said. "When we go on a tour, they say, 'Hey Daddy, can I go here one day?' I tell them, 'Yes, if you work hard and study.'"

From a Seahawk-trained scientist, these words are valuable seeds of advice.

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Network Solutions

It’s a little-known fact that UNCW offers the only fully online Master of Science in Chemistry program in the U.S. It started nine years ago with just eight students; today, more than 40 students are enrolled and it has become one of the most successful online graduate chemistry programs in the country. Employees with companies such as PPD, AAIPharma, Roche, 3M, BASF, Exxon Mobil, Phillips, Pfizer, Bayer, Chevron and the U.S. Armed Services are enrolled in the program.

The online program allows students to obtain a graduate degree in chemistry while maintaining full-time employment. All courses are taught by full-time UNCW chemistry faculty and have the same rigor as face-to-face graduate classes.

"The program provides training for students who wish to enhance their skills as chemistry researchers, as well as students who wish to combine their chemistry background with expertise in other areas to broaden their career opportunities," said Pam Seaton, chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. "There is no other program in the country that provides these options in a fully online format."

UNCW’s online M.S. chemistry program created a pathway for Capt. Lyndon Bartlett ‘14M, a U.S. Air Force pilot assigned to Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, to achieve his educational and professional goals. Bartlett, who majored in chemistry at the Air Force Academy, felt having continuity between his undergraduate and master’s degrees would be useful when transitioning to a civilian career.

"UNCW has an accessible, solid chemistry program that is very friendly to the military lifestyle," said Bartlett. "The ability to get a technical master’s degree while moving around every year or two was very useful and, without an online program, would be impossible for distance-learning students."

In 2013, the first international student, from Saudi Arabia, graduated from the program, paving the way for expansion to international markets. – Venita Jenkins
Putting aside his dream of winning a Tony Award, Corey Mitchell ’93 heeded the call to teach theatre.

For more than 20 years, he has nurtured aspiring young actors and served as an advocate for theatre education. And in truly poetic fashion, he was recently rewarded – in a big way – for that dedication.

Mitchell, a theatre arts teacher at Northwest School of the Arts in Charlotte, was presented the inaugural Excellence in Theatre Education Award during the Tonys at Radio City Music Hall in June 2015. The Tony Awards and Carnegie Mellon University created the prestigious honor to recognize teachers who inspire talented students and support them on their journey as theatre professionals.

Mitchell received $10,000 for his school, a flight for two to New York City, hotel accommodations and a pair of tickets to the Tony Awards Ceremony and Gala.

“When you are chosen out of 4,000 people, it feels like you have won the lottery,” he said about winning the award. “It’s just incredible.”

Mitchell described his trip to New York as wonderful and surreal. He met many professional actors, including British actress Dame Helen Mirren, who showed Mitchell a watch given to her by the estate of a former teacher and mentor.

“Several people shared their stories about teachers who influenced them,” he said.

The recognition is about his students’ hard work and the positive impact of theatre and the arts, Mitchell said. “This is a fantastic opportunity to not only brag about our program and my kids, but also to talk to people about the importance of theatre and theatre education.”

Mitchell’s passion for theatre began when he was a child. His first performance was reciting “I Had a Little Mule” at a Parent-Teacher Association meeting at his elementary school. From that point on, he says, he was addicted to the stage. He appeared in productions throughout high school and college and, post-graduation, directed and acted in productions with the Charlotte-area community theatre.

“Theatre has a power unlike any other art form. When you watch a dancer, you are appreciating their movements, their lines and athletic ability. When you listen to music, you are listening for the mood and the artistry of the musician,” he said. “When you listen to an actor or go to a play, you are sharing ideas and changing minds in a very direct way.”

Mitchell challenges his students with productions such as For Colored Girls, Rent and Hair. Recently, the Northwest students’ production of The Color Purple at the International Thespian Festival in Nebraska was featured in Purple Dreams, an inspirational documentary about an all-black cast of high schoolers and the power of performing arts.

“The first thing I tell my students is that they are not here [at NWSA] to be famous. If you want to be famous, do something stupid and put it on the Internet,” he said. “Theatre can be used to inspire change, and it can be used to empower and give a voice to the voiceless. I try to do shows that really speak to that.”

Mitchell has shared with his students lessons he learned as a theatre student at UNCW, including advice given to him by Doug Swink and Terry Rogers, both of whom were longtime UNCW theatre faculty members. Swink, Rogers
and Lou Criscuolo, founder and artistic director of Opera House Theatre Company in Wilmington, set the foundation for Mitchell.

“My biggest regret is that the three people, who were my absolute heroes, have all passed away. I didn’t get to share this with them.”

Each day, Mitchell is reminded of his impact on future generations of theatre artists and how his theatre teachers made a difference in his life. His Tony Award sits in a trophy case outside a theatre in Northwest School of the Arts.

“I believe your life is a mosaic and everything that you do leads to something that makes a beautiful picture,” Mitchell said. “So much of what I’ve done has been the result of what I learned at UNC Wilmington.”

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Corporate Culture

by Andrea Monroe Weaver

Seahawk scientists harvest growth opportunities for marine biotechnology

At UNCW’s CREST Research Park, scientists work in the world’s largest laboratory: nature.

In search of undiscovered chemical compounds, a team of highly skilled biologists and chemists collaborate to collect and culture approximately 750 different strains of algae and related organisms from oceans all over the world, according to Dan Baden, newly appointed executive principal with Marine Biotechnology in North Carolina (MARBIONC).

UNCW researchers, as well as their partners and clients at other educational institutions and pharmaceutical firms, analyze the cultures to develop potential products and processes. They also mine their data to inform new research. Their goal, Baden noted, is to create "an engine of activity" that generates new discoveries, industries and jobs in North Carolina.
“We collect living creatures that cause some kind of reaction within their environments,” Baden explained. By obtaining samples of these species in nature and then using an algae photobioreactor to grow more of them, the team can produce larger, uniform quantities of them for biopharmaceutical analyses and product development.

This delicate process, called algal resources collection (ARC), is the bridge from the natural environment to the specialized scientist who further uncovers the mysteries of each organism. Devising the recipe for success has required the deft touch of Carmelo Tomas, professor emeritus at UNCW. “This ‘biological mining’ involves taking living cells from natural samples, carefully isolating single cells and growing them in optimal conditions in the laboratory,” he explained. Given their biological structure and life cycle, algae can’t be grown, frozen and stored for future study, like bacteria and viruses.

The collaboration at MARBIONC involves interaction among academic scientists, industrial researchers and engineers from international scientific equipment companies (IKA-Works Inc., Wilmington, NC, and British Columbia-based Industrial Plankton). “The academic/industry linkage is the exact function for which MARBIONC was designed,” Tomas added.

So far, their results are very promising:

- Production of large quantities of algae without depleting natural populations;
- Development of tailored conditions for growing larger quantities of these species for pharmaceutical and other industries; and
- Contributions to the development of products with the potential to treat health conditions, such as cystic fibrosis, and to test the safety of seafood for human consumption.

Last, but not least, the research underway at MARBIONC is inspiring a new generation of scientists and entrepreneurs. As Baden said, “An educated workforce, committed to the idea of taking discoveries through the necessary steps to a useful endpoint for the public, is going to be a driving force for economic development in this area.”

Baden, Tomas and their MARBIONC colleagues are growing much more than algae in their labs. They are creating a culture of ideas, innovation and entrepreneurship in the ever-developing field of marine biotechnology.
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71% live in North Carolina

The Cape Fear region tops the list, followed by the Triangle, Triad and Charlotte areas. 29% of alumni live out of state, predominately in the Washington, D.C. and NYC Metro areas.

Every day, the UNCW Alumni Association engages alumni in the life of the university and its students through regional, affinity, reunion, career and student programs.

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Mark your calendar for March 15, the 2016 primary election day, when eligible voters will have a chance to vote on a bond package that includes $66 million for UNCW’s allied health/human services building. If the bonds pass, UNCW students—the healthcare workforce of tomorrow—will benefit, as will our region and state. The referendum will be on the ballot for the entire bond package and not individual projects, so a “yes” vote also will benefit other UNC campuses, community colleges, state parks, water and sewer infrastructure, our state’s agricultural economy and other state needs.

For additional information, see [http://connect.nc.gov/](http://connect.nc.gov/).
1960s

James L. Rochelle Jr. ’65 and his wife, Myra, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 3, 2015.

Thomas M. Tuttle ’66 and his wife, Brenda, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 1, 2015.

Don Godwin ’69, chairman and CEO of Godwin Lewis PC, was recognized as one of the 50 Lions of the Texas Bar by The Texas Lawbook. Lions are active veteran lawyers throughout Texas who have had a significant impact on the legal profession or a major impact on society through the practice of law.

1970s

John Willse ’76 joined the team of financial advisors at Nabel Winslow Investments and Wealth Management, a regional independent investment management firm in Hampstead, NC.

Jeff Evers ’79 took part in the Cape Fear Purple Heart Recipients’ Walk of Honor in August 2015, which was held to recognize those who received a Purple Heart while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

1980s

James C. Godwin Jr. ’80 testified before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging in June 2015, addressing his employer’s strategy and success with attracting and retaining older workers. Jim is the vice president of human resources with Bon Secours Health System in Glen Allen, VA.

Russell “Rusty” Wagstaff ’81, who was a starting pitcher at UNCW from 1978-80, was honored with the game ball in front of a sold-out Durham Bulls game on Sept. 5, 2015, in recognition of his courage and perseverance in battling sepsis. Rusty’s battle with sepsis began in 2013 and resulted in the amputation of both his legs and hands. He walked, unassisted, onto the Durham Bulls field to accept the game ball.

Rick Watkins ’81 was named superintendent of Robeson County North Carolina Public Schools in July 2015. For the previous six years, he served as an assistant professor in Wingate University’s Graduate School of Education.

James “Kevin” Cox ’85 is the chief growth officer with Health Payment Systems Inc. in Milwaukee, WI. He was previously vice president of North America applications sales for Oracle.

David S.J. Wightman ’86 was re-elected national secretary of the Construction Financial Management Association. He is also a director with Aon Risk Solutions, Construction Services Group.

1990s

Larry Wolfe ’90 is president of Cary-based JWB Insurance Group, which was acquired by Virginia-based The Hilb Group in August 2015.

Melissa R. Pressley ’91 is a member of the 2016 Class of Leadership Wilmington. Sponsored by the Wilmington Chamber Foundation, the program is designed to educate, challenge and motivate leaders to use their skills to enhance the community.

Marva Mapson Robinson ’91M was elected vice president of the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra for the 2015-16 season.

David Dobrowski ’92 was appointed vice president and head of North American research and development for Merz North America (the U.S. affiliate of Merz Pharma Group). He is responsible for all medical, regulatory and product safety functions.

Calvin “Dale” Miller ’92 was appointed assistant principal of Alderman Elementary School in the New Hanover County School System through June 30, 2017.

Susan E. Sellers ’92, ’03M was named principal of Rachel Freeman School of Engineering Elementary School in the New Hanover County School System through June 30, 2017.

Doris Likas Best ’93 received a 2015 Preservation Award from the Historic Wilmington Foundation for her rehabilitation of the Cyrus D. Hogue House at 219 N. 16th St. in Wilmington.

Jakkı Stallings Jethro ’93, ’96M was named Title I schools coach for New Hanover County Schools through June 30, 2017. She was previously the principal of Sunset Park Elementary School.

David G. Jones ’93 was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. He is assigned to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command in Fort Knox, KY.

Timothy C. Key ’93 was named chief lending officer at Carolina Premier Bank in Charlotte. He is board chair of Business Funding Corporation, graduate of Leadership Charlotte and advisory board member of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Psychology Change-Maker

Cecil Reynolds, Ph.D. ’75 is a leader in the field of school and educational psychology and is well known for his research in psychological and neuropsychological assessment with children. After earning his bachelor’s degree from UNCW, he went on to earn a doctoral degree from the University of Georgia in 1978. His vast research contributions include all aspects of psychological assessment, ranging from assessment of memory, emotional and affective states and traits to issues of cultural bias in testing. He is the author of more than 300 scholarly publications and author or editor of 33 books, including The Handbook of School Psychology, the Encyclopedia of Special Education and the Handbook of Clinical Child Neuropsychology. He is also the author of several widely used personality and behavior tests, including the Behavior Assessment System for Children and the Revised Children’s Manifest Anxiety Scale. Reynolds is the editor-in-chief of Psychological Assessment, the associate editor of Archives of Scientific Psychology and professor emeritus at Texas A&M. He was named the UNCW Distinguished Alumnus of the Year (1984) and is a UNCW Razor Walker Award recipient (1998). He resides in Austin, Texas, with his wife, Julia. Reynolds recently established the Robert Tindall Brown Student Travel Award in honor of the excellence of Brown’s teaching and mentoring contributions at UNCW.
Corey Mitchell '93 received the inaugural Excellence in Theatre Education Award, jointly presented by the Tony Awards and Carnegie Mellon University. Corey teaches at Northwest School of the Arts, an inner-city school in Charlotte.

Patrick Boykin '94, '12M was elected to a three-year term on the board of Cape Fear Museum Associates Inc. He is PNC Bank's vice president and commercial relationship manager for Eastern North Carolina.

Jennifer Poore '94 is the marketing communications manager for Environmental Science, a division of Bayer CropScience LP, a professional pest management business in Cary, NC.

Marshall K. Cooper '96 was promoted to commercial market executive and senior vice president of CresCom Bank in Ocean Isle Beach, NC.

Kelly Budd Batts '97, '00M, '10Ph.D. is a beginning teachers' coordinator and instructional coach for Sampson Middle School in Clinton City North Carolina Schools.

Frank Blackmon '97 was featured in a July 2015 article in the Myrtle Beach Sun News, which detailed his interest in building marionettes.

N. Kathryn Underwood Melton '97 is the assistant general counsel/government relations liaison at Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, NC.


Brandon Beane '98 is the assistant general manager with the Carolina Panthers.

Eric Jones '98 is chief customer officer with Groove, a Baltimore-based creative marketing, web design and development agency. He leads the agency's business development and account management teams.

Erie Carey '99, '04M, watershed coordinator with Heal Our Waterways, has been advocating awareness of harmful storm water that degrades Wilmington's water quality.

Kevin A. Hommes '99 Wilmington-based Odyssey Fire Protection LLC was named one of the fastest growing privately held companies in the U.S. in the 2015 Inc. Magazine 5,000 list.

Annette Stimmel Knebel '99 graduated with a M.A. in speech-language pathology from St. Ambrose University in May 2015. She resides in West Branch, IA.

Donnie L. Watkins '99 is the program director for Wilmington Early College High School. He previously served as high school dean at Triad Math and Science Academy in Greensboro and as graduation coach at Asheboro High School.

2000s

Jessica Cabo '00 is the executive chef of Cameron Art Museum's Café in Wilmington.

Michael L. Ratigan '00, '01M and his wife, Katherine, announce the birth of their first child, Nolan Edward, on April 30, 2015.

Lisa M. Wurtzbacher '00, '01M was promoted to chief financial officer for New Hanover County.

Deborah L. Pope '01 is an agent with Network Real Estate in Wilmington, working in the company’s property management division.

Tamika Jenkins Rice '01 is an attorney with the Winnabow-based law office of LeeAnne Quattrucci, PA, which focuses on family, adoptions, immigration and juvenile law.

Lori S. Sanderlin '01 is curator of education for the NC Maritime Museum in Southport, where she creates programming for adults and children, assists with exhibits and leads summer camps.

Maggie White '01, who was a four-year letter winner in softball at UNCW, is the assistant softball coach at Ferrum College in Franklin, VA. She was previously head softball coach at Radford University.

Shane Burke '02 is a portfolio manager with the Sterling Capital Diversified Income Fund in Raleigh, NC.

Julie B. Johnson '02 is the first female curator of the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher.

Susanna E. Pantas '02 earned a Master of Social Work degree from UNC Charlotte in May 2015. She was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Alpha honor societies.

Jeanne Singley '02 and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Ralph, on July 5, 2015.

Brooke Johnson Delk '03 and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth of their daughter, Pepper Ann, on Feb. 23, 2015.

Kim Britton Hayden '03 received a 2015 Preservation Award from the Historic Wilmington Foundation for her restoration of the Gov. Dudley Mansion at 400 S. Front St. in Wilmington.

Rhett J. King '03 moved his growing business, King Chiropractic, from Lumina Station to The Forum in Wilmington.

Jason C. Rollins '03 and wife, Issa, announce the birth of their son, Reese Lei, on Feb. 20, 2015. Jason works in corporate communications and public relations for Arby's Restaurant Group Inc. in Atlanta.

Stephanie J. Washington '03 is the assistant principal of Ogden Elementary School in New Hanover County.

Amy M. Anderson '04 of Greensboro, NC, attended the Chautauqua School of Art summer program. She earned her M.F.A. in May 2015 from Western Carolina University.

Joel Justus '04 is the director of men's basketball analytics for the University of Kentucky.

Ashley W. Narron '04 and Robin L. Irby were married May 16, 2015, at Hinnant Family Vineyards in Selma, NC. Ashley is a vice president and bank secrecy act/anti-money laundering support manager with BB&T. They live in Wilson, NC.

Jenny Ortiz '04 is principal of Bradley Elementary School in Murfreesboro, TN.

Erika S. Veth '04 was promoted to director of online learning of Oregon Institute of Technology. She is chairperson for the local chapter of the national Philanthropic Education Organization and is pursuing an Ed.D. in higher education leadership and management.

Seamus M. Bourne '05 and Anna Purfoy '05 announce the birth of twins, Madeleine Jane Ramsey and Holden James Marshall, on Oct. 31, 2014.

Lauren Goodman '05 and Brent Boswell '06 were married May 2, 2015, at Wrightsville Beach.

Mallory Morgan '05 and Jensen M. Caudle '05 announce the birth of their son, Benjamin W. Caudle, on July 1, 2015.
Brad Robinson ’05 is the Carteret County NC 2015 Teacher of the Year. His wife, Jessica ’05, is the children’s librarian at the Carteret County Public Library. The couple has a four-year-old son, Forrest.

Ryan Crecelius ’06 is a principal broker with Nest Realty in Wilmington, recognized as No. 1,551 on Inc. Magazine’s annual list of 5,000 fastest-growing private companies in the country.

Mary “Kate” Cumiskey ’06M has a new book, The University of Central Florida Through Time.

Leigh Kimball Gates ’06M, ’10Ph.D. was appointed assistant principal of Eaton Elementary School in New Hanover County Schools through June 30, 2017.

Raymond T. Gephart III ’06 and Martha M. Gephard ’05 had a baby girl, Madeleine Grace, on April 8, 2015.

Gwendolyn Knapp ’06M is the editor of Eater NOLA and has had her fiction and nonfiction essays published in numerous journals, including Crazyhorse and The Best American Essays 2013.

Steve McCrossan ’06, ’10M, ’14M is the executive director of Wilmington-based NourishNC.

Matt Collogan ’07, Marie D. Davis ’05 and Heather Caveny Stoner ’95, ’03M are partners at Antlion Acre, which in September 2015 opened Centripetal Farms. It is participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm to School Program, supplying school cafeterias with fresh produce.

Samuel H. Kantrowitz ’07M was appointed principal of College Road Early Childhood Center with New Hanover County Schools through June 30, 2017.

Morgan Leachman ’07 was named a graduate assistant gymnastics coach at Centenary College of Louisiana for the 2015-16 season. She is pursuing her M.A. in teaching at Centenary College.

Lindsay Ruth-Kate “Katie” Moore ’07, ’09M and Trent C. Barker were married June 13, 2015, in Fayetteville, NC. Katie is an associate environmental health and safety specialist at Merck Pharmaceuticals. They reside in Raleigh.

Rebecca Pettruck ’07M sold her second novel, Will Nolan Eats Bugs, to ABRAMS/Amulet. Publication is set for fall 2016.

Jarrod T. Sheatsley ’07 is a physician with Novant Health Oceanside Family Medicine in Shallotte. Board-certified in internal medicine, he completed medical school at Marshall University’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Lucas C. Abels III ’08 and Mary R. Current were married on April 25, 2015, in Wilmington. He is a business analyst with BASF in Durham.

Amanda M. Cox ’08 and Craig A. Greiner were married May 30, 2015, in Burlington, NC. She is an artist.


Katie M. Snyder ’08, ’12M was selected as New Hanover County’s 2015-16 Educator of the Year. In her eighth year as an educator, she teaches world history and honors and advanced placement psychology at Hoggard High School, where she also coaches and advocates for new teachers.
Kristen C. Stabingas ’09 received her doctor of medicine degree in May 2015 from Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. She is doing her residency at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA, focusing on neurological surgery.

Justin Burgess ’10 was appointed by Gov. Pat McCrory to the State Board of Certified Public Accountant Executives. He is an investment advisor with Copley Investment Management in Wilmington.

Jarrod C. Covington ’10 is the owner and director of Wrightsville SUP, which sells and rents equipment for stand-up paddle boarding and also offers lessons.

Alexa M. Gilbert ’10, ’12M and Matthew J. Conley were married May 24, 2015, in Monroe, NC. She is a CPA employed by Ernst and Young in Charlotte.

Darion T. Jeralds ’10, ’14M is a member of the 2016 Class of Leadership Wilmington. Sponsored by the Wilmington Chamber Foundation, the program is designed to educate, challenge and motivate leaders to use their skills to enhance the community.

Rachel Kaylor ’10 is group manager and director of digital and social media at Sweeney, a marketing and public relations agency in Wilmington.

Margit M. Weinberg ’10 was a featured real estate agent starring in an ABC Family reality show called “Next Step Realty: NYC.”

Alice Fisher Davis ’11 had her book, The Beast, published. She works in the Office of University Development at Duke University.

Joshua D. Harcus ’11 was on a panel of four executives who in September 2015 discussed how to “pivot” a high-profile start-up company with big buzz and high social media numbers into a revenue-creating company. Josh is the founder of Wilmington-based Huify and worked on the campaign for NextGlass.

Jeremy Hawkins’ ’11M novel, The Last Days Of Video, made it onto the Longlist for the Crook’s Corner Book Prize, which honors the best debut novel set in the American South.

Liz Jackson ’11 earned a Master of Science degree in school psychology from Winthrop University in May 2015.

Tyler B. Jones ’11 is registered for the 2016 AIDS/LifeCycle ride, a 545-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles to raise funds for the life-saving services offered by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Los Angeles LGBT Center.

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Catherine DeVito ’18 and M. Tyronne “Ty” Renell, member of the E. L. White Planned Giving Society
Bonnie L. Monteleone ’11M, who is the executive director of Plastic Ocean Project Inc. and coordinator for Cape Fear Rise Above Plastic, was featured in Origin Magazine as one of their 65+ “Ocean Heroes” for her work with plastics in the marine environment.

Pamela Pittman ’11M received a Ph.D. in curriculum, instruction and counselor education with a concentration in literacy from NC State University in May 2015.

Jeremy K. Roberts ’11, ’12M and Carrie E. Daniel were married May 16, 2015.

Robyn K. Sawyer ’11 and Michael S. Penick Jr. were married May 30, 2015.

Matthew Victory ’11 is the assistant district attorney in Prosecutorial District 16C in Richmond County, NC.

Danielle N. Yates ’11 and Matthew G. Hollowell were married April 11, 2015, in Louisville. They reside in Fayetteville.

Christopher M. Alexander ’12 exhibited some of his recent works at the Fourth Friday Gallery Night Bottega exhibit, “Inside/Out” in September 2015.

Rachel A. Cudequest ’12 and Julian A. March were married April 25, 2015. Rachel is enrolled in the Master of Social Work program at East Carolina University.

Natasha N. Davis ’12M, director of UNCW’s QENO program, was named a Penick Jr. were married May 30, 2015.

Lance Kenworthy ’12M was promoted to director of bulk and breakbulk by the NC State Ports Authority.


Susan B. Nidds ’12 exhibited some of her recent works at the Fourth Friday Gallery Night Bottega exhibit, “Inside/Out” in September 2015.

Tanner M. Konrady ’13, owner of Konrady & Sons Construction LLC of Wilmington, was awarded the Coastal Federation’s annual Pelican Award, which recognizes exemplary work of people, organizations and groups to protect and enhance the NC coast.

Brandi M. Reynolds ’13 and Elaine T. Sumney were married July 18, 2015, in Mount Airy, NC. Brandi is employed by Durham Public Schools. The couple resides in Chapel Hill.

Rafael Aita ’14 was appointed George Washington University men’s tennis assistant coach for the 2015-16 season.


Antoine J. Delanglade ’15 is a second grade teacher at Orr Elementary School in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school district.

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Laverry Kumar ’14 celebrated the grand opening of her restaurant, Balluich Indian Fusion and Bar, in Wilmington.

Leah Poole Oosowski ’14M won the 2015 Stan and Tom Wick Poetry Prize for her manuscript Hover Over Her. The prize awards the winner with $2,500 and publication of their first full-length book of poetry. Her book will be published in fall 2016.

Emily “Emillie” Plaisted ’14 married Jason Dodd Sept. 5, 2015. The couple resides in Richlands, NC.

Josh Rosenberg ’14 is employed by Nabeeb Winstow Investments in Wilmington, focusing on retirement income planning, investments and retirement plans for small businesses.

Chad F. Woody ’14 and Erin C. Riche were married Jan. 3, 2015, in Alexandria, LA. He is employed with Hatchit in Baton Rouge, LA, where the couple resides.

Regina Wooten ’14M is the principal of Wilmington Early College High School.

Hannah E. Wrenn ’14 and Hayden P. Breadlove were married June 6, 2015, in Burlington, NC. Hannah is pursuing her Master of Science in Accountancy at the UNC Greensboro and is a staff accountant with Cobb, Ezekiel, Loy & Co. P.A. in Graham, NC.

Marc Bergin ’15Ph.D. resigned his job as deputy superintendent with Moore County (VA) Schools July 1, 2015, to become the chief of staff with Virginia Beach City Schools.

Luis A. Cruz Jr. ’15M was appointed assistant principal of Roland-Griske Middle School in New Hanover County Schools through June 30, 2017.

Carly E. Deal ’15 is a second grade teacher at Orr Elementary School in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school district.

Dina Gibson ’15M was appointed assistant principal of Roland-Griske Middle School in New Hanover County Schools through June 30, 2017.

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In Memoriam

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William L. Blalock Jr. ’55
Alonza Monk Walton ’55
Thomas H. Worthington ’59
Carl B. Schutt Jr. ’60
Sandra H. Mintz ’62
Stephan Dorenda Jr. ’63
Glendie Shaw Hill ’65
Robert G. Millis ’67
Richard B. Dunn Jr. ’68
Furman “Sonny” Galloway ’68
Georgia J. Macris ’70
Carl R. Oldham ’70
Edward L. Crumpler ’71
Joseph L. Shoub Jr. ’72
Carolyn Fryer Windham ’72
Nell M. Craig ’75
Cheryl W. Johnson ’77
David L. Ramey ’77
Charles Edwin Wall ’77
David W. Ganey ’79
Edman D. Nelson ’80
Joel B. Smith ’85
Wanda K. Baker ’86
Linda Donnell Stuart ’87
Harry E. Burton ’90
Kevin W. DeBruhl ’90
Antoine J. Delanglade ’15
William W. Peoples ’90
Jan E. Trask ’92
Jeffrey G. Capps ’93
William P. Hewel ’93
Samuel T. Shelby ’93
Lilia R. Viego ’94
Lee E. Meyer Jr. ’95
Margaret Nicholson Dulaney ’96
Jeffrey N. Mintz ’97
Louis “Louie” J. Haynes ’98
G. Edward Lamica ’98
Kurt M. Werner ’98
Jack K. Wilson III ’01
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Elizabeth Madry Miller ’04
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