

# Family Connections

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*Family Connections is UNCG's monthly e-newsletter sent to members of the Parent & Family Association during the academic year*

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## To Cheat, or Not to Cheat: Academic Integrity in the Classroom

To cheat, or not to cheat! Better yet....to plagiarize, or not to plagiarize, that is the question many college students ask themselves quite often. Research shows that 75% of college students believe that cheating is a normal part of life. Along those same lines, 65-85% of undergraduate students in a national study admitted to some form of cheating during their college career. What's equally concerning is that 80-95% of students reported that they have engaged in dishonest academic behavior at least once during their tenure in high school. Even though students have an understanding that cheating/plagiarism is wrong and the possible consequences of engaging in such behaviors, their motivation to engage in various forms of academic misconduct far outweighs their values and the fear of getting caught. Why, you ask!

Increasingly, students are doing whatever is necessary to make the grade. This factor, coupled with the social pressures of getting a college degree, often leads to unethical behaviors such as cheating, plagiarizing, falsification on academic exercises, misuse of academic resources, or facilitating academic dishonesty for the purpose of achieving academic success. College students believe that a college degree is important to have and feel it's their ticket to a high paying job, regardless of what and how they learn. Therefore, in the minds of many students, it is acceptable to resort to shortcuts even if it involves using unethical means. This mindset of "do whatever it takes" permeates many college campuses nationwide.

At The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, we take academic integrity very seriously and take proactive measures to educate faculty, students, and parents and family members about the importance of academic integrity. Parent & Family Orientation, class presentations, new faculty orientation, and a variety of Web resources are just a few examples of ways the Dean of Students Office educates the University community about academic integrity.

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## Academic Calendar

February 1-28 – Students declare or change major

February 6 – Final deadline for undergraduates to apply to graduate in May 2009

February 23 – Deadline to apply to student teach during Spring 2010

March 2 - Financial Aid priority filing date for 2009-10 academic year

March 7- Instruction ends for Spring Break, 1:00 P.M.

March 16- Classes resume after Spring Break, 8:00 A.M.

March 17 - Last day to drop course without academic penalty

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The UNCG Academic Integrity policy encompasses five values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Under this policy, students are held accountable for their actions so that everyone is free to learn in an equitable environment.

Because we believe parents and family members have a strong influence on students' values and beliefs regarding their decision to engage in academic misconduct, we want to provide you with some helpful information and resources that can assist your student in understanding and avoiding accusations of academic misconduct. These resources are available on our website at <http://academicintegrity.uncg.edu/> under

the families' link. If you or your student has questions regarding academic integrity and the University's Academic Integrity policy, please contact the Dean of Students Office at (336)334-5514. Together, we can assist our students' in valuing integrity both inside and outside the classroom.

~ Dr. Brett Carter, Associate Dean of Students



## Career Fairs - Students Meeting Employers/Employers Meeting Students

How can students make the best use of career fairs in today's economy? Employers recently met with UNCG career services professionals and had several suggestions to offer students. First, career fairs can be useful to students from freshmen through seniors. Employers expressed that they are available to talk to all interested students. They are willing to provide information about potential opportunities and begin to establish a relationship for the future.

Freshmen and sophomores can receive advice on what to do over the next several years to prepare for employment with an organization. Conversations with juniors and seniors may also address more specific questions regarding internships and full-time employment. Employers urged that it is key for interested students to follow up and follow through, and to continue to communicate with them over time.

Secondly, students should plan to create a good first impression at a career fair by dressing appropriately and professionally. Torn jeans and a t-shirt are not an asset compared to professional attire. Employers are impressed by a student who immediately presents a good image to their organization. Next, students should take extra steps to prepare so that they can stand out from other candidates. A resume that clearly and accurately represents one's assets is essential and UNCG Career Services can assist students with both getting ready for a career fair and resume preparation. Finally, students should review a list of career fair participants beforehand and

research organizations that are of interest to them. A list of participants with links to most attendees' websites will be available prior to each career fair on the Career Services website, [www.uncg.edu/csc](http://www.uncg.edu/csc).

Encourage your student to learn how to get the most from a career fair by attending one of the "How to Navigate a Career Fair" workshops hosted by UNCG Career Services. The workshops will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> – all from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Locations for the workshops are listed at [www.uncg.edu/csc](http://www.uncg.edu/csc). This semester's career fairs include Spring Career Expo on February 11<sup>th</sup>, Part-time and Summer Job Fair on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Education Career Day on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Employers emphasized that while at UNCG, students need to gain relevant knowledge, skills, and experience that will enable them to excel above the competition in today's job market. Let your student know that now is the time to start!

If you or your student has questions related to upcoming career fairs, other events sponsored by Career Services, or general career preparation, please contact our office at: [career\\_services@uncg.edu](mailto:career_services@uncg.edu) or (336)334-5454.

~ Ms. Donna Seckar, Director, Career Services

# UNCG V. Davidson Men's Basketball Game!!!

UNCG wants you to help pack the Coliseum as the men's basketball team hosts Southern Conference foe Davidson College on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. We also encourage you to join students, faculty, staff, and alumni in wearing UNCG's school colors for Blue & Gold Day on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The game starts at 7 p.m.; however, UNCG will hold SpartanFest in the Coliseum Pavilion area beginning at 5pm. Activities include inflatables and face painting for kids, live entertainment, and a student tailgating competition in the parking lot. Come and cheer the Spartans to victory! Great tickets are still available.

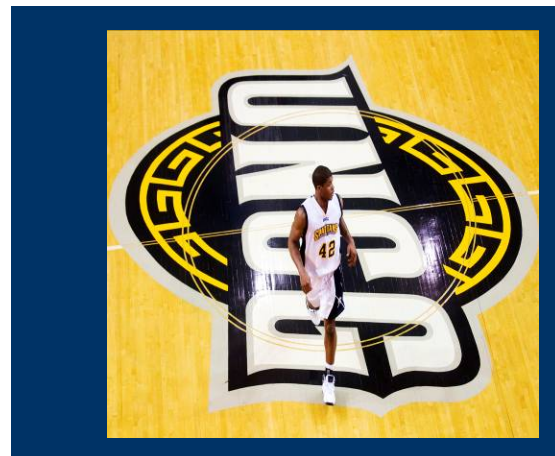
## General Public Ticket information

Tickets available at \$15, \$25, and \$50 levels

"4 for \$44" special — 4 tickets, 4 hotdogs and 4 drinks for \$44!

All tickets are available at:

- The Greensboro Coliseum Box Office, 11am to 6pm, Monday through Saturday
- [Ticketmaster online](#)
- By calling Ticketmaster at (336)852-1100



## Off-Campus Housing Fair

Once your student has made the decision to live off-campus, it can be difficult to decide on the perfect place to live. Searching for an apartment or rental house can be a daunting task, especially with all the choices available in the area. In order to provide students with an opportunity to compare the available off-campus housing options, the Elliott University Center will sponsor an Off-Campus Housing Fair on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11am-4pm in the EUC Cone Ballroom.

As you and your student consider the wide variety of apartments and rental houses surrounding UNCG, I would like to provide you with a few simple tips to keep in mind when deciding where to live off-campus. First, encourage your student to develop a list of all the things he or she is looking for and identify the things that are most important to him or her. Taking the time to reflect on what your student wants in a new apartment will help him or her feel empowered and will make the ultimate decision of choosing the right place a lot easier. Second, remind your student that the newest apartment complexes in the area are not always automatically the best choice. Finally, your student will want to be sure to compare the different apartments and/or rental houses as he or she goes through the decision making process. Some things to consider when comparing living options include:

### Size

Square Footage  
Number of Bathrooms  
Number of Bedrooms  
Storage Space

### Security

Alarm Systems in Each Unit  
Gated Entry  
On-Site Security or Courtesy Security Officers  
Dead Bolt Locks  
Car Identification Tags or Stickers  
Key Code Entry for Tenant Facilities

### Accessibility

Able to walk or bike to campus  
Located on busy street  
Close to bus routes

### Amenities

Fully Furnished  
Pet Friendly (Pet Playground, Walking Trails)  
On-Site Staff  
Pools, Tennis Courts, Fitness Centers, Clubhouse, Events  
Provides shuttle to campus  
Close to shopping, restaurants, etc.



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It will be important for your student to thoughtfully compare the available options based on the criteria and priorities he or she developed. One of the best ways to do this is at the Off-Campus Housing Fair on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Some of the local apartment complexes already confirmed for this year's fair include the Oaks at Spring Garden, Fulton Place Apartments, Campus Crossing Apartments, Twin City Leasing, and many more!

The fair will also include UNCG Parking Services, furniture rental companies, and Time Warner Cable as well as plenty of free giveaways. This is a great way for your student to gather all the facts regarding off-campus living in order to make an educated choice. For more information about the Off Campus Housing Fair, contact the Elliott University Center at 336-334-5800 or visit the off-campus housing web site at:

[www.uncg.edu/cap/commuter/housing.php](http://www.uncg.edu/cap/commuter/housing.php).

~ Ms. Kathleen McGirty, Assistant Director for Facilities & Services, Elliott University Center/Aycock Auditorium

## Returning Student Room Selection

The returning student housing application process is currently underway. There are several important changes to the room selection process this year that will allow for greater room selection options and faster service. In order to manage student requests more efficiently, a pre-payment (not a deposit) of \$200 will be required at the time of application. This pre-payment will be credited back onto a student's account for the Spring 2010 semester. The pre-payment process is being reintroduced this year as part of our assignment procedures in order to manage student requests more efficiently.

The \$200 pre-payment is not a deposit, but does demonstrate your student's commitment to live on-campus for the 2009-2010 academic year. The pre-payment will be credited back to your student's account to assist in paying for Spring 2010 housing costs, making the Spring 2010 cost for housing \$200 less than for Fall 2009. The only time this would not be the case is when a student does not follow the cancellation policies set forth in the Housing & Residence Life contract.

The housing application period for returning students will continue through 8:00am February 16. If a housing application is not completed before the end of the application period, the student will not be eligible to choose his or her room on February 17, when the room selection process begins. Please visit the Housing & Residence Life website, <http://hrl.uncg.edu>, for more information about the returning student application and room selection processes.

## About this Newsletter

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