

# Bryant returns to UNCP in new role

By Nick Phillips  
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Travis Bryant has been named the associate vice chancellor for campus safety and emergency operations at UNCP, and he will oversee the campus police force as well as being in charge of emergency planning and operations.

Bryant, a 1992 graduate of UNCP, brings 19 years of experience with him to campus. He will coordinate emergency preparedness and response planning efforts, while also streamlining campus safety, emergency planning efforts, threat assessment and disaster recovery planning across university departments.

Bryant will report to Dr. Diane Jones, vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

"We look forward to his leadership, coordination and communications for preventive and emergency preparedness and response planning efforts he will bring to this position," Dr. Jones said.

"Our goal is to streamline campus safety, emergency planning efforts, threat assessment, and disaster recovery planning across university departments culminating in a single point of reference for the maintenance and dissemination of information," she added.

Bryant's 19 years of experience includes five years as a police officer for UNCP before he served as the police chief for the Town of Pembroke.

After serving as the director of the Basic Law Enforcement Training and Criminal Justice program at Robeson Community College, in 2008 Bryant joined Fayetteville State University as associate vice chancellor for police and public safety before emergency operations was also added to

his title and his responsibilities.

Bryant calls UNCP's campus "the second largest city in (Robeson) county."

"I have a personal interest in making sure everyone is safe on this campus because many of my family and friends work and go to school here," he said.

Bryant plans to spend his first months evaluating the campus's current safety, followed by reviewing the current Emergency Operations Plan "to make sure it covers all the bases and is easy to understand and implement."

Bryant also stated that during the next fiscal year, they are planning another emergency response exercise, first as a table-top walk-through and then as a full-scale training exercise.

The last emergency response exercise held at UNCP was on March 11, 2010, as a simulated train crash exercise was carried



Photo courtesy of UNCP  
Travis Bryant began his duties as associate vice chancellor for campus safety and emergency operations on June 1.

out and featured an overturned rail car leaking toxic chemicals and fumes into the nearby University and community.

It is not known what type of emergency will take

place in this next exercise.

"We are looking at a possible exercise in one of the large residence halls," Bryant said.

"A residence hall presents many challenges for emergency planners," he added.

Along with the emergency situations, Bryant is also looking to better the smaller, day-to-day problems on campus, including parking.

"Parking is always an issue, and we're evaluating our procedures to make sure we deliver good customer service at all times," he said.

Bryant is also planning on continuing to teach basic law enforcement at UNCP, since he teaches criminal justice courses at Robeson Community College and provides firearms training to local law enforcement agencies.

Bryant has also taught criminal and constitutional law and organizational management.



Pine Needle staff photo  
A University campus police car sits in front of Old Main. Campus Police is one area of jurisdiction that Travis Bryant is in charge of.

## A.D. Gallery set to host seven exhibits

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The A.D. Gallery, the University's art gallery sponsored by the Art Department in Locklear Hall, plans to have seven exhibits this year, according to Carla Rokes, assistant professor and A.D. Gallery director.

The current exhibit by Rick Bartow is named Dog's Journey: A 20 Year Survey.

Bartow is an artist who draws inspiration from his American In-

dian heritage, personal experiences, world myths and Native American transformation stories.

The exhibit will be open until Oct. 4 and will be replaced by the Fall Senior Shows that will run until the end of the semester.

The A.D. Gallery also hosts various free workshops available to students of any major, but there is limited space. More information about future exhibitions and gallery openings is available at [uncp.edu/a.d.gallery](http://uncp.edu/a.d.gallery).



Photo by Mindy Hubbard  
This piece is part of the current A.D. Gallery exhibit by Rick Bartow titled Dog's Journey: A 20 Year Survey.

## Dr. Bourquin serves as Acting Dean of Honors College

By Hillary Akers  
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Dr. Steven Bourquin accepted the position on July 1 of Acting Dean of the Esther G. Maynor Honors College, where he will serve for one year while a national search is conducted for the position.

Dr. Kenneth Kitts, provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, will be conducting the search for the Dean of Honors College position beginning in September or early October, Dr. Bourquin said.

Dr. Bourquin said he looks forward to working in a closer capacity with Honors College students, faculty and staff in the next year.

"I've always enjoyed the students in class. The students and faculty are exceptional," he said.

Dr. Bourquin said he wants to continue to grow the Honors College in the same direction as Dr. Jesse Peters has the past six years.

"Dr. Peters has been extremely cooperative. He is very dedicated to the students and the program," Dr. Bourquin said.

Dr. Bourquin said he is very grateful to Dr. Peters, who has been helping him learn more about the Honors College since he accepted the position.

Dr. Bourquin's goals for the Honors College program are to see the number of students increase, a sense of pride among the students and more money for scholarships.

There are many students who have the characteristics needed to be in the Honors College already on campus, Dr. Bourquin said.

He would like to see those students brought in to the college. Another goal is to reach more incoming freshmen and students in community colleges, Dr. Bourquin said.

Dr. Bourquin said he would also like to see the Honors College have more

group activities in their offices located in Old Main. Dr. Bourquin, along with the Honors College staff, is currently working to make the space more inviting and conducive to student use.

Dr. Bourquin is also working alongside Dr. Kitts, Jackie Clark, vice chancellor

of Enrollment Management, and Lela Clark, director of Admissions, to see more scholarship money made available.

Dr. Bourquin likened these scholarships to those offered by college sports recruiters. Students are more likely to be apart of the

schools and programs that can offer them financial support, he said.

Before taking this position, Dr. Bourquin served as the Chair of the Department of Math and Computer Science. Dr. Bourquin plans to resume that position after this year.

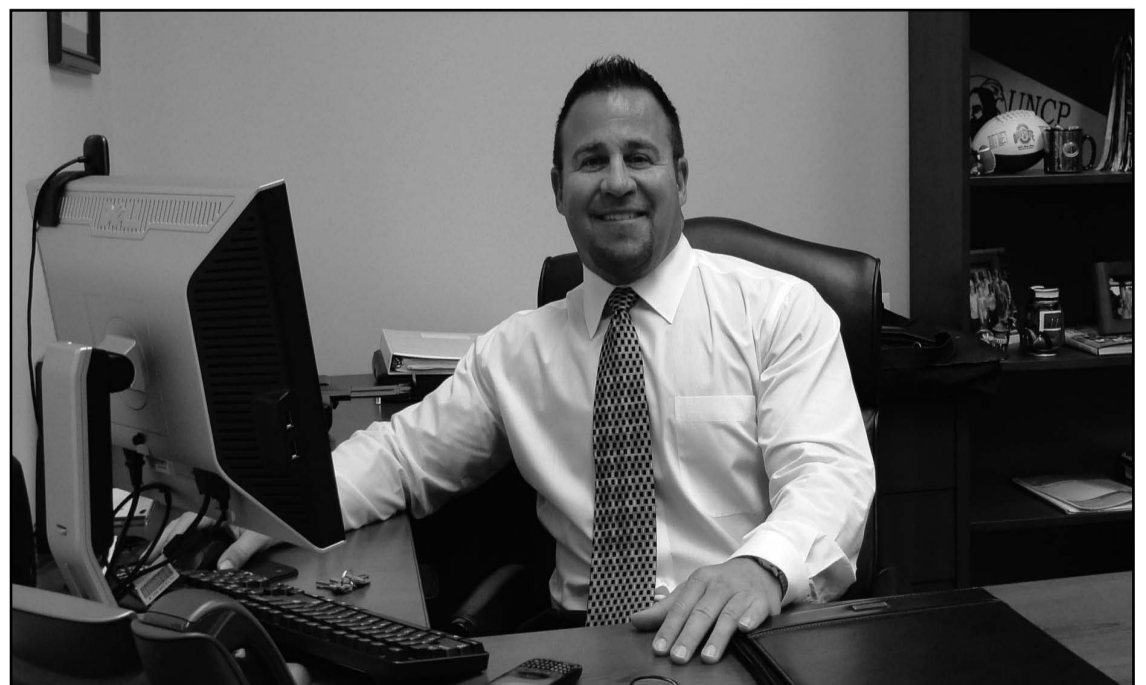


Photo by Nick Phillips  
Dr. Steven Bourquin sits in his new office as the Acting Dean of the Esther G. Maynor Honors College. He will hold the position for the year while a national search is completed.