

Parents Weekend September 11-12

Parents Weekend, September 11-12, 2009, gives you the opportunity to purposefully connect with the University community to meet the people and see the places that are important to your UNCP student. Parents Weekend is sure to be a memorable experience for your entire family and will provide you with a sample of the opportunities your son or daughter has experienced on the UNCP campus.

The weekend's festivities begin on Friday night with the Chubby Checker concert (tickets required) at the Givens Performing Arts Center.

Saturday begins with check-in and breakfast in the UC Annex. The morning concludes with opportunities to participate with the Parents Council and tour several UNCP facilities. After lunch in our dining hall you can head to the family friendly tailgate area before taking in UNCP's football game against Wingate University (tickets required). The evening activities include a Parents Luau Banquet (reservations limited). The Luau will continue after dinner for the entire campus community with comedian Buzz Sutherland and the tropical sounds of a steel drum band late into the night.

Registration information can be found at www.uncp.edu/life and is due by September 4, 2009. We look forward to meeting you this fall. For questions regarding Parents Weekend, please contact the Office of Student Life at 910-521-6207 or life@uncp.edu.



On-Campus Student Employment Made Easy with "Brave Opportunities"

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A common question asked by parents is, "Where can my child go to find a job on campus?" UNCP's new on-campus student employment system, "Brave Opportunities," became fully operational as of August 1, 2009. The following is a guide to help your son or daughter find a part-time or work-study job on campus.

The Importance of Student Employment

Work experience is an important part of a student's career development. Students who work part-time while taking classes gain important transferrable skills that employers look for in college graduates. Here is a list of specific skills that your student can gain from a part-time job:

- Communication skills (Written & Verbal)
- Related Work Experience
- Honesty/Integrity
- Teamwork skills
- Organizational skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Flexibility/Adaptability
- Analytical skills
- Computer skills
- Motivation/Initiative
- Multicultural Awareness
- Loyalty
- Professionalism
- Leadership/Management

Knowing how to apply for numerous part-time employment opportunities on UNCP's campus will help your son or daughter get ahead in today's competitive job market!

Registering with Brave Opportunities

Brave Opportunities is a one-stop-shop for student employment. Detailed instructions and a direct link to the on-campus student employment system can be found by clicking on the "On-Campus Student Employment" button on the Career Center Web site at: www.uncp.edu/career.

Students will be asked to create and submit a profile in the database. After your student's profile is activated by the Career Center's staff, he or she will be able to search for job opportunities posted in the system. Instructions about the application process will be specific to each job.

Additional Information

Please encourage your son or daughter to visit the Career Center to learn about developing a personalized career plan. The Career Center Web site has a wide range of resources available to all UNCP students. Information for parents is also available at: www.uncp.edu/career/parents.

For more information about Federal Work Study eligibility, please visit the Office of Financial Aid's Web site at: www.uncp.edu/fa.

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It's A Date

August 25

Last Day To Add/Drop A Class

August 27

Payment Due For Fall Registration.
Classes Will Be Canceled For
Nonpayment.

September 7

Labor Day (University Closed)

September 18

Deadline For Immunizations

October 15 - 17

Fall Break/Midterm Grades Available

November 25-27

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 5

Classes End

December 7 - 11

Final Examinations

December 11

Residence Halls Close

December 12

Winter Commencement

UNCP Briefs

◆ HOMECOMING 2009

This year's theme is "Seek The Hawk Within!" Homecoming is scheduled for the week of September 29 - October 3, 2009. Go ahead and mark your calendar! The week is jam packed with events! The Stylistics will perform on Friday, October 2, at 8 p.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center.

Events, including a pep rally and parade, will occur on campus throughout the week. Homecoming details can be obtained at www.uncp.edu/homecoming.

Parents are invited to attend the events, said James Bass, Director of Alumni Relations and Coordinator of UNCP's Parents Council.

"A lot of UNCP parents are also alumni," said Bass. Homecoming is a great time for parents to revisit their alma mater and make new memories with their students."

Activities throughout the week will lead up to the finale on Saturday - Braves football.

The Braves will take on the Webber International Warriors on Saturday, October 3, at 2 p.m. at Grace P. Johnson stadium. Tailgating activities begin at 10 a.m. and include a cook-off contest, games, activities and a parade. Bass added that the Alumni Association will have a tent in the tailgating lot (Lot 14) and parents are encouraged to drop by.

◆ STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

All registered students taking nine (9) or more credit hours are required to purchase the student injury and sickness insurance plan. Exceptions to the insurance policy include distance education students and students who submit evidence of equivalent coverage satisfactory to the policyholder. If you have any questions, please contact Student Health Services at www.studentinsurance.com or call 910-521-6219.

FAQ: STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Should College Students Be Vaccinated?

Yes. CDC and the American College Health Association (ACHA) recommend that all first-year students living in residence halls be vaccinated against meningococcal disease. Other college students under age 25 who wish to reduce their risk for the disease may choose to be vaccinated.

How Is Meningococcal Disease Spread?

Meningococcal disease is spread person-to-person by air-borne respiratory droplets (e.g., coughing and sneezing). The bacteria also can be transmitted through direct contact with an infected person, such as oral contact with shared items like cigarettes or drinking glasses, and by kissing.