

## Campus Safety and Emergency Operations



Travis Bryant has returned to UNC Pembroke as Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Safety and Emergency Operations. He will supervise campus police and lead emergency planning and operations.

Bryant, who is a 1992 UNCP graduate, has 19 years of experience with municipal and higher education law enforcement. He teaches criminal justice courses at Robeson Community College (RCC) and provides firearms training to local law enforcement agencies.

Bryant was a police officer at UNCP for five years before serving as police chief for the Town of Pembroke. He then became director of the Basic Law Enforcement Training and Criminal Justice program at RCC. In 2008, he joined Fayetteville State University as Associate Vice Chancellor for Police and Public Safety before emergency operations was added to his title.

Bryant reports to Dr. Diane Jones, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. His office is located in Lumbee Hall, Suite 242.

"We welcome Mr. Bryant back to UNCP!" Dr. Jones said. "We look forward to his leadership, coordination, and communications for preventive and emergency preparedness and response planning efforts he will bring to this position. Our goal," she continued, "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."



## Communication Tips

By LynnDee Horne, Counselor/ Outreach Coordinator  
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Reaching that time period of your children being in college can signify several things. A few of those might include your pockets being more empty than normal or you not qualifying as a spring chicken anymore, but let's look on the bright side. You can now put in that exercise room precisely where your son's room used to be or maybe experience that mystery that you have heard others refer to as "peace and quiet!" Whatever might be on your list, one thing is for sure - your relationship with your son or daughter has changed or will be changing soon and you can't stop it! Your parenting days are not over, but there can be confusion on how to navigate the changing relationship you now have with your "young adult on campus."

While you can't prevent the change in relationship, there are some things to keep in mind to make that transition a positive one. Though you have lost control over your child's daily behavior, that does not mean that you can't have influence. And while you won't be the only influence in his or her life, you can still be the best one! So here are a few tips to assist you on your new or ever evolving adventure of being a parent to a college student.

1. **Be a mentor.** That means engaging your student in such a way that it encourages him/her to make good decisions and take responsibility for his/her actions. This does not happen through lecturing. It happens through really listening to your children and helping them problem solve whatever situation has come up at that moment. A personal story of your own might help here too.
2. **Practice what I call the "counselor face."** By this I simply mean - don't react least not on the outside. I know that is almost impossible as a parent, but try it. If you really want to understand your young adult, you have to keep the lines of communication open. Saying, "what on earth were you thinking?!?" will not help them feel they can communicate their mistakes to you; they will feel they have to hide them or endure judgment.
3. **Ask open-ended questions.** Whether it is just to have that "how are things going" talk or your child is facing an important decision, ask questions that do not have yes or no answers and resist offering solutions too quickly. Help them talk it out and see what their ideas about it are.
4. **Keep communication flowing.** Even if you feel it is a one-way street for the time being, don't give up. Your student will know that you care and that speaks volumes in itself.
5. **Talk about high risk behaviors.** Again, I said talk, not lecture. You can say something like this: "I love you and that means I worry about your safety and health. So, as your parent it is my job to talk to you about some risky behaviors that you will probably face and that could put you in danger." Ask them if they have thought about how to handle those situations. Also, it is alright to communicate your hopes of how they would handle those situations, their freedom, and the responsibilities of college.

## Connecting Parents to the UNCP Community

Be Connected...Stay Involved: Please provide your contact information at: [www.uncp.edu/parents/](http://www.uncp.edu/parents/)



## It's A Date

- September 5  
Labor Day (University Closed)
- September 15  
Last Day to Drop 8-Week Courses with Grade of W (Withdrawn)
- September 16  
Deadline for Immunizations Record
- October 13 - 15  
Fall Break
- October 17  
Classes Resume
- October 17  
Last Day for Undergraduates to Drop a Class with a Grade of W (Withdrawn)
- October 17  
Last Day for Undergraduates to Withdraw From the University without Permanent Record
- October 24  
Pre-Registration for Spring 2012 Semester
- November 7  
Open Registration Begins
- November 15  
Last Day to Drop Second Session 8-Week Courses with Grade of W (Withdrawn)
- November 23  
No Classes
- November 24-26  
Thanksgiving (University & Housing Closed)
- December 5-9  
Final Examinations
- December 9  
5:00 p.m. All Residence Halls Closed
- December 10  
Final Grades Due at Noon



### Let the Career Peers help your student "put the pieces together."

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Just like many other good parents, you have a lot invested in your child's future. You have high hopes that your son or daughter will earn good grades, acquire some great experiences, and graduate with several job offers from which to choose. I share these hopes with you and it is my job to make sure your student reaches his or her goals. A great way for students to start off on the right foot is to join the Career Peers.

The Career Peers are a bright and energetic group of students who serve as volunteer ambassadors for the UNCP Career Center. They play an important role by helping students make connections on and off campus and by serving as our word-of-mouth marketing team. Members also assist with resume critiques, special events, and career-related workshops.

#### *So why should your son or daughter join Career Peers?*

The Career Peers learn by doing. Being involved on campus helps students to gain important skills like communication and public speaking, teamwork, planning, and leadership skills. By helping students with their career plans and by spreading the word about Career Center events, your student will be preparing for the future of which they've always dreamed.

For more information about the Career Peers, visit our website at [www.uncp.edu/career/peers](http://www.uncp.edu/career/peers). The Career Center is located in the University Center, Suite 210, and we can be reached at [career@uncp.edu](mailto:career@uncp.edu).

#### **Police and Public Safety Department**

**Parking Reminder:** Improper parking in handicap parking spaces, crosswalks, and/or near entrance ramps are serious violations and violators will be cited and/or towed at the owner's expense. The department operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide a safe and secure environment to promote the learning experience and educational growth of the University community. This is achieved through police services dedicated to the preservation of order, protection of students, faculty, staff, and the public, crime prevention, and the security of University facilities. The department offers a wide range of crime prevention and awareness programs that are designed to ensure a continued safe and secure campus environment. Visiting [www.uncp.edu/police](http://www.uncp.edu/police) provides more details about the department's services.

#### **What is the Premium at UNCP for the UNC System-Wide Student Health Insurance Plan?**

UNCP's annual premium for the system-wide plan plus UNCP's campus-selected enhancements is \$868 (\$434 each semester). It is paid each semester through the student's campus account. A student can add annual dependent coverage for \$1,710 (\$855 each semester) for spouse/domestic partner; \$1064 for a child (\$532 each semester); and, \$2,774 (\$1387 each semester) for family coverage (spouse + child). Premiums for dependents are paid directly to the provider, Pearce & Pearce, and do not go through the student's campus account. The benefits for dependents are equal to the UNC system-wide plan's base coverage; whereas a student's benefits are equal to the base benefits plus the campus-selected enhancements.