



# NEWSLETTER

## August 2024

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### New Faculty Members



Dr. Smith, faculty, and staff would like to welcome the newest member, **Dr. Moira Lauer** – Assistant Professor, to our department. Dr. Lauer comes from Clemson University, Clemson, SC. During her first semester, she will be teaching General Chemistry I, General Chemistry II, and General Chemistry Lab II. Welcome, Dr. Lauer, to the Chemistry and Physics Department.



Dr. Smith, faculty, and staff would like to welcome the newest member, **Dr. Marcus A. Hunt** – Assistant Professor, to our department. Dr. Hunt comes from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. During his first semester, he will be teaching General Chemistry I, General Chemistry Lab I, Analytical Chemistry lecture and lab. Welcome, Dr. Hunt, to the Chemistry and Physics Department.

### Dr. Uma Poudyal – Assistant Professor of Physics



**Dr. Uma Poudyal** was promoted to Assistant Professor of Physics in the department on August 1, 2024. Dr. Poudyal earned her Ph.D. in Physics from University of Wyoming, in Quantum Dots for Solar Cell Application. She will be teaching both lectures and labs of College Physics I and lecture in Classical Mechanics. Congratulations, Dr. Poudyal.

## Summer 2024 NSO Transfer Orientation



**Dr. Rachel Smith, Ph.D.**  
Professor of Chemistry

On Friday, August 16, Dr. Rachel Smith participated in the NSO Transfer Orientation.

“Thank you” for your commitment and dedication to connect directly with incoming students, sharing information about the department, and engaging them in meaningful ways.

## Deepest Sympathy



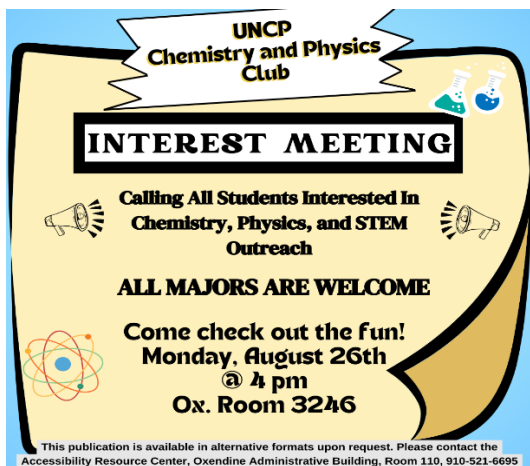
The department members send their condolences to Dr. Steven Singletary and his family for the passing of his father on August 7, 2024.

## Braves Kickoff – August 14, 2024



Special **“thank you”**, Dr. Mandjiny. As always you made the process of collecting and distributing door prizes seem easy—and you accomplished it despite Tropical Storm Debby and the end of the summer semester. We couldn’t have done it without you!

## Chemistry and Physics Club Interest Meeting



The new President of the Chemistry and Physics Club, **Hannah Leviner**, will reach out to all students interested in the club. There will be meetings, STEM Outreach, speakers, and activities for students to participate and be part of the club throughout the semester.