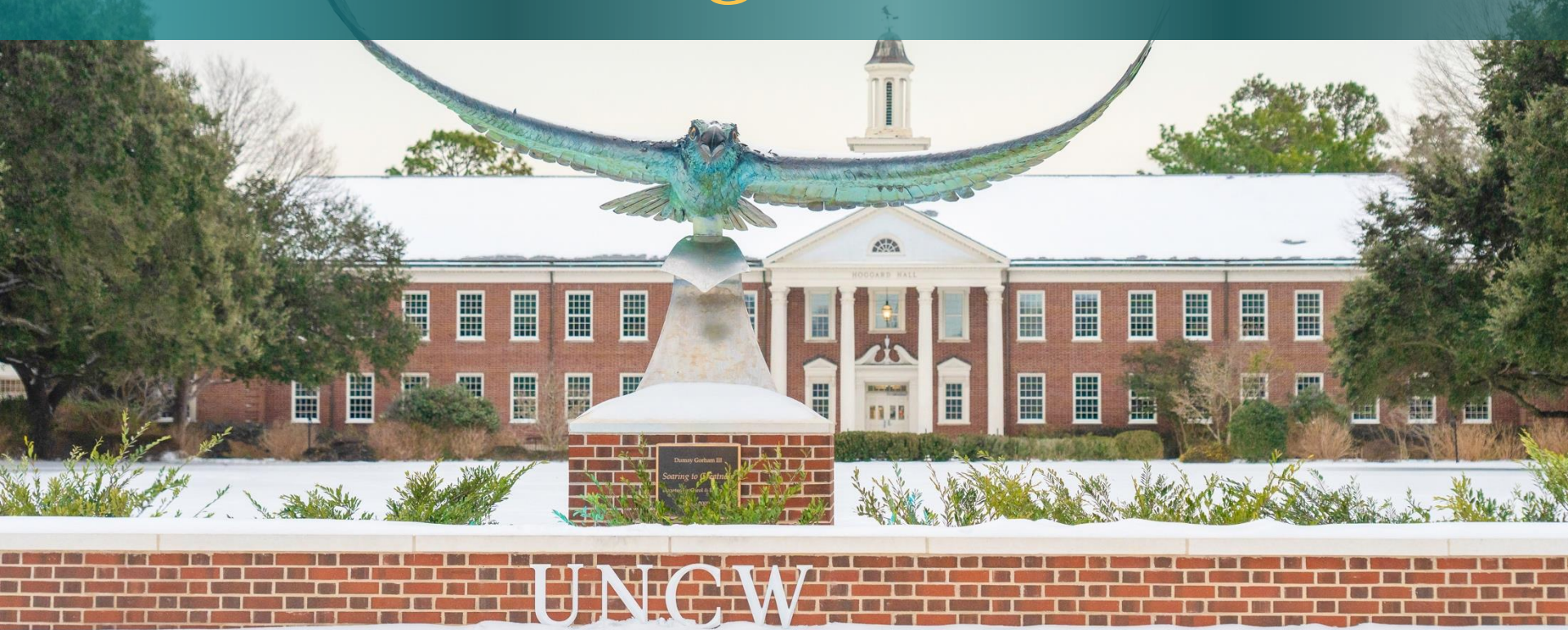


*Soar high, soar far and
soar **together**, Seahawks!*



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Chancellor's Report
Board of Trustees – February 7, 2025



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Snow Days



Snow Days Continued



A Teal Team Effort



Community Connections



Community Connections Continued



Seahawk Leaders: Wilmington 100 List

The Influencers

- Lydia Bjorklund Thomas, Program Manager, CIE
- Rob Burrus, Dean, Cameron School of Business
- Sheri Leavens, Assistant Dean for Student Success, College of Health & Human Services
- Heather McWhorter, Director, Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Yolanda Pollard, Director, Swain Center

The Innovators

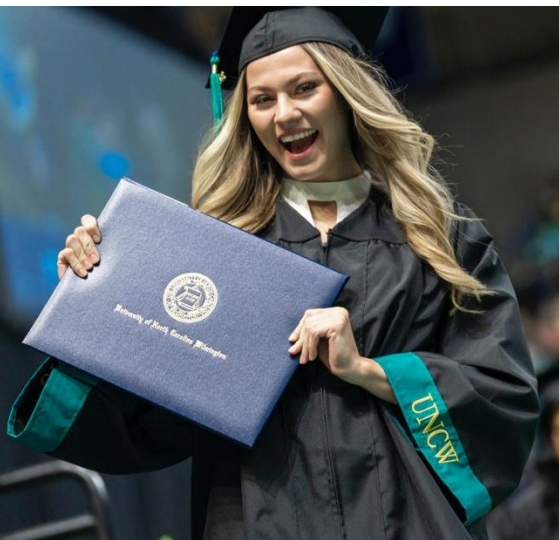
- Lucy Holman, Dean, UNCW Library
- Ty Rowell, Chairman, Friends of Fort Fisher (served in several leadership roles at UNCW over three decades)
- Yousry Sayed, President and CEO, Quality Chemical Laboratories (current UNCW Board of Trustee and adjunct faculty member; former UNCW professor and administrator)

The Power Players

- Aswani Volety, Chancellor, UNCW

The list also included several UNCW alumni. The honorees were featured in the December issue of *WilmingtonBiz Magazine*.

December 2024 Commencement



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UNCW Research Team Headed to Antarctica



A Super (Bowl) Victory

Congratulations to Dylan Bradshaw '19

UNCW Film Studies graduate Dylan Bradshaw and his film partner won the Doritos Crash national competition to create an ad for the Super Bowl.

www.doritoscrash.com/



Students



Esports Team Wins National Competition



Students Earn Awards to Study in Oman

Three students, Saleen Aljakhbeer '24, Roman Fermanian '26, and Philip Nazzaro '24, won highly competitive awards that allowed them to study in Oman.



Saleen Aljakhbeer



Roman Fermanian

Soaring Seahawk – SGA President

Skyler Stein

2024-25 SGA President

- Junior
- Political Science Major
- Apex, NC



Our Faculty and Staff



Soaring Seahawk – Staff Senate Chair

Susan Smith

Chair 2023-24 | Staff Senate

- Vice Chair | UNC System Staff Assembly
- Assistant Director of Member Services | Department of Campus Recreation



Civic Engagement



New Hanover Healthcare Career Partnership



- Groundbreaking collaboration between UNCW, Cape Fear Community College, New Hanover County Schools and the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce
- Multifaceted, long-term initiative to address the shortage of healthcare professionals in our region
- Supported by \$22.3 million in grants from The Endowment
- Additionally, Novant Health has committed \$2.5 million for nursing scholarships each to UNCW and CFCC over 5 years to assist with healthcare workforce development



Community Engagement



Chancellor's Power Breakfast Presentation



Arts and Athletics



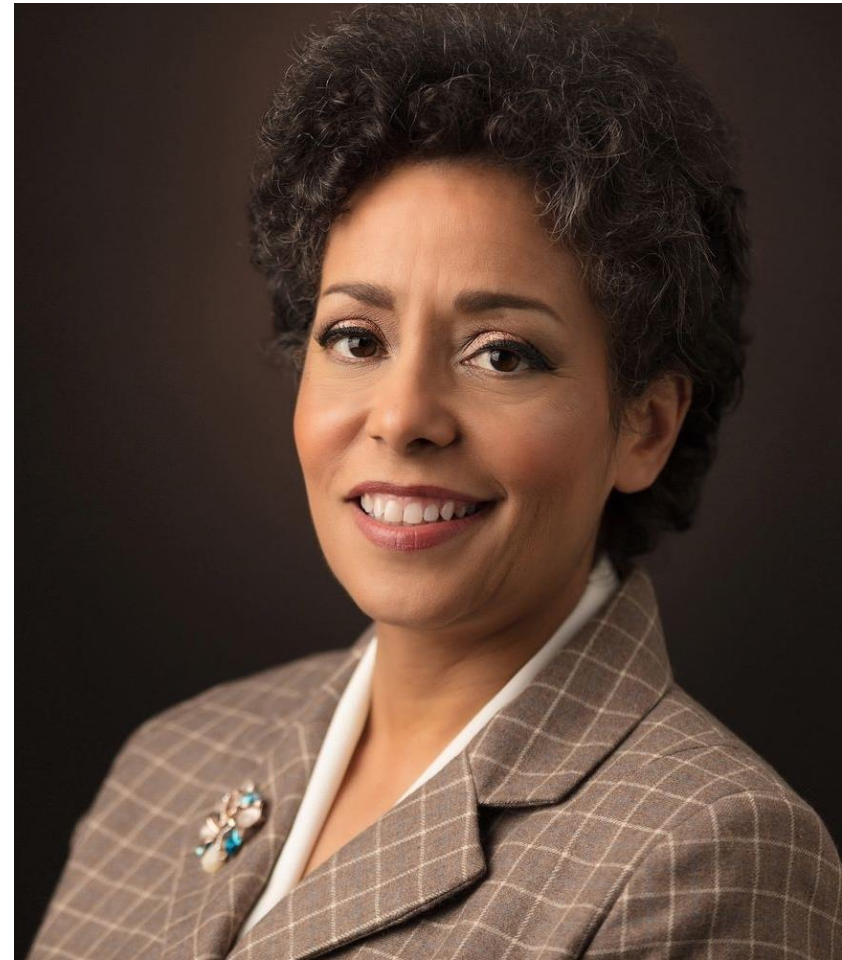
Community Relations



Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Lecture

Admiral Michelle J. Howard, USN (retired)

- February 3, 2025 at 7-9 p.m.
- Kenan Auditorium
- Coordinated by the Upperman African American Cultural Center within the Department of Campus Life



2025 Chancellor's Dare to Learn Lecture



The Honorable Aldona Woś, M.D. spring 2025 Chancellor's Dare to Learn Lecture

- Monday, April 21, 2025 at 5-8 p.m.
- Lumina Theater

System Office Updates



UNC System Updates



Peer List Update

- UNC System requires an update to our official peers list every 5 years.
- Last UNCW update was in 2020.
- Peer Lists are used primarily for benchmarking and comparison purposes. Examples include: official reporting, analysis, (e.g. strategic planning, academic program planning, tuition/fee rates), and more.
- The Process
 - Institutions identify possible peers, then work with System Office to select a list of 10-12 appropriate institutions.
 - Once the UNCW peer list is finalized, Chancellor Volety will inform the Trustees (tentatively late March).
 - Peer lists will go to the Board of Governors for approval, scheduled for later this spring.



University Updates



Spring 2025 Enrollment – Year-over-Year Change

	Headcount				Student Credit Hours		
	2/1/24	2/4/25	% Change		2/1/24	2/4/25	% Change
Undergraduate	13,704	14,347	+4.7%		183,112	192,851	+5.3%
Non-OAP	12,466	13,117	+5.2%		173,361	183,088	+5.6%
OAP	1,238	1,230	-0.6%		9,751	9,763	+0.1%
Graduate	3,363	3,535	+5.1%		24,199	25,866	+6.9%
Non-OAP	1,814	1,834	+1.1%		13,569	14,134	+4.2%
OAP	1,549	1,701	+9.8%		10,630	11,732	+10.4%

DATA SOURCE: Banner Operational Data Store (ODS) UNCW_REG_GENERAL_STUDENT & UNCW_REG_REGISTERED_HOURS views

NOTE: Year-over-year change based on comparing corresponding days in spring 2024 and spring 2025 semesters



Fall 2025 Admissions – Year-over-Year Change

	Applications			Admits			Deposits		
	2024	2025	% Change	2024	2025	% Change	2024	2025	% Change
First-time Students	20,708	22,816	+10.2%	10,046	11,703	+16.5%	867	878	+1.3%
Early Action In-State	9,726	10,593	+8.9%	7,797	8,544	+9.6%	748	760	+1.6%
Early Action Out-of-State	5,481	6,325	+15.4%	2,235	3,156	+41.2%	119	115	-3.4%
Regular Decision In-State	3,265	3,704	+13.5%	2	3	+50.0%	0	3	n/a
Regular Decision Out-of-State	2,236	2,194	-1.9%	12	0	-100%	0	0	n/a
Transfer-Main Campus	1,664	1,900	+14.2%	806	901	+11.8%	352	369	+4.8%
Transfer-Distance Ed	81	85	+4.9%	31	46	+48.4%	17	31	+82.4%
Graduate Students	1,212	1,478	+22.0%	224	217	-3.1%	117	135	+15.4%

DATA SOURCE: Slate

NOTE: First-time and Transfer data includes both summer 2025 and fall 2025 applicants

Admissions Deadlines/Notes:

- First-time Fall 2025:** Early Action application deadline on 11/1/24; Regular Decision application deadline on 2/1/25
- Transfer-Main Campus Summer 2025:** application submission deadline on 3/1/25; final completed application on 4/1/25
- Transfer-Main Campus Fall 2025:** application submission on 3/1/25 (priority); final completed application on 6/1/25
- Transfer-Distance Ed:** includes online and hybrid programs excluding OAP



Housing

For the fall 2025 semester we have identified additional bed spaces to help us accommodate Freshmen, Sophomores and 375 new Transfer students:

- Existing on-campus beds – 5,200+ beds
- Leased space at off-campus properties – 296 beds
 - UNCW will lease 80 beds at the Cottages at College Acres
 - UNCW will take over the entirety of Plato's Lofts at Randall (216 beds)
 - For fall 2024 we leased just 72 beds at Plato's
- In total, we will be able to house well over 5,500 students for fall 2025.



Rankings: Best Online Programs

- 2025 *U.S. News & World Report* “Best Online Programs”
- The university is ranked #12 in the nation for Best Online Bachelor’s Programs, up from #16 in 2024. The online MBA program is ranked #172, online MBA for Veterans #102, and online master's in education #199. The online Graduate Nursing Program is newly ranked #65 nationally.



10-Year Strategic Plan

- **U**nparalleled Opportunities
- **N**ationally Prominent Programs
- **C**ommunity Commitment
- **W**orld-Class Operations and Infrastructure



UNCW: Serving the Region

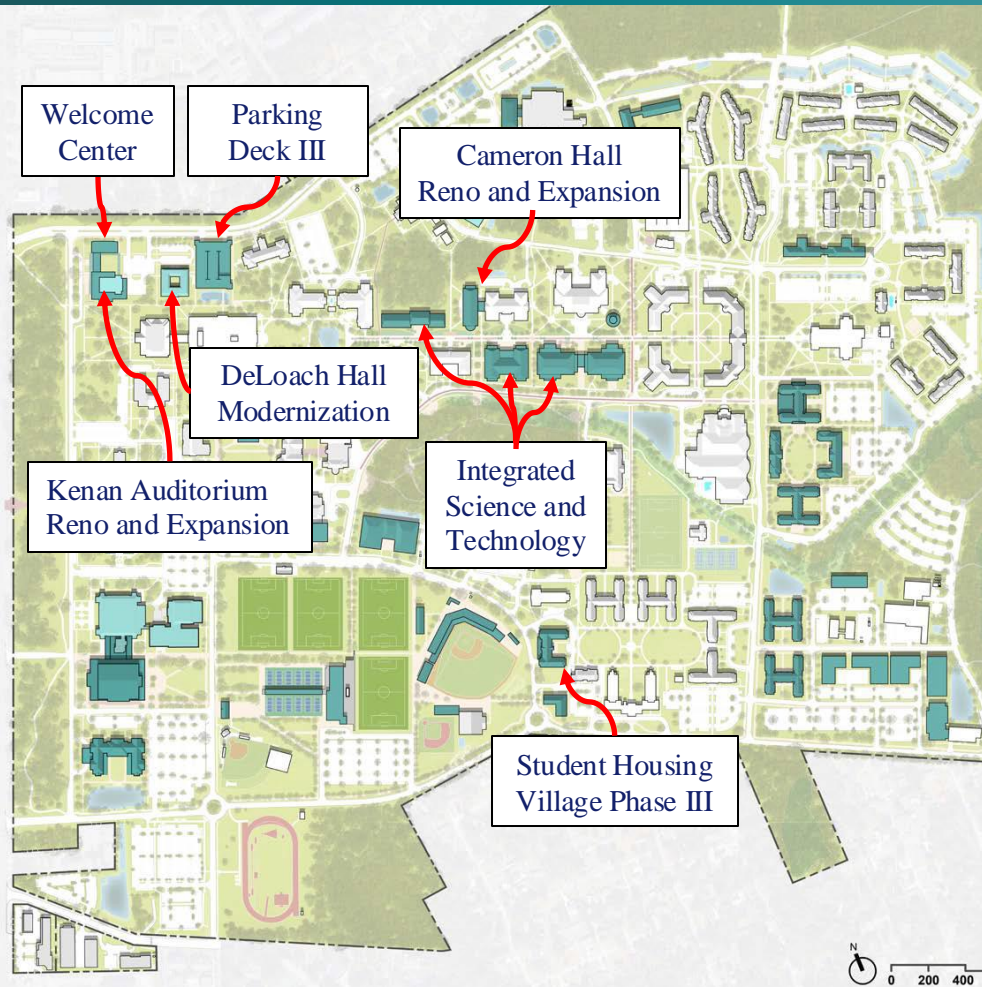
Goals:

- Prepare an educated workforce equipped to excel now and in the future
- Offer degrees like intelligent systems engineering, software engineering, a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry
- Add advanced degrees like: physician's assistant, physical therapy, anesthesia



2024 Master Plan Project Update

Projects anticipated in Master Plan with funding plan in place.



- [Welcome Center](#)
 - Designer: Duda Paine Architects, P.A.
 - Contractor: CMR Solicitation in Progress
 - Status: Advance Planning
- [Kenan Auditorium Reno and Expansion](#)
 - Designer Perkins + Will North Carolina, Inc.
 - Contractor: CMR Solicitation in Progress
 - Status: Advance Planning
- [Cameron Hall Reno and Expansion](#)
 - Designer: Jenkins-Peer Architects, Inc.
 - Contractor: CMR Solicitation in Progress
 - Status: Advance Planning
- [Student Housing Village – Phase III](#)
 - Designer: Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas & Co.
 - Contractor: CMR Solicitation in Progress
 - Status: Advance Planning
- [Integrated Science and Technology \(ISAT\):](#)
 - Designer: Solicitation in Progress
 - Contractor: CMR Solicitation to begin this Spring
 - Status: Advance Planning to begin this Spring
- [Parking Deck III](#)
 - Designer: Clark Nexsen, Inc
 - Contractor: CMR Solicitation in Progress
 - Status: Advance Planning
- [DeLoach Hall Modernization](#)
 - Designer Solicitation in Progress
 - Contractor: Solicitation to begin late 2026
 - Status: Advance Planning to begin this Summer
- [CMS Facility Systems Capital Renewal](#)
 - Designer: Moseley Architects
 - Contractor: Samet Corporation
 - Status: SCO Construction Document Review

Homecoming 2025

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International Student Recruitment Marketing



Special Announcement

To learn more about future support for critical workforce development programs, **please attend a special announcement in Burney Ballroom A&B following the Board meeting.**



Let's keep soaring together,
Seahawks!

