

# NUGGETS OF NEWS



## FROM STAFF COUNCIL

APRIL 2024

### APRIL MEETING TOPICS

- Chancellor Gaber and her team answered questions about campus, the annual training that occurs on campus - A.L.I.C.E Training, Title IX Training, Cyber Security Training, etc., Faculty and Staff wanting a daycare on campus, and other concerns on Campus
- Christina Al-Khateeb—Reminder about Niner Nation Gives and Commencement
- Tiffany Bowen and Kyle Lanasa spoke about how to be Niner Prepared and how to get certified in each of the levels.

### MEETING MINUTES

## EVENTS IN OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY!

### COMMENCEMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

University Advancement is looking for volunteers for Spring 2024 Commencement. There are several shifts that staff can choose from. Human Resources has approved Comp. time for SHRA employees and food will be provided to those who work. Those looking to volunteer, please [sign up here](#).

For questions or additional information, contact Christina Al-Khateeb at [christina.al-khateeb@charlotte.edu](mailto:christina.al-khateeb@charlotte.edu).

#### FRIDAY, MAY 10 - MORNING CEREMONY (8:00 AM - 11 AM)

Belk College of Business  
College of Health and Human Services

#### FRIDAY, MAY 10 - AFTERNOON CEREMONY (1:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

College of Arts & Architecture  
College of Computing and Informatics  
Cato College of Education  
William States Lee College of Engineering

#### SATURDAY, MAY 11 - MORNING CEREMONY (8:00 am - 11:00 am)

College of Humanities & Earth  
Social Sciences and College of Science

#### SATURDAY, MAY 11 - AFTERNOON CEREMONY (1:00 PM - 4:00 PM)

The Graduate School  
Doctoral, Master's and Certificates for All Programs

### STAFF COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It's HERE! The Staff Council will be conducting elections for all the even-numbered areas this year. It's an excellent opportunity for you to participate in our campus community. You can look forward to receiving more information about these elections in the upcoming months. Visit our [website](#) to understand more about the organization.

### UREC TO HOST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Our Annual University Recreation Golf Tournament, On the Green, will be held Friday, April 26th at 9:30AM at the Tradition Golf Course.

We host this event each year to benefit our Student Professional Development Fund and the P.J. Briggs Scholarship. You can register individually or as a team. Join us for a day ON THE GREEN! For more information and how to sign up, please visit our [website](#)!



### STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### GOLDEN NUGGETS

Congratulations to our Golden Nugget Winners! For a complete list of Golden Nugget winners or for the nomination form, please visit our [website](#).

### UNC SYSTEM EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

By now, you should have received the UNC System Employee Engagement Survey from ModernThink the survey administrator, with your personalized link to share your confidential feedback.

The survey officially opened on Monday, March 25 and was distributed to full-time faculty and staff. Survey participation is voluntary and completely confidential. Only ModernThink will have access to individual employee responses so that results cannot be connected back to individuals.

This is a valuable opportunity to make staff voices heard. Because a high response rate helps to ensure an accurate representation of our community, please take time to fill out the survey for our campus community. The survey deadline has been extended! Staff are encouraged to complete the survey by Friday, April 12.

Please contact [Charleata Neal](#) in human resources if you have questions or visit our [engagement survey website](#) for more information. Thank you in advance for your participation!

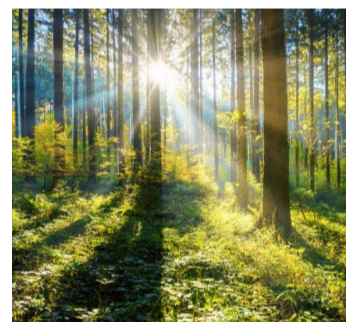
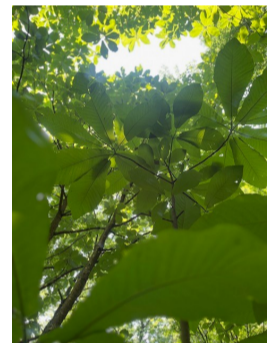
### BOTANICAL GARDENS HOSTING WALKS

The Botanical Gardens would like to invite you to join them on their Nature Therapy Walk and the Gratitude in the Garden Walk.

The Nature Therapy Walks are on the first Saturday of the month from 9 am –12 pm. Join us for a relaxing stroll through the forest at Van Landingham Glen. Through a series of invitations, you will have an opportunity to focus on being present in the moment, deepening your connection with nature and community, and enjoying the many gifts nature has to offer.

The Gratitude in the Gardens Walk are on first Sunday of the month from 3 pm—5 pm. Join us for silent, meditative walks through the Van Landingham Glen. These forest strolls will include meditative prompts around the practice of gratitude. Sessions may include meditative art materials as well.

Guests must pre-register to attend the events. For information on how to sign up and the cost of the event, please visit the Botanical Gardens website: <https://gardens.charlotte.edu/events-calendar/>



### SPECIAL OLYMPICS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Special Olympics has a variety of events that they need help with through spring and summer! If you are interested in signing up to help, take a look at their [website](#)!

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

### BE NINER PREPARED

The Office of Emergency Management wants you to be Niner prepared for any situation on campus. Check out their [website](#) for the universities' operational status, weather, to sign up for Niner Alerts, Niner Notices, and how you can be Niner Ready.

### CAMPUS DRY CLEANING SERVICES

As a reminder, staff can use the on-campus dry cleaning service through [49er Laundry](#). Staff can drop off dry cleaning or laundry to one of the laundry lockers and have their cleaned garments returned the next business day.

### UNIVERSITY OMBUDS

Our Ombudsmen, Scott Deyo is doing some great things! If you feel you need some help or someone to talk to, Scott is a great resource! Check out our [Ombuds website](#).

### BOOKSTORE DISCOUNT REMINDER

The Charlotte Bookstore in the union operated by Barnes & Noble offers 20% off all merchandise purchases for fac/staff when they show their university ID at the register. They can take advantage of this discount anytime and stock up on logoed merchandise to show their Niner pride! One day each fall, normally on Reading Day in December, the discount goes up to 30% off—just in time for folks to stock up on their niner gear or even do a little holiday shopping.

### DINING SERVICES FIVE BLOCK FEAST

Staff can purchase 5 meals for \$40 and use them anytime for all-you-can-eat dining at SoVi. In the summer months, we also honor these swipes at the newly renovated Social 704. This provides a great opportunity for staff to get out of the office and enjoy a very reasonably priced meal with their coworkers and friends. (The door rate for the dining halls at lunch is \$12.25, there is 35% savings by purchasing the Five Block Feast.)

### PERKS AT WORK

Human Resources has provided a list of "Perks at Work" for the UNC Charlotte Community. To stay up to date with it, you can sign up for [emails](#).

### POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY BLOG

Curious about what is happening on campus? The [Police blog](#) is a helpful way to stay in the know!

### OFFICE OF ONEIT EVENTS AND COURSES

Did you know that the Office of OneIT offers Google training classes? If you are having trouble with Google Sheets, Slides, are looking to use forms and much more! The Office of OneIT has courses on how to use Google in many different ways. For a complete list of courses and to sign up for one of their classes today, visit their [website](#)!

## STAFF CONCERNS? LET US KNOW!

The Staff Relations Committee reviews staff-related issues and concerns regarding University procedures. UNC Charlotte staff can share their concerns with the committee, which investigates and brings them to the attention of Staff Council officers. To submit a concern, visit our [website](#).

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