

NUGGETS OF NEWS



FROM STAFF COUNCIL

JULY / AUGUST 2024

JULY MEETING TOPICS

- Annual Staff Council Retreat.
- Swearing in of the new chair, Jessica Waldman.
- Recognition of Staff leaving Staff Council and Welcoming New Staff to Staff Council.

MEETING MINUTES

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](#).

Please watch in the coming months for our updates on the Golden Nugget process.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

AUGUST 14, 2024

9:00 AM, IN-PERSON OR ONLINE

HALTON READING ROOM, ATKINS LIBRARY

BUSINESS MEETING –INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLE OVERVIEWS FOR STAFF COUNCIL MEMBERS.

SIGN UP HERE TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR VIRTUAL MONTHLY MEETING OPTION!

NEWS & EVENTS IN OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY!

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/>



SAFE & SOUND WEEK

Safe & Sound Week starts August 12, 2024. Safe & Sound Week is an Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) nationwide event that recognizes workplace safety. As part of our efforts to promote Safe & Sound Week 2024, the Environmental Health and Safety Office would like to recognize Safety Champions in your department! A Safety Champion is someone who meets or exceeds safety and health goals. Some examples include but are not limited to:

- Following safety procedures and encouraging others to do the same
- Making suggestions on how to improve workplace safety
- Working with management to develop and follow safety and health policy
- Reporting near misses and close calls
- Attending non mandatory safety training

If you have an employee or team member who exemplifies those traits or encourages workplace safety in other ways for your office, you may use the following link to recognize your Safety Champion: [EHS Safety Champions Nominee Submission!](#)

Recognizing workers' safety efforts increases safety awareness and reinforces safe work practices. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at ehsoffice@charlotte.edu

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!](#)

BECOME A SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADOR!

Registration is now open to join the [Sustainability Ambassador Program](#), offered by the Office of Sustainability. Sustainability Ambassadors will help promote a culture of sustainability on campus while making a positive impact within their department and beyond. During the program, Ambassadors will go on tours across campus, meet fellow staff members, and receive recognition for their accomplishments. For more information about the program and how to register, visit the Sustainability Office [website](#).

JANET B. ROYSTER (JBR) STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION

The Janet B. Royster (JBR) Memorial Staff Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the Janet B. Royster (JBR) Memorial Staff Scholarship Fund application will open August 15 through September 30. Please share this information with your campus constituents and encourage them to apply. Please note that applicants must:

- 1) be a permanent full-time non-faculty employee of the UNC System
- 2) and submit a completed application.

Visit the [Janet B. Royster \(JBR\) Memorial Staff Scholarship Fund webpage](#) for more information about the scholarship and to access the application.

Application Period August 15 - September 30

UNC SYSTEM STAFF ASSEMBLY

JANET B. ROYSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Janet B. Royster Memorial Staff Scholarship Fund was created in August 2021 by the UNC System Staff Assembly in memory of UNC-TC employee Janet B. Royster. Janet was employed by PBS NC Charms UNC '13 and served on the UNC System Staff Assembly as its first Parliamentarian (2008) until her untimely death in June 2021.

This scholarship promotes staff development for permanent full-time, non-faculty employees, as well as recognizes and honors Janet's leadership and dedication to all UNC employees.

The JBR Memorial Staff Scholarship Fund has given out 87 scholarships, totaling over \$28,000 since its creation!

APPLICATION PROCESS:
Application period begins on August 15 and runs through September 30 of each year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:
Applicant must be a permanent, full-time, non-faculty employee of the UNC System and must submit a complete application.

VISIT
<https://www.charlotte.edu/staffassembly/awards-scholarships/jbr-staff-scholarship/>

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

BE NINERREADY

The Office of Emergency Management wants you to Be NinerReady 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.) To learn more about the dining option, please visit the [Auxiliary Services website](#) and click the link under Optional Dining Account.

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](#).