

NUGGETS OF NEWS



MAY 2024

FROM STAFF COUNCIL

APRIL MEETING TOPICS

- Chancellor Gaber and her team answered questions about campus, the annual training that occurs on campus - ALICE 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.

NO MAY STAFF COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

[SIGN UP HERE TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR VIRTUAL MONTHLY MEETING OPTION!](#)

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](#).

EVENTS IN OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY!

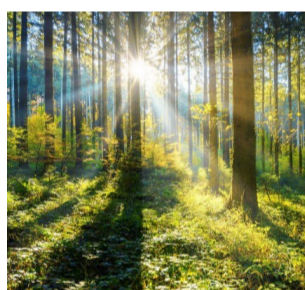
BOTANICAL GARDENS HOSTING WALKS

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/>



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 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.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

JUNE 12, 2024

9:00 AM, IN-PERSON

ATKINS LIBRARY, CENTER FOR GRADUATE LIFE, ROOM 149 (USE CAREER CENTER DOORS)

SPEAKER PREVIEW:

CHIEF JEFFREY BAKER – POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

TOPIC: SUMMARY OF THE YEAR (IF THERE IS TIME, Q & A SESSION)

SUMMER FUN & S'MORES...

CLASSIC FRESH STRAWBERRY PIE

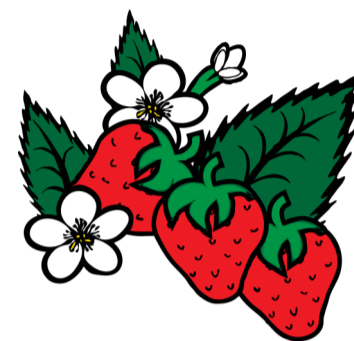
SUBMITTED BY STAFF COUNCIL MEMBER: JILL GOSNELL

Ingredients:

- 1 Frozen Pie Crust (deep dish if you can find it)
- 1 1/4 Cups of Water
- 1 1/4 Cups of Granulated Sugar
- 3 Tbsp Cornstarch
- 3 Tbsp Dry Strawberry Gelatin (like Jello – about 1/2 of a 3 oz. Box)
- 2 Cups Sliced Strawberries (sliced in half or quarters, depending on the size of the berry)
- Whipped Cream (Garnish, Optional)

Instructions

1. Poke bottom and sides of frozen pie crust with fork, and bake according to package directions. If you are worried about the crust puffing up, before baking, place a piece of parchment paper inside the crust, and add about a cup of dried beans or rice. Let cool.
2. Add water, sugar, and cornstarch to a small saucepan and whisk to combine. Heat over Medium heat until boiling, then reduce heat and simmer for several minutes until thickening.
3. Whisk in dry strawberry gelatin and set aside to cool, stirring occasionally.
4. Add sliced strawberries to cooled pie crust and pour gelatin over strawberries. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or until gelatin sets.
5. Serve the pie cold, straight from the refrigerator, with whipped cream if desired. This chilled dessert is perfect for hot summer days!



STAFF COUNCIL WANTS TO KNOW! TAKE OUR POLL!

WHERE ARE YOU VACATIONING THIS YEAR?

TRAVEL



BEST FAMILY FRIENDLY PLACES AROUND CHARLOTTE TO VISIT

With school ending and kids home for the summer, it can be a challenge to come up with fun activities to do! Lucky for you, kidsoutandabout.com has a list of the [Top 20 Places to Take Kids](#) in 2023! Their list is currently for 2023, however, we feel like this could carry over to this summer. They also have a lot of great resources for every season! Below are the first five on the list!



North Carolina Transportation Museum
Gem Theatre (Kannapolis, NC)
Discovery Place
Carowinds
Tiger World



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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