



MARCH 2025

NUGGETS OF NEWS

News from UNC Charlotte Staff Council

February Meeting Recap

The February Staff Council meeting was held on February 12, 2025.

- [Meeting Minutes](#)
- Speakers
 - **Scott Deyo**, University Ombuds and Jen Amano, Associate University Ombuds
 - **Deidra Harris-Lumpkins**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources and **Charleata Neal**, Director of Facilities Management, Human Resources
 - **Linda Diggs**, Administrative Support Specialist, Staff Awards and Recognition Program, Human Resources

Next Monthly Meeting - March

The next Staff Council meeting will be **Wednesday, March 12**.

- Location: Halton Reading Room and Zoom
- Speaker Preview
 - **John Daniels**, Vice Chancellor for Research, Division of Research

[Sign Up Here](#) for our Virtual Monthly Meeting Option!

UNC Charlotte Staff Council

Chair: **Jessica Waldman**

Vice Chair: **Tracy Beauregard**

Secretary: **Pam Erickson**

Treasurer: **LaTonya Newbill**

Communications: **Carrie DaSilva**

Technology Officer: **Jen Knight**

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Staff concerns? Let us know!

The Staff Council is dedicated to representing the voices of staff within our community. The Staff Relations Committee addresses issues and concerns related to University policies and procedures. Staff are encouraged to share their concerns by submission of our [webform](#).



Golden Nuggets

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

December 2024

Ysatis Piñero, Leadership & Community Engagement
Caleb Holguin, CRES
Ayana Cholula, Student Involvement
Emmy Womble, Student Involvement
Sue Edwards, Human Resources
Karla Liboreiro, Human Resources
Agnes Galambosi Ozelkan, Industrial & Systems Engineering
Colin Lamb, Housing & Residence Life
Reaiah Rutherford, Housing & Residence Life
Justyn Ramseur, Housing & Residence Life
Tam Nguyen, OneIT
Adi Saenz Padilla, University College Advising Center
Ronnie Wright, Grounds
Jamison Funderud, Grounds
Devan Babish-Jakones, Grounds
Derek Murray, Grounds
Virgil Torrence, Grounds
Karla Liboreiro, HR Consultant
Jessica Yesgosh, University Advancement
Darnisha Pulley, Center for Wellness Promotion
Niki Braggs, School of Professional Studies, Business Services
Chris Campbell, OneIT, Enterprise Applications
Christian Gonzales de la Fuente, FM - Grounds
Elisabeth Brown, Facilities Management AVC
Nikki Kawalec, Human Resources
Kawon Taylor, Popp Martin Student Union

January 2025

Christian Lizarazo, Botanical Gardens
Tracy Hux, Human Resources
Mike Hogue-Jackson, Human Resources
Darlene Johnson, BES, Woodward Hall
Sonia Espinoza, FM - BES&R
Kelly Frazier, P-Card, Controller's Office
Darlene Johnson, BES
Natalie Fronzaglia, Area
Samantha Maynard, Office of the Registrar
Elizabeth Mullis, Office of OneIT, Planning & Projects

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Campus Connections

BE NINER READY

The Office of Emergency Management encourages you to Be NinerReady for any campus situation. Visit their [website](#) to access the university's operational status, check the weather, sign up for Niner Alerts and Niner Notices, and learn how to prepare yourself to be Niner Ready.

UNIVERSITY OMBUDS

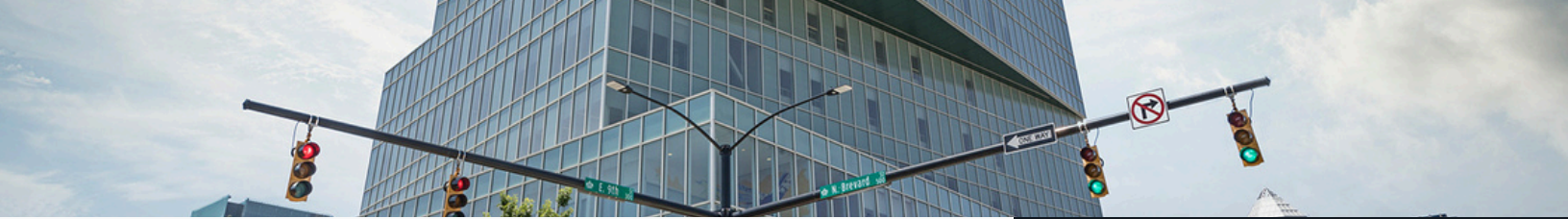
If you're looking for a confidential and unbiased resource to address workplace challenges and conflicts, the University Ombuds team is ready to assist you! Visit our Ombuds [website](#) for more information.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Staff Council has launched a friendly new Professional Development website just for you! It's packed with great opportunities to grow and learn on campus. Come check it out and see what's available to help you on your journey! To learn more, visit our [website](#).

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

Stay informed about campus incidents by regularly checking the [Police Log](#) — it's an essential resource for important updates!



High School Students & Parents: College Admissions Webinar Starts Next Week

Navigating the college admissions process can be overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. UNC Charlotte's Niner Academy Webinar Series offers expert guidance on applications, test prep, and career pathways.

First session 3/4: Kim Stodghill, Founder of Stodghill College Consulting, will share key strategies for success in the college application process.

Upcoming topics include:

- Cracking the College Admissions Code
- Maximizing Financial Aid and Reducing College Costs
- The College Application Blueprint
- Crafting the Perfect College Essay

Looking for more in-depth guidance? Explore Become Your Own College Admissions Expert — A DIY Bootcamp for Parents.

Register Now: youth.charlotte.edu/niner-academy/webinar-series/

Last Chance to Register: Spring Writing Workshops

Give young writers the tools to build confidence and creativity in our Spring Writing Workshops at UNC Charlotte. Designed for every stage, these sessions help students refine their skills with expert guidance.

Workshops by Grade Level:

- Crafting the Perfect Conclusion (Grades 1-2)
- Writing with a Twist (Grades 3-5)
- Flash Fiction (Grades 6-8)
- Academic Essays 101 (Grades 9-12)

When: Saturday, March 29, 2024 | 9 AM – 2:30 PM

Where: UNC Charlotte Main Campus

Enroll Today: youth.charlotte.edu/workshops/

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THE ARTS AT CHARLOTTE

Do you enjoy the arts? The College of Arts + Architecture hosts an impressive array of performances, exhibitions, and college events. Check out their [events calendar](#), reserve your tickets, and stay informed about all the exciting happenings on campus!

BOTANICAL GARDENS

The mission of UNC Charlotte's Botanical Gardens is to inspire a love for plants and nature through programming, classes, and botanical displays. See what's coming on their [events calendar](#) and [sign up for news](#).

PERKS AT WORK

Human Resources has compiled a list of "Perks at Work" available for the UNC Charlotte Community. To keep informed about these benefits, you can [subscribe to receive email updates](#).

OFFICE OF ONEIT EVENTS AND COURSES

Did you know that the Office of OneIT provides training classes for Google applications? If you're facing challenges with Google Sheets, Slides, or want to learn how to use Forms and more, they have a variety of courses available. To view the complete list of offerings and to register, be sure to check out their [website](#)!



Golden Nuggets

February 2025

Brandon Harvey, One IT
Borislav Dzidzura, Repros Copy Center
Sydney Dash, Human Resources
Matt Wuestefeld, Student Union, 704 Dining Services
Steve Williams, BES Manager
Adriane Toellner, Student Health Center Pharmacy
Annie Basile, Student Health Center Pharmacy

Miles for Wellness Challenge

Register your team by Sunday, March 9, for the [Miles for Wellness Challenge](#), managed by the Office of State Human Resources. The competition runs Monday, March 10, through Sunday, May 4.

Staff Council Elections 2025-2026

Nominations for Staff Council Elections will open on April 1, 2025. Start thinking about prospective leaders in your area - maybe that leader is YOU!

Wellness Ambassador Program

The [Advisory Committee for Employee Health and Wellness](#) is looking for volunteers who would like to serve as wellness ambassadors for the employee health and wellness committee. A wellness ambassador would be our direct contact for different departments and/or buildings here on campus. We would count on you to get the information about special events to your co-workers and rally the troops to take a more pro-active approach to their health and well-being. If you think this is something you would like to help with please send an email to the committee, my-health@uncc.edu

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49ER LAUNDRY

Staff members can utilize the on-campus dry cleaning service provided by [49er Laundry](#). You can drop off your dry cleaning or laundry at one of the laundry lockers, and your freshly cleaned garments will be returned by the next business day.

DINING SERVICES FIVE BLOCK FEAST

Staff can purchase five meals for \$40 for all-you-can-eat dining at SoVi and the renovated Social 704 during summer. This offers budget-friendly meals with colleagues, saving 35% compared to the regular lunch price of \$12.25. For more information, visit the [Auxiliary Services](#) website and check the Optional Dining Account link.

BOOKSTORE DISCOUNTS

[Barnes & Noble Charlotte](#), located in the Popp Martin Student Union, provides a 20% discount on all merchandise for faculty and staff presenting a university ID. This discount is available anytime, allowing you to grab some fantastic branded apparel and display your Niner pride! Additionally, once a year in the fall, typically on Reading Day in December, the discount rises to 30%—ideal for stocking up or doing your holiday shopping!