



SEPTEMBER 2025

NUGGETS OF NEWS

News from UNC Charlotte Staff Council

Meeting Recap

The Staff Council meeting was held on August 13, 2025.

- Speakers
 - Chancellor Gabor spoke on campus updates.
- Business Meeting

The Staff Council meeting was held on September 10, 2025.

- Speakers
 - Krissy Kaylor, Benefits Updates
- Business Meeting

Next Monthly Meeting - October

The next Staff Council meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025.**

- Location: Zoom Only
- **3:00 - 4:00 PM (Time Change!)**
- Speaker Preview: No Speaker

Sign Up Here for our Virtual
Monthly Meeting Option!

UNC Charlotte Staff Council

Chair: **Jessica Waldman**

Vice Chair: **Tammie Lyons**

Secretary: **Pam Erickson**

Treasurer: **Debra Bunker**

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](#).



From the (very messy) desk of the Staff Council Chair:

Welcome back, everyone!

As we gear up for another semester, I want to extend a warm welcome "back" to all of our incredible staff. Although a lot of work happens while the students are on summer break, I hope you were able to take some time to rest and recharge over the summer months.

The start of a new semester is always a time of renewed energy and purpose. Our work is the foundation of student success, and your dedication is what makes Charlotte a stellar institution.

Let's continue to support each other and our students as we embark on this new year together. Here's to a successful and fulfilling academic year!

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](#).

*Thank
you!*

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

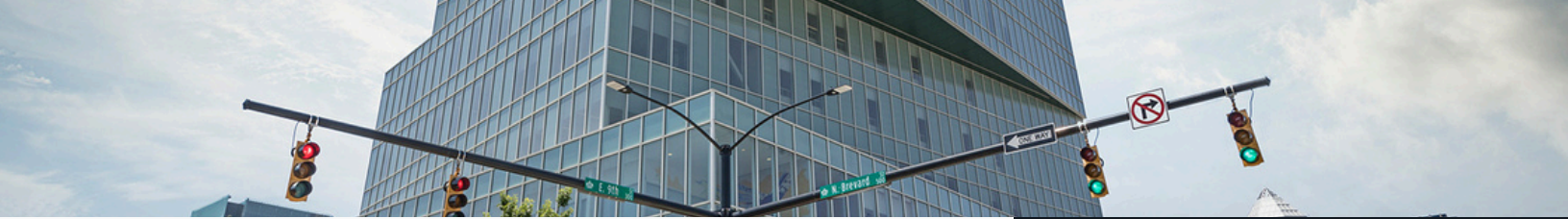
If you're looking for a confidential and unbiased resource to address workplace challenges and conflicts, the University Ombuds team is ready to assist you! Visit our Ombuds [website](#) for more information.

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!



Youth Enrichment Workshops

Join us this October 2nd (CMS teacher workday) and 13th (Cabarrus teacher workday) for exciting in-person workshops on UNC Charlotte's main campus:

Boo-tastic Math Masters (Grades 1-4)

Enter Monsterland for a spooky math adventure! Students will conquer creepy-cool challenges in addition, subtraction, measurement, geometry, and more through hands-on activities

Robotics 201 (Grades 5-8)

Build and code your own robot while learning engineering fundamentals in this engaging STEM experience.

Academic Essays 101 (Grades 9-12)

Master academic writing with guided instruction on thesis statements, structure, and clarity to prepare for success in school and college.

[Explore All Youth Workshops](#)

Staff International Education Award Nominations

The Office of International Programs is seeking nominations (including self-nomination) for the [Staff International Education Award](#).

Specifically, we would like to recognize staff colleagues in the following areas, including, but not limited to: advising efforts that support international students or promoting study abroad, university service for international education events (e.g. volunteering at the international festival), or support for international student groups or other globally-focused activities on campus.

Campus Connections

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](#)!



The Janet B. Royster (JBR) Memorial Staff Scholarship

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. Attached you'll find a flyer and template email for campus use. Feel free to edit the template email as needed.

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.

Staff Council Save the Dates!

Staff Appreciation Tailgate

October 9, 2025

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Charity Donations Accepted:

Stoney Creek Elementary School

Teen Health Connection

Niner Nation Week Staff Decoration Contest

Show us your Niner Pride by decorating your office, department or Campus Vehicle! Niner Nation Week is October 12-19, 2025! Our Niners take on the Temple Owls!

Sign up by October 8, 2025. Look for the flyer to come out to sign up!

Campus Connections

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!