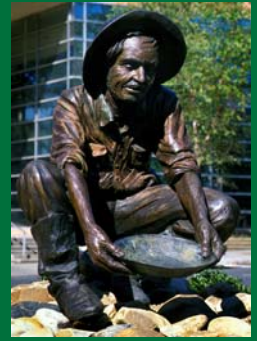




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A FRESHMAN NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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704-687-2375
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Dear Future 49er,

This is such an exciting time for you! Whether you are getting ready for senior prom, sending out graduation invitations, or wrapping up senior projects, probably feeling a little sad and a lot excited at the same time. Graduation is not just about an ending, it's also about a new beginning. You're going to meet a lot of new and interesting people, make new friends, get involved with new clubs and organizations, and have the opportunity to take intriguing classes. You may even take advantage of the opportunity to study abroad or work an internship in Uptown Charlotte. This issue of 49er Connection contains important information about SOAR and submitting immunization forms. Here are a few additional reminders:

- Submit your Intent to Enroll by emailing enroll@uncc.edu with your decision by May 1st. Even if you've told housing or registered for SOAR, you are still required to tell Admissions whether or not you plan to enroll at UNC Charlotte.
- Submit your final high school transcript after graduation.
- If you've taken any dual enrollment classes at a college, submit an official college transcript.

Amazing things await you this fall and we look forward to having you as part of our UNC Charlotte family!

Sincerely,

Tina McEntire
Director of Undergraduate Admissions

Register for SOAR!

Entering freshmen must attend a **Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR)** program during the summer. **Online program registration is now available at soar.uncc.edu.**

During SOAR, students will meet with an academic advisor from their department, take placement tests, and **register for fall classes**. Each student will have a student orientation counselor and will participate in activities as part of a small group. All student participants are required to spend the night in a residence hall as an integral part of the experience. SOAR is a great way to get to know your classmates!

A concurrent program is held for parents and family members, so that they may also become familiar with UNC Charlotte. Separate social activities are planned in the evening for family members and students.

49er Express

49er Express provides students easy access to a number of services — accessing student e-mail, registration for classes, viewing financial aid awards, checking grades, receiving personal announcements, etc. Official communication to and from university sources is accomplished using your UNC Charlotte email address on 49er Express. **Please note** that new students are restricted from registering for classes until they have completed the Student Orientation, Advising & Registration program. To log on to 49er Express, you must know your USER NAME and PASSWORD. Follow these easy steps:

1. Go to <https://secure.uncc.edu/its> (“https” not “http”) and click **Lookup Your Username**. Submit your first and last name and date-of-birth exactly as it appeared on your admissions application. You will use this username to access your account and it is part of your email address: username@uncc.edu.
2. Go to <https://pwmanager.uncc.edu> and log in with your newly found Username and your temporary password. Your temporary password for the password management system is a combination of your UNC Charlotte ID and your date-of-birth in the form of MMDDYY. For example, if your UNC Charlotte ID is 800123456 and your date-of-birth is 03-22-89, then your temporary password is 800123456032289. As a new user you will be asked to fill in at least three of the security questions and then you will be asked to change your password. Follow the directions carefully. If you need to look up your ID, go to <https://secure.uncc.edu/its/> and click on Get My UNC Charlotte ID.
3. Log in to 49er Express <http://www.express.uncc.edu> with your username and new password **before coming to SOAR**. If you have any questions or problems logging in, you can go to <https://helpdesk.uncc.edu> and submit your question via the HelpDesk Online.

Turn in required student health forms



North Carolina state law requires that students submit a certificate of immunization that documents their compliance with all required immunizations. The immunizations form is available on the Student Health Services website, www.studenthealth.uncc.edu. Click on Quick Links to download the form. You may turn in your immunization forms at orientation.

Students who do not provide immunizations records within 30 days of the first day of class will have their schedules dropped. In addition to immunizations records, students are required to either demonstrate proof of insurance or to purchase a Student Health Insurance plan through UNC Charlotte Student Health Services. Check the website for full details: www.studenthealth.uncc.edu.

For information about services provided by the health center, scheduling appointments, insurance, etc. visit the student health center’s website at www.studenthealth.uncc.edu.

Visit Us!

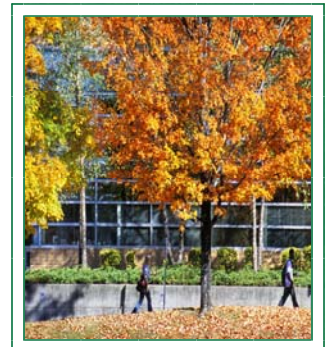
A campus tour is a great way to answer the question “Is UNC Charlotte the best fit for me?” If you have not already done so, we invite you to take a tour with one of current UNC Charlotte students and gain valuable information from one of our admissions representatives. You will be able to see campus first-hand and get your individual questions answered.

Undergraduate Admissions is located on the first floor of Cato Hall. Visitors should park in the East Visitors Parking Deck which is across the street from our office.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Campus Tours and Information Sessions: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 2 p.m. and select Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Register for a campus tour and information session at www.admissions.uncc.edu and click on “Visit Us”.



Get involved in clubs and organizations

UNC Charlotte is home to more than 200 different student organizations, offering something for everyone. The focus of these organizations and activities ranges from academic clubs, special interests or hobbies, and international issues to multiculturalism, religion and sports. During the first week of school, UNC Charlotte promotes the Week of Welcome, a university-wide effort to engage and welcome new students to our campus by acclimating them to the many programs, services, and traditions at the university. The Office of Student Activities hosts the Student Organization Showcase in front of Atkins Library where more than 100 student organizations participate and offer information to new and continuing students about how to get involved in the various organizations.



There are many benefits to getting involved with clubs and organizations on campus. You'll make new friends, develop new skills and abilities, work as part of a team, learn to set and achieve goals, share your time and talents, and most of all, have fun! For more information on student organizations, please visit: <http://studentorgs.uncc.edu/>.

Don't forget to log into uncc.edu/admissions

The Undergraduate Admissions website will continue to be a valuable resource for you as you're planning your transition to UNC Charlotte. While there, make sure you're logging into the site. By doing so you can create your profile (if you haven't already done so) and connect with other new freshman before moving to campus. You will also be able to post questions on our message boards and view your admitted student checklist. By utilizing these features, you will be well-prepared and ready for

Reminder:

Make sure that you have your final high school transcript sent to the Admissions Office by June 30th

A Freshman's Perspective - Rachel's Update

I'm only 3 weeks away from finishing my freshman year of college! To think that my first year is over is almost unreal. In the fall I was nervous about what kind of grades I would end up after my first semester of college but the fall semester ended on a good note. I earned 4 A's and 1 B, giving me a 3.8 GPA for my first semester. If college teaches you anything, its definitely time management. Your planner WILL be your best friend! I would have never accomplished what I did without mine.

Looking back, I've decided that living in the highrises was one of the best decisions I have made. I became so close with all my hall mates, and I am actually living with 2 of them next year. I have met so many people in my building, because most of the time, everyone's door is left open. I also have about 100 sisters now, thanks to the sorority life. It's nice to have that many people that you know you can count on.

One lesson I did learn during my freshman year was that it's possible to get TOO involved. It's nice to get involved when you first come to campus because it is such a great way to network. I got so excited, and so involved, that I barely had time to think...that's where the planner came in handy! I learned that it's better to sacrifice some involvement to make sure you're giving your all to your commitments. So, with that being said, I am still a UNC-Charlotte tour guide (in fact, I probably met some of you at the Open House!) and I am still a member of the Chi Omega sorority, and loving every minute of both!

I'm sure you are getting excited and anxious for college. They are the best years of your life and I hope you choose to spend them at UNC Charlotte. I look forward to seeing you this fall!



Tips for Surviving College

- ⇒ Read, Read, Read—it is impossible to cram a month's worth of reading into one night!
- ⇒ Go to class! Unlike high school, there may not be an attendance policy which tempts students to skip class.
- ⇒ Time management is one of the biggest challenges students face when they come to college. In high school, you are in class for an average of 35 hours/week. In college, it's an average of 15 hours of week. What do you do with the spare time? College professors expect you to study 2 hours for every hour you spend in class. Use the library!
- ⇒ Get a planner and learn how to use it.
- ⇒ Keep on top of your assignments—don't let your work pile up. Contrary to popular practice, an all-nighter is no fun.
- ⇒ Create roommate rules about music, visitors, study time, etc.
- ⇒ Be sensible with spending and keep track of your expenses.
- ⇒ Utilize support services like the University Center for Academic Excellence, the Writing Resources Center and the Counseling Center. Talk to your professor.
- ⇒ Get involved in student organizations. Studies show that students who get involved on campus are more likely to be successful and enjoy college. You'll make life-long friends, have the support of your peers and you'll learn new skills.
- ⇒ Visit your academic advisor often.
- ⇒ Have confidence in your own ability. Not knowing all the answers is ok—other new stu-



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