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Editor

Letter from the

NINER TIMES EDITOR-IN-CHIEF WELCOMES NEW 49ERS

Congratulations, new Niners!

You have made it to your next chapter, college. That is not easy. Everyone puts in countless hours of work to get to this point; be proud.

With your new life as a college student, comes just that — a new life. At college, you have the chance to make it whatever you want. High school is behind you, and the rest of your life is before you. Whatever and whoever you were, you no longer are. College offers a new realm and a blank slate.

With this new slate and grand opportunity, I advise you to follow your passion. Whatever moves you, find it and hold on to it. For me, it is journalism.

I am a transfer student, and the school I originally attended could not support my journalistic dreams. So I transferred to UNC Charlotte, looking to become a journalist and join the Niner Times. The move to transfer terrified me initially; it was a huge change and a move away from everything I had come to know in my first year in college. A year later, I can proudly say I am the editor-in-chief at the Niner Times.

In the past year with the Niner Times, I have interviewed some of my heroes, covered major sporting events, told important stories and worked with amazing people. I am so incredibly proud and grateful to represent and work with some of the best in the business at the Niner Times. But it has not all been pretty. I spent over 90 hours sitting outside on bricks covering a protest during finals. That sucked, but it was important work.

Journalism is all that I care about now and will be for the foreseeable future.

For some people, that passion is not as clear. Although I have wanted to be in media for a long time, I initially did not have the clarity I have now. When I first entered college, I exclusively wanted to cover sports through broadcast and have grown to love covering news in written form.

If you do not know what your passion is, that is okay. You will find it, and when you do, you will know.

When you identify that passion or subject you cannot help but obsess over, you must chase it. While I would advise avoiding going all in on something outlandish or intangible, whatever it is, give it a shot and give it your best.

This new slate does not have to be just a place to find your passion. College is a time to ditch old habits and traits and replace them with whatever you desire. If you want to stop that nasty habit or lose that old outfit, there is no better place to do so than where you are now.

You see a new face every day, so experiment. Embarrass yourself, have an awkward interaction, wear an ugly outfit, join a club and quit it if you do not like it.

I know it is impossible to internalize, but no one really cares. It has been said over and over and over again, but now is the time to let it sink in. People are not looking at you; unless you go all out with your experimentation, people will not remember your little mistakes.

I am almost chronically introverted and a naturally anxious person, so I understand more than any, but you have to rip off that Band-Aid and talk to people. Try to meet new people and go outside your comfort zone. Staying with your friends from high school is safe, but it may be hard to do at a school with over 25,000 students. Meeting new people and gaining new perspectives is essential in crafting the new you.

Change does not have to be drastic or immediate if you do not want it to be. College is a long time, so you have time to be patient and methodical in your change if you decide to make it. College is a hike, not a dive; it is a true, lasting uphill journey, and every step is one that you have autonomy over. Take your time or rush it; it is entirely up to you.

You will likely leave here a new person; who that person is depends on your actions until then.

Davis Cuffe
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Sunnya Hadavi/Niner Times

49

things to do as a Charlotte student

There is an abundance of things to do while being a student at UNC Charlotte, and it can often become overwhelming to navigate them all. Here is a bucket list of 49 fun and interactive things to do before graduating.

- Visit the Student Union Art Gallery
- Walk around the Botanical Gardens
- Stargaze on top of a parking deck
- Attend the homecoming football game
- Grab a late-night breakfast at SoVi
- Get to know a maintenance employee
- Check out graffiti at Toby Creek Greenway Tunnel
- Ride each Niner Transit bus (Green, Gold, Silver and Red)
- Hit up the UREC pool
- Get featured on the UNC Charlotte Instagram page
- Meet Norm the Niner
- Order food from the Starship robot delivery service
- Study at the Science Building and enjoy Auntie Anne's
- Ride the light rail to Uptown
- Attend a CoA+A performance at Belk Theatre
- Watch a movie at the Student Union movie theater
- Attend a career fair
- Try one of the campus food trucks
- Pick up a copy of the Niner Times newspaper
- Lounge in a hammock between class
- Enjoy a pretty view from the 10th floor of Atkins Library
- Grab a snack from the EPIC vending machines
- Visit Area 49 in Atkins Library
- Attend a residence hall event
- Find the underground tunnel connecting CHHS and COED
- Go to the campus greenhouse
- Try the High Ropes Course, Rock Climbing (Venture)
- Tailgate before a football game
- Try every dining option on campus
- Pet the puppies between COED and CHHS
- Visit every academic building
- Get a gift for someone at the Barnes & Noble book store
- Make five friends from different majors on campus
- Apply for a campus job
- Throw a coin in the '49er Miner' statue
- Stand in the middle of the Star Quad
- Find free merchandise or t-shirts
- Take a "fun" class
- Get face paint before the first big game
- Lay out for a tan at the Hunt Hall courtyard
- Do the winter polar plunge at UREC
- Visit the Niner Times newsroom at the Union
- Find a club or organization that fits and supports you
- Attend an intramural sports game
- Volunteer at the Jamil Niner Student Pantry
- Watch out for geese
- Attend a Campus Activities Board (CAB) event
- Learn how to cook new foods at the Demo Kitchen in UREC
- Give a friend or family member a campus tour

LOOKING BACK ON THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Niner Times Editorial Board

The Niner Times reviews UNC Charlotte's changes, events and movements in the 2023-24 academic year.

Colleges and administration

In September 2023, UNC Charlotte's College of Liberal Arts (CLAS) split into the College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences (CHESS) and the College of Science in September 2023.

Former Dean of Students and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Christine Davis stepped down in December. Larry Gourdine is the interim Dean of Students.

Alicia Bertone stepped down from her role as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs in May 2023. Jennifer Troyer, dean of the Belk College of Business, was appointed in the interim.

In June 2023, the Dean of The College of Arts + Architecture (CoA+A), Dean Muller, departed from UNC Charlotte. José Gámez is currently the interim dean of CoAA.

The 2023 Charlotte football season was the first under new Head Coach Biff Poggi. Charlotte ended their season with a 3-9 (2-6 in AAC) record.

In June 2023, Aaron Fearne became interim men's basketball head coach after the previous head coach, Ron Sanchez, stepped down. In February 2024, Fearne was appointed as head coach by Director of Athletics Mike Hill.

Student organizations and resources

The 60th Assembly of the Student Government Association (SGA), the Organizational Ways & Means Committee and Senate approved 86 new student organizations.

SGA also claims to have allocated the most organizational grant money to student organizations in one year in comparison to the last five years. This led to budget and funding struggles. Adjustments were made to find more funding for student organization events during the spring.

Student organizations continued to participate in campus events to help with member recruitment. Over 125 student organizations attended the Winter Student Organization Showcase, with even more attending the Fall Showcase.

The University Student Involvement Of-

fice also launched the NinerEngage+ app to promote campus life engagement.

Student advocacy

UNC Charlotte was the site of regular student advocacy through marches, rallies, encampments and other protests.

Students have been calling for Charlotte's divestment from Israel in the pro-Palestine movement since Oct. 2023. They advocated for Palestine in the 2023-24 academic year by staging encampments and organizing die-ins, marches and rallies. Their encampment in the Fretwell/Cato Quad lasted 14 days until it was dispersed by campus and Charlotte-Mecklenburg police on May 7.

Future Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) policy changes came to the forefront of student advocacy during the April 25 UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees (BoT) meeting at the Student Union. Protestors in and out of the meeting held signs supporting the existing DEI policy. Pro-Palestine protestors were also present and did the same, advocating for their cause.

After the meeting concluded at 3:15, pro-

testers from all groups gathered and chanted at the front entrance to the Student Union and at the Union Deck to face BoT members as they left the meeting.

60th Assembly of SGA

The Student Government Association (SGA) completed its 60th Assembly during the 2023-24 academic year under student body President Tife Olusesi and Vice President Isaiah Grayson.

Under the Olusesi administration, the SGA created the Presidential Advisory Board, held a town hall and established the SGA Month of Giving, among other things.

As for the 60th Legislative Assembly, SGA's Senate had 30 senate bills, 17 senate resolutions, 41 senate measures, 25 financial bills and 21 organizational bills.

With the 60th Assembly ending on April 4, Grayson was inaugurated as the 2024-25 student body president, with James Citrin as vice president. The duo won 56% of the votes and ran on a "Charlotte Over Everything" platform.

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How to approach registering for classes

Brendan Mullen
Writing Managing Editor

Registering for classes for the first time can seem daunting. No matter what year you are in college, it is essential to be comfortable with registering to ensure you get the classes you desire. Here are some tips on how to make class registration a smooth process.

Start early

It is never a bad idea to knock out class registration before getting to the summer festivities.

Registering early for classes ensures more variety of course choices, so it is always a safe bet to get it done at the beginning of summer to avoid scraping the bottom of the barrel for credits in August. Getting ahead of the game and identifying what classes you must take for the upcoming semester is also helpful. Knowing the necessary courses for your major or minor before beginning registration will help get it done much quicker. Worrying about registration is the last thing someone wants to do while relaxing on the beach, so it is better to get it done sooner rather than later.

Get comfortable using the My Charlotte portal

It is normal for new students to be unsure of what classes are necessary for a particular major or concentration. Luckily, the My Charlotte portal offers services that will prove useful when registering for classes.

This website provides access to the UNC Charlotte registration webpage. To access the portal, log in using your UNC Charlotte email address and click on the "Registration, Add/Drop" button on the right side of the screen. To schedule an advising appointment, click on the button labeled "Advising, Tutoring, Support."

To better understand what courses are necessary for a concentration, major or general education requirement, click "DegreeWorks." DegreeWorks will provide

a progress report on your academic career, including the classes you still need to take.

The portal is beneficial for getting ahead of the curve and keeping track of your academic progress.

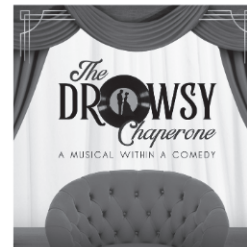
Get comfortable with adding and dropping classes from your schedule

UNC Charlotte's registration platform allows you to add and remove courses from your schedule with just a few buttons; however, if you have no prior knowledge of the website, its variety of tools may seem daunting. Taking some time to figure out what each service does and what services will be helpful for you and your registration will be beneficial for registering for classes.

Before making any changes to your course list, ensure you know the semester's add/drop deadline. The add/drop deadline is the last day you can add or drop a class without a record or academic penalty. Knowing this date if there is a class you are unsure about taking is essential to ensure a smooth academic career. If you are still deciding whether to add or drop a class, schedule an appointment with your advisor.

Dropping a class may seem like a big deal at first, but it is always okay to drop a class if needed. If a class seems like it will be too much or does not suit your interests and goals, do not be afraid to drop it. Discussing the option with your advisor may prove valuable to better gauge how dropping the class will affect what classes you need to take in the future. If you need more clarification, always ask your advisor.

Although it may seem like a lot, registration only requires a little effort. It comes down to being prepared before you register for your classes. Registration will feel like a breeze if you get a head start and utilize DegreeWorks and Charlotte's advisory services.



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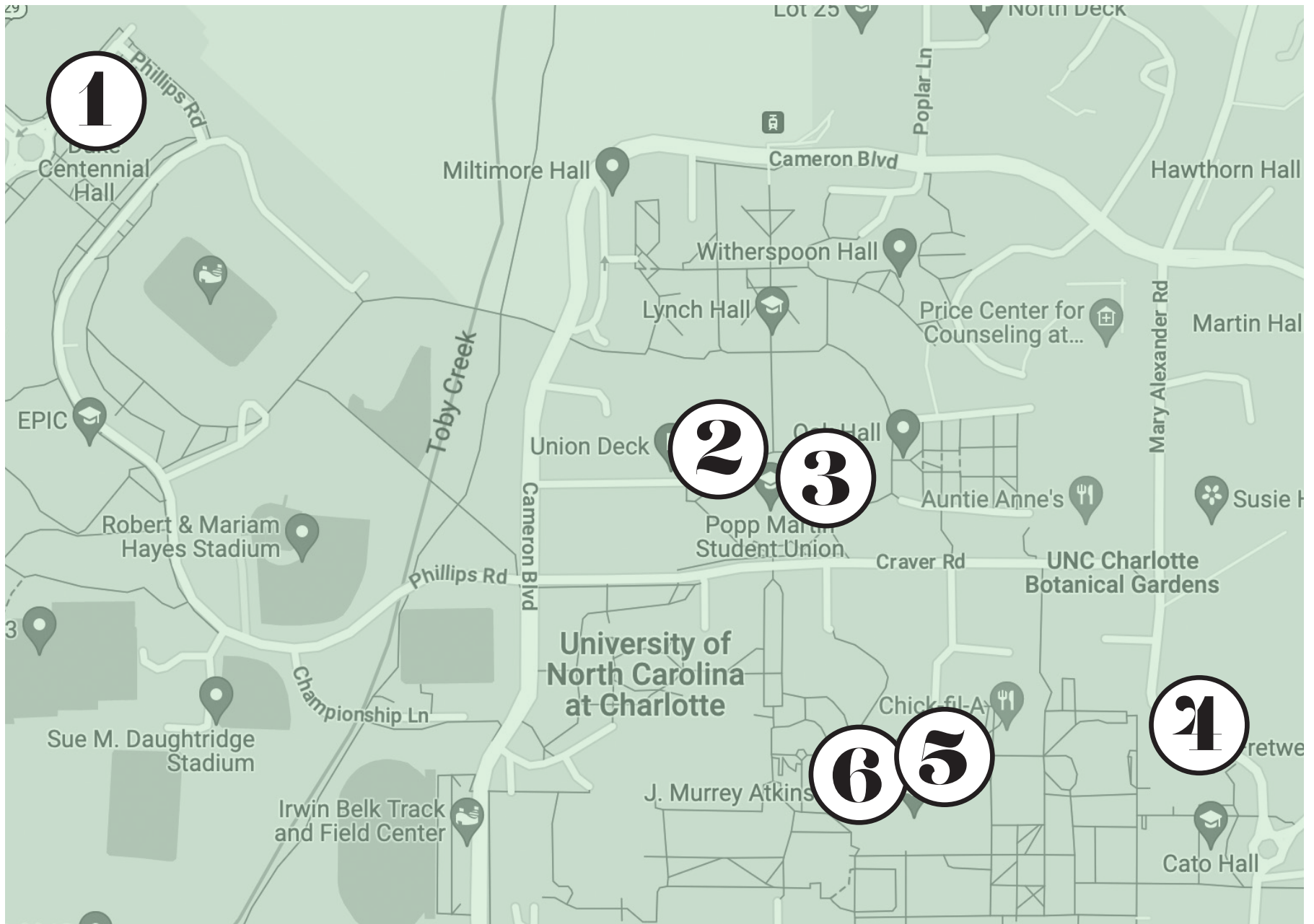
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2. Niner Times Newsroom

3. Norm's Loft

4. Fretwell Hammocks

5. Area 49

6. Special Collections

'Hidden' locations on campus

Sunnya Hadavi
Layout Editor

With a campus as large as UNC Charlotte, it is easy to find yourself lost and unsure of where to go. Of course, there is the Student Union, UREC and Atkins Library, but these are the most popular points on campus, with many people going through them every day. If you explore enough, you will find many other locations on campus with little to no people. Here is a list of just some places of these places.

Special Collections and the University Archives

Found on the 10th floor of the Atkins Library tower, the Dalton Reading Room has a plethora of rare books, manuscripts and other documents relating to both UNC Charlotte and the city of Charlotte. All students can visit this room, view all of the archives and catch a glimpse at Charlotte's history. In addition, you can find a quiet study room behind the Dalton Reading Room. With a great view of the entire campus, the 10th floor is a great place to study or relax.

Area 49

While it may not be considered hidden as it is on the second floor of Atkins Library, Area 49 has a wide variety of different facilities that may go unnoticed. There is something for everyone with the Gaming Lab, Makerspace, Multimedia Lab and more. For those wanting to unleash their creative side, these labs had the facilities and programs to make designing, editing and filming much more accessible. The Makerspace also contains 3D printers, sewing machines and other supplies. Do not worry if you do not know how to use the equipment. There are workshops and training programs that you can sign up for.

Fretwell hammocks

On a day with great weather, the hammocks between the College of Health & Human Services and Atkins Library are always taken. Even when they are free, there is no privacy since everyone walks by. Thankfully, you can find a few hammocks behind the Fretwell building near the

Thoughtful Cup. These hammocks are rarely taken, and their proximity to your classes makes them the perfect place to stop by.

Duke Centennial Hall

On the opposite side of campus, you will find many of the newer buildings added to UNC Charlotte. While all the buildings are pleasant to be in, Duke Centennial Hall has one of the best interiors on campus, and it is typically not crowded. Its stunning seating area and study lounges make it a great place to unwind when on the east side of campus. On the second floor, you will also find a balcony with a wonderful view of the football field and other buildings nearby. So while the building itself is not hidden, it is an underrated spot that students should visit.

Norm's Loft

Popp Martin Student Union is arguably the most visited building at UNC Charlotte, but there are certain parts of the building you might not know about. Accessible through the mezzanine level of the Popp Martin Student Union, Norm's Loft is a smaller sitting area overlooking the pool tables on the main level. Because of its bland doors, many new students are not aware of this area. Consider checking out Norm's Loft if you want to meet up with your friends between or after classes. Keep in mind that this spot will not be around for long as it is being replaced with a gaming area for Niner Esports.

Niner Times newsroom and Student Niner Media

At the lower level of the Popp Martin Student Union, all the different sections of Student Niner Media have their offices. Between Niner Times, Midas, Charlotte Current and Nova, there is a section for each person to be involved in. Inside the Niner Times newsroom specifically, you will see the walls decorated with the issues from the previous years, and you can come in and ask to see issues dating back to the 1980s. If there are any stories or topics you would like to see covered, or if you would like to join the Niner Times or other sections, know that our offices are open.

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What students need to know about the



Niner Course Pack

Sofia DiStefano
News Editor

Back to school means back to the books. In the fall of 2023, UNC Charlotte introduced a new system called the Niner Course Pack for students to provide easy access to all required course materials.

The course pack provides students with their required textbooks and digital materials at a discounted price. The course pack costs \$20 per credit hour per term.

How it works

Once students register for their courses, they are automatically enrolled in the Niner Course Pack.

Although the course pack automatically enrolls students, they can opt-out if necessary. The deadline to opt out for fall 2024 is Friday, Aug. 30.

If students choose to keep the course pack, they must verify the order 35 days before the first day of classes. The University will email all students to confirm the order and ask them to select how they will pick up their order.

Students will receive a second email once their course pack is ready to be picked up at the Barnes & Noble located in the Popp Martin Student Union.

If students never choose a course pack

plan, opt out or pick up their textbooks, their accounts will still be charged. So, keep an eye on the emails from the University regarding the course pack.

How to find what textbooks you need

There are five easy steps to finding the course materials you need for your classes. First, log into my.charlotte.edu with your NinerNet, select the student tab in the top right corner, and click on “my schedule” on the side menu. You will find the course and section numbers from there, which you can

look up on the Find Course Material page.

Other options

If students choose to opt out of the Niner Course Pack, they are responsible for purchasing the required materials on their own.

Students can purchase the materials through any other bookseller, including the Barnes and Noble on campus.

As for the digital materials, if students opt out of the course pack, they will be removed from Canvas, and students will be held responsible for purchasing the required digital materials for the course.

Don't forget to take action on your Niner Course Pack!

Staying enrolled?

1. Register for classes.
2. Confirm your order and choose between pick-up or delivery.
3. Receive all your course materials in one convenient order!

Opting out?

1. Opt out by fall deadline: **August 30, 2024.**
2. Buy or rent your course materials from Barnes & Noble Charlotte or other sellers.



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A guide to study spots on campus

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It may be hectic to look for good study spots when preparing for the start of the semester. Finding that perfect spot will ease the transition into the school year and allow your academics to prosper.

Finding comfortable areas on campus to work can take some time, so here are a few cute spots to settle down and get work done so you do not have to look for them.

Popp Martin Student Union

The Student Union is the most notable place on campus; it is not easy to miss. From the couches on the first floor to the cubicles on the fourth floor, every level in this building allows you to choose the area of your interest. Students can choose the Mezzanine level, where Norm's Lounge is located, or the second floor, where the Student Involvement Center offers cubicle spaces and tables to sit at. There is also the first floor by the food court where students can sit at tables or booths to people-watch as they write notes.

Fretwell

This building offers a variety of choices for students to sit down and unwind. The Thoughtful Cup is an excellent option on the bottom floor. Here, tables and seating allow students to get that smell of coffee to start their day. Students can also find seating outside the cafe if they want a more natural landscape while studying. Feel free to explore all floors to find single couches to relax at before classes begin as well.

Denny

This building is excellent for students to people-watch while working. The ground floor of Denny allows you to turn on your headphones and sit in the lounge to get some work done before classes begin. The second-floor cubicles may be a better option if you want a more personal space. Here, you can watch the geese as there is a big window where the light shines.

Cone

This building offers a notable space students can visit during lunch or study hours. Cone After Hours, located on the second floor, has plenty of seating. Stop by to get that student lounge feel with a variety of food options, from Panda Express to Subway. Additionally, other floors have couches for students to use.

Botanical gardens

If students want a significant change of scenery from being inside all day, the Botanical gardens may be what they need. The green views while doing homework will allow you to clear your mind. As students take a lap, benches and tables will be found around the many paths.

Hammocks

Another place to study outside is the Hammocks scattered over campus. Students can find them by the pond behind the SoVi

Pavilion, outside Fretwell's ground floor, outside Atkins Library and beside Wallis Hall. These places offer one or more hammocks to lay or sit down on to do homework.

Star Quad

This area outside the Atkins Library has a big lawn where students can bring a blanket for a picnic or do homework. People pass by often as it is in the heart of campus, so if you want a good view of campus, this may be for you. The giant steps are also a great way to soak up the sun and focus when the weather is right.

Choosing the right study spot is a crucial part of effective studying. It can help you concentrate better, retain information more effectively, and ultimately, perform better academically. So, as you prepare for the new semester, consider these study spots as your allies in achieving your academic goals.

Best hangout spots on campus

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Opinion Editor

If you are having trouble finding hangout spots outside your dorm room, UNC Charlotte offers a wide variety of places to play games, spend time with friends and kill time between classes.

Hammocks

These are located by Fretwell, between the College of Health and Human Services and Atkins Library, by the SoVi pond and more. The hammocks provide a convenient and shady area for students to relax and catch up with friends. These are also great for getting some alone time and catching up on readings.

Main lobbies in residence halls

Need a chance to beat your friends at ping-pong? The common areas in the residence halls have plenty of space and equipment for that. They offer ping pong tables, foosball, pool and pretty much any board game you can think of. All you have to do is check out the equipment from the front desk and make sure you return it within the two-hour mark.

Star Quad field

Located near Atkins Library, the Star Quad field provides a space for outdoor activities like yoga,

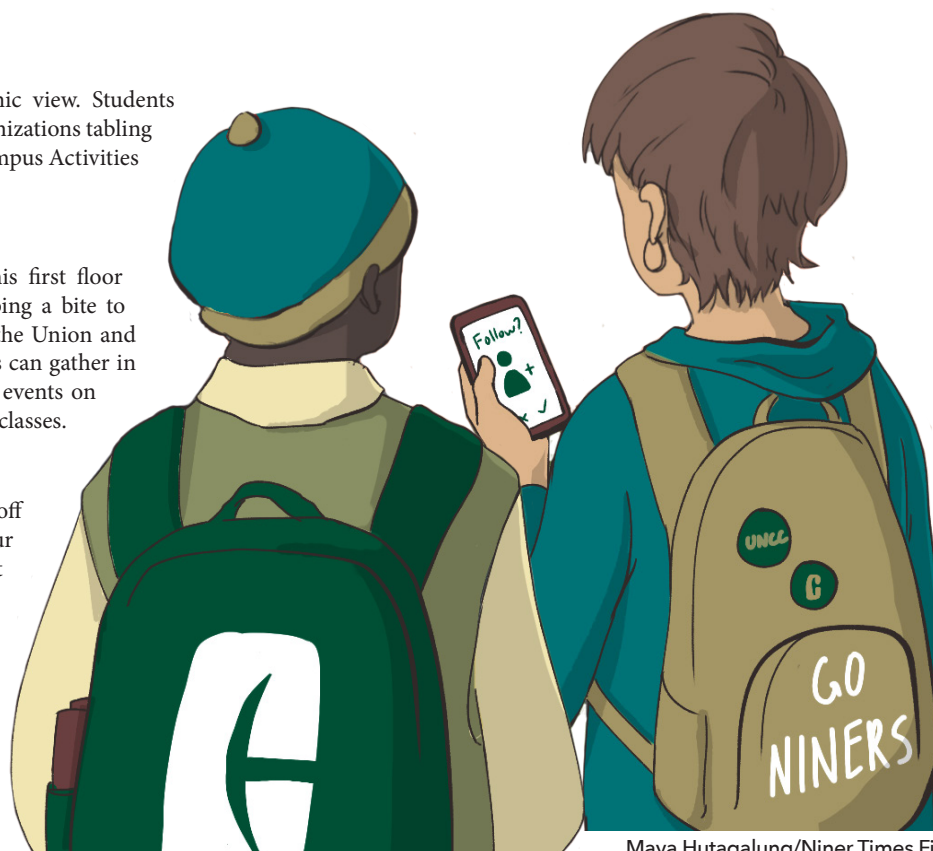
frisbee and picnics with a scenic view. Students may be able to interact with organizations tabling and social events held by the Campus Activities Board.

Norm's Lounge

Inside the Student Union, this first floor lounge area is perfect for grabbing a bite to eat from any of the vendors in the Union and playing a game of pool. Students can gather in larger groups to watch sporting events on the TVs or take a break between classes.

UREC pool

What better way to cool off during the summer with your friends than a dip in the pool. At UREC, the outdoor pool is an open space for students to get a nice tan, swim or play water sports with others. There is a variety of seating options beside the pool and in the water with a shore-like designed for students to dip their toes without getting in.



Maya Hutagalung/Niner Times File

TRADITIONS

at UNC Charlotte

Everett Pohl
Video Editor

In the 78 years since UNC Charlotte's founding in 1946, the school holds many hidden gems and traditions that even the most seasoned students may be unaware of. Here are seven traditions that help students show their Niner pride.

Leaving a penny for the '49er Miner' Statue

Between Mebane Hall and the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) building stands a bronze statue of our university mascot, Norm the Niner. Norm is depicted panning for gold, and if you leave a penny for him in his pan, you may be rewarded with luck and prosperity for the next year.

Running through the rings

Near the CHHS building and Atkins Library sits a set of silver rings. Many believe that these rings can provide good luck, where students who run downhill through the rings during their first year will get a 4.0 GPA, and that students who run uphill through the rings during their final year will find a job after graduation quickly.

Rubbing the gold nugget

Outside of the Barnhardt Student Involvement Center (SAC) sits a nugget of gold ore, which was retired from the Reed Gold Mine, which is located only 25 miles away from the campus. The rock was found in 1779 by 12-year-old Conrad Reed. Legend has it that students who rub the gold nugget can bring good luck to the Charlotte 49ers right before big games.

Star Quad echo

The Star Quad is located between Atkins Library and the CHHS buildings. When you stand in the center of the star, your voice will echo loudly throughout the quad.

Wear Green Wednesday

Every Wednesday, Niners all over campus show their Niner pride by wearing Charlotte green clothing. Students can even win more Niner Gear by wearing green on Wednesdays.

Gold Rush

Gold Rush is an annual set of events to kick-start the fall semester. These free events are hosted by organizations all over campus and are a great way for students to get involved, learn more about Charlotte, and get tons of free swag. This year, Gold Rush will run from Friday, Aug. 16 to Sunday, Sept. 1.

Selfie with the 'Self-Made Man' statue

The self-made man statue was designed by Bobbie Carlyle and sits in the quad beside Fretwell and Cato Hall. It depicts a man carving himself out of stone, representing the effort individuals put into creating themselves. Many students take a selfie with the statue to honor the work they are putting into their futures.



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A guide to employment using Hire-A-Niner

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UNC Charlotte offers many jobs on and off campus for students. Hire-A-Niner is a great way to find employment, whether it be a full or part-time job, an internship or a graduate assistantship.

The Hire-A-Niner Website is a great tool for looking at the job listings that local Charlotte communities post in search of student employees.

Where to begin

Students should create a resume and upload it to whatever application they are filling out.

While the resume process may seem overwhelming, it is important to remember that even with limited experience, you can still be a strong candidate for any job. However, the key to standing out lies in the structure and presentation of your resume. Ensuring that your resume is well-organized and clearly presents your skills and experiences

is a crucial step in this process.

The Hire-A-Niner webpage provides a resume approval checklist for those who need a refresher on resume structure.

There are three main things students should include in their resumes. A heading section including your name, email address and phone number, education including your time at UNC Charlotte so far, experience including a list of responsibilities, date range and position title. A resume should also only be one to two pages at most and not include any personal pronouns.

Public profile

Another essential step in your job search journey is creating a public profile. This profile serves as a digital representation of your professional self, allowing potential employers to assess your

suitability for their company and the skills you bring to the table. You can include a personal statement, details about your education, experience, affiliations, skills, projects or work samples and any honors or awards you have received.

Creating a public profile will help you connect with employers faster and find the best job for you.

Exploring potential careers

The Hire-A-Niner website also provides Charlotte students with ways to explore potential career paths and take a quiz to see what field they might fit best in.

Students can find popular jobs that fit their interests and skill level by typing in keywords in the search engine.

Do not get discouraged if the career

quiz results are not what you expected. They do not reflect the only possibilities you have for work.

Student employment opportunities at UNC Charlotte

Becoming a part of student employment at UNC Charlotte is a great way to build your resume while gaining future work experience. Remember, everything you involve yourself in is a networking opportunity, and you never know what can come from work experience. Having a job in college is also an excellent way to become more independent and make some extra money to put towards things such as living expenses or school. On-campus jobs also allow students to gain work skills without having to travel far for work.

For more information, visit student-employment.charlotte.edu.



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Get involved with Charlotte's STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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UNC Charlotte has over 600 student organizations with a variety that has something for everyone. Here is a guide to help find a club that is right for you.

Academic/pre-professional

Charlotte's academic/pre-professional clubs provide opportunities to create a community inside your major and desired career field. These clubs offer many benefits such as resume building, learning career skills and networking. They also provide the space to explore other fields of interest. With clubs covering pre-law, marketing and game development, there is a club to fulfill everyone's interests.

Examples: Black Women in Medicine, Security & Intelligence Student Organization and The Association of Data Science

Club sports

Club sports are the perfect place for students who wish to continue or get involved in a sport they are passionate about. No matter what sport you play, basketball, volleyball, swimming or any other sport, our club sports might be the place for you.

Examples: 49er Running Club, Charlotte Quidditch and Charlotte Lifters

Greek life

Charlotte has 44 sororities and fraternities. Whether you would be a legacy in a sorority or fraternity or want to add to your college experience, Greek life may be for you.

There are five Greek councils. The Independent Greek Council governs the independent fraternities and sororities on campus and assists in communication between them and the University. The Interfraternity Council governs and regulates fraternities. The Diversified Greek Council encourages collaboration between organizations from different backgrounds. The National Panhellenic Council oversees and fosters collaboration between the

divine nine sororities and fraternities, the historically black Greek life organizations. The Panhellenic Council includes seven sororities that engage in philanthropy, community and social events.

Examples: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Alpha Chi Omega and Delta Sigma Phi

Honor societies

The honor societies on campus allow you to meet and connect with like-minded people. Our honor societies cover a variety of majors and work on developing leadership skills while providing other opportunities, such as networking and scholarships. Some honor societies are discipline-specific, while others are not tied to a major.

Examples: Beta Beta Beta (biology), Latinx Honor Society, Psi Chi (psychology) and Phi Beta Kappa (liberal arts and sciences)

Interest

No matter your passions, interest clubs on campus are a great way to get involved and meet people. These clubs are ways to relax from the stress of classes. Check out these clubs if you want to have fun while discovering your passions.

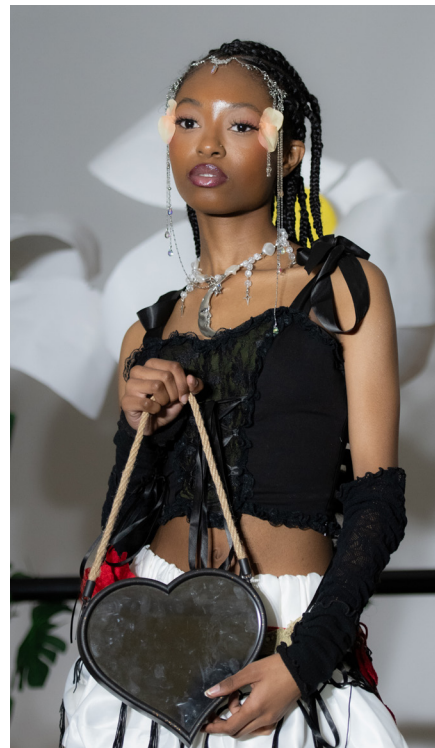
Examples: Community Garden Club, 3 Stars and Japanese Reading Club

International

Charlotte's international clubs are the perfect way to learn more about other cultures and languages. These clubs appreciate the diverse community that we have on campus and strive to educate others about cultures that they might not know a lot about. They also provide a space for people from similar cultures to connect.

Examples: Arab Student Organization, Ghanaian Student Association, Nihon Club and the Native American Student Association

Media



Majestic Models (top left), Native American Student Association (top right) and AutoHaven Enthusiasts | Dan Rice, Megan Bentley and Matthew De La Rosa/Niner Times File

Media organizations make an impact on their members and the campus community. The overarching organization, Student Niner Media, comprises several publications, including the Niner Times, Nova Literary-Arts Magazine, Midas Magazine, Charlotte Current and Marketing.

There are also media-related organizations outside of Student Niner Media.

Examples: Axe & Quill Writing Society and the Charlotte Film Community.

Multicultural

Charlotte's multicultural clubs center on various nationalities, ethnicities and orientations that create our community. These clubs focus on connecting people from similar backgrounds and identities. They also provide a space for people from specific backgrounds to communicate with each other.

Examples: Black Student Union, Disability Culture Club and Curl Conversations

Performance

If you like to sing, dance, act, give speeches or maybe all four, our performance clubs are the perfect place for you. Regardless of your performance experience, our various clubs will allow you to grow and develop your skills.

Examples: Freestyle 101, Cheer, Improv Club and Speech Team

Political

Charlotte's political clubs provide a space for students who are passionate about politics or are interested in learning more. If you want somewhere to discuss and debate the issues that impact our world daily, these clubs might be for you.

Examples: Government and Politics Debate Club, Mock Trial and NextGen UNC Charlotte

Religious/spiritual

The religious and spiritual clubs are a space for people whose faith is important to them. These clubs provide a community that is centered on religion or spirituality.

Examples: Impact Charlotte, Muslim Student Association and Young Life

Service

Service clubs allow you to give back and assist your community on campus and beyond. These clubs provide various acts of service, including collecting and distributing hygiene necessities, and cleaning up public places.

Examples: 100 Black Women, Best Buddies and Reproductive Justice Collective

You can learn more about these student organizations on Niner Engage and at the Fall Student Org Showcase on Aug. 18 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Greek life

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOING GREEK AT CHARLOTTE

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Greek life is one of the many communities you can participate in at UNC Charlotte. Charlotte is home to over 40 sororities and fraternities, and Greek life is an integral aspect of campus culture, offering a range of social and philanthropic opportunities that pave the way for personal growth and making life-long connections. Charlotte presents a diverse range of Greek life chapters that recruit new members every year, many even semesterly.

Recruitment for the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic Association (PHA) are open now for both men and women to sign up. For the fall 2024 semester, formal Panhellenic recruitment is expected to start early September, and IFC Recruitment is later in the month. Students interested in joining National Panhellenic Council (NPHC), Diversified Greek Council (DGC) or Independent Greek Council (IGC) should follow their different chapters on Instagram to learn more information about their recruitment for the fall.

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

The Interfraternity Council is the coordinating and governing board of Charlotte's fraternities. The council's primary goal is to lead the Greek community in the right direction, and they do so by partaking in philanthropy events, community service initiatives, educational seminars and social interactions with fellow students.

IFC fraternities: Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi, Delta Sigma Phi, Kappa Alpha Order, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Tau Gamma, Zeta Beta Tau

Panhellenic Association (PHA)

Similarly to IFC recruitment, panhellenic organizations begin Formal Recruitment in the fall. During Formal

Recruitment, prospective members meet with and have the opportunity to learn about Charlotte's sororities through speaking with members of various chapters. You can learn about each sorority, meet new people and tour Greek Village. Each sorority partakes in philanthropy, community and social events. Follow each chapter's social media to keep up with updates and chapter-specific recruitment information.

PHA Sororities: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Chi Omega, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha

National Panhellenic Council (NPHC)

NPHC sororities and fraternities recruit new members through Membership Intake, a process that brings in members several times throughout the year. Each chapter has different requirements to become a member, so it is critical to be informed of your chapter of interest. NPHC hosts an event in the fall semester called "Meet the Greeks," which shares general information and answers questions about the Diving Nine organizations at Charlotte for interested students.

NPHC Sororities: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

NPHC Fraternities: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Diversified Greek Council (DGC)

The mission of the Diversified Greek Council at Charlotte is to "promote collaboration for the purpose of uniting Greek organizations under the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO), National Asian Pacific Islander American Panhellenic Association (NAPA), and National Multicultural

Greek Council (NMGC) on campus."

Similar to the NPHC, each chapter has its schedule and regulations, so it is essential to contact your specific chapter for information and updates regarding recruitment.

DGC Sororities: Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

DGC Fraternities: Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity

Independent Greek Council (IGC)

The Independent Greek Council at Charlotte is the governing council for independent sororities and fraternities on campus. Chapters are governed by the IGC as long as the University registers them and other panels do not already govern them. They cooperate with member organizations, the sorority and fraternity community and the University.

IGC Organizations: Alpha Omega Epsilon Sorority, Sigma Alpha Omega Christian Sorority, Inc., Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity

All students looking to join any sorority or fraternity must have a cumulative GPA of 2.60, community service experience and involvement with clubs and the community. Interested students must register before recruitment. This registration can be found at greeklife.charlotte.edu.

If you have any other questions regarding Greek life or fall recruitment, contact the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life (OFSL). They are located in Cone Center, Room 382-A, and can also be reached by phone at 704-687-0360 and by email at greeklife@charlotte.edu.

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A guide to ATHLETIC CLUBS at UNC Charlotte

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If you were an athlete in high school or want to stay active during the academic year, joining a sports club is the perfect way to do that and more.

These recreational sports programs at UNC Charlotte provide competitive, instructional and recreational groups to help students have fun and stay fit.

Intramural leagues

This program offers three divisions: recreational, intermediate and competitive. The recreational division focuses on beginner-level skills, typically with a four or six-game season. Intermediate gears towards moderate-level skills that compete in a single-elimination playoff season. The competitive design is the highest skill level that follows a regular season along with playoffs that crown a championship team.

Some examples of intramural leagues include:

- Outdoor and indoor basketball
- Outdoor and indoor volleyball
- Outdoor and indoor soccer

Sports clubs

This program features competitive and instructional teams. The competitive sports clubs compete in a regional league with other universities, while the recreational teams are not governed by any governing body. To be eligible for sports clubs, students must be in good academic standing and pay the annual or semester-based Student Activity Fees that vary with each club.

Some examples of sports clubs include:

- Men's and women's volleyball
- Men's and women's lacrosse
- Men's and women's rugby

Personal interest sports clubs

This category within club sports includes sports not commonly played by most students. These clubs frequently are not under any governing body or league and are not instructional based but more for fun. That being said these clubs often compete against each other or in tournaments like any other team. Equipment costs and availability for sports within this category of club varies based on the specific club.

Some examples of personal interest clubs include:

- Quidditch
- Laser Tag Corps
- Ski & Snowboard

Do not see a club that interests you?

Students are encouraged to start their own clubs to meet personal interests!

Meeting with the assistant director of sports clubs and the associate director of student organizations is one of two steps required to create your own club.

For further information on how to start your own club, visit urec.charlotte.edu/sports-clubs/about-sports-clubs.

To join an intramural league, visit charlotte.dserec.com/online/intramurals and log in with your Niner Net credentials. Any further questions and concerns can be emailed to imsports@charlotte.edu.

To join a club, visit charlotte.dserec.com/online/clubsports by logging in with your Niner Net credentials. Registrations, rosters, events and team websites are available for further contact with club officers.

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Biff Poggi

talks all things Charlotte football



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Following a 2023 season in which the UNC Charlotte football team went 3-9 and did not make a bowl game, Head Coach Biff Poggi and the 49ers are ready to make big improvements in 2024.

In the 2023 offseason, Poggi could not be fully involved with recruiting as the University of Michigan, where Poggi last coached as associate head coach, was in the College Football Playoff. This extended Michigan's season and cut Poggi's time to recruit for Charlotte.

Heading into next season, Charlotte has an almost completely revamped roster with new key additions in each position group. One of them is redshirt sophomore quarterback Max Brown, a transfer from the University of Florida. Brown is projected to be Charlotte's quarterback starter in 2024.

Poggi sat down with the Niner Times to discuss the upcoming season and his experience coaching at Charlotte.

What are you looking for from this group of players?

Poggi: Cohesiveness in the locker room. I want them to be single-minded in their goals and work ethic, and I want them to respect and enjoy each other and being at Charlotte.

What can you tell us about new sophomore quarterback Max Brown?

Poggi: Max is a great leader first. Everyone follows him around. He's the guy that does the talking. He's a really good person. He is selfless; he is all for the team. He's one of the very hardest workers on the team. He takes care of all the business off the field, his school, his behavior, his attitude and he pushes guys to be really good. If you saw the spring game, I mean, he can make all the throws and he's athletic.

What do you expect the offense and passing attack to look like under Max Brown?

Poggi: I think it's gonna be dangerous. We're gonna be very hard to defend — completely [the] opposite of last year. Max has great poise and great confidence. He understands the offense. He can make something happen with his legs.

How are you selling this team to prospective players?

Poggi: We're selling an opportunity to play. We're selling an excellent university in Charlotte, now a tier-one research university, and we're selling the fact that we're the only college football team in the country representing a city with 18 Fortune 500 companies headquartered here. A city that's vibrant, that's new, that's safe, that's bustling, that's dying for a winner. Come here, help us build this, and you'll never leave Charlotte. When your playing career is over, whatever level that is, you will come back here and work in one of these companies because we're doing internship programs.

What level of improvement do you expect to see in year two under you as head coach?

Poggi: I have a five-year plan to put this program in a place where Charlotte will be a perennial bowl team, and this is a big step this year. But I want to manage expectations, and I want to be fair to our players, our fans and our school. But we should take a step forward.

What is the identity or theme of this team heading into year two?

Poggi: Unity. Period. It's all about Charlotte. It's about the guys in the locker room, the 100 staff people in this building, the Charlotte football team and our fans, starting with our students, who are absolutely wonderful. They're just the best.

“I had a coach in high school who really helped me find my way. He was very important to me. I hope to have a smidgen of an impact on my players that he had on me.”



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How do you connect with the players? Is that something that comes easy to you?

Poggi: Yeah, I love kids. And I love people generally. My life has been around kids and coaching them. When I approach a youngster, I try to think of it like I'm coaching a mother's son. This child is the most precious child in the world to this woman, and I have a responsibility. So, I try to spend a lot of time with things outside of football. You know, how is your schoolwork? How are you doing emotionally? How's your mental health? How are you physically? What's going on at home? How are you getting on with kids in school? Those kinds of things.

What is it that drives you every day to coach?

Poggi: For me, it's a ministry; it's what God has called me to do. When I was a youngster, I was a very troubled kid. I had good parents and a good family, but I was just a very troubled kid, and I was lost. I had a coach in high school who really helped me find my way. He was very important to me. I

hope to have a smidgen of an impact on my players that he had on me.

You quickly gained the favor of the student body last year for the gameday cut-off look. Why do you choose to wear those?

Poggi: I've always worn cut-off shirts as a coach. It's hot, right? And it's football. It's not like brain surgery. I'm not giving a debate or a speech; I'm coaching a bunch of guys on a football field. It's hot and sweaty. I look at college football coaches, and they're all dolled up. They're wearing Lululemon pants, some cool belts, fancy Nike shirts and cool haircuts, and I'm like, what the hell is this? You're a football coach, you know. So I just feel that it's just kind of my style.

What are your thoughts on all the attention coming your way due to the cut-offs?

Poggi: I really don't care, actually. But, it's good for the University. With that kind of publicity, we went on college game day, week one. That's worth millions of dollars in

publicity for our school. We had this ESPN show, those things money just can't buy.

What's the locker room like right now?

Poggi: Teams have a feel, this team has a complete feel, and it's a good feel. And they're buddies. They do stuff together, they like each other, they work their butts off, you know. They're doing really well in school; they're doing well on the field and the locker room's good. It's good.

Why does this group feel complete?

Poggi: I think we recruited the right guys. Talent with character is the best, and character is the next best. That's what we recruited. We talked to guidance counselors, teachers, high school coaches and opposing coaches. Just really drilling down on who these guys were.

Is there a player or position group you think is going under the radar?

heading into next year?

Poggi: There's a bunch of positions that I think are going under the radar. Our whole program's going under the radar, and that's just fine with me.

What should Charlotte fans be most excited about for this upcoming season?

Poggi: You should be excited about this as your team. This isn't my team. This is your team. We've built this team for you guys, and trust me, there's nothing our players want more than to please and honor you all with success.

Is there anything about this team that the public should know?

Poggi: So these guys have a relationship with senior living facilities, and they go, and they will do field days. They had such a great time that they asked if they could go back, and we're going to go every two weeks. I think the bottom takeaway is that they're a really good group of kids.

Top 10 Charlotte Athletics moments of the 2023–24 academic year

Davis Cuffe
Editor-in-Chief

Charlotte Athletics' 2023-24 academic year saw new achievements, big wins and many outstanding performances. With another year of exciting moments ahead, the Niner Times reflects on the top 10 moments from Charlotte Athletic's in the 2023-24 academic year.

10. Men's basketball's statement win over No. 17 FAU

Charlotte men's basketball ignited a spark with the first ranked win at home since 2010, defeating No. 17 ranked Florida Atlantic University (FAU) 70-68 on Jan. 6. Redshirt junior Lu'Cye Patterson, nicknamed "Take-over Cye" by fans, scored the final seven points for the Niners, to give the team a win and a court storm. The victory put the AAC on notice and began an eight-game win streak in conference play.

9. Men's Cross Country's Nick Scudder repeats dominance at AAC Championship

Charlotte senior Scudder brought home his third straight individual conference title in cross country on Oct. 28, 2023, demonstrating continued dominance in the new conference. Scudder silenced any doubts that he would not be able to continue his success in the AAC, dropping a personal best 22:33 in the 8k to take home the win.

8. Track's Riley Felts sets pole vault program record at NCAA Championship

On March 8 at the 2024 NCAA Indoor Championships, redshirt senior Riley Felts set the school record for pole vault while finishing as the national runner-up. Felts posted a vault of 14'9" (4.50m) to carve her name in the record books and was named a First Team All-American. Felts' success at nationals capped off a dominant season in which she took first place in six of the nine meets she competed in, including a first-place at the AAC indoor championships.

7. Football wins over ECU in Greenville

Charlotte football earned its first AAC victory against rival ECU in Greenville, North Carolina, on Oct. 21, 2023. The victory came in a 10-7 win after ECU missed a



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last-second field goal that would have sent the game to overtime. Senior quarterback Jalon Jones stood out in the win, rushing for 127 yards and passing for 144 while scoring the 49ers' lone touchdown.

6. Softball starts the season with win over No. 4 FSU

Charlotte softball began the 2024 season strong, defeating No. 4 ranked Florida State University (FSU) in extra innings 6-5 on Feb 8. Junior pitcher Sam Gress took over the mound in the fifth inning, allowing two runs before shutting down FSU's potent offense. She secured the win, throwing six innings and striking out three batters. Graduate student utility player Abigail Knight hit the winning run for Charlotte with an RBI single in the top of the 10th inning.

5. Men's basketball's home court win over ECU

On Feb. 3, Charlotte men's basketball fans camped outside Halton Arena ahead of the game against East Carolina University. The fan encampment was dubbed "Fearneville" after the then-interim men's basketball Head Coach Aaron Fearne. The team defeated the in-state rival Pirates 67-52 in front of the first sellout crowd since 2013 with 8,201 fans.

4. Women's soccer takes a 5-0 win over ECU in AAC Tournament

On Oct. 31, 2023, Charlotte women's soc-

cer earned a statement win in the first round of the AAC Tournament, defeating in-state rival ECU 5-0. In the win, Charlotte tied the program record for goals in a conference tournament game. Junior forward Macey Bader made an early statement with a goal 42 seconds into the game, igniting Charlotte's offense. Junior forward Payton Patrick contributed two assists to aid in the win.

3. Softball wins AAC championship, topping off 16-game winning streak

With nearly a third of the season left, Charlotte softball stood at 22-16 and had just fallen 2-1 in a series with FAU. Following the series loss to FAU on April 7, the 49ers won 16 straight games, not losing until May 17 in the first round of the NCAA tournament. As part of the 40-day winning streak, Charlotte became AAC champions in their first year in the AAC. The 49ers defeated Wichita State University 10-1 in the championship game in five innings, finishing with a 21-6 conference record.

2. Men's soccer defeats No. 2 SMU for the AAC title

Men's soccer defeated No. 2 ranked nationally Southern Methodist University (SMU) in the AAC Championship game on Nov. 12, 2023. Junior defender Ian Pilcher started the 49ers off right, giving the team an early 1-0 lead. In the 55th minute, grad-

uate student Brandon Morales made it a 2-1 lead after SMU tied it up. Charlotte held on the rest of the game to secure itself as AAC Champions.

1. Women's track repeats as AAC champions

In their first year in the AAC women's track and field, the team proved it would be a force to be reckoned with, taking first place in the indoor and outdoor conference championships. Sophomore sprinter Joyasia Smith was a star in both championships, taking home multiple golds and winning Most Outstanding Performer at the outdoor championships. Head coach Bob Olesen represented his staff in winning Women's Coaching Staff of the Year at both meets. The 49ers now have won 38 combined track and field championships under Olesen.

Honorable mention: Football's comeback overtime win away over Tulsa

Charlotte football secured its second AAC win on the road in dramatic fashion, defeating the University of Tulsa on Nov. 4, 2023. Charlotte was down 17-0 early until a mid-game surge saw Charlotte bring the score to 17-10. In the fourth quarter, the score was 23-18, and redshirt sophomore quarterback Trexler Ivey led the offense on a 70-yard touchdown drive with less than two minutes remaining. Charlotte's two-point conversion

gave them a 26-23 lead, but Tulsa was able to kick a field goal and bring the game to overtime. Charlotte got the first score, and sophomore defensive back Dontae Balfour ended the game with an interception.

Honorable mention: Baseball's Thad Ector ties program record with three home run game

On March 15, 2024, junior outfielder Thad Ector became the sixth player in program history to hit three home runs in one game. Ector did so in the opening game of a three-game series against the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Ector scored five runs in the game and had five RBI to lead the 49ers to a 21-10 win.

Honorable mention: Volleyball's Sophie Whalen recorded her 1,000th career dig

Charlotte's volleyball season started with senior libero Sophie Whalen stepping up big on Aug. 26, 2023. Whalen accumulated 61 digs in the Charlotte Invitational and won the MVP award. Whalen led the team to a 3-0 start with wins against Coastal Carolina University, Charleston Southern University and Elon University. Whalen recorded her 1,000th career dig during the weekend, etching her name in Charlotte history to begin her senior season strong.



What to watch for in Charlotte athletics in 2023-24

Davis Cuffe
Editor-in-Chief

With a new season for Charlotte Athletics on the horizon, expectations remain high. As several 49er teams look to build off historic seasons, Charlotte prepares for fresh challenges and new opportunities. Here is an inside look into what you must watch for in the upcoming athletic year.

Women's basketball in year one under Tomekia Reed

Tomekia Reed, a four-time Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Coach of the Year, was appointed the new head coach for the Charlotte women's basketball team. Reed succeeds former Head Coach Cara Consuegra, who departed to take up the head coaching position at Marquette University.

Reed formerly coached at Jackson State University and posted a 125-54 overall record, leading them to three NCAA tournament appearances.

Now, at Charlotte, Reed takes over a roster with many unknowns. Their leading scorer, redshirt junior guard Dazia Lawrence, left in the transfer portal along with key guard junior Aylesha Wade.

The 49ers started strong in the 2023-24 season but struggled down the stretch, losing six of their last nine games. Charlotte struggled especially to shoot from beyond the arc, shooting 29.2% on the season.

Considering Reed's past success, 49er fans can look forward to seeing how she manages this team in their upcoming season.

Football's new additions set to make a splash

Charlotte football went 3-9 in 2023 but is poised to break out in 2024 due to a strong recruiting class.

Despite their losing record, the 49ers made significant improvements defensively in 2023. Charlotte's defense ranked No. 59 in the NCAA at the end of the 2023 season, a 70-place jump from their 2022 performance.

New additions from the transfer portal to bolster this defense include 247Sports four-star recruits linebacker redshirt sophomore Xavier Simmons.

Offensively, the 49ers struggled in 2023, but key additions from the transfer portal could lead them to success in 2024. Redshirt sophomore quarterback Max Brown is ex-

pected to take over for Charlotte. In his limited playing time at the University of Florida, former 247Sports three-star recruit Brown flashed arm talent and athleticism. When Florida's starting quarterback went down against No. 9 ranked University of Missouri, Brown nearly led a comeback.

Also coming in from the transfer portal is former Clemson University senior offensive lineman Mitchell Mayes. The former 247Sports three-star recruit will offer some top-notch protection for Brown in 2024.

Men's basketball looks to repeat 2023-24 success

Charlotte men's basketball had a standout season in 2023-24. The team brought new excitement to the Charlotte campus during their eight-game winning streak when fans camped outside Halton Arena before a game. During the win streak, Charlotte defeated then-ranked No. 17 Florida Atlantic University to record the first win over a ranked team since 2013.

The team now faces a significant challenge heading into the 2024-25 season. Charlotte lost four of their five starters to the transfer portal, leaving only junior guard Nik Graves as the last remaining previous starter.

Graves took a leap in his sophomore season, adding nine points to his scoring average and upping his assists per game from 0.5 to 3.1. Graves may have to take another jump in play to help the 49ers this upcoming season.

Replacing Charlotte's losses in the transfer portal are new veteran additions. Second-year 49er men's basketball Head Coach Aaron Fearnle has been busy in the portal and added four seniors to bolster Charlotte's roster. Among them are top additions Kylan Blackmon and Jeremiah Oden.

Former Coastal Carolina University guard redshirt senior Blackmon is expected to start at the point guard position in the upcoming season. Blackmon led Coastal Carolina in three-pointers made in 2023-24 and averaged 11.4 points per game.

University of DePaul redshirt senior transfer Oden will add athleticism and scoring to the 49ers. The high-flying forward averaged 10.8 points and 4.5 rebounds for DePaul in the 2023-24 season.



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Joyasia Smith set to dominate in year three

As just a sophomore, sprint star Joyasia Smith has already made her mark on Charlotte track and field and is set to dominate in her next season.

Smith was named athlete of the week six times and has four top-two times in Charlotte track and field history, including the school record in the 100m.

At the 2024 American Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship,

Smith took home first place in the 200m. She defeated the second-place competitor, a senior runner from East Carolina University, by over a 10th of a second in the race.

Smith is 0.71 seconds away from breaking Charlotte's women's indoor 200m record, which has stood since 2007. She said she's looking to break that record in her time at Charlotte.

"I want to put my name up on the [record] board; I like to break records," said Smith.



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Guide to GAME DAY

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UNC Charlotte's sports season is coming up, and there are many things students should know before attending any Charlotte athletic events.

From tailgating at the 49th Acre before a football game to finding the student section at Halton Arena, here is what you need to know to tackle game days at Charlotte.

What to bring

One of the great perks of being a Charlotte student is not needing to worry about purchasing a ticket for any sporting event on campus. However, ensure you always have a digital or physical version of your student ID on you so staff can scan you in when you arrive. If you are bringing family, friends or any guests who are not Charlotte students, make sure that they have purchased a ticket before the game and downloaded it to their mobile device.

It is important to note that non-clear bags

are not allowed inside the venue. This is a standard security measure. If you bring a bag, ensure it is a small clutch purse, wallet or see-through.

Another thing to keep in mind is water bottles. Some game days can get hot, and staying hydrated is essential, even if you are just going to watch.

Only empty plastic water bottles of 32 ounces or less are allowed at the stadium. Various water fountains are available for students to refill water bottles.

When it's game day, it is always good to check the weather. Especially since the 49th Acre tailgating lot is on a grass field, it is best to dress based on the weather. The tailgating lot can get muddy if it rains, so be aware of this; footwear is a big part of it.

Fan code of conduct

The University has a fan code of conduct to ensure a safe and

fun environment on game day. To promote good sportsmanship, it is best if all students adhere to this guideline. The code covers campus/venue protocols and regulations, complying with venue personnel instructions, representing Niner Nation and following Noble Niner's "see something, say something."

Students should know that they are not permitted to play on the surface at any time and should remain in their assigned seating areas. This is a Charlotte and American Athletic Conference rule.

UNC Charlotte also encourages all students to represent Niner Nation with respect. The University does not tolerate the use of threatening or harass-

ing language, gestures or behavior. The University also reminds students and fans to report unusual behavior or suspicious activity.

Have fun and be safe

These events are designed to have fun and support Niner Nation. By following Charlotte's rules and safety guidelines, students should be able to have fun and enjoy yet another season of Charlotte athletics. These sporting events can make for some great memories at Charlotte, so attend as many as possible and take pride in the Niner green and white.



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49ERS IN THE PROS

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Courtesy of Charlotte Athletics, Charlotte FC, Tottenham
Hotspur F.C. Pittsburgh Steelers and New York Yankees

UNC Charlotte boasts a number of athletic programs that have a history of players going pro. Here is a breakdown of some of Charlotte's best student-athletes who have gone pro.

Soccer

Brandt Bronico - Charlotte FC

Currently a midfielder at Major League Soccer (MLS) club Charlotte FC, Bronico is just one of many 49ers who made it to the professional league.

In the Green and White for all four years, Bronico was a vital part of Charlotte's charge to capture the Conference USA (C-USA) title in his freshman year, was named

second-team All-American and Conference-USA Player of the Year in his senior year with the program.

In 2017, Bronico was drafted as the No. 47 overall pick by the Chicago Fire in the MLS SuperDraft, playing in 66 games over the course of three years with the club. In December 2020, Bronico was acquired by Charlotte FC and began his Charlotte journey, racking up well over 5,000 minutes played as of April 2024.

Martha Thomas - Tottenham Hotspur F.C.

Across the pond, Thomas has been making waves in the Women's Super League in

England.

Beginning her career for Charlotte women's soccer in 2014, Thomas played all four seasons, captaining the team for two of those years. Playing multiple positions as a midfielder and forward, Thomas scored an impressive 86 career goals in 11,331 minutes played during her time at Charlotte. In her senior year, Thomas ruptured her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), preventing her from entering the 2018 NWSL draft.

Following her recovery from this injury, Thomas played in France at Le Havre before returning to her old stomping grounds in England. After spells at West Ham United and Manchester United, Thomas signed a

two-year contract with Tottenham Hotspur, entering the striker position, scoring seven goals in 16 matches with Spurs.

On April 14, 2024, Thomas sent a ball to the back of the net in the 118th minute, sending Tottenham to the FA Cup final for the first time in the history of the women's side. Additionally, Thomas plays for the Scottish national team, first called up in 2019 but had to withdraw from the squad due to injury.

She was called up once again in 2022, beginning her career properly with the national team. Thomas has played in 19 matches for her country as of April 2024, scoring eight goals.





Riyon Tori - Orlando City SC (Honorable Mention)

After leaving his hometown of Osaka, Japan, Tori began his collegiate career at St. John's University in Queens, New York, appearing in eight games over two seasons with the Red Storm. The midfielder then transferred to Charlotte, starting in all 18 games for the 49ers in the 2023 season. Tori was the only Charlotte player to start every match during the season.

Following his impressive performance in his first season at Charlotte, Tori caught the attention of MLS club Orlando City SC, being drafted No. 83 overall for the team. However, a new rule in the MLS meant that Tori was able to forgo signing a professional contract while allowing Orlando to retain his rights for two years. As a result, Tori announced on Jan. 29, 2024, that he would be returning to Charlotte to continue playing for the 49ers.

Alex Highsmith - Pittsburgh Steelers

Joining Charlotte football as a walk-on in 2015, Highsmith redshirted in his true freshman season. The following year, Highsmith played in all 12 games on the season, racking up 17 tackles and one sack.

After spending his third season with the 49ers as a reliable member of the defensive line, the linebacker was named to the starting lineup and was subsequently named to the first-team All-Conference USA. During this season, Highsmith set a school record with 14 sacks and 21.5 tackles for loss. Highsmith tallied 185 tackles and 21 sacks during his time at Charlotte.

After being drafted No. 102 overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 2020 NFL Draft, Highsmith made his first start for the Steelers in week 13 against Washington. Despite the game resulting in a loss, Highsmith recorded five tackles, and remained a starter for the rest of the season. In the following three seasons, he would sign a \$68 million contract extension with the Steelers.



Football

Larry Ogunjobi - Pittsburgh Steelers

As a member of the Charlotte football team from 2013 to 2016, Ogunjobi left a major mark on Charlotte Athletics. In his first game with the program, Ogunjobi was given the honor of wearing the number 49 on his jersey, a testament to his hard work. The 49ers won that game 52-7 against Campbell University.

As a defensive lineman, Ogunjobi recorded 217 tackles and 13 sacks, going on to become the first Charlotte player to attend the NFL Combine and later the first Charlotte player to be drafted to the NFL. Dubbed "C-USA's Most Interesting Man" by SB Nation, Ogunjobi took that mentality with him to the pros.

Initially drafted by the Cleveland Browns, Ogunjobi played in 60 games, tallying 108 tackles and 14.5 sacks in his four years in Cleveland. Ogunjobi then signed a one-year contract with the Cincinnati Bengals; he recorded seven sacks and 49 tackles in 16 games before suffering a season-ending foot injury in a wild-card playoff game with the Las Vegas Raiders.

In June of 2022, Ogunjobi signed a one-year contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers, starting in 16 games and recording 48 tackles and 1.5 sacks. Ogunjobi is currently one year into a three-year contract extension with the Steelers, and more is still to come with the defensive end.

Baseball

Josh Maciejewski - New York Yankees

Maciejewski played for Charlotte baseball all four years of college, making 13 appearances as a Sunday starter in his first season with the 49ers. He was named to the Conference USA (C-USA) Commissioner's Honor Roll two seasons in a row, and in his senior season, he was named to the ABCA/Rawlings Sports All-Atlantic Region second team, the C-USA first team, the C-USA All-Tournament Team and the NCCSIA All-State first team.

Maciejewski was selected by the New York Yankees in the 2018 Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft as the No. 307 overall pick. He spent most of his time pitching in the Minor Leagues with teams such as the Somerset Patriots and the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders, racking up 33 runs and 106 games pitched in five years.

On April 8, 2024, Maciejewski was called up by the Yankees to pitch in the first of a three-game series against the Miami Marlins. Maciejewski pitched one inning, tallying three strikes and contributing to the Yankees' 7-0 win over the Marlins. As of May 2024, Maciejewski is playing in the Minor Leagues but could easily be called up again in the future.



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light rail

A college student's guide to the

Clare Grealey
Copy Editor

For students wanting to navigate Charlotte and Uptown without a car, the Lynx Blue Line is the perfect option. Running from UNC Charlotte's main campus to I-485/South Boulevard, the light rail is accessible and easy to use.

Running from 5:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 6:15 a.m. to midnight Sundays, the light rail is reliable and quick transportation. Trains arrive at a given station every 20-30 minutes and generally linger at stations for a minute or two. However, the trains stay at the UNC Charlotte Main Station for around 10 minutes to allow students to get on.

Beginning in the fall of 2024, students must switch from using their Charlotte IDs to the CATS-Pass app to use their All-Access

Pass. To do so, sign in with your NinerNET email address and create an account, and you will be able to see your All-Access Pass in the app.

While the light rail serves 26 stations, here are a few notable ones for those new to Charlotte.

UNC Charlotte Main Station and JW Clay Station

These two stations serve the UNC Charlotte main campus: the Main Station just outside of North Village residence halls and the JW Clay Station near the engineering side of campus. On-campus students can board these stations to reach Uptown and the greater Charlotte area.

36th Street Station

This light rail stop covers the North Davidson (NoDa) neighborhood, an area brimming with cultural wealth. There are bakeries, restaurants, parks, live music venues and much more at this stop that are worth a trip out there.

9th Street Station

The 9th Street Station connects UNC Charlotte's main campus to the Dubois Center, an extension of the Charlotte campus. The Dubois Center offers 23 academic programs and is home to the School of Professional Studies.

Spectrum Center/Arena

This station is aptly named, as it lets out right across from the Spectrum Center, home to the Charlotte Hornets and host to many musical artists, including Aerosmith, Nicki Minaj, Billie Eilish, Travis Scott and many more. On the other side of the station are shopping areas and restaurants such as the RedEye Diner and Insomnia Cookies.

East/West Boulevard Station

Leaving the skyscrapers of Uptown, the city continues to have much to offer along the light rail route. Many restaurants and retail options are available in South End, such as the Atherton Mill shopping mall and The Eagle, a cozy gastropub.

UNC CHARLOTTE DINING LOCATIONS



ATKINS LIBRARY

- Starbucks

SCIENCE BUILDING

- Auntie Anne's
- Change Please

CONE CENTER

- Market at Cone
- Panda Express
- Subway

SOUTH VILLAGE CROSSING

- Charlotte Greens
- Market at Sovi
- Sovi Dining Hall

FRETWELL

- Thoughtful Cup

PROSPECTOR

- Burger 704
- Chick-Fil-A
- Jamal's Chicken
- Mama Leone's
- Market at Prospector
- Salsarita's
- Wild Blue Sushi

STUDENT UNION

- Amazon JWO Market
- Bojangles
- Erbert & Gerbert's
- 49er Fresh
- Shake Smart
- Social 704
- Social 704 Express
- Starbucks
- The Bistro
- Wendy's

COLVARD

- Auntie Anne's

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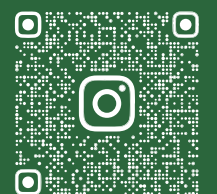
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Dining options ON CAMPUS

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Editor-in-Chief

UNC Charlotte offers a wide variety of dining options on campus. Students can use their declining balance (DB), meal swipes and other forms of payment. There are several convenient dining locations throughout campus.

SoVi

South Village Dining, or SoVi, offers several food stations. Some serve tapas-style meals in smaller batches to raise portion awareness, bring bold flavor, add eye appeal and reduce waste. Despite smaller servings, students can grab as many portions as they want.

Rooted offers pasta tosses, omelets and fresh salads. Homestyle offers balanced meals with interchanging Evo and Teppanyaki grill cooktops. SoVi offers an “avoiding gluten” section for students looking to avoid gluten. Cucina/500 Degrees serves pizza and other Italian favorites. Fresh 52/Carved and Crafted offers a salad bar and self-serve deli with plenty of protein, green and bread options. Bok Choy is an Asian station with a jade double wok. The Sweet Shoppe serves pastries, mousses, cookies and gelato.

The SoVi Market and Bakery is located on the upper level of South Village Crossing. It

offers baked goods and convenience items. The Dine on Campus app can provide daily updates regarding the menu and hours of operation.

Social 704

Social 704, renovated and reopened in fall 2023, is a buffet-style dining hall on the Student Union’s second level. It features meal stations and offers a customizable dining experience.

Burning Stone offers fresh pizza cooked in a gas-fired oven. Crisp offers a build-your-own salad station with protein options. Saute provides customizable flavors from around the world with new dishes every day. Between the Bread offers a customizable deli section. Hot Flats serves burgers, hotdogs and other grilled or charbroiled favorites. The Kitchen offers comfort foods and rotisserie items.

Social 704 also serves a gluten and meat-free section called Delicious Without.

Along with these refined options, Social 704 has a waffle, cereal and dessert bar.

Fast-food and coffee

The campus offers a wide variety of fast-

food establishments.

In the Popp Martin Student Union, Wendy’s, Starbucks and Bojangles are the well-known fast food chains. Shake Smart is a healthy student option that offers protein shakes, smoothie bowls and oatmeal. Erbert & Gerbert’s sandwich shop is located inside the Market on Craver and offers convenience items.

Lower Prospector has a Chick-fil-A, Burger 704 and a mini convenience market offering coffee and other snacks to take on the go. Mama Leone’s serves Italian favorites, such as to-go pizzas and pasta. Salsaritas sells build-your-own bowls, burritos and quesadillas. Wild Blue Sushi recently replaced Sushi by Gusto in Upper Prospector and has various rolls and sushi options.

There are several other dining options scattered around the campus. The Cone Center offers a Panda Express and Subway. The Science building has the Aurum Café, which features Auntie Anne’s pretzels. The J Murrey Atkins Library recently opened another Starbucks in the spring 2023 semester. Thoughtful Cup is another coffee shop on campus located in the Fretwell building.

Food trucks

Charlotte offers several food truck options typically located outside of Prospector and CHHS. While new additions are often in the works, food trucks commonly seen on campus include Chaconia, Blasian Asian Way, Soul Rolls and The Boba Tea Bar.

Chaconia is a Caribbean cuisine eatery that serves gourmet street-style Trinidadian-Guyanese food. Blasian Asian Way serves Korean and American fusion food. Soul Rolls is a deli shop serving sandwiches, wraps, salads and ‘soul rolls.’ The Boba Tea Bar serves milk, fruit teas and waffles.

The Salty is an addition from the spring 2023 semester, a donut and coffee truck near East Deck.

Mobile ordering

If you want to skip the lines and order food ahead of time, you can place an order on the Transact Mobile app. You can select any dining location, customize your order and pay ahead. The app will notify you when your food is ready. This app allows you to pay with DB, Optional Dining Account (ODA), 49er Account, ODA Bonus, debit and credit.

Top 5 places to eat on campus

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Long hours in lectures and lengthy walks between classes can build up quite the appetite. With so much variety on campus, here are the top five places to eat on campus.

1. Chick-fil-A

Chick-fil-A has been serving its iconic fast food in Prospector since August 2011. It is located right in the middle of the action, making it a great place to grab lunch after a few morning classes. The menu is limited compared to a standard Chick-fil-A, but it still has a lot to offer. Even though it gets pretty busy after classes, the line always goes quickly, and the service is reliable, thus earning the No. 1 spot on this list.

2. Bojangles

If you are craving fried chicken but have already passed Prospector on the way to the Popp Martin Student Union, check out Bojangles inside. Bojangles’ chicken and

biscuits are staples in the fast food industry. Additionally, the Student Union Bojangles is always quick to serve your food. Although Bojangles’ chicken may not be as tasty as Chick-fil-A’s, its reliable speed and convenience make it a strong contender, earning it the No. 2 rank on this list.

3. Auntie Anne’s

If Bojangles and Wendy’s are not quite hitting the spot, try walking just a little up Craver Road to the Science Building and checking out Auntie Anne’s. Auntie Anne’s has been serving warm pretzels on campus since April 2022. You can never go wrong with a batch of freshly baked pretzel bites and a cup of ice-cold lemonade. While there is not much variety besides its iconic pretzels, Auntie Anne’s great taste ultimately makes up for it, earning its spot as No. 3.

4. Wendy’s

It would be a crime not to include the Stu-

dent Union’s Wendy’s on this list. Wendy’s brings a lot of variety to the table, offering customers tasty fried chicken and even better burgers. Although wait times can get a little long during lunch and dinner hours, you can order online using the Niner Diners Mobile App. Wendy’s offers a less pricey fast food alternative to places like Chick-fil-A at the cost of slightly lower quality food, earning it the No. 4 spot on this list.

5. Panda Express

Last but not least, Panda Express is on the list of the top five places to dine on UNC Charlotte’s campus. Panda Express is located in the Cone University Center, making it a great option if you are coming out of a long study session in the library. Although the food can be less than desirable sometimes, the prime location and ability to order ahead of time makes Panda Express a hearty option, thus putting it in the No. 5 rank.

Dining options OFF CAMPUS

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Jade Suszek & Julie Parra/Niner Times File and courtesy
of Zapata's Mexican and Small Cakes Utopia

One of the best things about UNC Charlotte is its proximity to exceptional food options off campus. A wide variety of cuisines are spread within a five-mile radius, and there is something tasty for everyone. Don't forget that the city is home to some of the best and ethnically diverse cuisines and some of the Niner classics. Here is a list of nearby, affordable and simply delicious places in case you missed out last year.

Off-campus chains

Dave's Hot Chicken

This place lives up to the hype with a flavorful, juicy chicken menu. With heat options from no heat to reaper, Dave's combos come with sliced bread, pickles and Dave's sauce that create a perfect blend of tang. It takes fried chicken to a new level — only a few minutes from campus.

Order suggestion: Dave's No. 3, one tender and one slider with fries (Heat level "hot")

Price: \$10-\$20 per person

CAVA

Create a Mediterranean bowl or pita wrap packed with fresh ingredients like harissa chicken, avocado and olives. With a healthy yet filling menu, CAVA is perfect for a balanced diet and is one of the many quick and easy go-to eateries by the boardwalk. They serve vegan and vegetarian-friendly customizable bowls while also offering halal-certified lamb meatballs.

Order suggestion: Harissa Avocado bowl

Price: \$10-\$20 per person

Cookout

Nothing beats a late-night run to Cookout with friends. The service is fast, and the food is cheap, with suitable portion sizes. Cheese fries, quesadillas and chicken tenders pair great with a thick and creamy milkshake, especially after a Charlotte sports game.

Order suggestion: Cheddar-style burger tray with cheese bites and a peanut butter fudge milkshake

Price: \$10 per person

Sabor Latin Street Grill

Truly one of the best chain spots to hit has to be handed to Sabor. This place is known for its delicious fresh ingredients for the perfect medley of mouthwatering Latin cuisine. The carne asada fries and elote loco take street food up a dozen notches with a flare of binding Latin cuisines. Sabor serves to enhance the pan-Latin experience and delivers fresh, authentic food.

Order suggestion: Carne asada fries, grilled veggies empanada and churros with ice cream

Price: \$10-\$20 per person

Expand your palate

These local hot spots embrace diversity and respect inclusion by offering worldly food and dietary and cultural accommodations, such as kosher, halal, vegan and vegetarian-friendly.

Zapata's Mexican

It is one of the best Mexican restaurants, and the servers are so welcoming and sweet. This place is great for classic Mexican food at a reasonable price.

Complimentary chips and salsa come with every order, and outdoor seating has a boardwalk view. This Charlotte-based restaurant, with only two other locations, is perfect for a college student's budget with quality food.

Order suggestion: Quesadilla Tacos Birria

Price: \$10-\$20 per person

Giacomo's Pizzeria

Not even five minutes away from campus, Giacomo's is home to New York-style pizza and homemade garlic knots. It features speedy service and 20% off with a student ID. Giacomo's is a classic spot for good quality Italian food and an easy grab-and-go lunch with just \$3 by the slice.

Order suggestion: 18" cheese pizza and garlic knots to share

Price: \$5-\$20 per person

Passage to India

The aroma of this spot is incredible and right off campus. Spicy, tangy, classic Indian food with fast service, Passage to India offers mouthwatering meat and vegetarian options.

Their vegetable vindaloo and palak paneer are must-haves that take meat alternatives to another level. Meat entrees like lamb biryani and tandoori chicken are tender and beautifully seasoned. Most menu options include hefty portion sizes that make it great for sharing at the price of one or leftovers. This location also offers fusion flavors of Indo-Chinese.

Order suggestion: Chicken Makhana with Garlic Naan

Price: \$10-\$20 per person

Pho@University

Hot and rich Vietnamese pho hits the spot on a rainy day in Charlotte. A perfect balance of sweet and salty with a sensation of umami flavors, Pho@University offers great-priced, quality pho with gorgeous indoor seating. This spot is relatively new and includes yummy small Vietnamese plates with fair-priced tofu meals.

Order suggestion: Pho Chin Nam with fresh jalapeños, cilantro and bean sprouts

Price: \$20 per person

Something sweet

Sipco.

An elevated play on refreshing and crisp soda, Sipco. allows you to customize soda by adding fruit, flavored syrups and much more. Only 10 minutes from campus, North Carolina's first drive-thru soda shop turns non-soda lovers into soda fanatics.

Order suggestion: Bikini Bottom (Mountain Dew, strawberry, pineapple)

Price: \$1-\$10 per person

Small Cakes Utopia

This location is just five minutes from campus and offers an endless variety of baked goods and homemade ice cream.

They feature additional flavors with every signature cupcake flavor. Cupcakes, cookies, cake pops and even pup treats have a twist to them. This is a great spot for celebrating an event or something sweet after a savory meal. Small Cakes Utopia also offers gluten-free and vegan options.

Order suggestion: Red Velvet Birthday Cake Cupcake

Price: \$5-\$10 per person



HOW TO USE THE food delivery robots

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In 2023, UNC Charlotte introduced autonomous robots as a food delivery option for students. Starship Technologies partnered with Charlotte's catering company Chartwells and deployed 30-40 robots.

This guide will explain how to use these robots.

Getting started

Students must first download the Starship Technologies mobile delivery app, which, similar to the Niner Diners app, allows students to order from on-campus restaurants. Before placing your order, you must select UNC Charlotte from the list of universities.

The ordering process

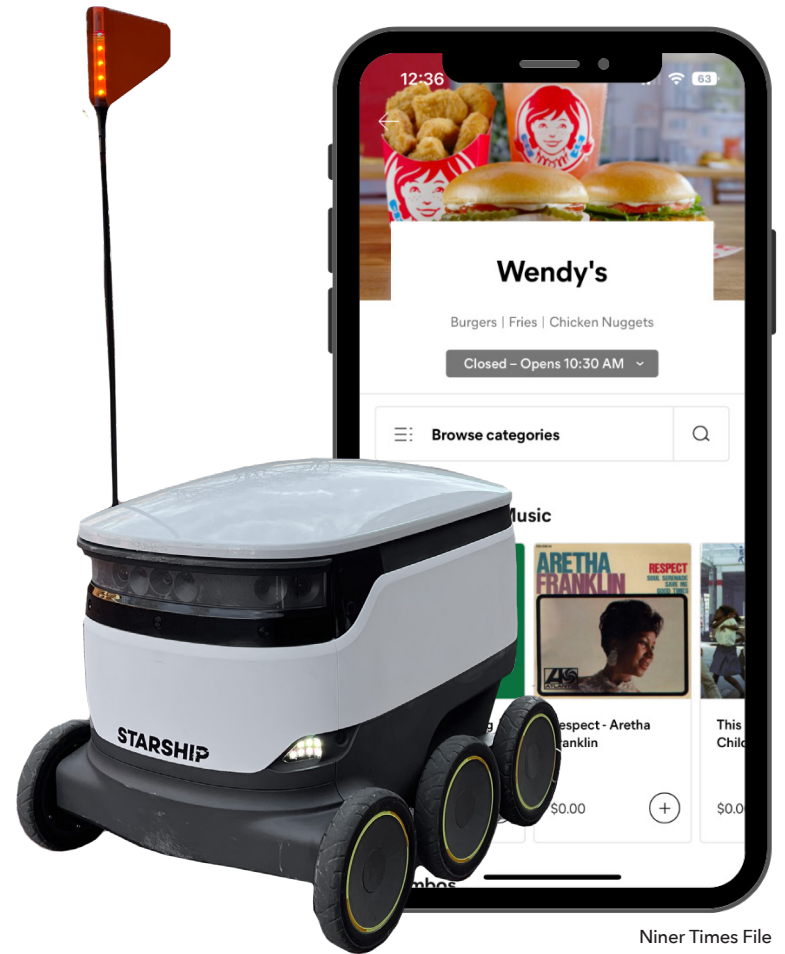
After paying a small delivery fee, the Starship app allows students to choose from retail locations

such as Starbucks, Shake Smart, Panda Express and Burger 704. Then you can set your delivery location from a drop-down menu near the top of the app.

Once you place your order, employees will load the robots in their designated parking areas outside the retail location. The robots will deliver to many locations, such as Dale F. Halton Arena, the Denny building, the McEniry building and many others.

The robot picks up your food and will bring it straight to you. The robots do not enter buildings, so you must go outside to find them once you get the notification that the robot is near your location.

Then you will use the app to unlock the robot and receive your food. The insulated pouch keeps the food warm and saves time with fewer interruptions for students.



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Must have apps

NINE MOBILE APPS THAT WILL MAKE COLLEGE MUCH EASIER

Sunnya Hadavi
Layout Editor



If there is anything that makes starting college in the twenty-first century, it is the reliance on technology. Phone apps have become a staple on UNC Charlotte's campus, but it is often hard to know which ones you actually need. So, here is a list of the most important apps to download to make your first year run a little smoother.

Canvas

You may be familiar with Canvas from high school but be prepared to use it daily from this point on. All classes at Charlotte utilize Canvas to organize assignments and grades. While you can access Canvas through your computer, the app will be a lifesaver. With notifications, you will be reminded of upcoming deadlines and notified whenever grades are added. If you are ever stuck out when there is an assignment due, you can also use the Canvas app to easily submit your work.

Discord

It is no secret that Discord has been growing in popularity recently, and as a college student, you will see it used in many ways aside from gaming. Discord is an app that can be used to easily communicate through messages or voice chat in an organized manner. With the ability to make detailed servers, many classes and clubs have been using Discord to keep in touch with one another and give updates. Discord also has the Student Hub feature, which makes it easy to find any student-run servers relating to our university. The most popular servers that Charlotte students run in the UNC Charlotte Hub are: "Niner Esports," "Real Woodward Hours" and "UNC Charlotte Subreddit."

GroupMe

Similar to Discord, GroupMe is one of the more popular ways for students to connect. These group chats are frequently used for classes and clubs to make it easy for students to get information and ask each other

questions. Like Discord, you can also link groups with UNC Charlotte, so they are discoverable by any Charlotte student. Almost every class will end up with some form of group chat, and GroupMe is an easy and popular choice. You will undoubtedly need to ask a classmate for help at some point, so it would be good to get a head start and download GroupMe now. You could even be the one to start class group chats to help you and your classmates.

Mobile Order

The Mobile Order app is one of the easiest ways to order food on campus. It includes every dining option on campus except the two dining halls, so you can place your order on your way to a restaurant rather than wasting time waiting after you place your order. Like any mobile ordering app, you can customize your orders and monitor how long your order will take. You can pay on this app by linking a credit or debit card along with your 49er account or your declining balance.

Starship

Like Mobile Order, this app is a great way to order food on campus. Starship connects to the Starship dining robots, which can deliver anywhere on campus. Getting food deliveries from the robots has an extra \$3 delivery charge, but sometimes it can be worth it. You can order from any dining location included on the Mobile Order app and can use a credit or debit card, 49er account or declining balance to pay. In the app, you can even select a song to play when you receive your delivery from the robot.

Passio GO

With the massive hills and many buildings on campus, using the Passio GO app for the UNC Charlotte buses can be a great way to get around. With three main routes and many stops, it can be hard to know when the bus you need will arrive. To save yourself from waiting for a long period of time

or having close encounters where you miss the bus, the Passio GO app will show you where each bus is on campus. On busy days, you can count on this app to help you best save your time.

Venmo or Cash App

Both Venmo and Cash App are used to send money to people. These apps will be lifesavers for late-night fast food cravings and gas money for last-minute road trips. Not many people use cash now, so Venmo and Cash App are easy ways to finally return that \$10 you owe your roommate. Many fundraisers also accept these as forms of payment, which can be much easier than messing with card readers. Club fundraisers or even puppy-petting charity events often accept digital payments and donations, so these apps are a great way to take advantage of these campus events without worrying about having your cash or card on you.

Yik Yak

For those living on campus, Yik Yak is a way to see what other students are up to and have a good laugh. The app lets you anonymously send submissions and threads that those within a five-mile radius can see. While it is not like the other apps on this list, it is a way to feel connected with other students. Who knows, maybe your submissions will get featured on student-run UNC Charlotte Instagram pages.

Ex Libris Library Mobile

Atkins Library is a great resource for all kinds of things on campus, and this app brings all of that to your phone. With the app, you can access your library account and the Atkins catalog. You can also chat with librarians and receive alerts about when your rentals are due. The library's study rooms are a great place to get work done, and you can reserve those spaces on the app too. It has a lot of the resources included on the Atkins website, but the app can be easier to use, especially on the go.



Courtesy of the Google
Play Store

How to navigate LIVING WITH ROOMMATES

Sofia DiStefano
News Editor

Coming to college is a major life transition, and living with roommates is part of that. For some students, this may be their first experience living with someone else. Some might even be from out of state and do not even know people on campus or may have gone to high school with them.

Either way, living with roommates is one of the biggest parts of college, and the way you go about it can make or break the overall experience. It is all about respect and creating a healthy and fun relationship so that there are people to go to during the hard times of college. These tips may only work for some; however, they can be used as a general guideline to keep in mind.

Communication is key

The best thing to do with roommates is to ensure constant communication, whether about your class schedule or the times you will be in or out of the dorm. This also

involves establishing boundaries and determining what works best for the room so everyone is comfortable. Before moving in, things to discuss are personal bedtimes, allergies, cleanliness, hobbies, social habits and what utilities you're bringing to the room. It is best to figure these out early.

One thing to remember is that having different living styles as your roommate is entirely okay. If that is the case, setting boundaries and communicating expectations is critical and can still make for a good experience. Creating a strong bond with your roommate is something that will make the college experience much smoother. Having someone that you can go to or have as a safety contact is something everyone needs in college.

Remember, you and your roommate are in the same boat with starting college and experiencing things for the first time. Do not stress out about clicking automatically with your roommate(s); it takes time.

Personalize your area

Another part of making your room feel more comfortable is personalizing it to your liking. A good thing to do is find some mutual decorations that you and your roommate both want in your dorm, such as a tapestry or a snack cart. The more you agree on, the better. To make your dorm more personalized, I would recommend hanging up some posters and or photos based on how much room you have. The more fun you have with decorating your space, the more connected you will feel with it.

Personalizing your room is also a great time to bond with your roommate and determine what similarities you might have in things like music, movies or anything else. This is your space, and making it your own can give you a sense of control and comfort in your new environment.

Branch out and have fun

Your roommate doesn't have to be your

only friend on campus. Try to put yourself out there by joining clubs or student organizations that spark your interest. It is a great way to expand your circle of friends. Try to attend as many University events as possible with your roommates, such as football games or late nights at the dining halls. These can make for some great memories and also help you get closer to your roommates and new friends.

Try your hardest to enter college with a positive mindset. The people you meet along the way can become your lifelong friends and people you can count on if you play your cards right. College is always scary at first, but a good bond with your roommate can last a lifetime and make all the difference to your college experience. Remember, college is a time of new beginnings and endless possibilities for friendships that can last a lifetime.

Essential items to have in your dorm

Davis Cuffe
Editor-in-Chief

Moving out of your house and into a dorm can be a scary experience for new students. With the limited space, here are some staple items for your new dorm.

Small fan

Dorms are prone to air conditioning and ventilation issues, so opening a window will not be enough. Pack a small fan to stay cool during hot Charlotte days and avoid sweating through the first semester.

Command strips

What is a dorm without some decoration? The dorm is your space, so make it your own. While you should be mindful of your roommate's preferences, the dorm walls are your canvas to hang up whatever you want. Command Strips are great for hanging things up without risking damage.

Mattress topper

With the move to an unfamiliar territory, avoid spending the night tossing and turning in bed by packing a mattress topper. Standard dorm mattresses are cheap and uncomfortable; buy a mattress topper to negate this and get good rest.

Shower shoes

Shower shoes should be a no-brainer for dorm living. Dorm bathrooms will be nowhere near as clean as your bathroom at home. Avoid sharing foot space with everyone who lives on the floor of dorm bathrooms, and pack some shower shoes.

Shower caddy

Leaving shower supplies in the bathroom or carrying everything over by hand are equally rough options. Dorm bathrooms are a shared space, so people may snatch or

use your supplies, and carrying all of your supplies can be challenging. A shower caddy conveniently solves both of those problems.

Desk lamp

The lighting in dorms is often bright and abrasive; softer light is your friend during late-night study sessions. Along with providing a more relaxed atmosphere, a lamp can offer an alternative to keeping the ceiling light on if you and your roommate have different sleeping schedules.

Mini fridge

Nothing is worse than a warm drink when trying to cool down after a hot day. Giving yourself the ability to store food with a mini fridge allows you to have cold beverages on demand. It also offers an alternative to the dining hall and other campus meal options.

Laundry bag and detergent

Unfortunately, your parents can no longer do your laundry. Having a laundry bag makes your dirty clothes easy to transport and store, while laundry detergent is essential to doing laundry.

Cleaning supplies

Keep your dorm neat. The dorm is often a shared space and one that you should be mindful of in terms of cleanliness. A small vacuum will come in handy in cleaning up larger messes and general maintenance, while wet wipes and freshener sprays help maintain a fresh, clean environment.

Before you make final decisions on your dorm room wish list, be mindful of the prohibited items list for your building. Space heaters, adhesive LED light strips and hot plates sound good ideas but are banned on most lists. Happy packing, and good luck.



Top places for students to visit in Charlotte

Sofia DiStefano
News Editor

The city of Charlotte is not just home to UNC Charlotte's campus, but it also has so many fun and unique places outside of the University bubble where everyone can enjoy some downtime.

Whether planning a trip with friends or venturing out into all that the city has to offer, Charlotte has many great places to visit.

Good eats

Optimist Hall is a great food and culture hall to visit with friends. Located on Brevard Street near uptown Charlotte, it houses over 20 counter restaurants and welcomes thousands of people daily with food from various cultures.

Optimist Hall is not just a food court. There are flea markets and thrift pop-ups in the courtyard. Local businesses rent out spaces and sell their products, whether clothes or jewelry. If you need some good back-to-school thrift finds, be on the lookout at Optimist Hall.

After a long week of classes, this is a place to go to so you and your friends can wind down and grab a bite. It is also a great place to take any friends or family visiting you in Charlotte so they can get a sense of the community atmosphere.

Concert venues

Music is a huge outlet for many students to ease the stress from the school year. Going to concerts with friends can make for unforgettable memories.

Luckily for Charlotte students, there are concert venues all around the city, including the PNC Music Pavilion, just a five-minute drive from campus. The venue is always clean, family-friendly and safe, making for an enjoyable time. The PNC Music Pavilion hosts concerts throughout the school year, so if your favorite artist ever comes to Charlotte, odds are you can see them there.

The Fillmore is another concert venue in Charlotte that anyone can go to for some concert fun. Located on Hamilton Street in Charlotte, The Fillmore is themed in the tradition of the famous Fillmore in San Francisco.

A third concert venue in Charlotte that is recommended to visit is The Underground. Also located on Hamilton Street, The Underground is popular among the people of Charlotte. It hosts

artists ranging from pop to EDM.

Game day

Watching 49er athletics isn't the only chance students have for a game day, as Charlotte is home to teams such as Carolina Panthers, Charlotte FC and the Charlotte Hornets.

The major athletic stadiums in Charlotte are the Bank of America Stadium and Spectrum Center.

Roughly 20 minutes from campus, Bank of America Stadium is home to the Carolina Panthers, an NFL team, and Charlotte FC, a Major League Soccer team.

Charlotte students can get discounted tickets for Charlotte FC games, which is something to keep in mind if you and your friends want something to do during the semester. Although the team is still on the newer side, they have continued to grow a fanbase, making games a must-watch.

Another sports team that is located in Charlotte is the NBA Hornets. The team plays at the Spectrum Center, roughly 18 minutes from campus, and is light rail accessible.

Holiday fun

Once it gets closer to the holiday season, the city of Charlotte will host numerous events for all to attend.

To start, every weekend in October, the Quarry at Carrigan Farms hosts "Scarrigan Farms," a haunted trail. The over-a-mile-long trail has various sets, props and actors set up to scare visitors. If Halloween is one of your favorite holidays, you can not miss it. With a ticket purchase, you get a \$5 food voucher, which can go towards any yummy fall treat, such as an apple cider donut.

Towards the end of November, the Light The Knight Festival, hosted at Charlotte's Truist Field, begins through Jan. 1. On select days during those months, activities such as snow tubing, ice skating, shopping and more are available to all who attend.

In case you miss the Light The Knight Festival, the Charlotte Motor Speedway also hosts a Christmas Speedway presented by Atrium Health. The four-mile drive-through course is transformed into a light show for the holidays. The light show has become a tradition for the Charlotte community; each year, it has different themes.

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New Beginnings

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|  North Clairo |  circle the drain Soccer Mommy |
|  4EVER Clairo |  Jigsaw Falling Into Place Radiohead |
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|  End of Beginning Djo |  Dreams Fleetwood Mac |
|  At It Again Slow Pulp |  Everywhere Fleetwood Mac |
|  Everybody Wants To Rule The World Tears For Fears |  1979 The Smashing Pumpkins |
|  Feels Like We Only Go Backwards Tame Impala |  After Hours The Velvet Underground |
|  Summer's End Phoebe Bridgers, Maria Taylor |  Hot & Heavey Lucy Dacus |
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Most anticipated movies of summer 2024



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Arts & Culture Editor

It is the time of the year when movies start rolling out. Get your mind off the stress of school and watch some entertaining films. Here are some of this summer's most anticipated movies to keep on your radar.

May

The A24 films are some of the most highly rated when it comes to cinematography. "I Saw The TV Glow" is the perfect late-night film about teenage adventure and mystery. Kickstart your summer with this coming-of-age horror film, which will premiere in theatres on May 17.

If you are not into horror films, this family-friendly film about extraordinary events stars Steve Carell and Emily Blunt. Reconnect with your inner child and watch "IF" which premieres on May 17.

A team-up with Mad Max, "Furiiosa" stars Anya Taylor-Joy and Chris Hemsworth in an apocalyptic adventure for dominance. This journey of finding the way back home will get the audience searching for more. Tune into this movie that will premiere on May 24.

One of the most popular anime in Japan, "Haikyu," is set to release a new movie, "HAIKYU!! The Dumpster Battle," which is yet another battle for victory in which the characters must team up with their nemesis, Kageyama. It is set to premiere on May 31.

June

"Bad Boys: Ride or Die" follows a police captain involved in criminal activities. This comedic action movie will be released on June 7, which follows Will Smith and his buddies on an outrageous mission.

The month will end with the premiere of "A Quiet Place: Day One" on June 28. This spin-off

prequel to the series "A Quiet Place" will be starring Lupita Nyong'o and Joseph Quinn in a movie which takes place before the first film in an apocalyptic quest.

July

Every student might remember their first minion movies. Gru, now with a child, goes on yet more adventures to defeat bad guys with fellow minions in "Despicable Me 4," which will premiere on July 3.

"MaXXXine," the last movie of the "X" series, premieres on July 3. This A24 film follows Mia Goth and her big break as an actress. If you are interested in an excellent storyline, this horror movie is one to watch. Be sure to watch the previous ones beforehand.

If you like a comedic action hero movie, Deadpool and Wolverine team up to defeat a villain in "Deadpool 3," and everyone will be tuned in for this new fight.

August

Secrets are out, and a 17-year-old has left her home country, where she finds family secrets. "Cuckoo" is set to release on Aug. 9 and will star Hunter Schafer in this horror mystery plot film.

"Borderlands," based on the video game, premieres on Aug. 9. It involves heroes in a battle with aliens and bandits to find a missing girl. If you are interested in a video game-to-movie adaptation, this will be one to look forward to.

There are a variety of genres to enjoy this summer. Some of Hollywood's biggest and newest names are appearing this year, so be sure to check these out as they come to the big screens.

Advice from the editors



Get involved

College is what you make of it. It is so easy just to sit around and play Fortnite or scroll TikTok, but that is not why you are here. The UNC Charlotte campus has dozens upon dozens of opportunities for students. If you have an interest in anything, Charlotte has a club or organization for you. As someone who is introverted, I understand it can be challenging to put yourself out there, but there is no way around it if you wish to enrich your college experience. Whether it is club sports, a student organization or Greek life, Charlotte has a niche for you. Take advantage of these opportunities to meet like-minded people and have fun.

Davis Cuffe
Editor-in-Chief



Allow yourself grace for mistakes

The old adage of “practice makes perfect” applies here; you will not be an expert in your studies the minute you walk into the lecture hall. You may not get all A’s in your first semester, and you might even fail a class. This is not the end of the world. But as you continue to move through your time at Charlotte, you will find what works for you. Fearing failure means that you limit yourself to things you already know you can do. Put yourself out there, take a ‘weed-out class,’ take a class that is nowhere near your major, have fun with this experience – these years will come and go, but the memories will last a lifetime, so make them count.

Clare Grealey
Copy Editor



Give yourself time

Getting into a “routine” schedule or using newfound freedom might take a few weeks, but that is completely normal. Try out different things and see what fits your comfort zone. I recommend trying to find little things along the way that interest you so you can expand your circle of friends rather than just your roommate(s). Whether that be in the arts, sports, media, academics or even just going to UREC, finding people who share similar interests will certainly help the transition into college become smoother. Charlotte provides so many opportunities it would be foolish not to take up on them.

Sofia DiStefano
News Editor

The Niner Times is managed by members of the editorial board (section editors and assistants) and is then overseen by the managerial board.

Here is advice from some editors for those just starting at Charlotte.



Try not to compare yourself to others

Everyone has their own journey that they go through during college. Trying to be like someone else only holds you back from opportunities for self-growth and sets unrealistic standards. Be your truest self and find things that shine your strengths. You might find that what you love doing is incomparable to others; go your own path. Constantly measuring your achievements with others defeats the purpose of your success because you would not be doing it for yourself. Any defeats you have along the way only expand your experiences. Take every opportunity with gratitude because as one door closes, another opens.

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Opinion Editor



Do not limit yourself

College is when you can explore new options and find yourself within it. When I started as an undergraduate, I wanted to work in the sports broadcasting field, but I never considered anything outside of it. During that school year, some of my friends who I had made working for the Niner Times encouraged me to try it out. I worked my way up the ladder, holding the assistant sports editor, sports editor, summer editor-in-chief and outreach coordinator positions. My story shows that a leap of faith can lead you to success. Do not be afraid to take a chance and attend that club meeting or ask that question.

Bryson Foster
Outreach Coordinator



Whatever you need to do, do it now

It is easy to procrastinate. Whether it be registration, applying for housing or homework, those tasks are not going anywhere. Instead of putting it off, just do it as soon as possible. There is nothing better than knowing you did all of the necessary work before going out and having fun. I recall countless day trips and events during the summer before my freshman year, which were ruined by the thought of registering for classes. Registering for my courses made that transition very real for me, so out of fear and stupidity; I put off registration until August. Not only was I left with bad classes, but I also ruined my summer.

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Last year's top events in Charlotte

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Throughout 2023 and the beginning of 2024, Charlotte has held multiple noteworthy events such as the Charlotte Pride Parade, The Carolina Renaissance Festival and the Lovin' Life Music Festival.

This guide will examine the past year and all that has taken place in the Queen City.

Charlotte Pride Parade

Charlotte's largest street festival returned to the Queen City on Aug. 19-20. Charlotte Pride, founded in 2000, held its first parade in 2001 and has since evolved into one of the most anticipated festivals in the Carolinas.

In 2023, the festival dominated Uptown Charlotte, with an estimated 260,000 people in attendance.

According to its website, Charlotte Pride is one of the largest LGBTQ+ Pride organizations in the American southeast and aims to empower LGBTQ+ people in the Carolinas.

Charlotte Pride plans to hold its 2024 festival and parade on Aug. 17 and 18.

The Carolina Renaissance Festival

The Carolina Renaissance Festival occurred from Oct. 1 to Nov. 19 on 325 acres of festival grounds in Huntersville, North Carolina.

The Carolina Renaissance Festival is an interactive medieval amusement park that includes a twenty-five-acre circus, jousting tournaments, theaters, acrobats, crafts and artesian marketplaces.

With an average attendance of 195,000 people annually, the Renaissance Festival is perfect for those looking to immerse themselves in 16th-century European style. Attendees are welcome to dress up in costumes or rent them outside the festival gates.

The festival will return every Saturday and Sunday from Oct. 5-Nov. 24, 2024.

The Charlotte Fair

The Charlotte Fair returned to Charlotte Motor Speedway from March 21 to April 1, giving students access to various amusements, food and entertainment.

Attendees had access to eight acres of the fairground, which included entertainment like Lady J's Strong & Amazing Aerial Stunt Show, DockDogs, Lady Houdini, Rockin' A



Charlotte Pride Parade 2023 | Jade Suszek/Niner Times File



Post Malone at Lovin' Life Music Fest 2024 | Jordyn Phillips/Niner Times File

Ranch Petting Zoo and over 40 fair rides and games.

This year, the fair offered a College Night. Students could wear any university apparel or show a student ID for discounted admission.

While next year's fair dates have not yet been announced, students can expect to see the same attractions this coming spring.

Charlotte SHOUT!

Charlotte SHOUT! returned to the Queen City from March 19 to April 14. Presented by Bank of America and Atrium Health, the festival highlighted local art, music, fashion and food.

This year's key events included pop-up markets, Daybreaker, Queen's Greens Putt-Putt, StrEATS tasting tour and influential speakers. The festival also included interactive art displayed on various streets and buildings.

The festival is a completely free and inclusive environment for students to immerse themselves in the culture and history of Uptown Charlotte.

Charlotte SHOUT! plans to return in spring 2025.

Moo, Brew & 'Que Fest

The annual Moo, Brew & 'Que music festival took place on April 12-14 at AvidX-change Music Factory.

The festival highlights local BBQ, brewery vendors and an extensive lineup of artists. This year's lineup included notable performances from bands Hippo Campus, The Revivalists, Flipturn, Richy Mitch & The Coal Miners, along with country singers Lee Brice and Rodney Atkins.

Moo, Brew & 'Que Fest raises money for Second Harvest Food Bank through its proceeds each year, raising almost \$50,000 the past year.

The festival included local BBQ vendors Noble Smoke, Jake Fullington, The Improper Pig and Tex-A-Lina Barbecue.

The annual weekend-long festival is scheduled to take place again in April 2025.

Lovin' Life Music Fest

Lovin' Life, Charlotte's newest music festival, occurred from May 3 to May 5 at First Ward Park in Uptown Charlotte.

The festival was a success, with over 80,000 people attending to see performances by headliners Post Malone, Stevie Nicks and Noah Kahan.

Other notable artists, such as DaBaby, Jessie Murph, Mt. Joy and Concord locals The Avett Brothers, were on the lineup.

Local food and clothing vendors also attended the inaugural event, making it an unforgettable experience for Charlotte locals.

The festival was a success, and Lovin' Life plans to return on May 2-4, 2025.

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05 70+ fitness classes weekly; specialty classes and Big Pink Volleyball during October for Breast Cancer Awareness.



JUMP into our Polar Plunge

06 Every January students kick off the semester with a frigid jump into the outdoor pool!



RUN in th 49er GOLD RUSH 5K

07 Our annual 5K is a campus run/ walk/ jog open to students, families, and the community!



SWING into On the Green

08 Our annual On the Green golf tournament in April raises money for the P.J. Briggs Student Scholarship.



LIFT for The Gold Bar

09 Students can challenge themselves to lift their max in The Gold Bar, a powerlifting competition in April.



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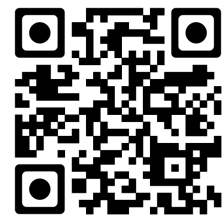


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