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The safety and emotional well being for UNC Charlotte students is a University community effort. Therefore, we are committed to providing mental health and suicide prevention initiatives at UNC Charlotte that strive to enrich the community of care that is an intrinsic piece of the institutional identity.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

NINER TIMES SUMMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF WELCOMES NEW 49ERS

Hello, and welcome to Niner Nation!

We at the Niner Times are happy to welcome you to UNC Charlotte.

College is filled with new beginnings and experiences. You will meet new people, join new clubs, attend sporting events and find yourself. Your first semester sets the foundation for the next four years, and you must make the most of it. You are taking the next leap in your academic career while building toward your future in the real world.

The start of college is a nerve-wracking time filled with endless possibilities. In my first year, I shared many of the same things you might be feeling now. I remember the orientations surrounded by other first-year students I did not know. For many, it is their first time living independently away from home. But it was also thrilling as I imagined myself finding a spot on campus to study or attending a sporting event with the new friends that I had made. It was a happy time because I knew I was starting an unforgettable journey.

I understand the idea of new beginnings because I am starting graduate school at UNC Charlotte this fall. I earned my bachelor's degree in May and look forward to continuing my education in the coming years. My first four years at Charlotte were quite enjoyable as I found my group of friends and organizations I cared about. However, there have been struggles, including dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and having to attend classes over Zoom.

Even though that time was uncertain, I chose to be positive, and it paid off as I discovered my passion for journalism. My love for writing allowed me to climb the ranks at the Niner Times, becoming the sports editor and the summer editor-in-chief. Don't limit yourself because you never know where life will take you. When I joined the paper in my first year, I did not think it was for me, but I was wrong.

UNC Charlotte is a diverse community

of students, professors and faculty. There is a place for everybody on campus, and it is up to you to find yourself. A piece of advice that has served me well during my life has been something my parents instilled in me at a young age. I have Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, and each day has its challenges that I have to overcome. My parents always told me that I should not let my disability be an excuse and that I should define my condition rather than letting it define me. I think this advice applies to any situation: you must define your circumstances and not let them change who you are.

Defining your circumstances could be taking a leap of faith by joining a club or taking a class you know nothing about. Get out and meet new people or be the first to introduce yourself in a class. Make as many connections as possible, and put yourself out there. Do not be afraid to ask questions because that is the only way you learn. Lastly, be yourself while treating others with kindness and grace. If you do these things, you will go far in college and life.

Life comes at you fast during college, so take care of yourself, as sometimes you have to put your mental health first. Ask for help when you need it and use the resources on campus that are available to you. Find outlets to let off steam, such as using UREC, taking walks or playing video games, whatever works best for you. Take time to be still and quiet whenever you need to, as it will help your mental health and rejuvenate you. Do not be afraid to contact friends or professors, as they want to hear from you and help.

The last piece of advice

that I will leave you is to appreciate your journey. It is easy to compare yourself to others, but the beautiful thing about life is that we are all different. We all have paths that will diverge from each other, and we must run our own race. Everybody deals with insecurity, and we wonder if we are doing enough. You must remember that you are doing just fine and will accomplish your goals on time. Things take time, so do not get discouraged if you do not succeed at first because you will achieve great things with hard work and determination. If we all had the same journey, life would be boring, and the great thing is that we can learn from our mistakes to become better people.

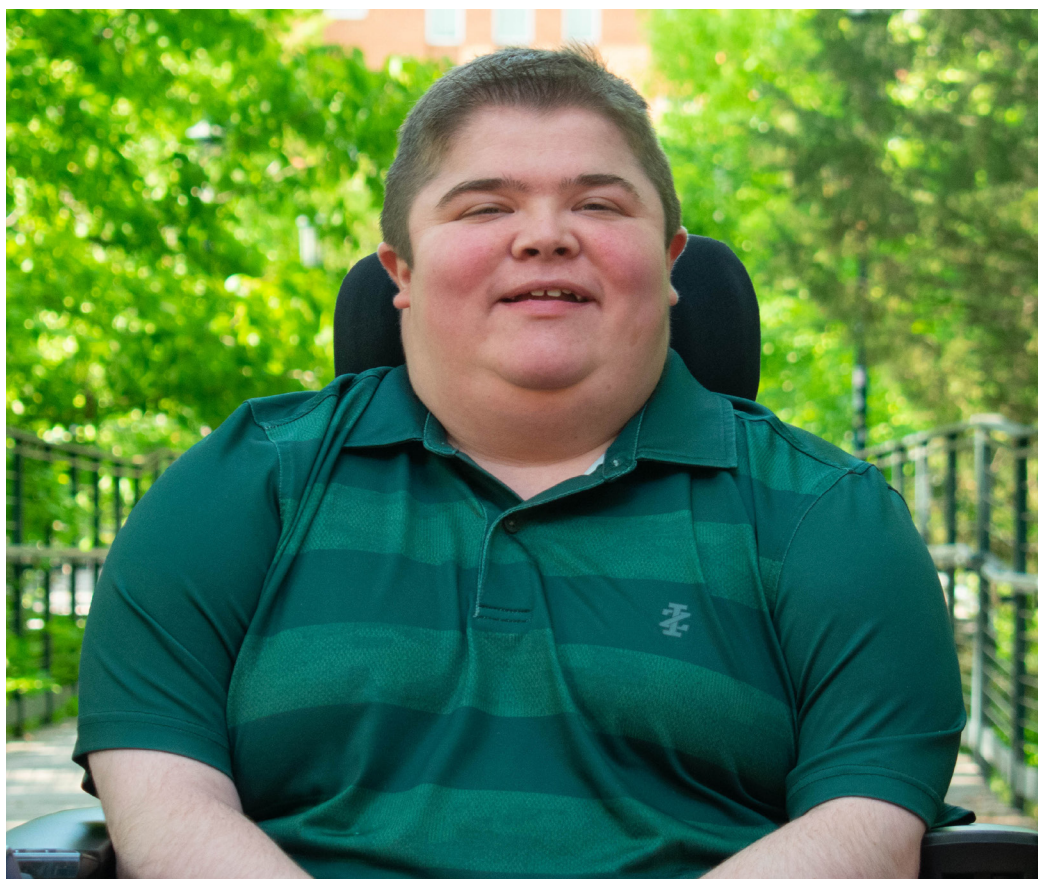
Starting college can be chaotic as you are learning on the fly. If you have questions or want to know more about college life,

do not worry. The Niner Times has put together this guide, providing you with all you need to know for your first year. This guide has information on campus life and the city of Charlotte to prepare you for the coming year.

The next year will be filled with ups and downs, but you will emerge victorious. Remember to stay in the moment and enjoy the ride because you only get one life. Here's to you and your next four years at UNC Charlotte.

Best,

BRYSON FOSTER
SUMMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



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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.

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

NINER TIMES LOOKS BACK ON THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

by Kathleen Cochrane
News Editor

UNC Charlotte experienced a lot of growth and changes in the 2022-2023 school year. Here is a recap of all of the important events that have helped this campus and community grow.

Native American Student Association holds first annual powwow

Charlotte's Native American Student Association (NASA) held its first annual powwow on Oct. 29 to raise cultural awareness about the Native American community.

The event was at the northeast recreational field complex and consisted of Native American drumming and different forms of traditional dancing.

NASA plans on making this an annual event to celebrate Native American culture and bring awareness to the Charlotte community.

Colvard passageway mural construction

Charlotte's art classes worked together to transform the Colvard passageway to encourage conversation and interest. The classes combined mixed media art, print and digital media to design the space.

Students created a mural and seating area to revamp the high-traffic area on campus. Whiteboards and tables offer a collaborative space for students and faculty and hanging chairs for relaxing.

Gold and Red bus lines return

Parking and Transportation Services (PaTS) brought back the Gold and Red routes for students and staff at the beginning of the spring 2023 semester.

The Gold Line operates Monday through Friday from 6-2 a.m., while the Red Line operates Monday through Friday from 9-2 a.m.

The Red route is a quicker version of the Silver route with only five stops to try and promote faster transportation. The Gold route is the inverse of the Green route.

Crown Commons renovation

Charlotte's Dining Services began renovating Crown Commons in April 2023, and the dining hall will reopen in the fall 2023 semester.

The renovation is planned to make it a more open and bright area for students to eat and hang out.

The restaurants previously in Upper Prospector, like Salsaritas and Sushi with Gusto, closed for renovation and will reopen at the beginning of the fall 2023 semester.

Food delivery robots arrive at Charlotte

Autonomous robots were introduced as a food delivery option for students on campus in March.

Starship Technologies partnered with Charlotte via the catering company Chartwells. Charlotte deployed 30 to 40 robots for on-campus food delivery.

The Salty, a new breakfast spot, arrives at Charlotte

The Salty arrived on campus in late March to offer a new option for students in front of the East Deck.

The food truck runs out of a vintage travel trailer and offers donuts, coffee and other breakfast items.

University City to remodel neighboring shopping center into Main Street

University City Partners (UCP) hosted a three-day conference and Q&A to

announce their plan to remodel the Mallard Pointe Shopping Center off North Tryon Street.

UCP plans to turn the shopping center into a student main street for Charlotte students and alumni.

An exact remodel date is uncertain, but residents can start seeing a change in the shopping center in the next few years.

Charlotte completes the April 30 Remembrance Memorial

Four years after the campus shooting, the April 30 constellation garden memorial to commemorate the deaths of Ellis "Reed" Parlier and Riley Howell is complete.

The \$2 million memorial was designed, installed and constructed by TEN X TEN, Hypersonic and Susan Hatchell Landscape Architecture.

The tubes, at the six points, are interactive with touchpads. People can touch the tubes, and the memorial's lights will glow brighter. The more people interact with the structure, the brighter the lights glow.

The light animations will play 365 days a year from dusk until dawn. The animations will differ on April 30, Oct. 2 (Parlier's birthday) and Dec. 13 (Howell's birthday).



The Salty food truck (left) and the April 30 constellation garden memorial (right) | Photo courtesy of UNC Charlotte and Niner Times File Photos

WHERE TO STUDY ON CAMPUS

by Bethany Ivan
Arts & Culture Editor

As new students become more familiar with campus resources and facilities, they may notice other students in different buildings utilizing either a patio or a vacant classroom as their study areas. As the semester progresses, finding places to study besides a dorm room can be easy for incoming students, especially those interested in getting to know Charlotte's campus.

Here are a few places on campus to consider when looking for a place to study and get schoolwork done.

Popp Martin Student Union

The Popp Martin Student Union is the heart of UNC Charlotte, where many students go to relax, meet with friends and classmates, grab a coffee from Starbucks or get their schoolwork done. On the first floor of the Union, there are many couches, tables and chairs for a handful of students. There is also a food court with sitting areas where they can review their class notes while ordering and waiting for food. Also, secluded in a small corner of the school's Barnes & Noble is a small meeting area that is great for groups to work together or relax. Despite the Union being more

open, the first floor can be loud and busy.

For students that prefer being away from the crowd, the Mezzanine, second and third floor has more couches, meeting rooms and spaces. There are even study pods on the third floor for a more private study session. Norm's Loft is on the second floor and is a small place to hang out that overlooks the Union's game room, Norm's.

J. Murrey Atkins Library

For students who prefer a quieter place to study, the Atkins Library provides different spaces to work on their homework and projects. You can choose private cubicles or general desks and open workspaces around either library floor. Students can reserve different study rooms for more privacy to focus on their work or accommodate a group meeting for class projects.

The second floor of Atkins Library is also home to Area 49. It is a great resource to further collaborate with students or group members of a project and learn new skills that can be applied to coursework, regardless of their experience or major. In addition, the spaces include the Makerspace, EZ Video

Studio and other multimedia labs.

The Atkins Library is also a good stopping point for students wanting to grab a snack or coffee. The Starbucks on the ground floor contains a sitting area in the café or on the library's patio to study, participate in online classes via Zoom or do schoolwork while indulging in a treat.

The Thoughtful Cup

The Thoughtful Cup is another café located on the ground floor of Fretwell. Like the Starbucks in the Atkins Library, students can grab a quick cup of coffee, snack or pastry to enjoy. At the same time, they can study and work on schoolwork either in the sitting area of the café, outside on the building's patio or in the study cubicles throughout the Fretwell building.

The Botanical Gardens

Located near the Fretwell building, the Botanical Gardens are a great place to appreciate some quiet time while doing homework or attending a Zoom meeting. Students can either sit at some of the picnic tables to get situated, sit on the rocks by the pond

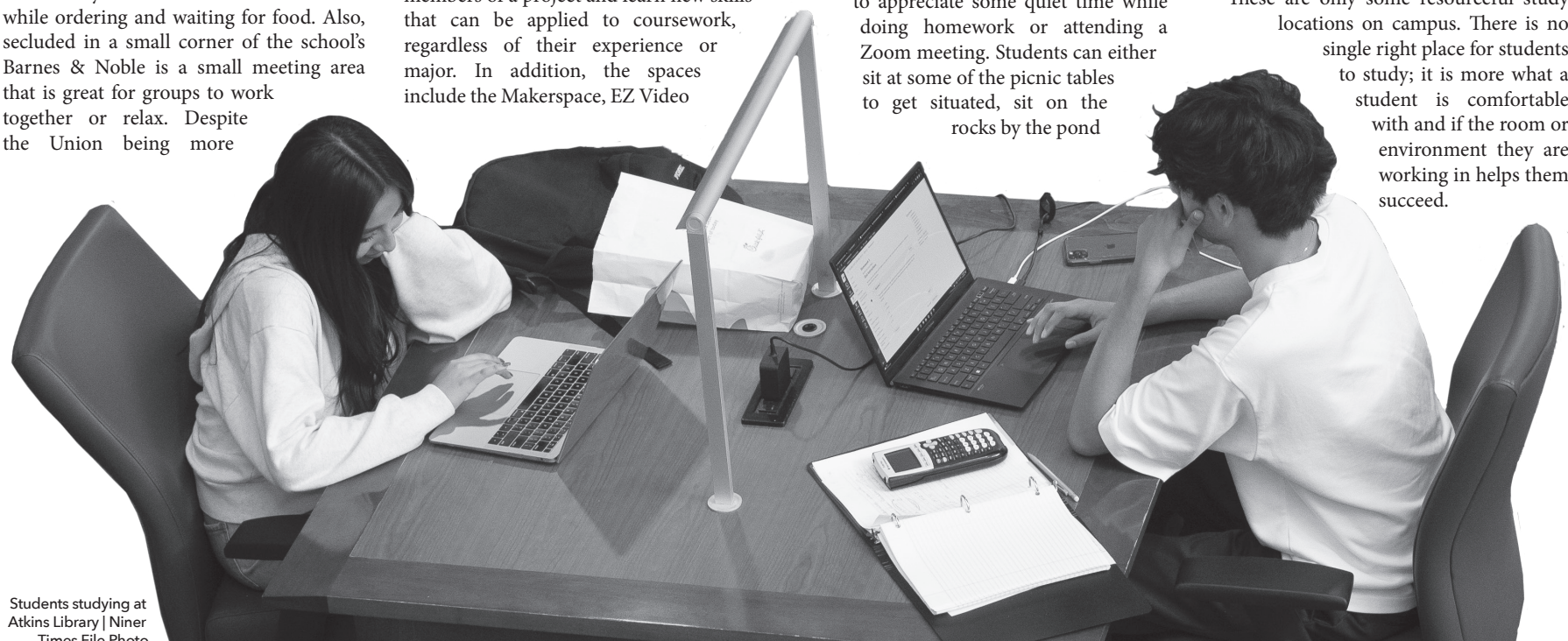
and small waterfall to review their notes, read a book or sit under the shade of the gazebo, which overlooks a portion of the garden.

The garden also provides a space where students can clear their minds as schoolwork becomes stressful. As a study break, students can walk around on the trail and explore different parts of the area while learning about the various types of plants.

The hammocks around campus

Another outdoor study option is the variety of hammocks around campus. Students can find the hammocks near the Atkins Library, on the side of the Fretwell building, beside Wallis Hall and towards the fountain near Cone deck and SoVi. Though there is a limited number of hammocks in these areas, they still make an excellent place for students to study or to take a break from schoolwork.

These are only some resourceful study locations on campus. There is no single right place for students to study; it is more what a student is comfortable with and if the room or environment they are working in helps them succeed.



Students studying at
Atkins Library | Niner
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HOW TO: HIRE-A-NINER AND CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

by Olivia Fey
Staff Writer

Hire-A-Niner is a great way to find on and off-campus employment, including full and part-time jobs, federal work-study, internships and graduate assistantships. Local Charlotte companies and even remote companies that want to hire UNC Charlotte students post their job listings to Hire-A-Niner.

To begin, students may upload their resumes to quickly apply for jobs and submit their public profiles so employers can find them based on what qualifications

the company requires.

There are five tabs on Hire-A-Niner:

Jobs

The jobs tab is where students can find positions that need to be filled, and students can filter jobs based on preferences, such as in-person or remote, part-time or full-time and industry.

Hire-A-Niner makes it easy to find what jobs you are eligible for once you've filled

out your public profile. Specific jobs prefer certain majors; if your major is not desired, the job will be labeled "not qualified."

Events

The events tab is where you can find career resources, and they are either in-person or remote. Events include resume strategies, help in your job search or interview preparation. Businesses also offer their services and teach students specific skills and techniques.

Employers

The employers tab is where students can discover which jobs are hiring on Hire-A-Niner. Each company includes a bio, available job postings and possible events. Students can follow the companies to stay updated.

Resources

The resources tab is a great place for students to go if they are starting their career journey. Resources include a step-by-step guide to career readiness, a library filled with downloadable resources, a career finder that evaluates your interests to find the right career fit and a career explorer so that students can learn about careers and leading industries.

Appointments

The appointments tab allows students to schedule with career coaches if they need additional readiness. Students can select the date and time they would like to meet with a coach and choose from one of nine available coaches either in-person, virtually or over the phone.

Employment options on campus

UNC Charlotte has plenty of on-campus employment opportunities that will provide relevant experience for your future career, whether you are looking to work at the University Recreation Center (UREC), student teach or do administrative work.

UNC Charlotte offers competitive pay, and students can create their schedules around their classes.

Student employees are paid at least \$9 an hour and can work up to twenty hours per week while attending classes. To get paid, students must fill out time sheets. On-campus student employees are paid on a bi-weekly basis. Over the summer, students can work more than twenty hours per week.

Before becoming a student employee, students must submit I-9 paperwork and turn it in to the University Career Center.

Some student employment opportunities at UNC Charlotte

- UREC lifeguard
- UREC group-fitness instructor (must complete KNES-2202)
- Peer tutor
- Undergraduate researcher
- Lab technician
- Barnes & Noble college bookseller
- Office assistant
- Niner Times writer, photographer, videographer, designer or illustrator

Student employment opportunities are an excellent way for students to build their resume while developing skills needed for a future career. If students need help paying tuition costs, consider a federal work-study that allows students to work while paying off university costs simultaneously.

On-campus employment is designed to give students an accessible way to work while in school and provide financial freedom and support. Ensure you take advantage of the resources provided and do not be afraid to contact a career coach for help.

With such a wide variety of employment opportunities, everybody can find a job match for them based on interests, major and experience.

For more information, visit studentemployment.charlotte.edu/.



UNC Charlotte campus employee | Niner Times File Photo

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FIRST DAY COMPLETE RENTAL TEXTBOOK PROGRAM

by Olivia Fey
Staff Writer

UNC Charlotte is adopting a new rental textbook program called First Day Complete, otherwise known as the Niner Course Pack, through Barnes & Noble. The program will be available for students to access by fall 2023 and will cost \$20 per credit hour.

The Niner Course Pack will replace the previous program called First Day and has almost all course textbooks and access codes for both undergraduate and graduate students. The textbooks will be available both digitally and physically.

Benefits to the new program include having course materials ahead of time and with a rate that saves 35% to 50% per textbook. Students may also have the option to use financial aid to cover the costs of the program.

All students are automatically opted into the Niner Course Pack. Students will have to go in and opt out once classes start if they do not want to be enrolled in the program for the fall 2023 semester.

Important opt-out deadlines for students:

- Opt-out deadline for fall 2023: Sept. 1, 2023
- Opt-out deadline for spring 2024: Jan. 24, 2024
- Opt-out deadline for summer 2024: May 25, 2024

Students should compare what they would pay without the Niner Course Pack versus with the program when deciding if they would like to opt out or not. If students would like to withdraw, they must log into Canvas, select the course they would like to opt out of, select course materials and then select opt-out.

One month before classes start, students will receive an email asking whether they would prefer textbooks to be shipped directly to them or if they would like to pick them up at the Barnes & Noble bookstore located in the Popp Martin Student Union.

It is important to remember that students

can not pick and choose which classes they would like to use for the program, as the fee covers all classes being taken. If one class does not require textbooks, students will still have to pay for the whole program, which will cover the other classes.

In July, Charlotte students will receive an email from Barnes & Noble College explaining what is included in the Niner Course Pack for your courses, and students will be able to select whether they would like digital or physical textbooks. Digital textbooks will be available once professors publish their course to Canvas, and physical textbooks can be picked up before the first day of classes.

To give an idea of how much the Niner Course Pack will cost, if students are taking 15 credit hours, they can expect to pay \$300 for their course materials. If students are taking 12 credit hours, they can expect to pay \$240.

If students have leftover financial aid, they can use it towards the program cost.

If students choose to opt out of the program, they will be responsible for buying textbooks from Barnes & Noble or an outside retailer. Students are encouraged to search for the best textbook deals, whether or not that means using Niner Course Pack.

If students opt out and buy textbooks through Barnes & Noble, their website makes it easy to find and buy new and used textbooks at a competitive rate.

The College Board found that the average student spends \$1200 a year on textbooks, and with Niner Course Pack, students can expect to pay only \$480-\$600 a year on textbooks based on the number of credit hours being taken.

To find out more about Niner Course Pack, visit aux.charlotte.edu/bookstore/niner-course-pack/.

For questions about Niner Course Pack, you can contact the Director of Auxiliary Services Jody Thomson at jthom373@charlotte.edu or Rachel Skipworth at dskipwor@charlotte.edu.



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Monday, November 13 to Friday, November 17
oip.charlotte.edu/IEW

Please visit oip.charlotte.edu/resources for more details on a number of cross-cultural and educational events the Office of International Programs hosts each semester. We welcome your participation.

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edabroad.charlotte.edu/getstarted

Global Engagement Scholars Program (GESP)

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Earn a microcredential and gain global and intercultural competency skills. Join the GESP! Visit us online for the application process at global.charlotte.edu/GESP.

A GUIDE TO ON-CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

by Bradley Tepper
Staff Writer

With a campus as large as UNC Charlotte, it may seem impossible to get to class, dining halls and to find a place to study all on foot, especially with the variability in North Carolina's weather. Thankfully, UNC Charlotte has many transportation options for students to get across campus quickly.

Niner Transit bus routes

Niner Transit is a fare-free bus service for students, faculty and visitors. The service has four different routes: Silver, Green, Gold and Red, which travel to numerous spots on campus.

The Green route travels through the campus's north and south sides and operates Monday through Friday, 6-2 a.m., and Saturday through Sunday, 9-2 a.m.

The Green route hits popular stops on campus such as South Village Deck, Cone Deck, East Deck, Fretwell, the Student Union and the light rail station. The Green

route is a great option for students living in South Village to get to class and parking on campus.

The Gold route travels through the north and south sides of campus and operates Monday through Friday, 6-2 a.m.

The Gold route runs the same route as the Green except in the opposite direction. It hits all of the same major spots as the green route, and unlike the Green route, the Gold stops at the Union Deck.

The Silver route travels through the campus's east and west sides and operates Monday through Friday, 6-2 a.m., and Saturday through Sunday, 9-2 a.m.

The Silver route has popular stops such as the Student Union and Fretwell. However, unlike the Green and Gold routes, the Silver has stops at Martin Hall, Lot 6, Lot 5A, the Athletics Complex and the engineering side of campus. The Silver route is great for engineering students and East Village residents.

The Red Express route is unlike the other three, as it offers only six stops, and is a great way to get across campus quickly. The Red Express Line runs Monday through Friday, 9-2 a.m., and stops at Fretwell, the Student Union and Jerry Richardson Stadium.

Niner Transit shuttles

Along with four bus routes, Niner Transit offers two shuttles for students. The first shuttle is the Greek Village shuttle which runs Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The shuttle runs from Greek Village to the Science Building and the Student Union. This shuttle is a great way for Greek life students to get to campus quickly.

The second shuttle Niner Transit offers is the shopping shuttle that runs Friday through Sunday, 5-9 p.m. The shuttle stops on-campus at Hunt, Levine, Wallis and Martin Hall and then goes off campus, stopping at Patel Brothers, Target and

Harris Teeter. This shuttle is great for students who must pick up groceries on the weekend.

Niner Paratransit

Niner Paratransit is a transportation service for students and faculty with mobility impairments and for those with temporary impairments such as recent surgery or lower limb injuries.

Paratransit runs Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-10 p.m., with pickup locations all around campus. Students with access to the service can use it on a scheduled basis or call in an on-demand pickup.

Passio Go app

Students do not need to worry about when buses arrive as all Niner Transit routes and Niner Paratransit vehicles can be tracked on the Passio Go app. Passio Go shows arrival predictions for each stop, bus schedules and service alerts.

Leap e-scooters and bikes

Electric scooters and bikes can be rented through Leap for students wanting to enjoy campus views.

Students must download the Leap app, find a nearby scooter or bike, scan the QR code, and go. Bikes and scooters cost \$1.50 for the first minute and \$.20 for each minute after. Once students are done renting a bike or scooter, they can park it in a designated Leap service area.

Lynx Blue Line

UNC Charlotte is home to a stop on the Lynx Blue line that travels throughout many Charlotte neighborhoods and districts going into Uptown and as far South as Pineville. This transportation line is a great way for students to explore Charlotte.

The light rail has a stop at 9th Street, which stops directly outside the Dubois Center, UNC Charlotte's Center City location.

With bus routes, shuttles, scooters and the light rail, UNC Charlotte offers many on-campus transportation services making life a little easier for new students navigating a large campus.



The Green route services North and South Village and stops at the Student Union. | Niner Times File Photo

A COLLEGE STUDENT'S GUIDE TO THE LIGHT RAIL

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One of Charlotte's best and most under-utilized features is the Lynx Blue Line. The light rail system offers reliable transportation through the city that is free with a student ID presented to ticket checkers.

Although its North-to-South track may be limited in direction, it makes the line very simple to use. The UNC Charlotte bound line runs southbound from campus, and the I-485 Charlotte line does the same, one stop later. So if you accidentally take the wrong one, it is as easy as boarding the other line to get where you want to go.

Connecting to city-wide bus routes, parking decks and hotspots for food and recreation, the light-rail system is invaluable to new and returning Charlotte students and citizens.

JW Clay Station

The blue line starts at UNC Charlotte Main Station at its northernmost point. The station is right off campus, between parking Lot 25 and the light rail stop on the Niner Transit Green line.

A quick ride from campus to the next stop, JW Clay Station, offers food, parking and fun that is inexpensive and easily accessible to all. The Shoppes at University Place Plaza is right across the street from the light rail stop and parking deck.

Restaurants like Boardwalk Billy's, City Barbecue and Zapata's Mexican offer a full-service dining experience. The plaza also includes fast-casual eateries like CAVA, Five Guys and Dave's Hot Chicken.

There is also some specialty retail and services like a GameStop and nail salon, along with paddleboat rentals at Dave's University Place Paddle Boats.

36th Street

Charlotte's North Davidson (NoDa) neighborhood is not only a great place in the city for great food and relaxation but also serves as a cultural center. The area has all sorts of artists, live music and activities in its eclectically designed space. The neighborhood is highly walkable and has no shortage of things to do. Charlotte staple Amelie's French Bakery has its home location there.

Uptown

The handful of stops in Uptown Charlotte, running from 9th Street Station to Brooklyn, allows passengers to step off the train and into the center city. In addition, the city has many easily walkable activities like the Discovery Place, the Charlotte Knights or the Bechtler and Mint Museums.

Once the Lynx Blue Line reaches the Charlotte Transportation Center, passengers are dropped off at the hub for all of Charlotte's bus routes. Although the bus schedule can be a little tricky to learn, it is an excellent resource for anyone who cannot or does not want to drive in the city.

With a wide variety of parks, restaurants and cultural landmarks, Uptown Charlotte has lots to do and experience for students who want to see the city up close.

Streetcar

In addition to the light rail, there is also a streetcar that runs down Trade Street. The Lynx Gold Line provides access to some of the city's periphery and better connects CPCC and Johnson and Wales University to the rest of Charlotte.

The Gold Line is limited in scheduling and provides smaller-scale transportation, but it is an excellent resource for getting around Uptown if the walking comes to be too much.

South End

Although the light rail may leave the looming skyscrapers of Uptown behind, the city does not end there. South End is in many ways like NoDa, but a little older and with less flourish.

At East/West Boulevard Station, there are many great restaurants and dessert options, as well as the boutique retailers like Lululemon available in the Atherton Mill Shopping Mall.

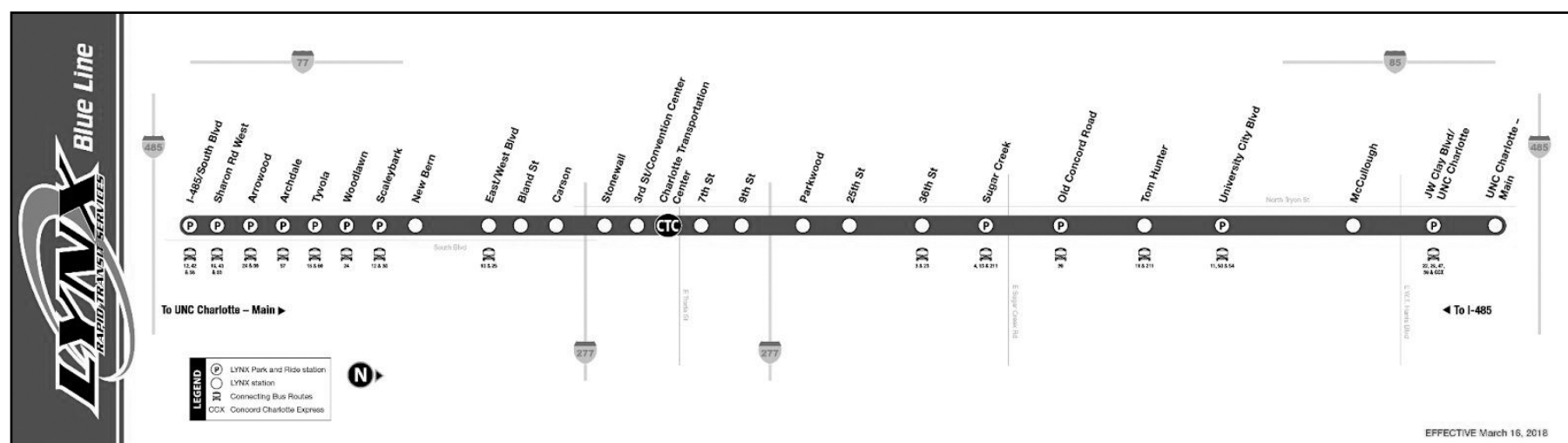
All the restaurants, retail and seating areas are connected by walking paths and retaining walls designed to keep the area connected and safe, allowing patrons to move easily from restaurants to shops or safely and quickly crossing the street to see more of what South End offers.

South Charlotte

South Charlotte marks the end of the line, culminating at the southernmost stop, I-485 station. South Charlotte is not as easily walkable, but for visitors, it has public parking at stops like I-485 and Arrowwood Stations for anyone to park their car free of charge and hop on the train.

Along with many diverse cuisines in the neighborhood, like Indian, Vietnamese and Latin, South Charlotte has some big box retailers in the Carolina Pavilion shopping center and the AMC 22 theater location.

While moving to the city for the first time may be stressful and intimidating, the light rail is the opposite. It is easy to use, free for UNC Charlotte students and runs safely despite minor delays.



Students can navigate to and from Charlotte using the LYNX light rail and can board as long as they present their student ID. | Courtesy of CATS - Charlotte Area Transit System

DINING OPTIONS

ON CAMPUS

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UNC Charlotte offers a wide variety of dining options on campus for students to use their declining balance (DB), meal swipes and other forms of payment. There are several dining locations throughout campus in many convenient locations, so you can grab a bite wherever you are.

SoVi

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

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 jade double wok. The Sweet Shoppe is a sweet tooth dream, offering pastries, mousses, cookies and gelato.

Located on the upper level of South

Village Crossing is the SoVi Market and Bakery, where they offer baked goods and convenience items. Check out the Dine on Campus app, where you can see daily updates regarding the menu and hours of operation.

Student Union dining hall

Reopening in the fall, the newly renovated Student Union dining hall, formally known as Crown Commons, is a buffet-style dining hall located on the second level of the Student Union. The Student Union dining hall features meal stations and allows for a customizable dining experience. As its opening gets closer, a new name for the dining hall will be decided on.

The dining stations below were offered before the Crown renovations, but new options will also be added.

Burning Stone offered fresh pizza cooked in a gas-fired oven. Create Soup and Salad was a self-served soup and salad station offering protein cooked to order. Between the Bread offered a customizable deli section. Chef’s Table offered flavors from around the world and was also customizable to order. Hot Flats served burgers, hotdogs and other grilled or charbroiled favorites. The Kitchen offered comfort foods and rotisserie items.

Crown also offered a gluten and meat-

free section. They also had a waffle, cereal and dessert bar.

Fast-food and coffee

In the Popp Martin Student Union, Wendy’s, Starbucks, and Bojangles are the well-known fast food chains. Shake Smart is a healthy option for students, offering protein shakes, smoothie bowls and oatmeal. Erbert & Gerbert’s sandwich shop is located inside the Market on Craver, offering 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. Reopening in the fall, Upper Prospector serves Sushi with Gusto, offering to-go sushi, ramen and poke bowls. Mama Leone’s serves Italian favorites, such as to-go pizzas and pasta. Salsaritas sells build-your-own bowls, burritos and quesadillas. They also sell ready-made Bojangles, soups and convenience items.

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

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 a Korean and American style fusion. Soul Rolls is a deli shop serving sandwiches, wraps, salads and ‘soul rolls.’ The Boba Tea Bar serves milk and fruit teas and waffles.

A recent addition in the spring 2023 semester is The Salty, a donut and coffee truck located 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 and the app will notify you when your food is ready. Mobile ordering also gives students reward points for every order placed on the Niner Diners Mobile Ordering app. This app allows you to pay with DB, Optional Dining Account (ODA), 49er Account, ODA Bonus and debit and credit.



The Thoughtful Cup (left) is a cafe located on the ground floor of the Fretwell Building. South Village Dining, known as SoVi (right), is located on the south side of campus. | Niner Times File Photos

DINING OPTIONS

OFF CAMPUS

by Ruhshona Soledjonova
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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. As a new student, navigating local and chain eateries could be complex. However, off-campus dining is enriched by ethnically diverse cuisines. Here is a list of nearby, affordable and simply delicious places.

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.

EXPAND YOUR PALATE

These local hot spots embrace diversity and respect inclusion by offering worldly food and dietary cultural accommodations, such as kosher, halal, vegan and vegetarian-friendly. Don't knock it until you try it; these places incorporate bursting flavor profiles and numerous menu options.

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 in Ballantyne Commons and Lake Norman, is perfect for a college student's budget with quality food.

Order suggestion: Quesadilla Taco's Birria

Price: \$-\$\$

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 card. Giacomo's is a classic spot for good quality Italian food and an easy grab-and-go lunch with just \$3 by the slice.

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. Buttery, fresh oven-baked naan goes excellent with butter chicken or alone. This location also offers fusion

flavors of Indo-Chinese.

Order suggestion: Chicken Makhana with Garlic Naan

Price: \$\$

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: \$-\$\$

SOMETHING SWEET

sip co.

An elevated play on refreshing and crisp soda, sip co. 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: \$

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.

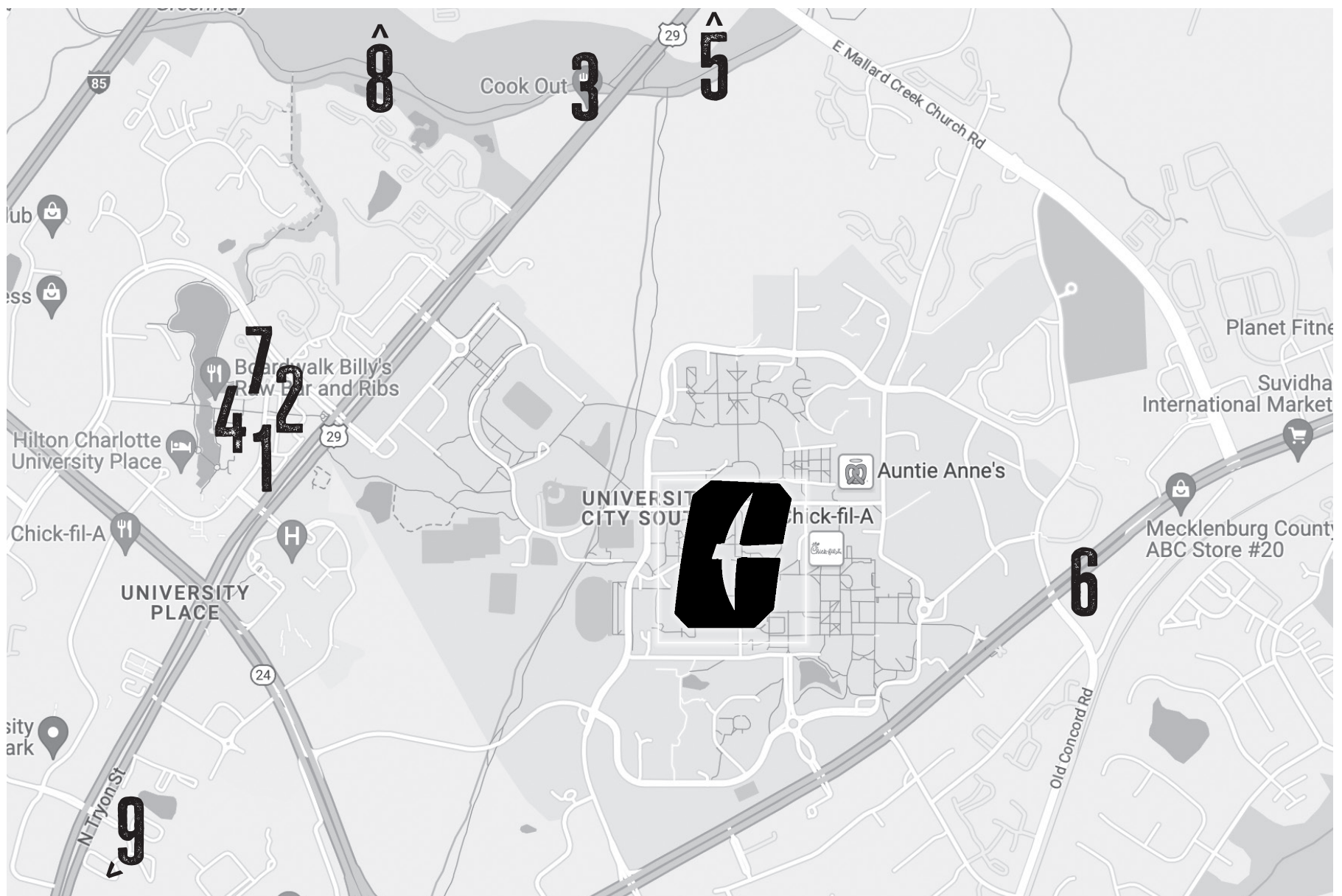
Order suggestion: Red Velvet Birthday Cake Cupcake

Price: \$-\$\$



Dave's Hot Chicken is a Nashville-style hot chicken franchise that started in 2017 and has over 100 locations. Canadian rapper Drake is also a significant investor in the franchise. | Niner Times File Photo

See the OFF CAMPUS DINING OPTIONS on the University City map



1. DAVE'S HOT CHICKEN
2. CAVA
3. COOKOUT

4. ZAPATA'S MEXICAN
5. GIACOMO'S PIZZERIA
6. PASSAGE TO INDIA

7. PHO@UNIVERSITY
8. SIP CO.
9. SMALL CAKES UTOPIA

MUST HAVE APPS

NINE MOBILE APPS THAT WILL MAKE COLLEGE MUCH EASIER

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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.



App icons courtesy of the
Google Play Store

HOW TO USE THE CAMPUS FOOD DELIVERY ROBOTS

by Bryson Foster
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In March, 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.

These robots are relatively new to campus, and this guide will show you how to use the delivery robots.

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.

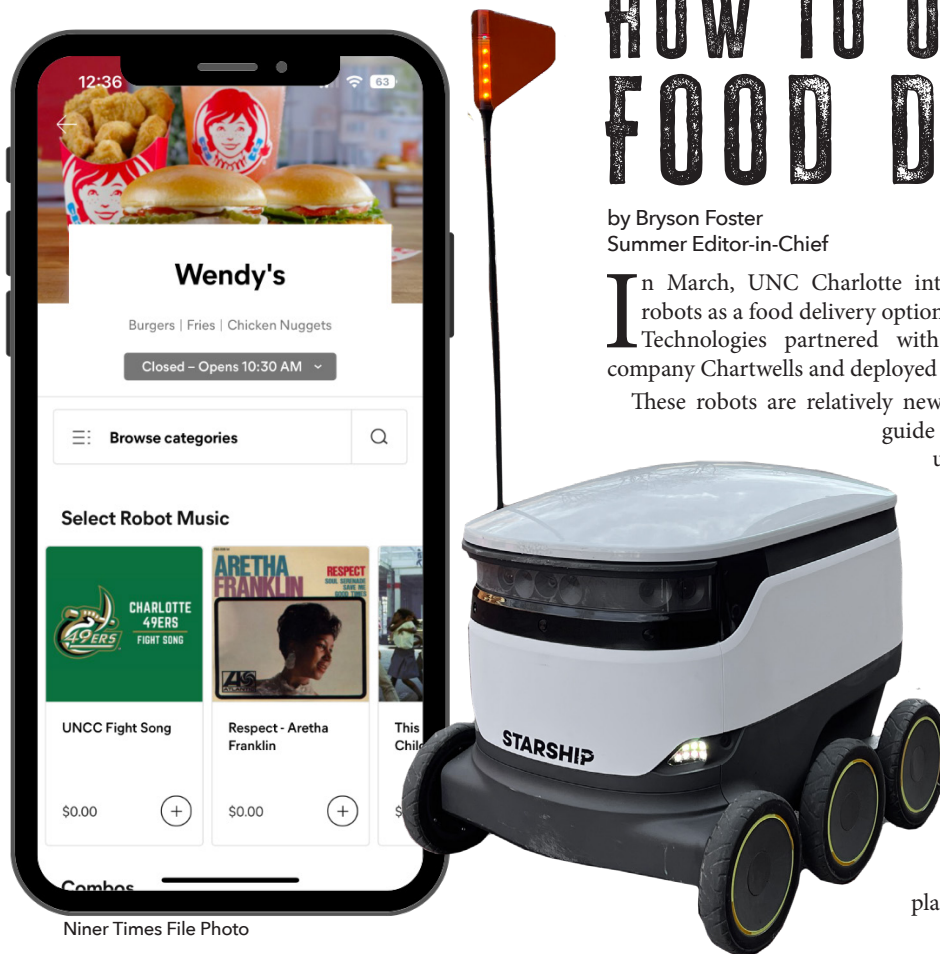
The robot picks up your food and will bring it straight to you. The robots do not enter buildings, so you must go outside to find them once you get the notification that the robot is near your location.

Then you will use the app to unlock the robot and receive your food.

The robots are here to serve and help students during their busy days. The insulated pouch keeps the food warm and saves time with fewer interruptions for students.

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



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INTERESTED IN LIVING OFF CAMPUS?

► Start your search with the Niner Choice Program!

The Niner Choice Program is a safety initiative designed to help students and parents make informed decisions about off-campus living options.

You can find helpful tools and resources (including a sample lease, information on tenant's rights, safety tips, as well as campus and community resources) on the Niner Choice website: housing.charlotte.edu/niner-choice.

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UNC CHARLOTTE'S CAMPUS TRADITIONS

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With almost 76 years of history, UNC Charlotte holds many secrets and traditions which some students do not know about. The new academic year is a great chance to participate in some of these campus traditions.

Here are seven traditions for students to take part in to show their Niner Pride all year long and make lifelong memories.

Norm the Miner Statue

Between the College of Education and College of Health and Human Services sits a statue of our proud mascot. Our mascot stands for strength and determination, which has led to tremendous growth for UNC Charlotte and its students. The statue reminds you that anything is possible with hard work and support from your friends.

For this Niner tradition, you will want to put a penny in his pan for luck and prosperity for the year.

Star Quad echo

The Star Quad, located between Atkins Library and the College of Health and Human Services, was created with a hidden gem. When students stand in the middle of the star and talk, they hear their voices echoing back to them. The Star Quad echo is a must-do on campus.

Atkins Library 10th floor

Atkins Library is known for the numerous study spots, Area 49, a coffee shop and so much more. Many students stick to the main three floors of the library without exploring the other seven floors Atkins Library has to offer.

Specifically, the tenth floor of Atkins is the best place to see most of the campus and even the Charlotte skyline. It is a quiet study floor with a gorgeous view.

The rings

Near the College of Health and Human Services and Atkins Library are silver metallic rings. Rumor has it that if students run through each ring without touching the metal, they can get a 4.0 GPA for that semester or even for their entire college career.

The gold nugget

When students feel down on their luck, the gold nugget located by the Barnhardt Student Activity Center is here to help. The nugget was found close to campus at Reed's Mine, the first mine to have found

documented gold in the United States back in 1799.

If students ever need luck, especially on game days, rub the golden nugget for some more luck.

Wear green wednesdays

It is no secret that UNC Charlotte's school colors are white and green. So, to show Niner pride, wear green on Wednesdays! Sometimes, students can even win more Niner gear from organizations on campus if they do so.

Gold Rush

Gold Rush is an annual event to kick off the fall semester. Gold Rush has many free fun events for students to learn more about campus and campus traditions.



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DON'T OVERWORK YOURSELF

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Between school, extracurriculars, athletics, jobs and whatever else you find yourself doing during college, it is easy to become overwhelmed with responsibilities. The demands in the classroom alone can be very taxing, let alone adding on the weight of being involved in other areas. Aim not to overstress, as this can take a toll on you mentally. It is okay to say no. As college students, it is tempting to say yes to many opportunities, but make sure you are taking on a load you can handle. The most important thing is to get rest. Don't be afraid to take a break, meditate or do something you enjoy to give your brain a timeout and ensure you get plenty of sleep each night.

BE FLEXIBLE

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It's tempting to come into college with a step-by-step plan of what to expect, but don't make that the only path you let yourself take. College is a time to explore different classes, interests and situations, so don't put yourself into a box and stop yourself from exploring. Exploring the unexpected is a fantastic way to meet new people and maybe even find a new passion. So give yourself the freedom to explore things you didn't plan for being part of your time at Charlotte because you might find a niche you didn't even know was there for you. It's good to come in with a plan but stay open to new opportunities and interests. College is all about learning, and that includes learning about yourself.

PRIORITIZE YOURSELF

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Entering college, you are bound to face new experiences that evoke individual growth, whether academically, socially or mentally. Personal development goes so much further beyond what meets the eye. Use college to its full potential. Try new things, build a routine, evolve your social skills, tap into your creative side and surround yourself with motivating and inspiring people. Step into a world you have never seen before and become the best version of yourself. The campus has so many resources to take advantage of, and now is the time of your life to make these changes and achieve what you have always dreamt of.

GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY

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Although the college environment may seem overwhelming at first, it certainly does not hurt to reach out to your classmates or even the people you constantly bump into throughout campus. Making these connections with your peers can help you become more involved, along with joining student organizations, clubs and attending athletic events. Putting yourself out there is one of the best ways to make your mark during your academic journey and is something to take advantage of. Making unforgettable memories with new friends is something you will appreciate in the long run.



THE EDITORS

MANAGE YOUR TIME

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Finding a balance between schoolwork, extracurricular activities and a job can be challenging in college. It is easy to focus more on one priority and neglect the rest. Because of this imbalance, it can cause you to become more stressed and overwhelmed. The best way to handle this is to make a to-do list for the day or the week and prioritize any important assignments, due dates and events. Also be sure to make sure you prioritize some self-care time and that you are taking care of yourself.

EXPLORE CHARLOTTE

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It can be easy to stay inside your dorm or apartment. College life is not meant to be lived out in the same four walls every day. Even going to do homework on campus just to get out of the dorm can help tremendously. Existing outside of your dorm helps your mental, emotional and social well-being. Campus has the Botanical Gardens and a plethora of academic buildings to explore. While off campus, you could take the Lightrail to NODA or Uptown or walk around Concord Mills Mall. There is plenty to do within 20 to 30 minutes from campus. Taking a chance outside your dorm can result in many core memories for a lifetime.

BE KIND TO YOURSELF

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University can be an extremely stressful and competitive place. Between academic competition, personal drama and the general stressors of life, it can be very easy to overwork and overdemand from oneself in the name of getting it all done. It's incredibly important to the health of every student that they find the capacity to be kind to themselves. Making sure you have eaten, are hydrated and taken care of is the biggest favor to your health and sanity. For anyone who feels their work is more important, I ask you: how can you possibly do your best if you are not feeling your best? The world is an unkind enough place already; we all at least owe it to ourselves to be kind.

DON'T ASK, DON'T GET

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On a campus with so many people, it can feel hard to get a word in edgewise with your professors, but making connections early can set the pace for how your semester goes. It may seem daunting to talk to your professors one-on-one, but simply asking follow-up questions after class, emailing and engaging with them can create a relationship that will help you later at Charlotte, even in life. Getting letters of recommendation, connections, opportunities and internships come from having these links, and making yourself a student to remember gets your foot in the door. It is frequently said that things aren't handed to you on a silver platter, but they come to you much easier when you know the people holding the platters.



ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO HAVE IN YOUR DORM

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Moving into a dorm for the first time can be daunting, and many incoming students are unsure what they will need to thrive in their new living situation. It is best not to overpack, but there are a few items that will make your life much easier while living in a dorm.

Shower caddy

Communal floor bathrooms are easy to get used to as long as you are prepared. A shower caddy is essential for carrying your toiletries and shower supplies to and from the bathroom. Be sure to get a sturdy one that can hold everything you need.

Laundry bag and laundry detergent

This one is a no-brainer. You will need a durable laundry bag that is easy to carry on the elevator or stairs and plenty of detergent to keep your clothes clean.

Additionally, be sure to download the LaundryView app to keep an eye on how busy the laundry room

is. It is never fun to drag your laundry to the laundry room only to find every machine is taken already.

Mini fridge

A fridge can come in handy if you want to keep perishable food and snacks on hand. If you are living with a roommate, be sure to communicate with them about who is bringing what before you move in. You will not need two fridges, so discuss what each of you can supply for the room.

Microwave

A microwave, while not crucial, is helpful to have on hand. Your building will likely have a communal microwave anyone can use, but having one in your room can be convenient, especially if you live on a higher floor. This is another

appliance that can be shared by two or more roommates, so remember to communicate.

Mattress topper

The dorm buildings on campus provide residents with a bed and mattress, but that does not mean they are the most comfortable. Using a mattress topper can go a long way to making your dorm room feel like home. Your back will thank you.

Lanyard or keychain

Getting locked out of your room is no fun, and it is an easy mistake to make. Depending on where you live on campus, getting locked out can mean a walk of shame to the nearest loan key desk in another building and a fine for the services.

To avoid this inconvenience, you need somewhere to keep your key that will help you remember. A keychain is an obvious choice, but a lanyard can be especially helpful once you form a habit of putting it on before you leave.

Dishes and dishwashing supplies

Some students eat in their dorms more than others, but even if you have a meal plan, it is a good idea to bring some dishes. If you keep some food on hand, dishes can come in handy when you need to heat up a quick meal after the dining hall hours, make yourself some coffee or tea or have a utensil so you can eat from an Ozzi container.

You will not need a lot of dishes, but you will need a way to wash them. Be sure to bring a sponge and a bottle of dish detergent.

Paper towels

Paper towels always come in handy. You never want to be stuck with a spill and no way to clean it up. Carrying handfuls of bathroom paper towels back and forth through the hallway is always an option, but it is much more convenient to have your own.

Desk lamp

Even though dorm rooms have their own overhead lights, it is worth it to bring your own light source. This is especially true if you live with a roommate. Keep in mind that you need to be courteous to your roommate and their preferences, and they may not want a bright fluorescent overhead light on all the time. For better flexibility in your studying hours and more options in ambient lighting, bring a good desk lamp.

As you pack and prepare to move into your dorm, remember to read up on the prohibited items in your building. Some items like candles and space heaters may sound like a good idea to pack, but you do not want to bring something you cannot use or, worse, get in trouble for having.



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WHAT IS THE JAMIL NINER STUDENT PANTRY?

by Clare Pickhardt
Staff Writer

The Jamil Niner Student Pantry, located right next to campus off John Kirk Drive, is a food pantry accessible to all UNC Charlotte students. The food pantry fights food insecurity by providing necessities to students.

The Jamil Niner Student Pantry, sponsored by Harris Teeter, is an appointment-only food pantry. Before using the food pantry, there are a few steps students need to take.

To shop in the food pantry, students must locate the food pantry request forms on the student food pantry informational page and schedule an appointment. The form opens every Sunday at 7 a.m. Once the appointment arrives, students must enter through the front door with their student ID and check in with the front desk. It is important to note that only those with an appointment can access the food pantry.

After completing these steps, students can shop with the pantry-provided shopping basket. It is recommended that each person bring their own bags to bring their items home.

The food pantry has a large array of canned foods, other non-perishables and necessities. They provide a fridge with frozen food and fresh produce like onions, potatoes and seasonal herbs. In each section of the food pantry, students are limited in the number of items they can take. The food pantry provides the amount of each item each person can take in each section, such as one box of pasta or two rolls of toilet paper.

Once students have completed shopping, they must follow the arrows to the back of the building, where students can receive help bagging their items.



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A GUIDE FOR LIVING WITH ROOMMATES

by AJ Siegel
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Starting college comes with many challenges and new experiences, but one of the unique parts of college is living with roommates. It can be quite the adjustment to share a living space with roommates, whether you know them or not. So, here are some tips for making your roommate experience the best that it can be. Most of this advice is for on-campus roommates, but a lot still applies to off-campus living.

Set rules and boundaries

Even though it may feel weird to start a new relationship with rules, it will make your life much easier in the long run. At the beginning of the year, you will fill out a roommate contract that covers anything from cleaning schedules to quiet hours and room temperature, so make sure to take it seriously. Making your personal boundaries clear from the beginning will help things go much smoother in the long run. These boundaries can be as tight or loose as you want, but make sure you cover all the bases. It's important to be on the same page about anything from sharing food to cleaning and entertaining guests. You can certainly have more discussions about rules as issues come up, but they are much easier to address when you and your roommates have already established things that are and are not okay.

Designate personal versus communal items

This is one of the most important things to set boundaries for. Sharing a space with someone means that many of your belongings will be in the common areas, so make sure that you designate which items you are alright with other people using and which you are not. Of course, it's up to your own discretion, but you should make it clear from the beginning so that you don't run into issues later. Luckily, many of these items are included in the roommate contract, but make sure you cover things that the contract may miss.

Communicate

As with any relationship, you should maintain communication with your roommates so that your dorm is a comfortable environment for everyone. Setting boundaries is a big part of this, but you should be transparent about something that's bothering you any time of the year. Unresolved tension is uncomfortable for everyone, so feel free to express your concerns and discomforts with your roommates. That being said, everyone has different communication styles, so try to find one that works for everyone involved.

Reach out to your RA

Even though it's probably best to resolve

conflicts (and work to avoid them in the first place), your resident advisor (RA) is always available to help with roommate issues. There is an RA on duty at all times in the residence halls, so you always have someone to reach out to about all kinds of issues, including roommate conflicts. They're a great resource and mediator if conflicts require a neutral voice, so don't feel like you and your roommates have to work things out on your own.

Personalize your space

This may seem like a more individual thing, but my roommates and I always felt closer once we made our space feel like our own. We worked together to pick out decorations—many of which were late-night Amazon purchases—which helped make all of us feel like we belonged in our dorm. College is a weird transition, so it helps to make your new place feel like your home away from home. Decorating is also a great way to get to know your roommates more since you have a common goal of making your space something everyone will love. Whether for laughs or genuinely attractive aesthetics, it always helps to make the space your own.

Have fun

Of course, college is about school work, but you should also enjoy yourself. Living with roommates is a great way to

make friends on campus. Be sure to take advantage of having these people so close and try to get to know them better.

There are all kinds of ways to do this, but my roommates and I would have "family dinner," when we would all cook and eat together. Setting up these small things can be a great way to get to know each other and hang out. After all, having pancakes at two in the morning is much more fun with friends than being alone at home.

Going to on- and off-campus events with your roommates is also a fantastic way to get more comfortable exploring campus. It can be intimidating to go to events alone, so take your roommates with you. You can get to know each other better and make some new friends along the way.

So try to get to know your roommates—they could be an opportunity for lifelong friendships.



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2023'S MOST HIGHLY ANTICIPATED FILMS OF THE SUMMER

by Sofia Fuentes
Staff Writer

This summer will be filled with joyous memories and releases of some of the most long-awaited films. There will be something for everyone at the box office this summer, with movies that are retellings of beloved stories (“The Little Mermaid”), aesthetically pleasing fashion (“Barbie”) and films that take us back in time (“Oppenheimer”).

May

Kicking off the summer movie season is “Fast X,” a continuation of the coveted “Fast & Furious” saga. Premiering in theaters May 19, the film centers on Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel) and his family coming together to take down the son of the drug lord Hernan Reyes (Jason Momoa), who is looking for revenge.

Coming out on May 26 is the live remake “The Little Mermaid.” In this nostalgic musical, Halle Bailey will star as Princess Ariel in the film, reimagining the original Disney movie songs written in the animated 1989 film.

June

“Spiderman: Across The Spider-Verse” will premiere on June 2. In the sequel to “Spiderman: Into The Spider-Verse,” Miles Morales (Shameik Moore) embarks on a multi-dimensional journey where he meets various characters attempting to save the spider-verse... again.

Following the last summer hit “Lightyear,” Pixar will release “Elemental” on June 16. This animated film will center on a city where the elements of fire, water, land and air co-reside. Ember, a fire girl, and Wade, a water boy, discover all the elements together and challenges one another to step outside their comfort zone.

“The Flash” also premieres on June 16, starring Ezra Miller as Barry Allen, who goes back in time to change his past. The film centers on the consequences of changing his past and the changes in what Allen knew in his new alternate reality.

June 23 will be the release of “Asteroid City,” directed by Wes Anderson. Starring Tom Hanks, this colorful story tells of a children’s space cadet convention interrupted by an impressive and life-altering event that no stargazer could predict.



“No Hard Feelings” premieres on June 21. This comedy film stars Jennifer Lawrence, playing a delivery driver strapped for money who accepts a rather awkward Craigslist ad to date a couple’s reserved son. Simply from the trailer, the movie is guaranteed to make one laugh and be entertained with the chaotic storyline.

Wrapping up the month of June is “Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny,” coming out on June 30. While very little has been released about the film’s plot, Harrison Ford will reprise his role as Indiana Jones and have Phoebe Waller-Bridge star as his god-daughter in the final film.

July

“Joy Ride” hits theaters on July 7. This film will be centering four Asian-American friends who travel through Asia searching for one of their birth mothers. The film takes you on a journey that tackles questions about identity, relationships, finding self-love and the power of friendship.

Premiering on July 21 is the star-studded “Barbie” movie starring Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling as Barbie and Ken. As they figure out the human world, they try to find out what happiness looks like outside of Barbie’s dream house.

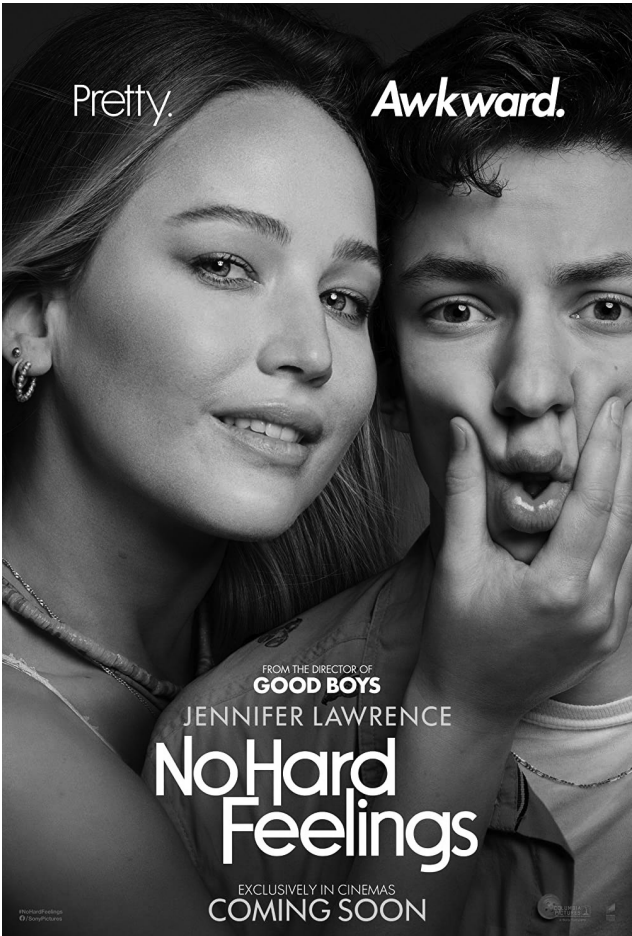
Also premiering in theaters on July 21 is “Oppenheimer,” directed by Christopher Nolan. This film tells the story of J. Robert Oppenheimer and a group of scientists during World War II and the development of the atomic bomb.

Wrapping up the July 21 film trifecta is Netflix’s “They Cloned Tyrone.” This mystery movie follows a trio (John Boyega, Teyonah Parris and Jamie Foxx) who unknowingly uncovered a trail of suspicious and endangering government conspiracy.

August

The final film to watch is DC Comics’ “Blue Beetle,” releasing on Aug. 18. Starring Xolo Maridueña, the film shares the tale of Jaime Reyes, who becomes a host for ancient alien technology in return for a suit that gives him superhuman powers.

It is safe to say that most will be spending their summer in theaters with all of these exciting films of the year being released this summer. Such a variety of genres will give everyone something to enjoy.



Images of film posters courtesy of IMDb



GET INVOLVED WITH CHARLOTTE'S STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

by Emily Brown
Staff Writer



UNC Charlotte has over 400 student organizations with such variety that have something for everyone. Here is a guide to help you 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, Gold Rush Robotics and Japanese Reading Club



Native American Student Association (left) and the Latinx Student Union (above) | Niner Times File Photos

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

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, Uptown Audio and Marketing.

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, coloring pictures for children fighting cancer and cleaning up public places.

Examples: 100 Black Women, Coloring for Chemo and Moment of Magic

You can learn more about these student organizations at Niner Engage and the Student Organization Fest on Aug. 20, 2023.



Niner Esports (above) and the Chinese Undergraduate Student Association | Niner Times File Photos

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GO GREEK! WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GREEK LIFE

by Jenny Kase
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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 IFC (Interfraternity Council) and PHA (Panhellenic Association) are open now for both men and women to sign up. For the fall 2023 semester, formal Panhellenic recruitment is Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-4, and IFC Recruitment is Sept. 13-22. Students interested in joining NPHC (National Panhellenic Council), DGC (Diversified Greek Council) or IGC (Independent Greek Council) should follow their different



chapters on Instagram to learn more information about their recruitment for the fall.

You may be wondering, what are all of these different councils? How will I know what is right for me? No worries; this article will provide you with the information to find the proper organization aligned with your path.

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, Zeta Beta Tau, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Tau Gamma, Sigma Chi, Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha Order, Pi Kappa Alpha

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, Delta Zeta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, Chi Omega

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 organizations for interested students.

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

NPHC Fraternities: Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma

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

DGC Fraternities: Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Lambda Upsilon Lambda, Delta Sigma Iota

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 Gamma Omega National Christian Fraternity, 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.



NPHC Yard Show, Delta Zeta and Interfraternity Council | Niner Times File Photo and IFC

A GUIDE TO ATHLETIC CLUBS AT CHARLOTTE

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

The club sports program at UNC Charlotte provides competitive, instructional and recreational clubs to help students gain experience through leadership and guidance within the organization.

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 teams that are competitive and instructional. The competitive sports clubs are in a regional league that is competitive along with other universities, while the recreational teams are not a part of any governing body. To be eligible for sports clubs, students must be enrolled, 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 clubs

Don't see a club that interests you?

Students are welcomed and encouraged to start their very own club to meet personal interests!

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

Some examples of personal interest clubs include:

- Quidditch
- 49er Running
- Ski & Snowboard

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

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A GUIDE TO GAMEDAY AT CHARLOTTE

by Joey Ellsworth
Sports Editor

The Charlotte sports season is just around the corner, and there are many things students should know before attending any 49er athletic events on campus.

What to know before attending

The most important thing to be aware of is the fan code of conduct when attending any sports event. Sportsmanship and respect are essential, which the 49ers expect spectators, coaches and players to follow. Supporting the participants and officials makes the gameday experience more enjoyable.

Profanity, intimidating actions and racial or sexist comments at officials, student-athletes, coaches, team representatives or other fans are prohibited. Fans must follow instructions from security, ushers, police and other authorized personnel. Students should follow campus protocols at all times.

Weather can affect attendance at outdoor events, so checking the forecast will be helpful in preparation before a game. If it is hot and humid, dress cool, bring sunglasses and wear sunscreen. Take a sweatshirt, insulated jacket or a blanket if it is a cold day. Bad news for rainy days: umbrellas are not permitted. However, a poncho is a suitable alternative.

What to bring

Backpacks of any kind, purses, fanny packs and others are not allowed. Only clear bags, diaper bags or small clutch purses are permitted in the venue.

The most important thing to bring to any event is a ticket, but students need not worry about paying or ordering a ticket. Charlotte student tickets are free because student IDs are preloaded with a ticket.

Items that might prove helpful are water bottles, cameras, seatbacks or seat cushions and bug spray.

Regarding water bottles, only empty, translucent plastic bottles of 32 ounces or less are allowed at the stadium. Campus venues will have bottle-filling stations that are available for use.

Most students have cameras on their phones, but some camera equipment is not permitted. Cameras with lenses less than four inches are allowed. Flash photography, stand, tripods and video cameras are banned in the stadium.

Outdoor food and beverages are not allowed, but concession stands or stations are set up at all sports events. Make sure you bring a debit or credit card, as all concession sales are cashless.

The FanFood App is a helpful tool for those buying from concession stands. FanFood allows you to order concessions straight from your phone. You will be notified when it is ready and can bypass the line, so you miss less of the on-field/on-court action.

There is no re-entry rule at all sporting events, so ensure you have everything you need before entering.

Prohibited items

- Outside alcohol and illegal drugs
- Balls and frisbees
- Any forms of weapons (fireworks, firearms, explosives, mace, pepper spray or other weapons)
- Glass or aluminum bottles

- Laser lights and pointers, selfie-sticks
- Outside food and beverages
- Personal heaters
- Pets (service animals permitted under ADA guidelines)
- Stadium seats with armrests, folding chairs
- Strollers, infant carriers/seats
- Radios or speakers
- Use of tobacco products or e-cigs within 100 feet of the facility
- Any item deemed unsafe, suspicious or inappropriate by event staff

Parking and tailgating

Parking passes are required to park on campus for gameday. Parking passes can be purchased online. If you choose to tailgate, there are specific policies you must follow.

Tailgating is permitted in officially designated areas only on dates of on-campus gamedays, opening four hours

before the event and closing up to two hours after. Such sites will be identified with signage the day before tailgating events. If your vehicle is still in the designated tailgating spots by midnight, your vehicle is subject to being towed. Tailgating during the game or halftime is not permitted.

Propane and charcoal grills are permitted when tailgating but under certain conditions. To see these conditions, check the tailgating policies from the Office of Legal Affairs.

Beer and unfortified wine are the only alcoholic beverages allowed at a tailgate, but the sale of liquor or underage drinking is not permitted. If you are noticeably intoxicated during an event, you may be asked to leave by a University or State official.

The most important thing is to enjoy yourself. These policies are not only to ensure the safety of Charlotte's students but also to make campus sporting events as fun as possible.



Charlotte fans attending Niner football game. | Niner Times File Photo

A NEW ERA: BIFF POGGI TALKS ALL THINGS CHARLOTTE FOOTBALL AND EXPECTATIONS FOR UPCOMING SEASON

by Bryson Foster
Summer Editor-in-Chief

On Nov. 11, 2022, Francis “Biff” Poggi was named the 49ers’ third football head coach.

Poggi served as the associate head coach of the University of Michigan Wolverines for three years, helping the program to two Big Ten Championships and College Football Playoff (CFP) berths.

Poggi started coaching at Saint Frances Academy in Baltimore. He built the school into a national powerhouse and was the center of the HBO documentary “The Cost of Winning.” Poggi started his tenure at Charlotte by signing 37 recruits and overhauling the coaching staff.

Poggi sat down with the Niner Times to

discuss all things Charlotte football and his expectations for the upcoming season.

Niner Times: How has your time with the team been so far?

Poggi: It has been busy. I have loved every part of it. It is a part of the job to be all over the place. I hope I can do a good job getting the people in the building. I want to give the fans something to cheer for.

NT: What made this job so enticing, and why did you pick Charlotte?

Poggi: This is a young program, and I liked that because a lot of institutional history can be a millstone around your

neck. I like fixing things, and this program was broken when I inhabited it. I wouldn’t have come if Charlotte was 12-1 every year. I am very excited about the city, and there are a lot of opportunities for our players to receive internships and be integrated into the community. I was excited by the University because it is such a good school, and nobody talks about that enough. Charlotte is the best-kept secret in the Southeast, but we will change that.

NT: You brought in 32 signees during early signing day and finished with 37. What do you hope to get out of this bunch?

Poggi: First, I want the kids to have a

great experience and integrate into the University. I did not leave the University of Michigan not to win the American Conference, which we built our recruiting class around. We play a tough schedule, and the conference has great teams. It is a terrific conference and a tall order, but we have those expectations. I wanted the best players.

NT: How do you sell the program to recruits?

Poggi: In 2024, the winner of the American will be in the playoff with the expanded format. The goal for every team is to make the CFP [College Football Playoff],



Charlotte football coach Biff Poggi during his introductory press conference on Nov. 11, 2022. | Courtesy of Charlotte Athletics

and we are in a conference where if you win, you will go. We are going from a power five to a power six. You aren't getting to the CFP unless you win your conference. With Charlotte going into the American, if you are within 90 minutes of this place, you can stay home and have a chance to go to the CFP. Your family will watch you play every weekend, and players can become a legend in their hometowns. You can join a movement to make a college football powerhouse in Charlotte.

NT: What are your overall thoughts on the schedule and move to the new conference?

Poggi: It is a big step up, but we have many Power Five players here who are used to that competition. The American is a great football league, and it is appropriately named. It is American football, and there are a lot of outstanding teams in it. These programs have been at it a long time and play the game the right way. There are a lot of great coaches and players, which is super exciting. We are excited to go down to Gainesville and College Park. I hope to win those games because we aren't going there to lose. We think our team matches up well. We want to play these games. We expect to win every game we play. Our coaches and players expect it, and the fans should expect it too.

NT: It is probably too early, but who do you expect to be the starting quarterback?

Poggi: It is way too early for us to know. The quarterback position is a complete meritocracy and based on merit. Those that play the best in spring practice and training camp will get to play. You use three running backs in a game, so I am not afraid to play 3-4 quarterbacks, especially if they do certain things well. Having a plethora of quarterbacks makes it hard for other teams to prepare for us.

NT: I am sure you know of the defensive struggles last season, but what is your game plan to correct the negative trends from a year ago?

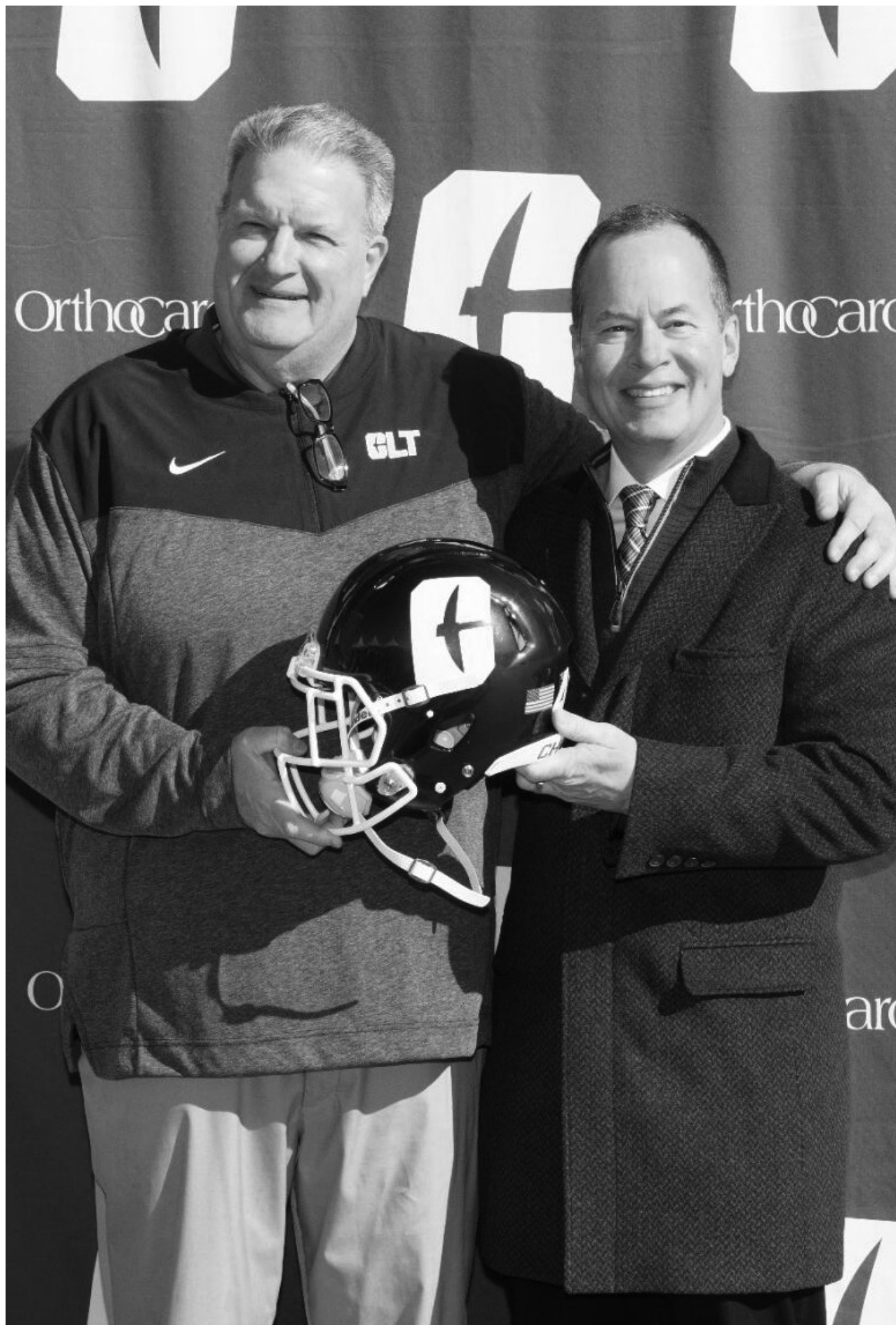
Poggi: We will be elite on defense.

NT: You've made new hires for many positions in your coaching staff. How will these additions help?

Poggi: Our players are blessed to have this group coaching them. I wouldn't have hired this staff if they weren't good people. They really care about these young men. I am so impressed with this staff; it is an excellent group.

NT: You are coined as an architect; what do you hope to build here in Charlotte?

Poggi: I want to build a national football power that cares for its players by providing them with an excellent education and opportunities in the business world. This place is very special to me, and I want to do the best job I have ever done. I want to build a platform of excellence that lasts after I am gone.



Charlotte football coach Biff Poggi and Athletic Director Mike Hill during Poggi's introductory press conference. | Courtesy of Charlotte Athletics

TOP 10 MOMENTS

FROM CHARLOTTE ATHLETICS' 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

by Joey Ellsworth
Sports Editor

With the 2022-23 school year in the books, the Niner Times sports staff looks back on the year with the top-ten moments from Charlotte Athletics.

The year was chock-full of notable performances and moments, a lot of which could not make the list, such as Riley Felts breaking the program record in the pole vault three weeks in a row, Charlotte football's record-breaking 56-23 win over Rice University during Pete Rossomando's interim head coach debut and more.

10. Ruxi Schech and Kaavya Sawhney earn historic doubles win

In Charlotte women's tennis' 4-0 victory over No. 75 Tulsa University, the duo of Schech and Sawhney earned one of two doubles victories for the 49ers with a 6-3 win, making them the program's all-time winningest doubles pair.

9. Charlotte softball earns first-ever NCAA tournament berth

After finishing first in Conference USA (C-USA), the No. 1 seed 49ers came up short in the C-USA tournament. No. 6 seed Middle Tennessee University knocked Charlotte out of the tournament with a 6-5 victory.

8. Lena Elkins throws a no-hitter in her second start

On Feb. 20, Charlotte freshman pitcher Elkins was named C-USA Pitcher of the Week. Elkins threw a no-hitter performance leading the 49ers to a 1-0 win over St. John's University on Feb. 17.

Elkins' no-hitter marks Charlotte's 16th in program history. Elkins showcased her arm and earned the accomplishment in just the second game of her collegiate career.

7. Men's golf wins second-straight C-USA title, earning NCAA Berth

The 49ers men's golf team took a 3-2 victory over North Texas University in the semi-finals before earning a 3-2 win over the Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs to take the title.

The C-USA title win marks the team's second straight, shutting out the UTSA Roadrunners 3-0 in the 2021-22 C-USA final.

The team earned an NCAA Championship Berth, which was held May 15-17.

6. Charlotte baseball knocks off No. 4 South Carolina University at Truist Field

On March 21, the Charlotte baseball team beat the No. 4 South Carolina Gamecocks 6-2 at Truist Field, home of the Charlotte Knights.

The team played in front of an audience of 2,161 fans, the highest number they have had this year.

This marks just the fourth time in program history that the 49ers have beaten a top-five team. The highest-ranked team the 49ers beat was South Carolina in 2008, who was ranked No. 3.

5. Nick Scudder crowned individual cross country champion

On Nov. 12, 2022, the reigning men's C-USA Individual Champion, Nick Scudder, became the first 49er in program history to take home the individual title at the NCAA Southeast Regionals, crossing the 10K finish line in 29:42.8.

Less than one month later, on Dec. 10, the league's head coaches voted Scudder one of two C-USA Cross Country Athletes of the Year.

4. Emani' Foster Records 1000th Career Kill as Coach Karen Weatherington earns 100th win

On Nov. 4, Charlotte volleyball took down Florida International University (FIU) 3-2. This win marked Head Coach Weatherington's 100th win with Charlotte.

In the win over FIU, Foster earned 17 kills, marking over 1000 in her career. After three years with the 49ers, Foster totaled 1065 kills.



Charlotte men's basketball team bested Eastern Kentucky University Colonels 71-68 to be crowned the 2023 Discount Tire College Basketball Invitational champion. | Courtesy of Charlotte Athletics

3. Brice Williams ends 2022 with two 31-point performances

While Charlotte students were on winter break, Williams was still working on the court, wrapping up 2022 with back-to-back 31-point performances.

Williams shot 78% from the field in the two games and led the 49ers to victories over Middle Tennessee State University and Louisiana Tech University.

2. Charlotte cross country sweeps C-USA tournament, and Charlotte track and field wins both C-USA indoor championships

Charlotte's men's and women's cross country teams swept both conference championships at the 2022 Conference USA. This marks the women's first conference championships since 2017 and the first for the men since 2020.

The women were led by a full team effort as five runners finished in the top 10. The men were led by Scudder, who took home the individual championship.

The Charlotte track and field teams traveled to the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Birmingham Crossplex for the C-USA indoor track and field championships from Feb. 18-19.

Charlotte secured their fourth consecutive men's indoor track and field championship, while the women's team claimed their first-ever indoor track and field championship victory.

1. Charlotte basketball wins the 2023 College Basketball Invitational (CBI) tournament

A number of big moments and performances came out of Charlotte men's basketball this year, but none were as significant as the squad taking first place in the CBI tournament.

On Wednesday, March 22, Head Coach Ron Sanchez and the Charlotte men's basketball team bested the Eastern Kentucky University Colonels 71-68 to be crowned the 2023 Discount Tire College Basketball Invitational champion in Daytona Beach, Fla., at the Ocean Center.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN CHARLOTTE ATHLETICS IN 2023-24

by Joey Ellsworth
Sports Editor

With the new season for Charlotte Athletics on the horizon, expectations are high. As a number of 49er teams look to build off historic seasons, Charlotte prepares for fresh challenges and new conference rivals. Here is an inside look into the five things you need to watch for in the upcoming athletic year.

Men's golf aims for third straight conference title

The 49ers men's golf team took a 3-2 victory over North Texas University in the Conference USA (C-USA) semi-finals before earning a 3-2 win over the Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs to take the title.

The C-USA title win marks the team's second straight win, shutting out the UTSA Roadrunners 3-0 in the 2021-22 C-USA final and earning the 49ers an NCAA Championship Berth.

"They've worked so hard, they do things the right way and I just love it for them when everyone can see that hard work pays off with success and a championship," said Coach Ryan Cabbage.

With Charlotte's move to the American Athletic Conference (AAC), they will strive to earn their third straight conference title.

Men's basketball looks to follow up College Basketball Invitational (CBI) tournament victory

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On Wednesday, March 22, Head Coach Ron Sanchez and the Charlotte men's basketball team bested the Eastern Kentucky University Colonels 71-68 to be crowned the 2023 Discount Tire College Basketball Invitational champion in Daytona Beach, Fla., at the Ocean Center.

The 49ers saw significant struggles in the C-USA tournament, narrowly falling to Middle Tennessee State University in the opening round 66-65.

Now in a new conference, the men's basketball team will look for success similar to their four-game run, outscoring their opponents 275-245, to win the CBI.

The continuing success of both track & field programs

The men's and women's track & field squads had historic seasons in 2022-23. Both teams saw top runs in the C-USA Championship tournament.

The men's team earned its fifth consecutive C-USA Outdoor Championship win on May 14. The team won the cross country, indoor and outdoor championships for the 2022-23 season, achieving the triple crown for the first time since the 2020-21 season. Their 184-point finish gave them the clear victory, with No. 2 University of Texas at San Antonio finishing with 150.5 points.

The women's squad nearly brought home the tripe crown as well, finishing No. 2 after Rice University in the outdoor championships.

Next up for the 49ers is a trip to Jacksonville, Fla., where they will compete in the NCAA East Preliminaries from May 24-May 27 for a chance to make the NCAA Championships in Austin, Texas.

Charlotte football begins the season under new leadership

The firing of Head Coach Will Healy on Oct. 23, 2022, paved the way for hiring Francis "Biff" Poggi as the 49ers' third football head coach on Nov. 15.

"We are extremely fortunate to welcome Biff Poggi as our head football coach," said Director of Athletics Mike Hill. "He is a transformational leader and has a sterling reputation as a coach, having had phenomenal success at the highest levels of college and high school football. But he is much more than that. He has demonstrated it by pouring himself into young men and communities, and the results have been spectacular. We are thrilled to have Biff and his wife, Amy, join Niner Nation and the Charlotte community."

Healy posted a 15-24 record in four

seasons with the 49ers. At the same time, the team had a 10-14 record in C-USA games under Healy. The 49ers, who were 1-7 as of the firing of Healy, struggled immensely last season.

Poggi spent three years on the Wolverines staff, two of which were as associate head coach. Poggi was critical in turning the Wolverines program around. He helped lead the team to a 2021 Big Ten championship and the College Football Playoffs. Poggi has helped Michigan reach a 10-0 start and the No. 3 ranking in the national polls in 2022.

The 49ers move to the American Athletic Conference

Charlotte joins five fellow C-USA teams

in the move to the AAC for the 2023-24 season.

"We're thrilled to be joining The American in 2023-24 and are diligently preparing for this transformational opportunity," said Hill. "We look forward to competing in such an outstanding league. We're also grateful to our colleagues at Conference USA and anticipate an exciting final season as members in 2022-23."

There is a lot to look forward to for the program as a whole, and the support of the alumni, fans and student body along the way will be essential for the program's success moving forward as Charlotte makes its way to the new conference.

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CHARLOTTE'S PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

by Sam Perry
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UNC Charlotte's campus is in a prime location being close to many professional sports teams, ranging from football to golf. This is a guide to professional sports in the Charlotte area.

Carolina Panthers

The local NFL team, the Carolina Panthers, created an immense buzz in the offseason when they secured the No. 1 overall draft pick from the Chicago Bears and took who they hope to be the future franchise quarterback in Bryce Young.

The Panthers kick off their season in Atlanta, taking on the Falcons on Sept. 10, and will return home to Bank of America Stadium in Uptown on Sept. 18, hosting the New Orleans Saints. Bank of America Stadium is located roughly 20 minutes from campus.

Charlotte FC

Also located at Bank of America Stadium is the MLS team Charlotte FC. The team is in its second season and continues building a fun atmosphere.

After a very successful inaugural season where they finished 13-3-18 and were just six points out of the playoffs in the standings, the team is off to a solid start this season, sitting at 4-3-5 with many more home games on the horizon.

Charlotte students can get discounted tickets for \$15 the week of each match, making Charlotte FC matches an affordable form of entertainment near campus.

Charlotte Hornets

The Charlotte Hornets, the local NBA team with lots of emerging young talent in LaMelo Ball and Mark Williams, will be looking to bounce back after an injury-plagued 2022-23 season. The team secured the No. 2 pick in the Draft during the NBA Draft Lottery on Tuesday, March 16, allowing them to add another young building block to their foundation.

Charlotte's season will tip off around early October. In Uptown, they call the Spectrum Center home, which is roughly 18 minutes away from campus.

PGA

Once a year, Charlotte hosts the PGA's Wells Fargo Championship at the Quail Hollow Club, roughly 35 minutes from Charlotte's campus.

The Wells Fargo Championship dates back to 2003 and sees some of the PGA's best compete with a field of 156 golfers competing over four days in May to crown a winner. In 2023, Wyndham Clark won the tournament, the first PGA Tour win of his career, and he shot an event-record low score of 265.

NASCAR

Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., only about eight minutes from campus, hosts two NASCAR races yearly.

In May, on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, they host the Coca-Cola 600, a

600-mile race around the outer track of the speedway, which has the unique condition of transitioning from day to night during the race.

In October, Charlotte hosts the Bank of America Roval 400, a unique mix of track and road course for 400 miles. The event changed to the Roval in 2018 and has provided an exciting change of pace with the combination of road course and oval.

The track also hosts the Richard Petty Driving Experience which allows for fans to drive a car around the track for a fee.

Charlotte Knights

Triple-A baseball affiliate of the Chicago White Sox, the Charlotte Knights are home to Uptown Charlotte at the picturesque Truist Field, known for its stunning skyline view in the outfield. Truist Field is about 18 minutes away from Charlotte's campus.

The top tier of the White Sox minor leagues finds many top prospects and veteran major league baseball players alike on its roster. Charlotte is the preferred destination when major league players need to rehabilitate their injuries, and the Knights have seen a recent influx of rehabbers, such as multi-time All-Stars Tim Anderson and Liam Hendriks.

The Knights began their season in late March and will play through September.

Kannapolis Cannon Ballers

Kannapolis is home to the Cannon

Ballers, which is the Single-A baseball affiliate of the White Sox, who play at Atrium Health Ballpark in downtown Kannapolis which was named Minor League Ballpark of the Year in 2023 by Ballpark Digest. The stadium is about 25 minutes away from campus.

The Cannon Ballers' roster is filled with the young talent of the White Sox system, with many of the players being drafted in the last couple of years.

Kannapolis also faces two opponents with former Charlotte 49ers baseball players on their rosters, with the Augusta GreenJackets having David McCabe and the Lynchburg Hillcats having Nate Furman, both of which come to town this season.

Kannapolis' season will continue through mid-September.

Charlotte Checkers

The Charlotte Checkers are the minor league hockey affiliate of the Florida Panthers and recently lost in the second round of the Calder Cup Playoffs of the American Hockey League, losing a five-game series to the Hershey Bears.

The team will start the season in mid-October and go through April, playing at Bojangles Coliseum in Uptown, about 20 minutes from campus.

Charlotte has many professional sports teams and events that provide entertainment value and are a great way to learn more about the city UNC Charlotte calls home.



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“HIDDEN” LOCATIONS ON CAMPUS

by Sunnya Hadavi
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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 tenth 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.

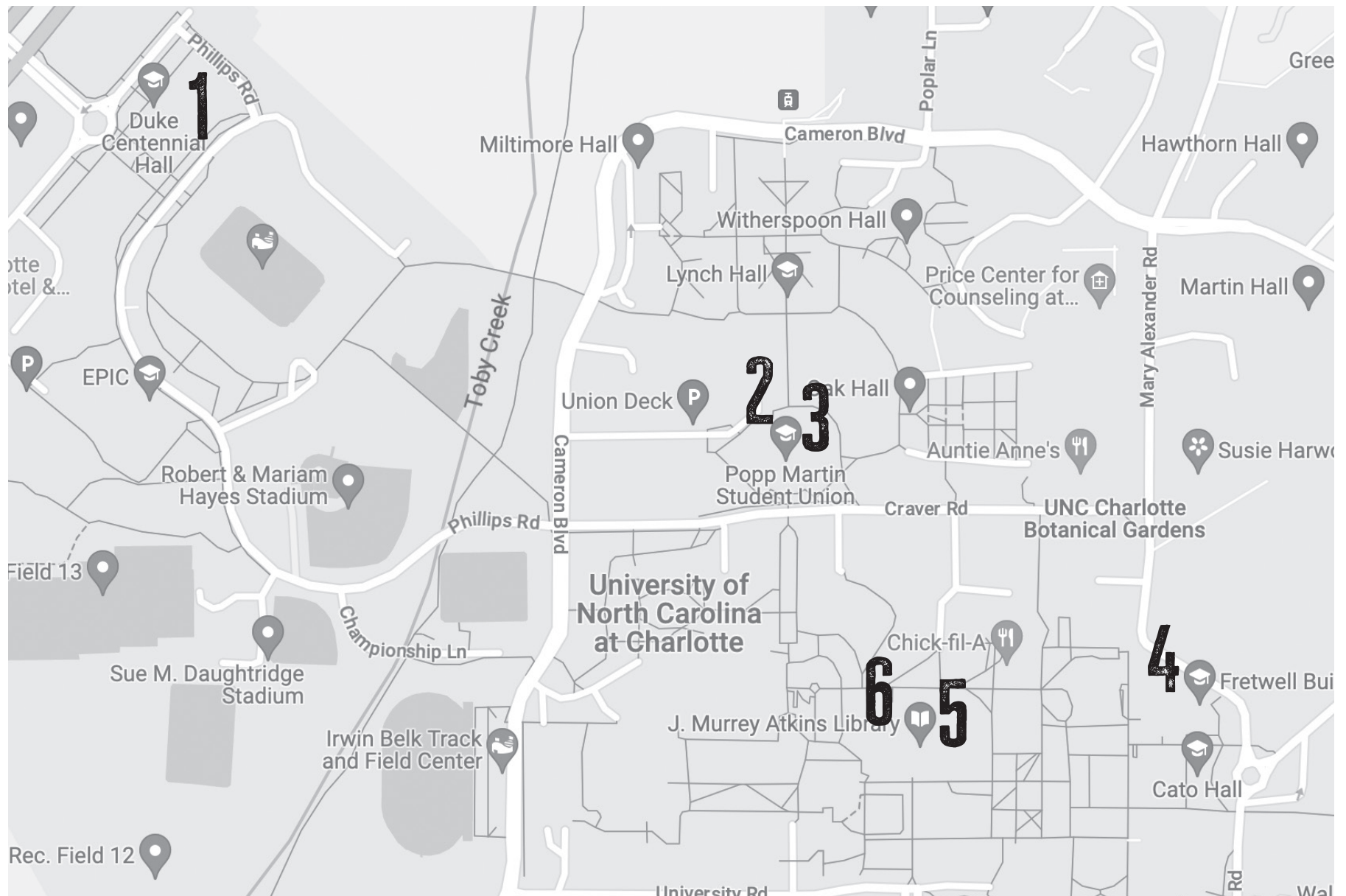
Niner Times newsroom and Student Niner Media

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, Uptown Audio 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!



Dalton Reading Room (left) located on the tenth floor of the Atkins Library tower and Duke Centennial Hall | Photos courtesy of UNC Charlotte's Special Collections and Niner Times File Photos

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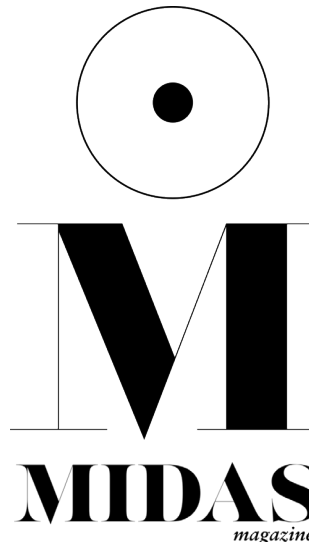


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Founded in 2020, Midas Magazine is UNC Charlotte's premier arts and culture magazine. Drawing inspiration from the ancient mythos of King Midas and his golden touch, Midas Magazine seeks to highlight the four pillars of artistry, identity, community and lifestyle. Our mission is to preserve the talents of the Charlotte student-body population as well as the burgeoning arts and culture scene found in the greater Charlotte area.

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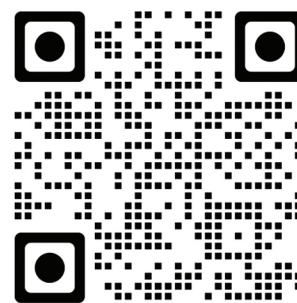


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