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Year One

CAMPUS SAFETY

UNC discovers lead in drinking water fixtures of 125 buildings

Lead was first found in Wilson Library at start of fall 2022

By Preston Fore
2023 Director of Enterprise
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Detectable levels of lead have now been discovered in at least one fixture of 125 buildings on UNC's campus.

Memorial Hall and the Kenan Center recently joined 25 other buildings in having samples exceeding the EPA's threshold of 15 parts per billion that require water systems to take action.

Drinking fountains in the Brinkhous-Bullitt Building, which houses UNC's Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, have tested among the

highest concentrations of lead on campus, with one sample detecting 1100 ppb — over 73 times higher than the EPA threshold.

Dozens of buildings with samples below the threshold have experienced lead in sink water, such as at recently tested Boshamer Stadium, Davis Library and the Chancellor's Residence.

A University spokesperson said the testing of buildings constructed before 1990 concluded at the end of 2022 and will now move to phase four of the project, which includes testing of all remaining drinking fixtures on campus. Testing is expected to finish by the end of the spring semester.

According to financial disclosures obtained by The Daily Tar Heel, UNC is paying upwards of \$666,800 to an outside contractor to conduct water sample testing. EHS employees and student volunteers are also

contributing to the testing.

If lead is detected in any water fixture, the University said it will be immediately placed out of service and repaired or replaced.

UNC is continuing to offer blood lead level testing to students, faculty and staff who live, work or study in an affected building. Over 100 individuals have used the service, and none have received results exceeding the CDC's reference range.

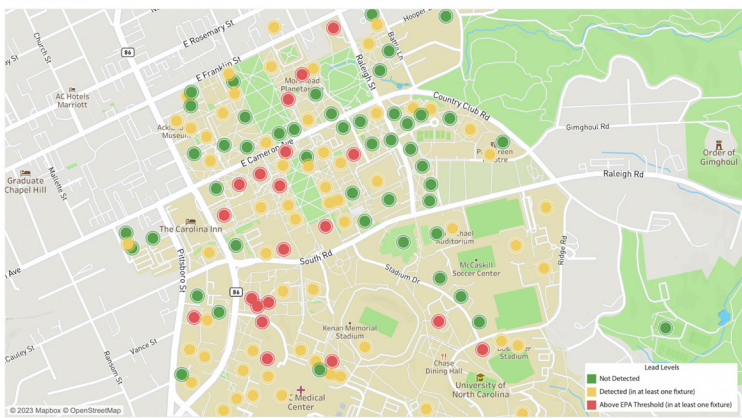
Students and post-doctoral fellows with concerns can contact Campus Health. Faculty and staff can contact the University Employee Occupational Health Clinic.

The use of lead pipes was banned in 1986, but in 2007, lead was found in four newly constructed or renovated buildings at UNC due to corrosion of brass fittings.

"I think this should be a big warning sign for lead exposure in water, generally, that even when the big public water systems are doing a really good job and don't have lead in them, there are other sources of exposure in buildings that are newer than we would have expected," Elizabeth Kamai, an environmental epidemiologist and a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Southern California, who has previously studied children's lead exposure in North Carolina, said.

However, she said it was "really surprising" that buildings from the 1980s and '90s would still have lead.

Lead Testing Results of UNC Buildings and Identified Contaminated Fixtures
125 buildings have detected lead contamination. Twenty-seven have lead levels that exceed the EPA action level of 15 parts per billion, and 98 have levels that don't.



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STUDENT ACTIVISM



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Laura Saavedra Forero and Megan Murphy, co-presidents of the Campus Y, wrap their arms in chains at the front door of South Building at the start of the 32-hour protest on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023.

The 32-hour fight for accessibility at UNC

A 2022 elevator outage left two students trapped in their dorm

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A banner is flung out from the windows of the Campus Y building. "No body or mind left behind," it reads.

Megan Murphy and Laura Saavedra Forero, co-presidents of the Campus Y, had arrived at the top of the steps of South Building. They were bonded together with a chain, chicken wire, a PVC pipe and duct tape.

South Building hosts the office of many administrative positions at UNC, including the chancellor and the provost.

On Feb. 26, 2022, the elevator in Koury Residence Hall stopped working. While this might just be an inconvenience for some students, it was far more important to Eleanor Bolton and Saavedra Forero. The two both use wheelchairs and the elevator's malfunction meant they could not leave the residence hall.

They were stuck there for 32 hours. Now, a year later, Saavedra Forero has planned to sit with Murphy, connected to each other in front of the main door, from 8 p.m. on Thursday to 4 a.m. on Saturday — 32 hours — to advocate for a more accessible campus and University.

"We're going to get in the way," Murphy said.

The pair sat together in protest, surrounded by friends and community members on the steps as the clock

approached the end of the hour. The UNC women's basketball game could be heard playing on Saavedra Forero's phone in the background.

Saavedra Forero and Murphy had written their "hopes, dreams and affirmations" for the campus and community at large on the PVC pipe encasing their arms, hidden under layers of duct tape.

"My people will get what they deserve."

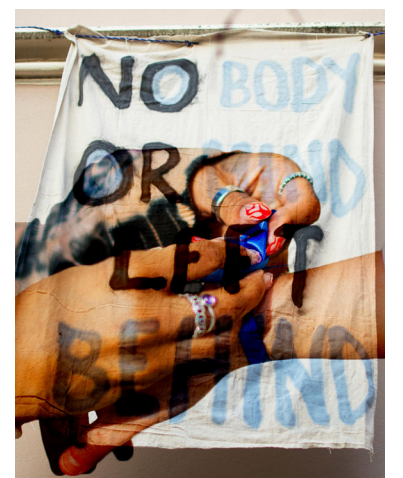
"A better world is possible."
"The future is accessible."

She emphasized that during her time on the steps of the South Building, she wanted the administrators who work there to feel the same way disabled students on campus do.

"I want to make them uncomfortable," she said. "And I want to do it in a way that makes them so angry, but also powerless — the way that I see my friends feel powerless," she said.

One hour down, 31 to go.

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UNC trustees push for School of Civic Life and Leadership

The UNC Board of Trustees passed a resolution on Thursday to "accelerate" the creation of a new program — the School of Civic Life and Leadership — with the goal of promoting democracy and benefiting society.

The announcement of the school comes after a series of tensions regarding University leadership, and many see the announcement of the school as a political decision.

Provost Chris Clemens said he didn't know the resolution was coming from the Board. Mimi Chapman, chairperson of faculty, said she was "flabbergasted." Proposals for new schools, degrees and curriculums have historically come from faculty leaders and their vote is required.

— 2023 Assistant University Editor Abby Pender, Jan. 30, 2023

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The UNC women's tennis team poses with their trophy after winning the NCAA Tournament on May 20, 2023.

UNC women's tennis wins first national title

Tie-break victories in singles propelled 4-1 win over N.C. State

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ORLANDO, Fla. — When sophomore Carson Tanguilig looked to the courts around her during her match-deciding third set, all she could see was her teammates playing every point like it was their last.

Beside her, junior Fiona Crawley launched a cross-court return to an unreachable spot, fighting back from down 5-6 to force a set tie-break. To Tanguilig's left, senior Elizabeth Scotty was leading in her second set after a closely-fought first set and intense tie-break.

"It's a motivator," Tanguilig said in the post-game press conference. "It's like, 'If she can do it, like, why can't I do it?'"

The No. 1 North Carolina women's tennis team won the program's first-ever NCAA national championship with a 4-1 win against No. 3 N.C. State on Saturday. Crawley, Scotty and Tanguilig's tie-break victories in singles contributed to clinching the match victory.

"This match was us," head coach Brian Kalbas said at the press conference. "We were tough, we were determined, we were competitive, we were feisty and we were resilient."

In a battle of sheer will, toughness and stamina, the Tar Heels played every point of the title match like it was the deciding one. The survivalist mentality was crucial to withstand long, physically-demanding rallies, deuce points and make-or-break tie-breakers.

Even though UNC grabbed the first team point behind an explosive doubles performance and ended N.C. State's 11-game clinch streak, the Wolfpack did not back down. Five out of six singles matches went into a tie-break at some point in the match — including junior Reilly Tran and senior Anika Yarlagadda, who both forced a third set after falling in the first.

"We knew the matches were going to get longer and they were going to get tougher," Kalbas said. "And, as the match went along, you could see our team getting tougher."

When the first set wins were split evenly 3-3 between the two teams, all eyes fell on Scotty's match to determine who held the advantage. Thanks to the doubles point, the Tar Heels only needed to win three singles matches, while the Wolfpack needed to win four.

Scotty fought back from a 5-6 deficit to force a set tie-breaker. If her first set was to end in a loss, UNC's momentum would be stunted and control of the match could quickly slip through their fingers. And, when she fell behind 3-6 in the first-to-seven game, devastation seemed imminent — the next point could have easily been the last.

Jumping on the ball early, dictating ball movement and a double fault at the serve allowed the North Carolina senior to chip away at the deficit until it was tied once again. When Scotty finally took the lead, she did not relinquish it, giving her team a much-needed boost in momentum. Winning that first set was "gigantic," according to Kalbas.

"She has an incredible way of knowing when the team really needs her and stepping up," he said.

The fate of the championship hung in the balance once again when Tanguilig struggled to put away her match after dominating in the first, 6-4. With Crawley surviving a second set tie-breaker and Scotty closing in on a match victory, it was up to Tanguilig to add the final point or all the pressure would fall on Tran and Yarlagadda to complete their comebacks.

After dropping 4-6, the UNC sophomore said she focused on her serve, playing disciplined and staying in every point going into the final set. Minimizing N.C. State junior Amelia Rajekci's forehand and outlasting her in drawn-out rallies pushed Tanguilig over the edge at the 2-2 breakpoint and a three-game winning streak carried her to the precipice of victory.

The teammates whose comebacks motivated her throughout her tie-breaker watched in anticipation on the sidelines through Tanguilig's final game point — trusting that she would battle every point.

When she pounded her last forehand into the vacant side of the court and it bounced past Rajekci, the last point of the NCAA Tournament was finally won.

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FIELD HOCKEY | CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

Tar Heels win 10th national title

STORRS, Conn. — Despite her best efforts, head coach Karen Shelton couldn't reign in her team's excitement following their national championship win.

"I love you guys but we've got to shake their hands," she said, before being lifted into the air by her boisterous team.

The scene couldn't have been more different from the last time UNC matched up against Northwestern.

In 2021, North Carolina faced the Wildcats in a 2-0 first-round loss in Iowa City, Iowa, a loss that UNC senior forward Paityn Wirth described as "heartbreaking."

On Sunday, Wirth made sure that UNC wouldn't face that same heartbreak again.

After Northwestern got on the board with two minutes remaining, Wirth raced down the field and found Erin Matson less than 40 seconds later. Matson punched in the late goal to earn UNC's 10th national title with a score of 2-1.

UNC's finish on Sunday showed the exact opposite of the "complacency" Shelton blames for the team's early exit last year.

"I told you before that the team last year that we lost to, Northwestern, we would not lose to them again," Wirth said. "And my word stands by that."

— 2022-23 Assistant Sports Editor
Shelby Swanson, Nov. 20, 2022

Erin Matson goes from star player to head coach

She is the most decorated player in program history

By Shelby Swanson
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Erin Matson (1) drives the ball during the NCAA Field Hockey Championship game against Northwestern on Nov. 20, 2022.

Following UNC field hockey's national title win in November, former head coach Karen Shelton remarked that it was "a sad day for Carolina field hockey" due to the departure of veteran players like Erin Matson.

Well, not so fast.

The UNC athletic department announced Tuesday that Matson will

be taking over the helm of the North Carolina field hockey program.

"To say I'm excited and honored to be the head coach of the UNC field hockey program is an understatement — this is a dream come true," Matson said in a press release. "This program means the world to me, and I will do whatever it takes to continue the excellence that is UNC Field Hockey."

Shelton, field hockey's winningest collegiate coach, retired in December following 42 seasons at UNC.

Matson is the most decorated player in UNC field hockey history. A member of the U.S. National Team and the ACC's all-time leader in goals and points, she captured four national titles and five ACC titles as a forward for UNC.

"Erin is an outstanding leader who has a deep and thorough knowledge of the game, understands the balance it takes to be a successful student and athlete, and is determined to expand and propel the winning tradition of Carolina Field Hockey," Director of Athletics Bubba Cunningham said.

Shelton has previously described Matson's leadership over the course of last season as remarkable.

"I have nothing but gratitude for having the opportunity to coach Erin for five years," Shelton said in early November. "She's a remarkable player and a remarkable human being."

Matson will begin immediately as the team prepares for the 2023 season.

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CAMPUS SHOOTING

Killing of professor, search for gunman grip campus

The University went into lockdown for more than three hours

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It lasted 190 minutes.

On an otherwise bright Monday afternoon, many UNC students hid in dark classrooms and closets with barricaded doors and other spaces while they waited for updates about an armed and dangerous person on campus.

As some students texted their loved-ones from lockdown with shaky hands, law enforcement officers searched the area for the suspected assailant.

Most people did not know that Zijie Yan, associate professor in the UNC Department of Applied Physical Sciences, was dead.

Tailei Qi, a graduate student in the same department, was arrested and charged with the first-degree murder of Yan in Caudill Laboratories. Yan worked with Qi, and they had previously co-authored research papers. No other injuries directly related to Qi were reported.

Qi was also arrested and charged with the possession of a firearm on educational property. Police are still looking for the firearm, a 9mm handgun, per a UNC Police news conference at 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 29.

According to information gathered by The Daily Tar Heel at Qi's first appearance in court during Tuesday's arraignment, his murder charge carries a maximum punishment of death and a minimum punishment of life without parole. However, District Attorney Jeff Nieman said his office would not pursue the death penalty.



DTH/LAUREN RHODES

A police officer climbs the steps outside of UNC's Caudill Labs on Aug. 28, 2023, following an active shooter incident on campus.

Qi is currently being held without bail in the Orange County Detention Center.

'They told me there was an active shooter'

At 1:04 p.m. on Aug. 28, students received Alert Carolina messages that an "armed and dangerous person" was on or near campus. Around campus, emergency warning sirens blared.

Just two minutes before the alert was sent, UNC Police received a 911 call about an active assailant near South Road.

As law enforcement and medical officials rushed to the scene, Lydia Canipe, a first-year student leaving Davis Library, saw people sprinting through campus and looking for shelter.

Unsure of what to do, Canipe jumped into the car of a student she didn't know. She went to Kenan Stadium, where she hid crying in a small room with over a dozen other people.

Down the street, sophomore Jagur Williams was leaving the Sonja

Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History when he heard the sirens that he said "sounded like the purge."

He didn't initially understand what was going on and continued walking to his next class. But, when he saw police cars driving down South Road, he said he began to realize something was wrong.

"That's when I got to my next class," Williams said. "They told me there was an active shooter."

As he sat in the dark on the third floor of Woollen Gym with three others behind a locked and barricaded door, he said his "heart sank."

'I love y'all'

Williams was "constantly" texting and calling his friends and family to let them know what was going on, despite not having much information himself. He said it was "very scary" when they had no idea where the shooter was.

"At one point, we heard someone go down our hall and hit our doorknob," he said. "That's when it really set in, and I was texting my family 'I love y'all, I don't know what's going to

happen' and it was very terrifying."

Some professors continued class during the incident, even holding meetings on Zoom.

While students sheltered in place, they looked to social media for information on the active situation. People on and off campus shared their speculations about the details — such as the number of victims or the possibility of multiple shooters.

"You seriously had no idea," Williams said. "I mean, at one point, there was rumors that there might be two shooters and that was the biggest one that I was concerned with."

'Truly a tragic day'

Less than an hour into the lockdown, an initial unidentified suspect was apprehended. They were questioned by police, but their handcuffs were removed soon after. In a news conference the night of Aug. 28, UNC Police Chief Brian James said the initial detainment was based on the description of the suspect given to police and the proximity of the person to the incident.

During the lockdown, Alert Carolina sent several messages warning the campus community to stay sheltered in place.

Still, for many students and faculty, there was confusion about what "shelter in place" meant. Williams said he just followed his intuition.

"I've obviously never been trained on something like this," he said.

At 2:21 p.m., a resident on Williams Circle called 911 to report a man fitting police description in the woods behind their home.

"That's all I saw," the caller said. "I saw him walking into my yard, to the side of my house, and then walk into the woods beside my house."

Ten minutes later, at 2:31 p.m., the suspected armed and dangerous person was apprehended by the Chapel Hill Police Department near

his residence on Williams Circle — about two miles away from Caudill Labs — and they verified his identity. UNC Police released a photo of Qi, labeling him as a "person of interest" minutes after at 2:35 p.m.

Some students were evacuated by law enforcement agencies, including the FBI. Others did not receive direction until a 4:15 p.m. message from Alert Carolina that said "All clear. All clear. Resume normal activities."

While he was relieved, Williams said he didn't know whether or not the alert was true.

As he stepped out of the classroom he had hidden in for over three hours, Williams saw other students crying and hugging each other while reaching out to friends and family.

"It was such an eerie feeling being outside and out in the open when I knew there was just an active armed person on campus," he said.

During a news conference around 5:45 p.m. at the Carolina Inn on Aug. 28, Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz said it was "truly a tragic day." The active shooter situation was something police trained for but hoped wouldn't come, James said.

"This loss is devastating, and the shooting damages the trust and safety that we so often take for granted in our campus community," James said. "We will work to rebuild that sense of trust and safety within our community."

On Monday evening, the University announced that all classes and non-mandatory operations would be canceled on Aug. 29. This was later extended until 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 30.

Williams said he doesn't think classes will ever feel the same again. For him, the incident still doesn't feel real.

"I don't think that I will ever sit in a lecture hall ever again, and not think about something that could happen like this," he said.

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PROTEST

Police use force to disband Gaza solidarity encampment on Quad

Demonstrators rallied for Palestine for four days before shutdown

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Dozens of tents in the pro-Palestinian "Triangle Gaza Solidarity Encampment" on UNC's Polk Place remained standing into the early hours of April 30. But by 8 a.m. that morning, they were gone, and 36 protesters were detained.

And by 5 p.m., protesters and police had clashed again after protesters replaced the American flag with a Palestinian one in the center of the Quad. By 6:45 p.m., the American flag was reinstated by police.

The pro-Palestine encampment was active for four days before law enforcement and UNC shut it down. It called for UNC's divestment from Israel and echoed similar protests across the country calling for solidarity with Palestine amid the War in Gaza.

In the early morning of April 30, law enforcement entered the encampment following the delivery of a letter from UNC interim Chancellor Lee Roberts and Provost Christopher Clemens. The letter was received around 5:30 a.m. and demanded that

all protesters remove tents, tables and other items and leave the area by 6 a.m. It said if demonstrators failed to disperse, arrest, suspension and expulsion were possible.

The responding law enforcement presence included officers from UNC Police, other UNC System schools, and both state patrol officers and sheriff deputies in what looked like riot gear.

Six of the 36 detained individuals were arrested, according to both UNC Students for Justice in Palestine and UNC Media Relations. They were transported to the magistrate's office later that morning. Three of them are UNC students, and the other three are not affiliated, Media Relations confirmed. These arrested individuals were later released, according to confirmation from UNC SJP and the Orange County Detention Center.

The protesters who were not arrested or transported to Hillsborough were released from their detainment in Gerrard Hall to cheers from the crowd of other demonstrators.

UNC Facilities Services workers and UNC Police officers broke down the encampment, placing metal barriers around the areas of grass where the encampment was located.

Later that day, the demonstrators hosted a silent vigil and protest for Palestine and for those arrested. Beginning on the steps of Wilson Library and later moved to South Building, several hundred community members marched.

In an email around noon, Roberts and Clemens said the University had been in communication with the protesters over the weekend, but said the constructive communication changed on Sunday, April 28, when the tents came back up.

Around 2 p.m., protesters took down the American flag flying from the flag pole to raise a Palestinian flag. On the steps of South Building, more than a dozen other students stood holding Israeli and American flags.

UNC Police and administrators, led by Roberts and Chief Brian James, entered the Quad around 2:30 p.m. They walked toward protesters, police circled the flagpole and Roberts then they reinstated the American flag.

Protesters encircled the police officers and Roberts, chanting and yelling. Some threw water on the interim chancellor and officers as

they tried to rehang the flag; others attempted to push past police. Officers sprayed pepper spray several times at protesters as more than 1,000 students, faculty and community members watched on the Quad.

Protesters chanted "Lee Roberts, we know you. You arrest your students too," and "The people united will never be defeated."

Police officers were seen shoving students and pulling them out of the crowd surrounding the flagpole by their hair. One protester, who uses a wheelchair, was pushed over and trapped under the metal barricades.

Police and administration retreated from the flagpole after replacing the U.S. flag, which was later removed by another group of protesters.

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Lee Roberts selected as interim chancellor

Lee Roberts will take the role of University interim chancellor on Friday, Jan. 12: the same day Kevin Guskiewicz will step down from the job to begin his tenure as Michigan State University president in March.

Roberts stepped down from his position as a member of the UNC Board of Governors, a position he held since 2021, to take the position.

He previously served as state budget director for former Republican Gov. Pat McCrory. He is also the co-founder and managing partner of North Carolina investment firm SharpVue Capital.

During his time as state budget director, Roberts worked on the Connect NC Bond, which allocated \$2 billion for infrastructure improvements and construction on UNC System campuses and community colleges.

With a bachelor's degree in political science from Duke University and a law degree from Georgetown University, Roberts has also taught at Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy since 2020. He has also served on a myriad of state and university boards.

Roberts has no previous professional administrative experience in higher education.

— 2024 University Editor
Lauren Rhodes, Jan. 9, 2024



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

RJ Davis breaks Smith Center scoring record

Senior guard scored 42 of UNC's 75 points in win against Miami

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RJ Davis couldn't wait to call his parents.

The time difference might be a challenge when reaching his dad, however, as he is in Spain for work. The senior said he could not wait to tell them about breaking the scoring record at the Dean E. Smith Center — a record held previously by all-time Tar Heel leading scorer Tyler Hansbrough — T-Hans as Davis calls him.

How did RJ feel when he learned he broke it?

"Speechless."

Davis had a career night in the Smith Center in UNC's down to the wire 75-71 victory over the Miami Hurricanes. He finished Monday night with 42 points, shooting 63 percent from the field with seven threes.

His teammates were ecstatic, not just about the Hansbrough record — they would not learn about that till overhearing Marcus Paige discuss it on the bench — but for Davis breaking his career scoring record.

First year Elliot Cadeau, who was waiting to check in the moment Davis hit the career record-breaking three, stood up, put his hands on head and smiled in disbelief at what his teammate had just accomplished.

"Unbelievable," graduate forward Jae'Lyn Withers said. "I heard Marcus talking to one of the managers behind the bench they were saying that the record was 41. I believe he [RJ] had 38 at the time, and I was like 'Yeah he's for sure getting to 41'."

Davis did get to 41. He logged 42 points and made four threes in a row in a 3-minute crucial do-or-die period for the Tar Heels.

While the four-point win over Miami was not the hungriest game the Tar Heels have played according to sophomore guard Seth Trimble, Davis shone as the only UNC player



DTH/AMANDA KIRKPATRICK

UNC senior guard RJ Davis (4) looks for a pass in the Dean E. Smith Center on Feb. 26, 2024 against UMiami. UNC won 75-71.

in double digits.

After not scoring in the first half and going 1-14 from the field last weekend in Charlottesville against UVA, Davis knew he was on from his first made shot.

"I think I hit my first three shots, I just felt in rhythm," Davis said. "Everything felt like it was going to go in and I was confident enough to stay there."

His top of the key three is something Davis tinkers with constantly. In practice he envisions the clock winding down and just takes reps shooting from deep. The 3-point range in particular has been a facet of his game that Davis spent the offseason and summer working on.

He'll toil on his three after his daily morning time in the gym with Trimble. They'll put on some '90s R&B—no rap allowed before noon — some Usher, Ne-Yo, Drake here and there, and sweat it out.

And the work is paying off. Davis

is a clear front-runner for ACC Player of the Year and is in the record big leagues — the Michael Jordan record leagues.

Davis outscored the rest of the team, a first for a Tar Heel since January 29, 1983, when Michael Jordan scored a career-high 39 of UNC's 72 points over Georgia Tech in Greensboro.

"RJ can lead an offense, I mean, he's a special scorer," Trimble said. "I think he's the best scorer in the nation. I mean, [tonight] just shows his impact."

Davis leads the ACC in scoring this season — by a margin of almost 100 — and is the first Tar Heel with at least 1,900 points, 500 rebounds, 300 assists and 200 3-pointers.

But as soon as he enters the locker room and the noise dies down and he's been rinsed in celebration by his teammates, Davis will turn his phone on, get notifications pings, maybe film some content for his

next vlog and call his parents.

"Both of [my parents] really, they know I'm capable of doing this because they believe in me more than I believe in myself," Davis said. "So they're definitely going to be geeked and happy for me."

Davis is now in the UNC 40-point club with the likes of Bobby Lewis, Billy Cunningham, George Glamack, Harrison Barnes and Hansbrough.

But even the Smith Center scoring record is not the end-all-be-all for Davis. Once he starts draining buckets he doesn't want to stop.

"Once I got 41, I wanted 50," Davis said.

And does Davis have a 50-point game left in him?

"Tonight, I smoked like two free throws and a couple of threes," Davis said with a laugh. "But I think I do have a fifty game in me."

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FOOTBALL

Maye ends UNC career with loss to N.C. State

Drake Maye managed 254 passing yards in 39-20 loss

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Following UNC football's 39-20 loss to N.C. State in its final game of the regular season, there was one phrase that Drake Maye repeated over and over in slightly different variations: "It starts with me."

To be fair, the offensive meltdown that the Tar Heels — who led the ACC in total offense entering Saturday — displayed against the Wolfpack did start with the sophomore quarterback.

North Carolina only managed to make it 1 yard up the field on the first drive of the game. It didn't get better from there.

Maye appeared out of sorts throughout the first quarter, not making a single completion in three attempts. Despite a slight improvement in the second half, he still managed 254 total passing yards — his fourth-worst performance of the season — in what might have been his final game as a Tar Heel.

"I've got to do a better job, I'm the ultimate decision maker," Maye said. "Ball's in my hand, touches my



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UNC sophomore quarterback Drake Maye watches the from the sidelines in Carter Finley Stadium on Nov. 25, 2023 during the game against N.C. State.

hands every play, so at times when I felt like we didn't answer, it just falls back on me."

Throughout the game, Maye was unable to find any answers, repeatedly throwing the ball away and failing to connect with his typical targets. The entire offense appeared lost.

Junior Tez Walker notched just 29 yards. Sophomore running back

Omarion Hampton, who entered the game tied for first place nationally in total rushing yards, was only able to put up 28 on the night, breaking his streak of six consecutive 100-yard performances.

"We got so far behind we couldn't run it," said head coach Mack Brown. "He didn't touch it much tonight."

At the end of the opening 30

minutes, UNC had less than half of N.C. State's total yardage.

"We were off in the first half," Brown said. "It was as bad as I've ever seen us."

Despite two touchdowns in the third quarter, the Tar Heels were unable to overcome the deficit. The rivalry loss cemented a worse regular season record than they ended with last year.

It seems like the worst possible ending for Maye, especially after the dream 6-0 start of the season for the Tar Heels, who entered the season with high expectations and the Heisman hype surrounding their quarterback.

After the game concluded, Maye could only describe the ending of the season as "embarrassing," something that senior linebacker Cedric Gray was quick to corroborate.

For Maye, who called UNC's home win against Duke two weeks prior a "fairytale ending," the game must have felt more like a nightmare.

To cap it off, in what might have been his final pass as a Tar Heel, Maye threw an interception right into the gloves of N.C. State safety Devan Boykin to put what Maye dubbed the "dagger" into the game.

At the end of the day, Maye was right. North Carolina's weak performance did start with him — and it ended with him too.

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Field hockey wins national championship

The No. 1 North Carolina field hockey team defeated No. 2 Northwestern, 2-1, in penalty shootouts to win its fifth national title in six years and the 11th in program history.

The win came on UNC's home turf at Karen Shelton Stadium to deliver head coach Erin Matson the first national championship of her coaching career — in her first year at the helm and the age of 23.

— 2023-24 staff writer
Jarrett Kidd, Nov. 19, 2023



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UNC field hockey celebrates after the championship game against Northwestern in Karen Shelton Stadium on Nov. 19, 2023.

Year Three

The Daily Tar Heel

2024 ELECTIONS | NORTH CAROLINA

Donald Trump elected president after winning state's 16 electoral votes

Polling data reflected a near tie in N.C. just days before election

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As of Tuesday night, former president and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has won North Carolina's electoral votes, leading by a margin of 3.2 votes. Trump's lead in the state is by 180,264 votes with 98% of the vote counted, a pivotal gain in his quest to secure 270 electoral votes for a potential return to the White House. Polls across North Carolina closed at 7:30 p.m., with results slowly trickling in and AP calling the race at around 11:20 p.m.

North Carolina, a key battleground state that has voted red in the last three presidential elections, awards 16 critical electoral votes. The last time the state voted blue was for former President Barack Obama in 2008.

In the weeks leading up to election day, Trump's campaign concentrated efforts in North Carolina, holding one of his final rallies in Raleigh on Monday before election day.

At the rally, he spent the majority of his speech discussing crime rates among immigrants, a tactic which appeals to conservative voters concerned with national security.

Throughout the campaign season, Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris ran a close race, with polling data reflecting a near tie in North Carolina just days before Election Day. The state's results mark a crucial win for Trump, and his easiest path to the White House includes additional victories in other closely contested states, particularly Pennsylvania and Georgia.



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Donald Trump speaks at a rally in Raleigh, N.C. one day before the election on Nov. 4, 2024.

"Everyone is just incredibly excited with the results we are seeing out of these battleground states, particularly North Carolina, and Georgia," UNC College Republicans President Matthew Trott said. "The results seem to indicate a Trump win, reminiscent of a 2016 level of support."

In 2016, Trump clinched North Carolina by a 3.6 percent margin. This lead narrowed significantly in 2020, when he defeated current President Joe Biden by only 1.3 percent.

Trott said that counties that previously voted for Biden, such as Anson County, are now projected to be voting for Trump, and people hoping for a Trump win are excited about it. He said the margins look much larger than people thought, and there is a huge sense of relief within the watch party being hosted by the UNC College Republicans.

"My family is from western North Carolina," he said. "[The hurricane] really fired people up to come out and vote for Trump."

He said he thought there was a lot of anger regarding the Biden

administration's response to the hurricane, and it encouraged people in rural counties where the hurricane had a large impact to vote.

"I'm disappointed that North Carolina won't be the state that pushed Kamala Harris over the edge to victory, but I'm confident that she will be our next president, and the progress and momentum that we have created around Kamala Harris will stay in this state for years to come and elections to come." UNC Young Democrats President Sloane Duvall said.

Duvall noted that on election night in 2020, people "went to bed feeling nervous," but the next morning saw the tide turn in favor of Joe Biden. She said a similar energy is in the air now and expressed confidence in a Harris win.

North Carolina was the first swing state to be called in the race, with Georgia leaning in favor of Trump with 91% of the vote reported.

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Josh Stein elected as next N.C. governor

The Chapel Hill native has served as state's attorney general

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Josh Stein will be North Carolina's next governor, according to unofficial results from the N.C. State Board of Elections. As of 8:20 p.m., Stein had won 58.4 percent of the vote, while his Republican opponent Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson had won 37.47 percent with seven percent of precincts reporting.

Stein has served as North Carolina's attorney general since 2017, and as a state senator for North Carolina's 16th district from 2009 until 2016. He grew up in Chapel Hill and Charlotte and attended Harvard Law School.

He ran on a platform advocating for increasing funding for public education, Medicaid expansion and reducing violent crime. Stein's priorities also include strengthening Career Technical Education and apprenticeship programs, investing in infrastructure in rural areas and advocating for reproductive rights.

"We want to build a better future," Stein said at Vice President Kamala Harris' recent rally in Raleigh. "We choose hope over hate, competence over chaos."

Stein's endorsements include Gov. Roy Cooper, former Govs. Jim Hunt and Bev Perdue, U.S. Reps. Valerie Foushee (NC-4) and Jeff Jackson (NC-14).

Robinson, the Republican candidate for governor endorsed by former President Donald Trump, has served as the state's lieutenant governor since 2021. His platform focused on supporting law enforcement, supporting the agricultural industry and advocating

for a statewide abortion ban at 5-6 weeks or less.

Stein has held a consistent lead over Robinson in the polls over the last few months.

Robinson has been in the news over the past few years for homophobic and racist comments. In late September, CNN published a story reporting that Robinson made comments on pornography sites saying he enjoyed watching transgender pornography, called himself a "Black Nazi" and expressed his interest in "buying a few" slaves if slavery were re-instated.

Robinson denied these actions in an interview with CNN and in a video posted on X. Earlier this month, he announced a lawsuit against CNN, saying that their reporting was defamatory.

At Kamala Harris' recent rally in Raleigh, Stein told the crowd he ran for governor because he loves the natural beauty and people of North Carolina.

"Where you come from should never limit how far you can go," he said.

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N.C. Attorney General Josh Stein addresses a crowd of Tar Heels during a campaign event at Graham Memorial on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

UNC defeats Northwestern to win national championship

The 12-8 victory concluded Tar Heels' undefeated season

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FOXBOROUGH, Ma – The No. 1 seeded UNC women's lacrosse team (22-0) defeated No. 3 seeded Northwestern (19-3), 12-8, in the NCAA National Championship on Sunday afternoon at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

Undefeated. Perfection. With No. 1 North Carolina's 12-8 win over Northwestern, the Tar Heels completed their bid for an undefeated season, capturing their fourth national championship and second in four years. First-year attacker Chloe Humphrey tallied four goals and graduate attacker Ashley Humphrey posted four assists. North Carolina held NCAA-leading goal scorer Madison Taylor scoreless for only the third time in her career.

After saves from both goalies to begin the opening frame, Northwestern's Abby LoCascio found the back of the net on the man-advantage to give the Wildcats an early 1-0 lead.

Less than three minutes later, redshirt first-year attacker Chloe Humphrey cut to the net, tying the game on the pass from junior attacker Caroline Godine.

First-year midfielder Kate Levy gave North Carolina the lead, 2-1, after losing her defender and Godine added onto the advantage with her own goal on an assist from graduate attacker Ashley Humphrey. With her 17th assist of the tournament, Ashley Humphrey broke the record for most assists in a single NCAA tournament.

UNC began the second quarter by scoring two quick goals, courtesy of redshirt sophomore attacker Marissa White and Chloe Humphrey, to take a 5-1 lead a little over five minutes in.

The Wildcats responded with a goal of their own on a low shot from Taylor Lapointe, cutting the deficit to three.

After the first half, UNC led 5-2. It was both teams' lowest scoring halves of the season.

Despite being on the penalty kill, Northwestern opened up the second half scoring on a shot from Sam Smith.

The Tar Heels responded on the same man-advantage when senior attacker Olivia Vergano found Chloe Humphrey, who bounced it off the post and into the back of the net while



DTH/SOPHIA GRAY

UNC redshirt first-year attacker Chloe Humphrey runs with the ball during the championship game on Sunday, May 25, 2025.

falling down. Vergano extended UNC's advantage to 7-3 when she fired a shot from outside that beat the goalkeeper. After winning the draw, the Wildcats wasted no time marching down the field and netting their fourth tally of the game on a goal from Lucy Munro.

Both goalies remained sharp heading into the final frame, keeping both teams scoreless for over six minutes into the fourth quarter.



DTH/SOPHIA GRAY

The UNC women's lacrosse team poses with the NCAA Championship Trophy after their 12-8 win against Northwestern on Sunday, May 25, 2025.

But first-year Eliza Osburn ended the scoring drought with two goals in nine second, opening up the game for North Carolina by extending the lead to 9-4. Less than 30 seconds later Vergano notched her second goal of the afternoon to give UNC a six goal lead.

Shortly following the draw, Northwestern answered when Madison Taylor found Munro wide open in front of the net.

Chloe Humphrey didn't let up,

rocketing a free position shot top corner to increase UNC's advantage to 11-5 with under six minutes remaining in the game. Northwestern netted one more goal, but UNC responded to put the game out of reach.

The win gives the Tar Heels their second national championship in four seasons and head coach Jenny Levy's fourth career title with the program.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

UNC System slashes DEI programs and policies



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UNC System President Peter Hans speaks at the May 23, 2024 UNC System Board of Governors meeting in Raleigh.

Changes come amid national movement against DEI initiatives

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During a national movement against diversity, equity and inclusion programs, the UNC System experienced cuts and realignments around Diversity and Inclusion policy.

A System-wide repeal

On May 23, the UNC System Board of Governors repealed the policy on Diversity and Inclusion Within the University of North Carolina and replaced it with an Equality Within the University of North Carolina section.

Ten days before, the UNC Board of Trustees diverted \$2.3 million budgeted for DEI services to be redirected toward public safety in the budget they sent to the BOG.

“The DEI policy change by the UNC Board of Governors focused on funding and programs for student support and employee well-being both centrally and across the campus,” UNC Media Relations wrote in an email statement to The Daily Tar Heel.

The new mandate, which replaced the policy initially instated in 2019, includes a requirement for UNC System universities to maintain institutional neutrality and includes exceptions for student-led organizations.

“It didn’t come as a shock, considering that we have seen DEI being removed from many schools across the entire country,” Elise Ramos, co-director of the Department of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Undergraduate Student Government Executive Branch, said.

On Aug. 30, Chancellor Lee Roberts and Provost Chris Clemens submitted a mandatory certification and report to System President Peter Hans detailing compliance with the new policy.

This document included a list of eliminated, realigned and re-named positions; the closure or refocusing of offices, committees and programs; and additional redirected funds totaling to approximately \$5.3 million.

Ramos said she and her co-director of DEI, Alexandra Versace, met with Provost Clemens in October to discuss compliance with institutional neutrality.

DEI-related positions and programs impacted

Versace, who was selected to participate in the DEI Fellowship

program this academic year, said she found out that the program no longer exists in a September meeting with her fellowship cohort. “It was a program that I thought I would benefit really well from, and I was very interested to get to work in a position on campus and help solve DEI issues, as well as learn and build connections in that community since it’s so niche,” Versace said. “But unfortunately, that was unable to happen.”

Following the repeal, the University Diversity and Inclusion office no longer exists. Project Uplift, a program for high schoolers that introduces them to the University, now sits under the Office of Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs.

Identity-based centers including the Carolina Latinx Center, Sonja Haynes Stone Center and Asian American Center remain open.

In September, Ramos and Versace organized a DEI Town Hall to address students’ confusion about the policy changes. Leah Cox, former vice provost for equity and inclusion and the current vice provost for the office of the provost, attended the town hall and answered questions.

“I’m glad student government was able to kind of step in and play this role of, ‘here’s the information that you need, here’s how it will affect you, here are the resources that you will still have [and] here are the ones that unfortunately we’re losing,’” Ramos said.

‘Affirmative action was a bridge’

In September, UNC reported the statistics and demographics for the class of 2028 — the first class admitted since the U.S. Supreme Court repealed race-based affirmative action in 2023. The percentage of Black or African American identifying first-year and transfer students dropped about 25 percent.

Sarah Zhang, a UNC senior and founder and internal affairs chair of the Affirmative Action Coalition, said UNC’s Black student population was already not representative of the racial breakdown in North Carolina.

“But now it’s just like we just took a giant step back again, and we’re never really going to reach that equality level that some of us wanted to see,” Zhang said.

Media Relations wrote that the changes to the undergraduate admissions process were handled by the Admissions Office.

Versace said she and Ramos met with Rachele Feldman, the vice provost for enrollment, in October. In that meeting, Ramos pitched for UNC students to visit high schools in low income areas to encourage students to apply.

“Affirmative Action was a bridge in those gaps to higher education, right? So when you take away affirmative action, it’s taking away that bridge for a lot of different types of people,” Ramos said.

In a Sept. 18 BOT meeting, Feldman said there were issues with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid this year. She also said that one year of data does not determine a pattern.

Zhang said the AAC leadership team is working on a “disorientation guide” to distribute to the class of 2029.

“I don’t think the University administration is ever going to provide students with the resources to educate themselves about the University, just because they’re doing so much shady stuff,” Zhang said. “And especially for students of color, we want them to come in acknowledging that the University is not serving their best interests, and here are some ways they can do so.”

Zhang said the DEI repeal represents people who are out of touch with what students really want.

“I think it’s important that the student body is still very loud about how, you know, the narratives that you might hear about our school is not our school,” Ramos said. “We are still the Carolina that champions diversity, that champions inclusion [and] that champions equity.”

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Trump admin revokes legal residency of six UNC international students

The University was not directly notified of the terminations

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The records allowing for lawful residency of six international students at UNC have been terminated by the federal government, UNC Media Relations confirmed in an email to The Daily Tar Heel.

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System records allow an international student to remain in the U.S. lawfully, even if their visa expires or gets revoked. However, both a visa and SEVIS records are needed to enter the country.

According to the email, the University’s International Student and Scholars Services’ Student Exchange and Visitor Program records of the six students have been terminated.

In a separate email intended for “[U]niversity sponsored international students and scholars in non-immigrant status,” ISSS Director Ioana Costant wrote that UNC-CH did not initiate the

terminations and that the University was not directly notified.

“As soon as ISSS is aware that the government has terminated the SEVIS record of a current or alumni student or scholar, a member of the ISSS team will contact the student or scholar directly. ISSS will advise the student or scholar to contact private immigration counsel and then notify their academic department to discuss options for continued enrollment or progress towards their degree,” Costant wrote in the email.

ISSS serves as the sole authority for processing UNC-sponsored immigration benefits and advising with staff that regularly communicates with international students, as well as their departments and advisors about regulatory changes.

“ISSS is available to advise, answer questions and provide resources to all university-sponsored international students and scholars,” Media Relations wrote.

Media Relations wrote that the University is not aware of ICE presence on campus.

Multiple terminations of student visas at Duke University and North Carolina State University have also been reported.

Editor’s Note: Five of the six students’ records were later restored.

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Year Four

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EXTREME WEATHER

Tropical Storm Chantal brings historic flooding to Chapel Hill

Eastgate Crossing shopping center faces \$11 million in damages

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Everything was business as usual for Eastgate Crossing on July 6. Just after sunset, however, floodwater began to fill the shopping center.

Tropical Storm Chantal, later downgraded to a tropical depression, brought 6-9 inches of rain to Chapel Hill in just a few hours during the late evening of July 6. The flooding was indicative of a 500 to 1,000 year storm, which have a one-in-500 or one-in-1,000 chance of happening, respectively.

The stormwater rushed into buildings at Eastgate Crossing, leaving more than 5 feet of sitting water in multiple businesses' storefronts. Most of the shopping center experienced devastation, with inventory, equipment and infrastructure being destroyed, and is currently closed.

Floods are not unusual for Eastgate Crossing. The shopping center was built on top of Booker Creek in a floodplain, making it particularly susceptible to flooding. But the devastation from the storm was like nothing the shopping center had ever seen.

The Town of Chapel Hill estimated that businesses at Eastgate Crossing incurred \$11 million in total

damages from the storm.

Scott Novak, the owner of the Eastgate Crossing franchise of The Loop, was serving diners the restaurant's signature burgers and salads when the water started creeping up at the door shortly after 8 p.m. The Loop evacuated customers and employees, but they couldn't stop the stormwater from wrecking the building.

Everything is a jumble, Novak said. Equipment from the front of the restaurant was pushed to the back, piled on top of each other. The Loop will have to be completely gutted and rebuilt — a process Novak said will take months and cost the restaurant hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"It's gonna be almost a total replacement," Novak said. "There's only a few things that are above the water level that we can salvage."

The stormwater didn't discriminate in its ravaging. Across the shopping center, Kipos Greek Taverna, a Greek restaurant owned by Giorgios Bakatsias, also experienced extensive damage. Chairs were scattered throughout the kitchen. Soil from potted plants littered the whole restaurant.

John Taylor, a carpenter who works with Kipos Greek Taverna, said he had never seen this magnitude of flooding at Eastgate Crossing.

"Now I'm seeing, standing right here, and I'm like this: 'There's a dumpster inside that building!'" Taylor said.

Like many in Chapel Hill that night, Justin McLean, the director of operations at Med First Primary &



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Local rescuers arrive at the intersection of Eastgate Crossing and Franklin Street via boat on July 6, 2025.

Urgent Care, wasn't expecting such significant levels of flooding.

"I was like, 'Ooh, this can't be good, but we'll hold out,'" McLean said.

It was not until McLean saw a photo of a car floating in the clinic's flooded parking lot that he realized the storm was going to be a problem.

Med First Primary & Urgent Care now has to cover \$200,000 to \$300,000 in damages, and it will be several months until the clinic is fully operational again.

The local community has rallied to support Eastgate Crossing's businesses following Tropical Depression Chantal. In the days after the storm, volunteers showed up to Eastgate Crossing to help businesses sort through the wreckage.

Many businesses have organized fundraisers, which have already raised thousands, to support their recovery efforts and employees. Orange County and the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough collaborated to set up the Tropical Storm Chantal

Community Giving Fund, which will distribute donated funds to recovery efforts across Orange County.

"The community, everyone out here has been super helpful, super nice," McLean said. "We're thankful for other businesses that are here, that are pitching in and helping each other."

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BUDGET

UNC cuts all six area studies research centers

Programs offer language education, explore global issues

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UNC's six area studies centers will close down, according to multiple sources close to the situation. UNC Media Relations wrote that the implementation plan, including further updates, will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their January meeting.

The Center for European Studies, the African Studies Center, the Carolina Asia Center, the Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, the Institute for the Study of the Americas and the Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies are all slated to close, according to the impacted sources. These centers are the first of 14 total UNC centers and institutes to be cut. Media Relations wrote in a statement to The Daily Tar Heel that "some programs have been identified to be sunset in 2026," with additional cuts still to be finalized.

The six area studies centers have operated at UNC since the early '90s and 2000s. UNC's Burton Craige professor of political science Gary Marks co-founded the Center for European Studies in 1994 and served as its director until 2006.

"It took us a long time to create the institution and put a lot of work into that, but it's vastly, vastly easier to destroy an institution than to create it," Marks said.

Media Relations wrote on Dec.



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The FedEx Global Education Center is pictured on Sept. 17, 2022.

17 that UNC is taking a "thoughtful and targeted approach" to streamline units for greater efficiency, strengthen operations and meet its "fiduciary responsibility" to the state.

"Recognizing the scale of these changes, leadership is prioritizing thoughtful, transparent communication with further updates planned for January as we present the plan to the Board of Trustees," Media Relations wrote.

According to an email obtained by The DTH from Carolina Asia Center Director Pamela Lothspeich to her colleagues, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Jim White informed leadership of the six area studies centers that they would be "sunsetting."

She wrote that they are slated for permanent closure following the loss of their Title VI funding, and that the decision came as the North Carolina legislature is engaged in cutting

budgets for centers and institutes across the UNC System.

"The recommendation to close these Centers came out of deliberations led by UNC's CFO, Nate Knuffman," Lothspeich wrote. "Dean White and Senior Associate Dean Noreen McDonald stressed that the closure process would take time, and many issues are still to be sorted through."

Changes to centers and institutes were initially projected to save \$4.8 million, according to Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations Nate Knuffman's presentation at the September Board of Trustees' Budget, Finance and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

But at the November BOT Budget, Finance and Infrastructure Committee meeting, Knuffman said the University now plans to reduce \$7 million in spending over the next several

years, with approximately \$3 million forecasted in near-term savings.

These increased cuts, he said, would be accomplished through decommissioning 14 centers and institutes total.

"And again, for a lot of conversation — and rightfully so — in higher ed about never facing those tougher questions about what we're not going to do, moving forward, I think here's an example where the recommendation at this point, from the group looking at this, was to try to do that," Knuffman said at the November meeting.

UNC is home to 59 official research centers and institutes, many of which are overseen by the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. According to UNC's research centers and institutes website, faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students collaborate in these centers to apply their knowledge to research in areas such as health, education, technology, social and environmental issues.

The six area studies centers are interdisciplinary units drawing heavily on affiliated faculty housed in academic departments of the College of Arts and Sciences. Some are degree-granting entities, but focus primarily on research and programs.

"These centers and institutes help UNC researchers take a more comprehensive approach to addressing real-world problems in a comprehensive manner," the research centers website states.

"We often know, sometimes, there's a storied history with several of these and we have to be mindful of that when we think about what

might be possible here," Knuffman said at the November meeting.

Marks said he worries that the University will place instructional responsibilities of the Center for European Studies onto existing academic departments.

"I think it would affect both the quality of the teaching, but also the quality of students' lives, because there are a lot of activities that the center puts on that students enjoy, and which really is, I think, a core part of their education," Marks said.

He also said the sunsetting of the centers would have profound effects on UNC's standing among public universities. This will impact the University's ability to establish itself in research spaces through statewide outreach and beyond, he said.

Six centers out of the announced quota of 14 have been cut, according to impacted sources. But, as of now, there are no explicit plans to shut down any other specific centers in the health, education, business, technology, environmental, or transportation and infrastructure disciplines.

Marks noted that the shutdowns would not only directly impact the job security of outreach coordinators and other staff members at the six centers, but also the renowned work of faculty across the University.

"I think you're talking about literally hundreds of faculty who are going to be affected by this," Marks said. "The centers are a real core element of the institutional structure of the University. It's like saying, 'Look, I can't afford to have two hands, so I'm gonna have to cut one off.'"

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Seth Trimble's last-second shot lifts UNC to victory over Duke



DTH/CONNOR RUESCH

UNC senior guard Seth Trimble (7) makes a game-winning 3 pointer during the men's basketball game against Duke on Feb. 7, 2026 at the Dean E. Smith Center.

Tar Heels took their first lead of the game with 0.4 seconds left

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With seven seconds left and the game tied, Derek Dixon went around a Caleb Wilson screen and drove.

He saw the defense collapse, then surveyed his options.

And one was open.

Seth Trimble in the right corner.

Jarin Stevenson didn't realize where Dixon's pass was going. He thought it was headed over Wilson's head.

Then Stevenson watched the ball soar toward Trimble.

And Trimble let it fly.

As soon as it swished, Stevenson and a sea of Carolina Blue chased Trimble around. Even Trimble's dad found him in the masses.

"When I saw Seth catch it and him shoot it, I saw the ball going straight into the net," Stevenson, the junior forward, said.

The senior guard's game-winning corner 3-pointer with 0.4 seconds on the clock lifted No. 14 North Carolina over No. 4 Duke, 71-68, Saturday evening at the Dean E. Smith Center. Trimble gave UNC its first lead of the game — but the only one it needed.

Long after the final buzzer

sounded, among the media surrounding Trimble was Kyan Evans.

The junior guard peered over the myriad of heads to ask Trimble what everyone was wondering.

"What were you feeling?"

And Trimble knew exactly what popped into his head.

"I said green," Trimble said.

Evans and his teammates agreed.

"We said the same thing," they shouted.

As soon as the shot left Trimble's hand, there was no doubt from anyone that it was going in.

"Even after I had that turnover at the end of the game, they were saying, 'We know who you are, we believe in you, go win it. The ball comes to you.'" Trimble said.

First-year guard Derek Dixon made the call on the pass to Trimble. The play, 'Philly 25,' was drawn up for the bigs to roll and pop. The goal was to get to the basket — and options for shooters would be surveyed from there.

Dixon faced Duke's Cameron Boozer on the switch, and Duke scrambled to keep up.

"I just tried to make the right read and set the fly to him. I trusted him to knock it down," Dixon said.

To have a moment like this in the rivalry would be the only thing on Trimble's mind when he went to sleep Saturday night, he said. It's a dream come true. He now stands

alongside legends like Maye, Marvin Williams and Caleb Love in the the history books.

But he never thought it would have been him.

He didn't become a full-time starter until this year. And to begin this season, he broke his arm, forcing him to the sidelines for nine games.

"Being able to go through adversity, being able to struggle and being able to overcome it builds you much more than anything else can," Trimble said.

Trimble returned just in time for ACC play. And as the lone Tar Heel who played in all three losses to Duke last season, he had an extra fire fueling him to win.

And head coach Hubert Davis thought the moment couldn't have been more perfect.

"Having a kid as accomplished as Seth to stay at one school for four years, that shot was made by the perfect person at the right time," Davis said.

After Evans and his other teammates beckoned Trimble to join them on Franklin Street, UNC basketball alumnus Theo Pinson weaved through the crowd of media and gave Trimble a hug.

"So proud of you, dog," he said.

As Davis' first four-year player, Trimble's loyalty transcends today's landscape of college basketball.

Even with all the options for shooters that the play provided, Trimble was the only one who had been there before. And had stayed. It was perfect.

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FOOTBALL

TCU humbles UNC, 48-14, in Belichick's first game

Tar Heels started strong but couldn't sustain a rhythm

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UNC football started the Bill Belichick era with a 48-14 loss to TCU Monday night in Kenan Stadium.

The Tar Heels dominated early on, jumping out to a lead, but quickly lost their footing.

"Obviously we have a lot of work to do," Belichick said. "We need to do a better job all the way around — coaching, playing in all three phases of the game."

North Carolina barreled down the field. Redshirt senior running back Caleb Hood and sophomore wide receiver Jordan Shipp combined for 83 yards on the opening drive. In four minutes, UNC had its first touchdown of the season when Hood took the ball up the middle into the end zone.

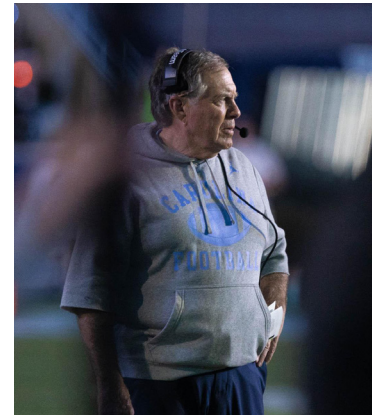
But a pass interference called on junior defensive back Marcus Allen helped TCU to its first touchdown.

UNC couldn't stop the Horned Frog pass game, and it couldn't find an offensive rhythm.

Junior defensive back Kaleb Cost dove after a tipped TCU pass and brought in the interception.

"We still kept pushing to try and get some production out of that game," Cost said.

But three plays into UNC's drive, redshirt sophomore quarterback Gio



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UNC head coach Bill Belichick watches from the sidelines during the football game against TCU on Monday, Sept. 1, 2025.

Lopez sent a throw that TCU hauled in for a pick-6.

On the first play from scrimmage in the second, TCU rushed 75 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown.

The Horned Frogs piled on with a returned fumble by Lopez, who was replaced by redshirt senior quarterback Max Johnson on the next UNC drive. Johnson completed a short pass to redshirt junior tight end Jake Johnson in the endzone to make it 41-14.

In plus territory, sophomore running back Davion Gause lost a fumble. TCU drove for a sixth touchdown.

"I think we just have to get back to the drawing board," Johnson said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | COACHING CHANGES

Hubert Davis is out

UNC men's basketball has fired head coach Hubert Davis, the University announced in a press release on March 24. The announcement comes just five days after No. 6 seed North Carolina blew a 19-point second-half lead to No. 11 seed VCU in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

— 2025-26 Sports Editor
Matthew Maynard, March 24, 2026



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Michael Malone is in

UNC will hire Michael Malone as its next men's basketball coach. The 54-year-old most recently coached the Denver Nuggets in the NBA from 2015-2025. While he has never been a head coach in college, Malone has an extensive track record in the NBA dating back to 2003. Before the NBA, Malone was an assistant coach at Oakland, Providence and Manhattan.

— 2025-26 Sports Editor
Matthew Maynard, April 6, 2026



DTH/MICHAEL PEARSON

THE ROBERTSON SCHOLARS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Congratulations to the Class of 2026

 Adom Appiah	 Oluwadamilola Awofisayo	 Reagan Ballard	 Davina Boison	 Katelyn Cai	 Katie Chai
 Emily Chen	 Lev Cohen	 Caleb Dalgetty	 Tiana Dinham	 Yash Dutt	 Isaac Frank
 Nancy Garcia Villa	 Elizabeth Glazer	 Hannah Groos	 Jothi Gupta	 Alyssa Ho	 Maria Hromcenco
 Palak Jolly	 Kunal Khaware	 Austin Layton	 Joshua Lopez	 Chloe McGeehan	 Carolina Mendez
 Gabrielle Moreau	 Sewoe Mortoo	 Jordan Moyd	 Kien Nguyen	 Bunmi Omisore	 Juliet Orchard
 Zachary Patterson	 Aditya Raj	 Riya Sharma	 Rohan Shreenath	 Maxwell Simbuwa	 Sierra Stubbs
		 Shivani	 Matthew		

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Alyssa Albritton



Behind you, all your memories. Before you, all your dreams. Around you, all who love you. Within you, all you need. With love - Your Family

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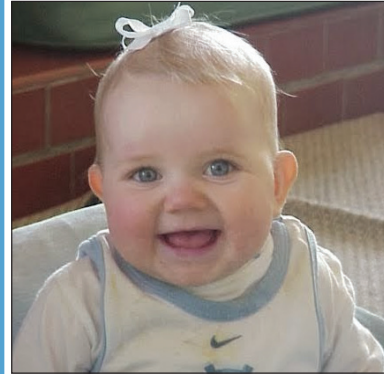
Michael Pearson



Tar Heel born, Tar Heel bred, Tar Heel graduate! Your future is brighter than a Carolina Blue sky! #gdtbath ❤️ Love, Mom, Dad, Arianna, and Reagan

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Mary Blake Nobles



Congratulations on making your dream come true! We are so proud and can't wait to see what you do next. Love, The HJF

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Marina Angelica Messura



Congratulations Marina! UNC and DTH were wonderful starting points for a great journey ahead. Love, Mom, Dad, and Sasha.

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Hallie Grace Stallings

Congratulations, Hallie!
We are so proud of our Tar Heel!
Love, Mom, Dad, Anna, and William

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Yasmin Ulerio

Congrats Yazy Peach!!!



You did it!!! Everything you have done has led you to this accomplishment. We are so proud of you, more than words can express. You've come a long way and now you're another step closer to becoming Dr. Doctor Yazy! Continue to unapologetically be you and know that we will always be there for you every step of the way. That Carolina Blue looks good on you! (but burnt orange looks better) Go heels!!!!

Love you always,
Georgie, Najalis, Lola, Mami and Papi



UNC CLASS OF 2026

Bridget Ray Hight



Congratulations B! You did the work with courage and he(art). We're proud and excited to see all the good things God has planned for you!

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Jessica Baugh



Congratulations! Write the stories only you can tell. We love you!

Mom and Dad

Proverbs 3:3

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Catharine Sisk Yoder



Congratulations Catharine! We are so proud of all that you have accomplished. Love, Mom, Dad, Will, Mema, Nana & Papa

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Matthew Maynard



Congratulations Matthew! We're so proud of you and all your accomplishments at Carolina! Cheers to your next adventure. We love you! Mom, Dad and Brooke

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Gwen Peace



Congratulations to our 6th generation Tar Heel. We are so proud of you. The future is bright! We love you so much - Mom, Dad & VP

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Liv Jarman



Never give up, Be true to yourself, Remember to be still And The only way out is Through Loving you always, Mom, Dad, and Dusty

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Allison Michelle Pardue



You've been amazing since the day you were born! Never change. Let the adventure begin sweet girl! Our pride & love overflows! Mom, Dad, Easy-E, & Poohhh

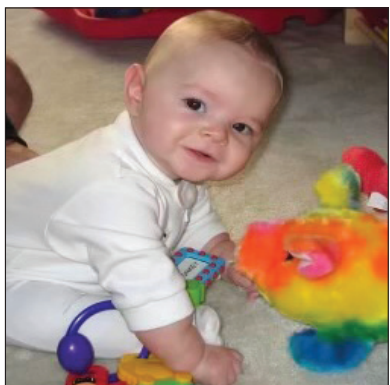
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Lola Oliverio



Lola, Keep shining like the ray of light you are! We love you so much and are always cheering for you! Love, Mom, Dad (& Moshi)

Griffin Christopher Bauer



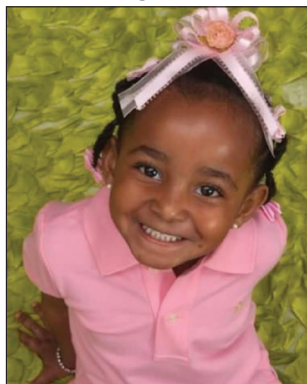
Griffin,
We always knew you were bound for big important things. And, this is only the beginning! Love you!
GO HEELS!
Aunt Brookie, Jim & Amanda

Erin M. Flanagan



Congratulations, Erin!
You have so much to be proud of. We are so proud of you. Keep climbing to new heights.
Love, Mom and Dad

Kayla Elizabeth Bryant



Kayla, your dedication and compassion inspire us. Watching your reach this milestone is a blessing. The future is yours
Dr. Bryant!
Love Mom and Dad

Jill Marie Flanders



Congratulations on all your accomplishments at UNC! I am beyond proud of you. Follow your dreams. The world awaits. I love you so much. Mom

Mia Laws



To say we're proud is an understatement. May your next chapter be filled with purpose, success, and happiness. Let your light shine bright!
Dad & ChaCha

Blake Cameron Townley



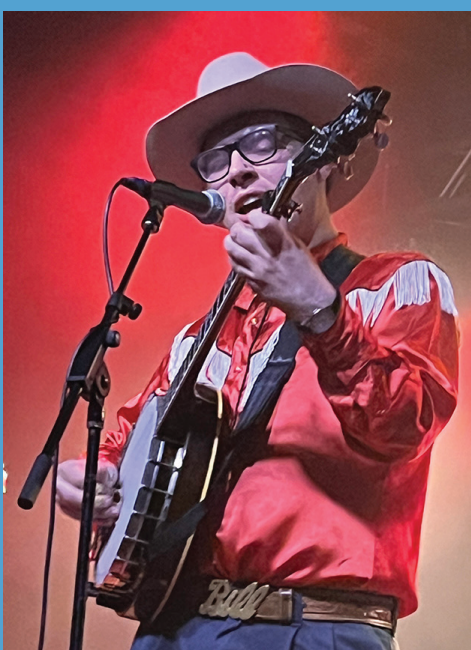
We are so proud of all you have accomplished. You have a bright future ahead!
Love, Mom, Dad and Mason

Griffin Christopher Bauer



Griff, You've always been strong in spirit, and watching you grow even stronger—inside and out—has been an honor. Carolina has been part of your story from the start, and as you graduate from UNC, you close this chapter and begin a new one. We are so proud of you! LYM!

Bill Moore



Bill, you amaze us every single day. We're so proud of you! We can't wait to see what happens next! Lots of love,
Mom and Dad

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Mary Beth Moss



MB, We have loved seeing you thrive and embrace your time at UNC! CONGRATULATIONS to our favorite Tar Heel! Dad, Mom, Katie, Jacob & Buddy

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Thad Moye



Congratulations on your graduation. Your passion and drive will continue to serve you well in law school and beyond. We could not be more proud.

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Courtney Mauldin



Congratulations, Courtney! We are so proud of you & your hard work. We can't wait to see what your future holds. Love, Mom and Dad

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Jack Bhojwani



We are endlessly proud of all you have accomplished. Congratulations Tar Heel Graduate! Your future is so bright. All our love, Mom, Dad, Kira, Ella

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Alex Bunch



CONGRATULATIONS! We are so proud of you!! Your faith, perseverance, and character have shone brightly throughout your UNC journey! We love you! Mom, Dad, & Zach

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Michael E. Foil



You did it!! We are extremely proud of all you have accomplished. Congratulations on being a Carolina graduate! Love, Mom, Dad, Matthew, Katie, & Kendall

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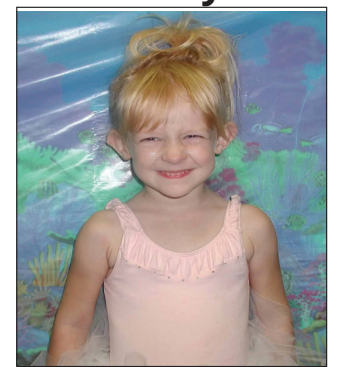
Josie Rosenstein



Congratulations Josie! Always a Tar Heel Girl. We are all so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Molly, Jonathan, Brady & Rudy

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Moira Kelly



The world is yours - go out and shine brilliantly. We love you endlessly and could not be prouder! Love, Mom, Dad, Finn & Teagan

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Annabelle Gallinek



Proud of you and the light that shines bright through you! Keep doing good work and chasing hard things. GO HEELS! Love, Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Taylor Fagan



Congratulations Taylor! We are all so Proud of you and your accomplishments at UNC, and looking forward to your next chapter at Wake Forest Law!

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Adrianna Rose Delgado



Congratulations our beautiful Adrianna! You have made us so proud! Keep shining, dreaming big, and chasing all your heart's desires. We love you! ❤️

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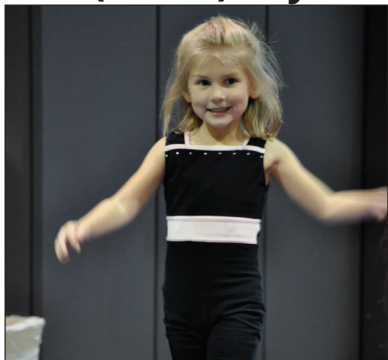
Kubrick Hilton



We're so proud of the wonderful young man you've become. We're excited to see where your dreams and perseverance will take you! Love always, M&D

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**Lauren Miller
(Millie) Fey**



It's been our pleasure watching you grow over the last four years. Remember to always take a chance on yourself! Love, Mom, Dad and Michael

UNC CLASS OF 2026

**Madison Ellen
McCaskill**



Congratulations to our Tar Heel! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We can't wait to see what your future holds! Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2026

**Sophia
Milliam**



We are beyond proud of the person you have become. Your perseverance has paid off, and we cannot wait to see what you do next!

UNC CLASS OF 2026

**Sadie
Donnelly**



What an incredible four years. You really are a rock star Sadie. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Robbie, and Brodie

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**Sydney Nicole
Caddell**



We are so proud of the work you've done and the lives you've impacted. You are leaving a lasting legacy! Congratulations! Love, Mom and Dad

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**Dylan Patel
Krakker**



Congrats to our Tar Heel! We are proud of your accomplishments and can't wait to see what your bright future holds! Love, Mom, Dad, & Priya

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**Owen
Bratten**



Congrats on your college grad, O! Thank you for the immense joy you bring into our lives. We love you dearly. Mom, Dad, and Ava

UNC CLASS OF 2026

**Jackson
Faenza**



Congratulations, Jackson! We are incredibly proud of you and constantly inspired by your kindness, sincerity, and perseverance. Forever a TAR HEEL! Love, Mom, Dad, & Ali.

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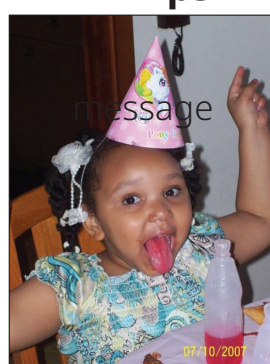
**Violet Grace
Worzella**



We are so proud of you for being a 2026 UNC graduate! Can't wait to see what the future holds for you. We love you!

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**Jaylyn Cheyenne
Phillips**



Congratulations Jaylyn! We're so proud of all your accomplishments. Continue to follow your passion and live the life you've always imagined. - Love, Team Phillips, Grandma & Grandpa

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**Madi
Stolarik**



Madi-Congratulations on your amazing achievement! We are very proud of you. May God bless your life always! Love You. Mom, Dad, Megan, and Willow

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**Riley
Fernandez**



You are driven & faithful! 'The Lord directs your steps,' Proverbs 16:9. We celebrate your success, leadership, & love for others. Love you! Mom, Dad, Regan & Reece

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Hailey E. Hofmann

Today we celebrate you! Your dedication, hard work and sleepless nights have all paid off! I could not be more proud of the woman you have become. Always know your worth and continue to chase your dreams.

My love for you is unmeasurable!

Love, Mom

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Riley Jo Holland



What an amazing journey you have begun! We are beyond elated to see what your future holds!
Love you big,
Dad, Mom, & Ryan

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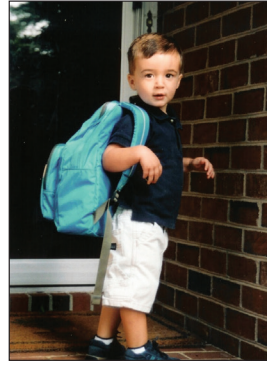
Colleen Emilia Jawgiel



We are so proud of you, Dolly! You worked so hard - you deserve the bright future ahead of you!
Love, Mom, Dad and Logan

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Keenan James Baker



From Cobb to Morrison to Hill Street, Colorado to Baltimore, Missouri to Oregon, Paris, & Greece... you have dreamed & written quite a story. Wail on!

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Mackenzi DeLay



We are so proud of your achievements and how you've embraced every opportunity at Carolina. Keep chasing your dreams. Best wishes in dental school!

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Anna Trotter



Anna, we are so proud of you! Congratulations on everything you've accomplished - wonderful things are ahead for you.
Much love, Mom, Dad, and Silas

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Jack Robert Thornburg



Dear Jack, You have worked so hard and we are so proud of you. Congratulations on this amazing achievement.
We love you!!
Mama and Daddy

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Madalyn Walls



We are so proud of you! Your future is bright, we can't wait to see where you go next!
Love, Mom, Dad, Chloe

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Asher Alexander



A childhood dream realized.
We are so proud of you baby boy!

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Nico Francis Olegario



Congratulations, Nico! We are so proud of you and know that you are off to do incredible things.

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Zachary Phillips Moose



We're so proud of you, Zach! Congratulations to you and the Class of 2026! Next stop - Eshelman School of Pharmacy!
Love, Mom, Dad & Hannah

UNC CLASS OF 2026



Laura Charlotte Rapazzo

To our dear, sweet, beautiful girl, Congratulations on your graduation!
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments at UNC. We wish you all the best as you move forward in life.
Love always, Mummy and Dad

Imagine This! *Smith Center Renovation and South Campus Village!*

UNC SOUTH CAMPUS EXPANSION AND DEAN E SMITH RENOVATION DISTRICT VISION

COMMITTED FOR A SMITH CENTER ON SOUTH CAMPUS

INFILL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

DEAN SMITH CENTER WELCOME PLAZA STATUES OF LEGENDS

REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY CONTEXT MAP

PROPOSED BUILDINGS

1. Dean E. Smith Center
2. Kenan Flagler
3. UNC Hospital
4. Kenan Memorial Stadium
5. Carolina Club
6. Bowman Stadium
7. Carmichael Arena
8. Marshall-Patterson Bell Tower Old Well
9. Old Well

USES

- Parking

— Proposed Street Connections Per Campus Master Plan

SOUTH CAMPUS VILLAGE STREET EXPERIENCE

VIBRANT MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT CREATING A DESTINATION STREET FOR THE CAMPUS AND BROADER COMMUNITY

SKIPPER BOWLES DRIVE TRANSFORMED TO A PEDESTRIAN FOCUSED PLAZA STREET

CAMPUS SOUTH CENTRAL LAWN

SKIPPER BOWLES DRIVE TRANSFORMED TO A PEDESTRIAN FOCUSED PLAZA STREET

CAMPUS SOUTH GARDENS

MAIN CAMPUS SOUTH PROSTAM PARK

EXPERIMENTAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE ENTERTAINMENT AND RETAIL OFFERINGS

ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN CONCEPT

PROPOSED BUILDINGS

1. Entertainment / Country Music Venue / Food + Beverage
2. Food + Beverage
3. Retail / Food + Beverage Below and Graduate and Family Housing Above
4. Retail / Food + Beverage Below and Graduate and Family Housing Above
5. Food + Beverage and Entertainment Space
6. Retail / Food + Beverage Below and Graduate and Family Housing Above
7. Hotel with Ground Level Retail and Village Market with For-Sale Housing Above
8. Retail / Food + Beverage
9. Retail / Food + Beverage Below and Graduate and Family Housing Above
10. Club Food + Beverage and VIP Event Space
11. Practice Gym + Player Development
12. Student Housing (approx. 400 Beds)
13. Potential Parking Deck
14. Potential Parking Deck

EXISTING BUILDINGS

13. Renovated Dean E. Smith Center
14. School of Business Parking Deck
15. Media and Communications
16. Koury Natatorium
17. William Athletic Center + Basketball Museum

PROPOSED LAND USES

- Retail
- Housing
- VIP Event Space / Player Development
- Hotel / Hospitality

ENHANCED REPRESENTATIVE PHOTOS OF PREMIUM CONCEPTS

BLUE LEVEL SEATING ENHANCEMENT CONCEPT

ARENA SEATING UPGRADES CONCEPT

VIP AREA ENHANCEMENT CONCEPT

SUITES ENHANCEMENT CONCEPT

BENEFITS ACHIEVED

Dean E. Smith Renovation and South Campus Expansion

Benefits Achieved

- Where There is A Will, There is A Way!
- On-Campus for students, faculty, alumni and more
- Legacy continues
- Winning continues
- True fans are present
- Recruits are in awe
- Maintain a 20,000+ seat arena
- Continue to be a leader in the nation in attendance
- Avoid dis-enfranchising fans who pursue lower cost tickets
- Improved Traffic
- Addition of restaurants and amenities spreads out traffic
- Traffic consultant and AI used to improve logistics and flow
- Creation of a rideshare lot
- Possible use of Mason Farm Road and Extension to Hwy 15/50
- Enhanced Fan Experience
- Restaurants/Bars
- Improved Concourses
- Additional Club VIP/Event area with new bathrooms
- New Court Level F&B and Bathrooms

Premium Seat Options
Courtside Club
Super Suites
The Ring Seats
Coaches Boxes at Top of Lower Level
Premium Suites on 2nd Level across from benches (optional)

Students are all lower level, behind the goals and in corners near court

3,465 Seats

New Practice Gym and Player Development Bldg - 20,937 SF
Practice Gym
Weight Room/Training Room
Hot/Cold Therapy
Film Room

A Village feel is created to serve South Campus, KFBS and UNC Health

Existing South Campus Beds - 5,000 Students
UNC Health employees - 7,200 People
KFBS Students - 2,700 Students
New Beds - 870
New Hotel/Condominiums - 180 Rooms
New Entertainment - 43,456 SF

Student Housing - 870 +/- new beds for students
580 beds for undergrads
276 beds for Graduate Students
14 beds for Mens Basketball Players (plus 2,500 sf Common/Game area)

Timing
Phased over 2 off seasons
No games at home are lost

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Brent Windley Holland



From crayons to coordinates. Walking by faith into what's next. Love, Mom "The Lord will guide you always." Isaiah 58:11

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Paige Lauren Prejean



We are so proud of you, Paige! Student, athlete, graduate! Go do big things!!! Love, Mom & Tim

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Smythe Lewis



We are proud beyond words! Loved watching you play drums at many UNC sporting events. Your talent and brilliance are amazing. Love, Mom and Dad

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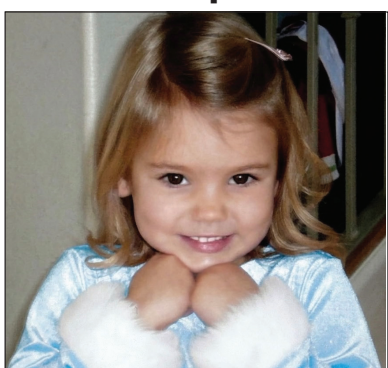
Charles Wilt



Congratulations Charles! We are beyond proud of you. Work hard, have fun, stay kind and trust yourself. Love you forever ❤️, Dad, Mom, James & Elliott

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Claire Elizabeth Scheper



Roses are red Carolina is blue Cheers to our 2026 Tar Heel Grad We are so proud of you! Love you, Mom, Dad and Luke

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Rachel Shaye Holden



Congratulations, Rachel! We are so proud of you and all you've accomplished as a UNC Tar Heel! You're simply amazing! Love you! Mom, Dad & Erika!

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Kiran Saini



Congratulations, Kiran!!! We are extremely proud of your accomplishments and excited for your next great adventure! Go Tar Heels! Much Love, Meera, Mom and Papa

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Isabella Cirincione



Congratulations Isabella! We're so very proud of your accomplishments and can't wait to see the great things that lie ahead! Love, Mom, Dad, and John

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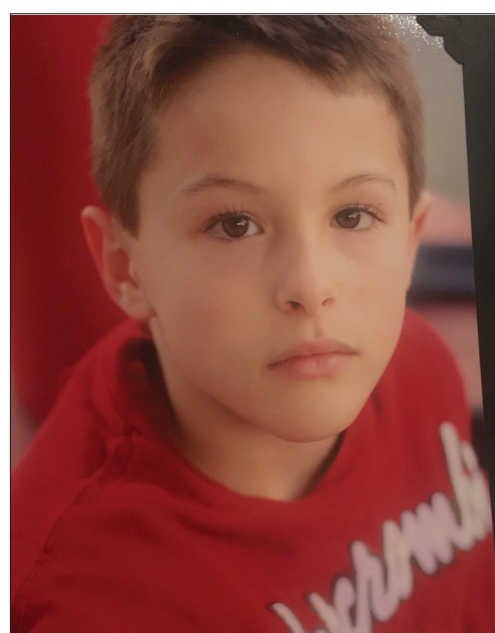
Lilly Laura Cox



We could not be more proud of you! This has been an unforgettable journey with more to come! We love you, Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2026

William Dabbs, MD



Congratulations! We are so Proud of You! Keep God, family and your goals as the priorities. Make A Difference! Love, Mom & Dad

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Emily Elizabeth Foley

Emily, Your journey for excellence at UNC has been a superb example of the promise that holds for those with determination and steadfastness. Your next chapter will be a life overflowing with surprising amounts of joy and tremendous promise of hope and opportunity for your immediate future in California.

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Julia Noelle Bucknavage



Congratulations Julia on your dedication, resilience, and excellence as an ACC Scholar-Athlete! You're truly amazing—your achievements shine, and your future is incredibly bright!

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Andrew Steven Davis



We are so proud of your incredible accomplishments as our King of the Hill! We love you so much, Ma, Cap and Weenie

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Jacob Hagop Gyoerkoe



You did it, Jacob! Congratulations on your graduation. So proud of all you've accomplished. The future is yours. Go Heels! Love, Dad, Mom, Kody & Zeke

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Shauntel A'Mya Matthews



YOU DID IT SHAUNTEL!! We are so proud of all you've accomplished. Continue to follow your dreams! We Love You Forever ~ Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Madison Elias



Congratulations Madison ! We are so proud of you ! We Love You So Much ! Mom, Dad, McKenzie, Alex, Fat Cat, Oliver, Zeus, Little Girl and Stella

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Hannah Cooper



Happy Graduation Hannah! We are so proud of you & your hard work (dbl major). Your next step obtaining your Master's will be Blessed! Love you!

UNC CLASS OF 2026



Giavanna Christina Bondi

Gia,

We are so proud of the strong, determined young woman you have become. You've embraced every opportunity and had an incredible journey through UNC. Congratulations to our 2026 Tar Heel grad. Your adventure is just beginning! All our love, Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Payton Bloom



Payton, We're so proud of you! Keep chasing your dreams, stay true to yourself, and never stop believing. Congratulations! We love you! Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Julia Froese



You inspire us with your endless hard work and dedication! Keep following your dreams, continue to shine, and enjoy the journey! We love you Julia!

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Colin O'Hagerty



A Tar Heel born, a Tar Heel bred! Congratulations on being a member of the Class of '26, Colin!! Love, the Buttercups

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Benjamin Ryan Parker



Congratulations Ben! We are so proud of all your hard work. Next stop... Grad School. Your future is so bright. Love, Mom, Dad, and Will

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Beau Holmes



Congratulations Beau! We are so proud of you! Love, Moosh, Zazz & Dresden. "We know what we are, but know not what we may be." - Shakespeare

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Dylan Lovejoy



Dylan-We are so very proud of you and all you've accomplished! This is just the start of your amazing journey! Love You! Mom, Dad & Kai

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Yash Gupta



Congratulations on your incredible path through Chapel Hill schools and UNC -- all the best in your continued life journey! Love Tanisha, Mom & Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Olivia E. Hammond



Congratulations Olivia!!! We're so elated by all you have achieved. Eager to see what new opportunities God provides you. Te queremos mucho, Dada, Mommy & Miguelito.

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Charlie A. Lum



Charlie, You did it!. You dreamed big, worked hard and graduated. We're so proud of you! The future is bright. Love you always, Mom & Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Elisabeth Catherine Caceres



You've always been our favorite Carolina girl. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what you do next!

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Chloe LeeAnn Redd



Chloe, your strength, heart, and determination have brought you so far. We are so proud of you! We love you, Momma and Steve

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Jerry Michael Grimes II



Congratulations, Jerry! Your accomplishments have been extraordinary beyond anything we could dream! Love, Dad, Mom, Jimmy, Tracey, Josh, Jordan, Tracy, and Alexandria

UNC CLASS OF 2026



Nathanael Gomes Tejeda



Nuestro hijo. We are and always have been proud of you and the man you have become. We love you and always will. God's blessings

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Erika Krasner



Congratulations Erika! I am so proud of you and all of your accomplishments at UNC. You are an amazing daughter! Love you always, Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Emma Grace Lewis



Congratulations, Emma!
"She believed she could, so she did." Keep believing, and live the life you have imagined. We are so proud! Love, Your Family

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Amanda Dale Hess



Congratulations, Amanda! We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. You make us so happy! Love you so much, The Fam

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Emily Claire Humes



We celebrate you and couldn't be more proud. Chase your dreams; and trust yourself. Forever a Tar Heel! We Love You Always.
Dad, Mom, Ava & Tucker

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Amelia Heide



Amelia, Congratulations on four wonderful years at UNC! We are so proud of you today and always! Love, Mom, Dad, and Abby

UNC CLASS OF 2026

Olivia Moran



Olivia, We are so incredibly proud of all your accomplishments and the incredible future you are creating for yourself. Congratulations, Love! Mom & Dad

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Benjamin Stephen James

Benjamin, watching your journey at Carolina has been such a joy. Congratulations on graduating with the Class of 2026. We are so proud of the young man you've become and know God has wonderful things ahead as you begin PT school at UNC. We love you always. Mom and Dad

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Tori Newby



We are so proud of you! Can't wait to see where you will go next! Congratulations!!!
Love, Mom, Dad, + Ally

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Spencer Dougherty



Congratulations Spencer!
We are incredibly proud of all your accomplishments and excited to see what your future holds. Go Heels!
Love, Mom and Dad

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Hailey Kay Pickard



From the first day to your last, we are so proud of you! Congratulations! Excited for your future!
We love you!
Mom & Family

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Zoe Bright



The future is Bright!
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Max

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Arrianna Elizabeth Zicatl



Ana,
Congratulations! We are proud of you!! Follow your dreams! I always knew you could do it! It's a big accomplishment!
Love, Kathy and Ray

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Leah Catherine Doyle



Congratulations, Leah. We are so proud of you! Onto the next chapter of your best life!
Love Mom, Dad, Joey and Jon

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Archer Graham



CONGRATULATIONS, ARCHER!!! We're so proud of you!!! We've cherished watching you grow up and know your future is bright!!
GO HEELS!!
Love, Mom, Dad & Alex

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Sidney Rose Brewer



Sidney, you've worked so hard for this moment. We're beyond proud. The world is yours. Go Army!
Love you to the moon & back - Mom & Dad

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Yazy Ulerio

Congratulations Yazy!
We are very proud of you!
Love you always,
Mami and Papi

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Timothy Davelle Little

Timothy-We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Congratulations on your graduation AND your acceptance into THE Ohio State University's School Psychology PhD program!
You are going to do great things!
A Tar Heel Born and A Tar Heel Forever!
We Love You, Mommy and Asya

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Yazzy Ulerio



Felicidades Yasmín!
Que dios te bendiga.
Con Mucho Amor
Abuelo y Abuela

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Tristan Moore



Congratulations, Toody!
Your accomplishments
shine and the mountains
you will move are
limitless. Beyond proud
and excited for your next
chapter. We love you!

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Angus Macaulay Lawton



Congratulations Angus!
We love you and are so
proud of you.
Love, Dad, Mom, and
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Abigail Bickings



You are forever a Tar
Heel who has made
wonderful memories and
lasting friendships the
past three years! We are
beyond proud of your
accomplishments!

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Jacqueline Rose Salazar Mansfield



We are so
proud of you!!
Congratulations
on your
accomplishments
and being a 2026
UNC Tar Heel
graduate.

Love, Your Family

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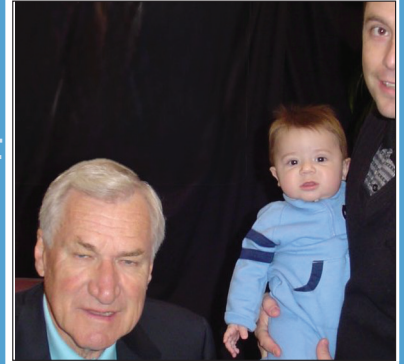
Emma Therese Lewis



Happy graduation Emma!
So proud of all you've
accomplished at Carolina
in the first step of following
your passion to veterinary
school. Love you!

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Evan Christopher Barr



We always knew you
were destined to be a Tar
Heel! We love you and
are proud of all you've
accomplished. Love
Mom & Dad

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Dianne Loren L. Celemen



Congratulations
our dearest
Dianne! We're
so proud of you.
You're beautiful
inside and out.
Enjoy the journey
chasing your
dreams, keep
dancing.
We love you!

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Tristen McLaurin



Congratulations,
Tristen! We are
so proud of your
accomplishments.
We look forward
to your continued
journey in life.
Love you!
Mom, Dad and
Tyler

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Anna Grace "AG" Patel



AG,
We love you and we
are proud of your
accomplishments as
a Tar Heel. We are
excited to celebrate your
graduation with you. ❤️



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Julia Hope Greene



You've traveled
far, turned lots of
pages, and cued
lots of vinyl.
We're so proud and
love you so much!
Mommy, Daddy,
Grace, and Alvin!

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Jordan Janiyah Gooch



Four years went by so quickly, but you made the most of it! We are so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad, Jaida, and Jermario

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Lindsey Alexa Torres



Lindsey, your family is so proud of you and loves you immensely. Today proves you CAN do it! Now on to your next success!

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Caroline Bellamy Blanton



Congratulations, Caroline! We're so proud of you & everything you have accomplished. Cheers, one final time at Bob's, to your bright future! Go Heels! Love you!

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Faith Elza Ilgner



Congratulations Faith! Such an amazing person, so full of life and love! We love you, so proud of you! Mom, Dad, Alex, Mimi and Pawpaw

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Emily Ann Lewis



Your UNC journey has been inspiring! You've embraced it all from academics, athletics, band and Newman. We're incredibly proud of you! Go Heels!

Love,
PLZAC

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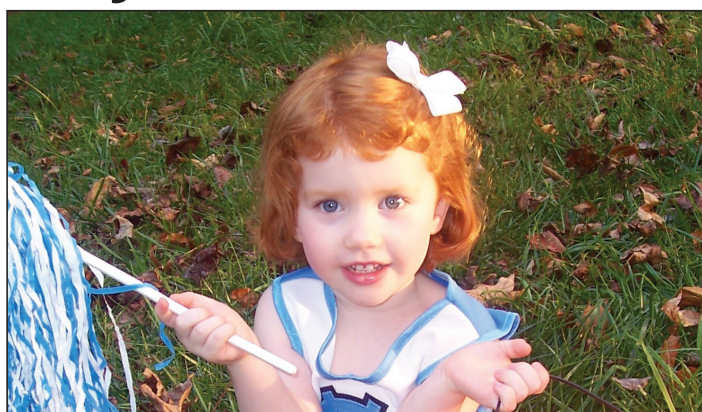
Jaydeep Singh Sehra



Congratulations! Your hard work has paid off. So proud of you! Your future is as bright as your smile! Love - Papa, Mama and Daman

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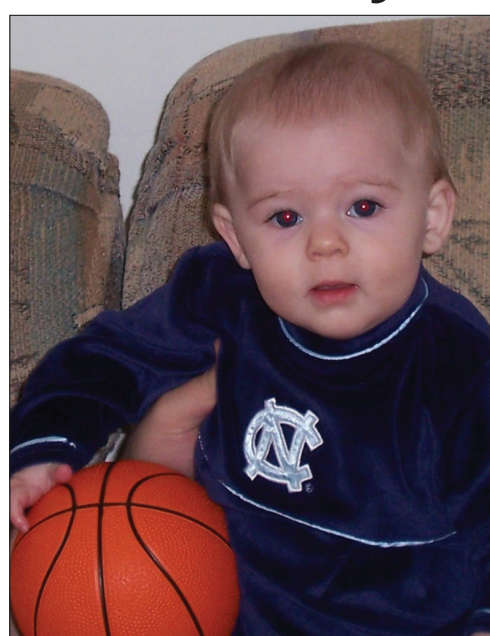
Layla Grace Williams



What an incredible Tar Heel you are! We could not be more proud and we could not love you more! Congratulations! Mom, Dad, Owen, & all!

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Emily Prusia



Emily, we are so incredibly proud of you and all of your amazing accomplishments! The sky is the limit for you!

Love, Mom & Dad

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Katherine Marianne Goldman

Kitty, Congratulations on your outstanding college career at UNC! You are resilient, resourceful, and determined to overcome every challenge! We are excited for your move from Chapel Hill to NYC! While the Big Apple awaits, you will forever be a Tar Heel! Love, Mom, Dad, Carson, Hope, Amanda & Clive

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Hailey Gaudoin Stone



From California to North Carolina, you were destined to be a Tar Heel! We couldn't be prouder of your hard work, perseverance, and dedication. GDTBATH!

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Conner Allen Proud



Congratulations Conner! We are so proud of you, your determined spirit and hard work! The best is yet to come! Love, Mom, Dad and Ryan

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Salomon Ariza



Congratulations! We are so proud of you! Dr. Salomon Ariza we wish you all the best. We love you so much! Diosito te acompañe siempre

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Molly Jahn



We're so proud of your accomplishments at Chapel Hill and can't wait to celebrate the next chapter of your life! Love, Dad, Mom, & Brody

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Lilly Triemstra



We are so proud of you Lilly! You were always and will forever be a Tar Heel! Love Mom, Dad, and Jakob

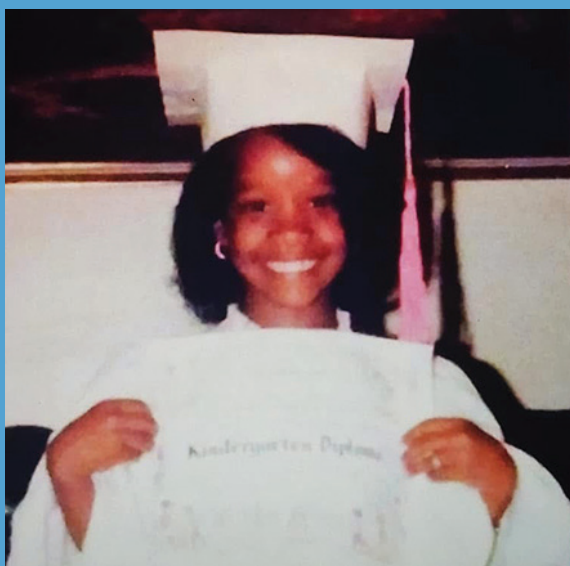
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Gigi Holliday



We are so proud of you! You are such a kind, enthusiastic, fun, and inquisitive young lady. We love you!

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Dr. Monica Davis

We are so proud of you, THE DR. MONICA DAVIS, on earning your Ed.D.! Your dedication, resilience, and passion for education inspire us all. Congratulations on this incredible achievement; cheering you on as you step boldly into your next chapter of leadership and impact! With love, from your family.

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Tyler James Skoniecki



Oh, the places you've gone! You have had many amazing accomplishments along the way and our pride is immeasurable. Love, Mom & Dad

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Leah Boff



We are so proud of you Leah! We know you have an exciting journey ahead. Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad and Laura

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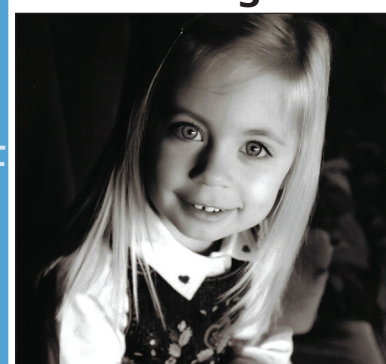
Elizabeth R. Tefft



Congratulations Elizabeth! We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Anna, & William

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Hannah Killough



Congratulations Hannah, we are so proud of you!

Love Mom, Dad & Carson

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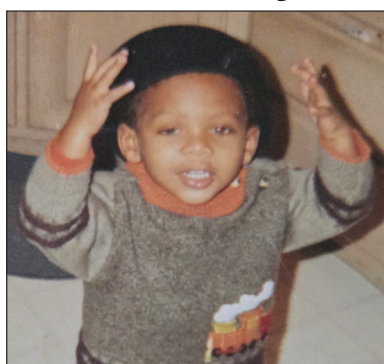
Caroline Daniels



Congrats, baby sunshine! Follow your faith and remember to enjoy the journey. Wishing you all the best in your next adventures. Love you bunches. GDTBATH!

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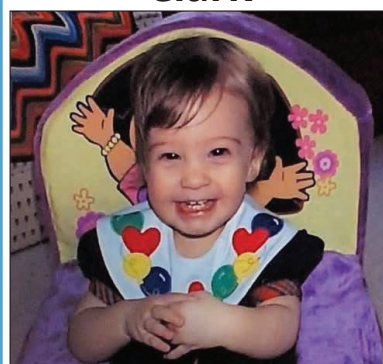
Avery D. Wilkerson Jr.



Avery, your UNC graduation is just the beginning. We're so proud! The sky is the limit for your future. God Bless! Love Mom and Dad

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Sierra Noel Clark



Congratulations SoulHoney! Manifest your dreams! Enjoy the journey, it's all God's grace. The world is yours, you're beyond capable. Improve the world, Sierra. Love Dad.

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Ashton Lyn Wooten



Ashton, you were a Tar Heel born and have always been our priceless gem. We are so proud of you! Go shine your light! Numbers 6:24-26

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Cathryn Faith Paquet



Congratulations, Cat— you did it!

Oh, the places you will go...

May your life be full of adventure and joy.

Love, Mom & Dad

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Grace Ann Vallone



Congratulations Grace! What a special four years it has been at UNC! We are so very proud of you!



Love, Mom, Dad, & Luca Joshua 1:9

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Caroline O'Neal

Hark the sound of Tar Heel voices, always reminding you of where you've been and the strength you carry forward! Listen also to and trust your inner voice, shaped and steadied by God's grace. Go forth boldly, knowing you are forever a Tar Heel!

We love you! Mom and Dad

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Claire Adcock



We are proud of all your accomplishments AND your kind heart. After four years of work, we hope you sleep like in this baby picture!

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Evelyn Shea



Congratulations, Evelyn! We love you and are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished! Love, Mom, Dad, and Cam

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Dexter Cerrone

Congratulations, Dexter! May this mark the launch of an extraordinary journey filled with limitless possibilities and profound joy. Your perseverance, curiosity, and grit will shape a brighter world. We're endlessly proud of you. Keep shining, Sunshine! Once a Tar Heel, always a Tar Heel! Love, Mom & Dad.

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Mary Eva Esposito

Many congratulations, Mary, on a UNC career well done! SO proud of you. Your creativity, tenacity, compassion, craftivism, and intellect are exemplary. We love you, Mom, Dad, Addie, Emma, Coco and Bear. *"Invest in the world, invest in the future, invest for the better. Invest in your vision."* - David Gardner

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Josue "Josh" Saucedo

Congratulations Josh, we are so proud of you! God Bless. You've poured yourself into this journey. Trust God, shine and let Him guide your hands. The world is blessed to gain a nurse with your tenderness and heart. You were meant for this. Love Mom, Dad, Ben and Abby.

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Brooke Erin Eisenberg

Congrats to our Bee! Watching you grow into such an accomplished, driven woman has been our greatest joy! We are so proud! Love, Mom & Dad

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Mia Elizabeth Pitts

Mia, Our Beautiful, Bubbly, Baby!
Congratulations on your graduation from UNC Chapel Hill!
God Bless You! We love you!
Jada Elizabeth, M♥M,
Gloria Elizabeth, Gigi

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Alyssa Marie McCammon

God's faithfulness shines through you! We are so proud, deeply grateful, and richly blessed to walk this journey with you, now and always! ♥ Mom & Dad

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Samantha Grace Ingraham

Congratulations!! We are so very proud of you! A third generation Tar Heel! Great adventures await you! Your light will shine brightly!
Love, Mom & Alexis

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Connor Rosenbaum

Congratulations on being a 2026 UNC Tar Heel graduate! We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Caroline and Caleb

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Brian Surlless

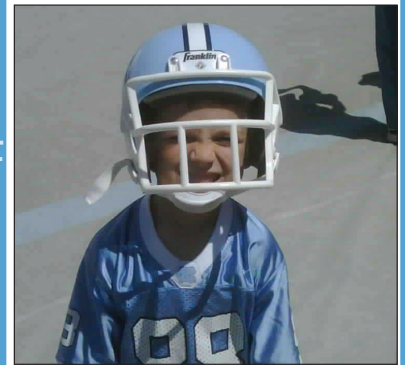
Congratulations Brian! You worked hard and played hard! We are so incredibly proud of you and all that you have accomplished at UNC! ♥

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Jackson Claybrook Taylor

Congratulations, Claybrook! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments at UNC!
We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Anna

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Cooper Sutherland

We so proud of you and everything you've accomplished! This is only the beginning!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Ashleigh, and McKenna

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Molly Forbes Zolotor

Molly, We are so proud of you and can't wait to see the next chapter. Love, Mom, Dad, Anna & Daisy

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Agustin Sallette

Congratulations Agustin! You did it! We love you so much and couldn't be prouder of your achievement! Keep believing in yourself!
Cata, Ben, Mom & Dad.

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William Hamilton Hayward

We are incredibly proud of you! Congratulations on your success at UNC. Keep following your dreams and aiming high! Forever a Tar Heel! Love you!

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Griffin Christopher Bauer

Griffin, I still see that sweet, kind little boy - and now look at you, graduating from UNC! I couldn't be more proud of you. Love, Nana

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Joy LaPrincess Aikens

Congrats Joy! We're so proud of you—you went above and beyond. Your dedication paid off and we now have a lawyer.
Love you!

Mom & Family

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Taylor Scott

So proud of you Taylor! Always remember you are the better blue!! Let the adventures begin.

GDTBATH!!
XOXO-Mom, Dad,
Jordan, Bailey & Dubi

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Zane Abdeen Alsebai



Congratulations to our beloved Zane! Your love for the world, curiosity, and inventiveness shine bright with your every move. We are so proud of you!

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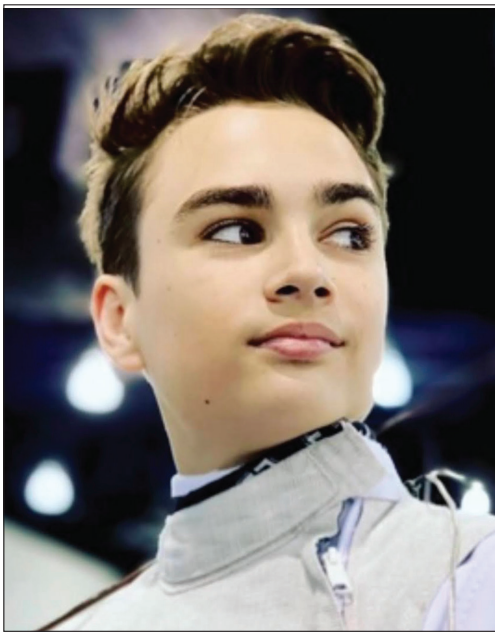
Savannah Grace Badgett



Congratulations Savannah!!!
So proud of all your dedication and determination. Embrace your next journey and shine your light on the world!
Love you,
Mom & Dad

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Logan Gatza



He came for a degree—and somehow mastered both fencing and dancing. So if life challenges him, he'll either parry it—or turn it into a dance move.

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Samantha Cohan



We are overflowing with pride — GDTBATH!
Wishing you a future as bright, boundless, and AMAZING as you are!
We love you always.
Mom & Dad

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Ava Grace DeCesaris



A Carolina Girl from childhood. And now a Dual Degree Diva in 2026!
Truly Tar Heel Born and Tar Heel Bred!
We Love You Lots

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Gabriel Lance Tanner Baity



Tanner,
Continue to seek the wisdom of God and stand firm in the faith.
Congratulations!
Go Heels!
With love,
Dad, Mama,
Taylor, and Beau Tucker

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Nicholas Jones

We are so Proud of you.
You have a bright future ahead.
Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

It's a #GDTBATH!
Love You, Your family

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Sophia Alexandra Luper



Congratulations to our funny, smart, beautiful and talented baby girl! Go do amazing things and spread your wings and fly! We love you!! Mom and Dad, Nana and Pawpaw and Nana and Papa

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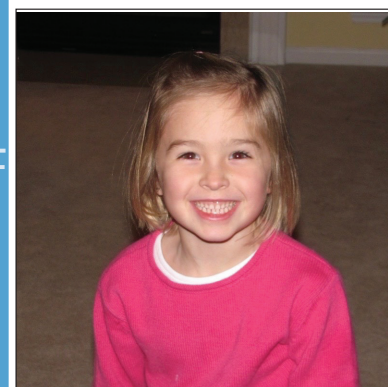
Paola Corleto



¡Muchas felicidades, Pao! Keep putting your whole heart into everything. I'm so happy to share this milestone. Excited for our next chapter together! Love, Hermes

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Emily Neale Gessner



We are so proud of the woman you have become! We can't wait to see what plans God has for you! Love, Mom and Dad

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Jordan Elizabeth Baum



Dear Jordan, We are so proud of you & your achievements! Congratulations on graduating Class of 2026! You are a Tar Heel! Love, Mom, Dad, Taylor

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Cormac Michael Lawrence Baxter



Cormac, It is a profound privilege to be your parents. You teach us every day, about love, kindness, joy, gratitude and humility. Go forth with gusto!

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Jake Williams



Congratulations, Jake! You've made us proud from Day One! Now get out there and turn the Upside-Down Right-Side-Up! We Love You! Mom, Dad, Coleman, & Fletcher

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Rachel Elizabeth Moody



We are so blessed to be your parents and proud beyond words of all you have accomplished! Never forget...It's always a GDTBATH!

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Kinsley S. Huskey



We are so proud of our "Carolina Girl" Congratulations on your graduation! We will always be your biggest fans! Love, Mom, Dad, Karsyn, Konnor & Kam

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Amaria Montes De Oca - Gonzales



Watching you grow from a little girl into a graduate is our greatest honor. From MA, FL, and GA to NC, you've thrived with resilience. May this degree build a life of passion and purpose. We love you! Tar Heel 2026!

Love Mom, Grandma, Richard, and Ajani

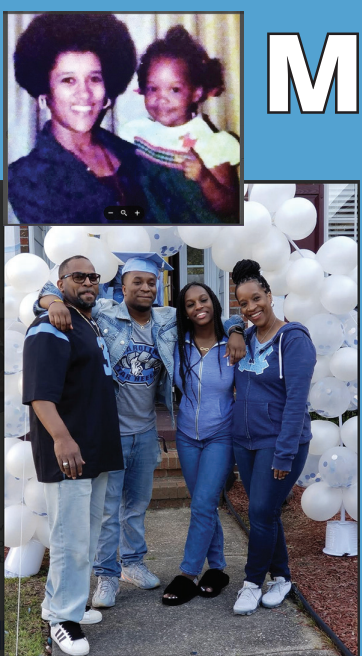


UNC students walk to class, bask in the sun, take photos and enjoy being together on Polk Place on Monday, April 27, 2026 — the last day of classes for the spring semester.
DTH/MICHAEL PEARSON

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Monica D. Davis

Congratulations, Dr. Monica Davis. Your strength, dedication, and brilliance have brought you to this incredible achievement. We admire you more than words can express and feel so lucky to stand beside you. You inspire us every day. We love you deeply and am endlessly proud of the Wife, Mother and woman you are.



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