



# THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

## COMMENCEMENT

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024**

**10 A.M.**

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & EARTH AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

KLEIN COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

**3 P.M.**

COLLEGE OF ARTS + ARCHITECTURE

BELK COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATICS

CATO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

WILLIAM STATES LEE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024**

**10 A.M.**

DOCTORAL HOODING CEREMONY

**3 P.M.**

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

DALE F. HALTON ARENA

JAMES H. BARNHARDT STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER

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## GREETINGS FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your graduation! While you have done the hard work, this is also a day for your family, friends and faculty members to celebrate.

UNC Charlotte was established in 1946 as a center offering evening classes to serve veterans returning from World War II. Over our short, but remarkable history, we've grown to become North Carolina's urban research university with more than 31,000 students. Our university has a rich history of making the dream of higher education a reality for students, in North Carolina and beyond. Our many accomplishments have been made possible by the extraordinary students, exceptional faculty and staff, dedicated alumni, generous friends and strong leaders who helped us move forward.

Great things are happening at Charlotte. Since 2020, Charlotte is one of the 10 fastest-rising universities in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report*, ascending to No. 81 among public universities for 2025. Further, Charlotte is the only public university in North Carolina to be included in their "Most Innovative Schools" category. It's exciting to see Charlotte recognized for the work we're doing to help students of all backgrounds succeed. With record research expenditures, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* is projecting Charlotte will officially become a top-tier, or R1, research university in early 2025, increasing the value of your degree and further broadening our impact on our region and state.

What is happening – collectively and simultaneously – is happening only at Charlotte. You should be proud of the degree you have earned from UNC Charlotte, as it provides you with much more than career opportunities. Throughout your time at Charlotte, you have grown intellectually, emotionally and socially through lively classroom discussions, campus activities and internships. You have had opportunities to interact with individuals from other cultures and to engage in the greater Charlotte community.

I speak for the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and friends when I offer congratulations, and tell you that we are proud of your accomplishments. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this significant journey in your life.

You are now beginning a new relationship with the University as a proud member of the UNC Charlotte Alumni Association, more than 178,000 strong, across the globe. Use this network, get involved and stay engaged. May your Niner pride grow stronger as the years go by, and may you continue to cherish the friendships and memories you made on campus. Most importantly, always remember that wherever you go, you are a 49er!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon L. Gaber".

Sharon L. Gaber  
Chancellor

## UNC CHARLOTTE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Dennis N. Bunker III '81, a native of Salisbury, North Carolina, began his commercial real estate career in 1981 after graduating from UNC Charlotte with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. His early work in the industry consisted of self-investing in real estate, general brokerage and construction. Since 1991, his company, Bunker Land Group, has actively engaged in the development and investment of commercial real estate and provided site selection services for development and investment partners and clients. Property types include multi-family, single-family, retail, mini-storage, hotel, industrial and mixed-use.

Bunker is an advocate for higher education and continuing education in the real estate industry. He has attained the prestigious professional designations of Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) and Member of the Appraisal Institute (MAI), along with a Master of Science in Real Estate Development from Columbia University.

Bunker previously served as President of our Alumni Association, Director of the University Foundation Board and was inducted into the Charlotte Alumni Hall of Fame in 2012. He was appointed to the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees in 2017 and has held the roles of secretary (2019-21), vice chair (2021-23) and chair (2023-current).

*The UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees also includes Dontá L. Wilson '97, Vice Chair; Sasha J. Weintraub, Secretary; John A. Bailey '94; Geoffrey D. Gray; Wendy J. Grubbs '83; J. Brett Keeter '99; Hugh L. McColl, Jr.; Thomas M. Scrivener; Lawrence J. Shaheen, Jr.; Michael J. Smith; ; Teross W. Young, Jr. '93; and Isaiah J. Grayson '24, Student Body President.*



The current University logo was adopted in August of 2021 and captures the trailblazing spirit of UNC Charlotte: a strong and powerful institution, boldly charging into the future, much like the city we call home. The centerpiece is a distinctive mark called the "All-In C" that places the classic 49ers' gold-mining pick inside a collegiate-inspired "C" with beveled corners. It is an icon that represents the power to break new ground, the persistence to discover the unknown and the promise to build the future. The 9-degree forward tilt illustrates the brand's positive energy and forward momentum. The new University mark, along with the 2020 athletics mark, was designed by Todd Aldridge '92, a distinguished alumnus of UNC Charlotte's College of Arts + Architecture and president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

## UNC CHARLOTTE BELL

The UNC Charlotte Bell, which for many years hung in the belfry of the old Elizabeth School at East Fifth Street and Travis Avenue in Charlotte, was given to Charlotte College in 1963 to be rung on ceremonial occasions.

It has been rung on special occasions including March 2, 1965, when Charlotte College became the fourth branch of the University of North Carolina System and on August 11, 2010, to celebrate clearing the final hurdle to field UNC Charlotte's football team.



## COMMENCEMENT BELL RINGERS

The ringing of the UNC Charlotte Bell at Commencement is an honorable tradition that recognizes an outstanding student leader who has demonstrated exemplary 49er spirit.

The student leaders chosen to ring the bell for the Commencement ceremonies are **Saafa A. Shahriar** (Friday morning), **Simone P. Tezzo** (Friday afternoon), **Mehdi Morovati** (Saturday morning), **Syreeta I. Taylor** (Saturday afternoon).

## TURNING OF THE TASSEL

In earlier times, universities awarded each graduate a hood signifying their academic station. Over the years, the hood for undergraduates has been replaced by a tassel. Tradition requires that before graduation the tassel is worn on the right hand side of the cap. After graduation, as a symbol of a new degree holder, the tassel is worn on the left.

**Grace M. Cooper**, Senior Class President, will lead the undergraduate candidates in the turning of the tassel.



## BONNIE E. CONE, OUR FOUNDER (1907-2003)

Bonnie E. Cone, the founder of UNC Charlotte, served the institution from its earliest days in 1946. Beginning as a teacher that year, she became director of the Charlotte Center of the University of North Carolina in 1947. She persuaded the legislature to keep the institution alive in 1949 when it was scheduled to close, resulting in the establishment of Charlotte College, which she served as president. The College became a four-year, state-supported institution in 1963. Cone was given her greatest acclaim for leading the successful campaign to convert Charlotte College into The University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1965. She then served as vice chancellor for student affairs until her official retirement. She is interred in Van Landingham Glen on the campus she loved and to which she dedicated her life.

# EXPLANATION OF HONORS PROGRAMS, MERIT SCHOLARS AND ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

**Honors:** The Honors College at UNC Charlotte provides students robust experiences crossing academic, cultural, community and personal contexts, including undergraduate research, engagement with cultural variety and the creation of community within the University and across the Charlotte metropolitan area. The College supports students as they become agents of their own vision, developing intellectually, culturally and civically.

In all aspects of the Honors College experience, faculty, staff and students embody:

- Intellectual curiosity and growth
- Collaboration and mutual investment in excellence as scholar citizens
- Diversity, inclusion and equitable access
- Integrity and trustworthiness
- Treating all with dignity and respect

**University Honors Program:** Directly administered by the Honors College, the University Honors Program (UHP) is the oldest and largest multi-year honors program at UNC Charlotte, welcoming students from any major. As an interdisciplinary honors program, UHP encourages students to integrate learning from multiple academic disciplines with their own lived experiences, creating new knowledge that is more than just the sum of its parts. Our students put their learning into practice through electing an annual Honors Core Experience such as an internship, undergraduate research, community service or study abroad. To graduate with University Honors, a student must: complete all program requirements, including 20 hours of honors coursework; maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and a 3.2 grade point average in honors courses; and receive a grade of "A" on the honors capstone thesis or project.

**Department/College Honors:** To graduate with honors recognition in a department or college honors program, a student will be recommended by the program's honors committee if they meet the grade point averages required (i.e., cumulative, in the department/college, and in honors courses), as well as complete the following:

- All required honors courses
- An honors capstone thesis or project, and receive an "A" for that course
- Any additional requirements specified by the program

**Dual Honors:** Students must complete requirements for a department or college honors program in addition to the requirements and coursework for either the University Honors Program or the Business Honors Program.

**Merit Scholarships:** Albert Scholars, Freeman Scholars, Johnson Scholars, Levine Scholars and Martin Scholars are recipients of major four-year merit scholarships funded by University donors. Students participate in programming that fosters intellectual, social and civic engagement and must continue to meet all scholarship conditions.

<https://levinescholars.charlotte.edu>, <https://honorscollege.charlotte.edu/about-us/merit-scholarships>

**Graduation with Honors:** Honors and merit scholars receive a notation on their transcript and a certificate. Honors and merit scholars' graduation regalia includes custom-designed medallions and stoles denoting the honors and merit scholar programs.

**Graduation with Academic Distinction:** Undergraduate degrees are awarded *Summa Cum Laude* when the graduate's cumulative grade point average is 3.9 to 4.0, *Magna Cum Laude* when the grade point average is 3.7 or above but less than 3.9 and *Cum Laude* when the grade point average is 3.4 or above but less than 3.7. To be eligible to graduate with academic distinction, a student must earn a grade point average computed on at least 48 semester hours of credit completed in residence at UNC Charlotte. Honor cord colors are green/white for *Summa Cum Laude* graduates, white for *Magna Cum Laude* graduates and green for *Cum Laude* graduates.

*All notations for honors are based upon student achievements as of the preceding term and are tentative. Final determination of graduation with honors or with distinction is made upon completion of the student's final term.*

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY LEADERS

Jeanette M. Bennett, Joanne M. Kendrach, Oscar E. Lansen, Patricia G. Mynatt, Laura B. Sharpe

## UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

### FRIDAY MORNING

Mark I. West

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Erik J. Byker

### SATURDAY MORNING

Lisa M. Russell-Pinson

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Margaret Quinlan

## FACULTY MARSHALS

Cathy E. Blat  
Banita W. Brown  
Lauren Coffey  
Debra Diegmann  
Abasifreke U. Ebong  
Paloma Fernández Sánchez  
Cynthia Fox  
Julie Goodliffe  
Lee E. Gray  
Melanie L. Harris

Cathy Howell  
Jill S. Huerta  
Min Jiang  
David Johnson  
Cheryl Kane  
Linwood W. Kearney  
Joanna Krueger  
Shanti Kulkarni  
Janaka Lewis

Juliana Marino  
Joshua P. Miller  
M. Taghi Mostafavi  
Marissa B. Nesbit  
Tisha Perkins Greene  
Teresa Petty  
Jordan Poler  
Drew Polly  
Harini Ramaprasad

Natasha N. Randle  
Lisa Rasmussen  
Lisa M. Russell-Pinson  
Ronald Smelser  
Shankari N. Somayaji  
Meredith Troutman Jordan  
Evan Wantland  
Johnna W. Watson  
Aura Young

## STUDENT MARSHALS

### FRIDAY MORNING CEREMONY

Patricia Arana-Carbalal  
Sophia E. Batista  
Quinn Buchanan

Lydia A. Elder  
Coral B. Hatch  
Emily D. Hoyle

Zihui Qiu  
Christian A. Schefer

Luis H. Tejada  
Mandy Williams

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Michaela R. Barber  
Ethan J. Bordeman  
Corey D. Dargan

Karunya Karthikeyan  
Nicole M. Lane  
Carly K. N. Ly-Hang

Eliza M. Stallings  
Austin M. Stitz  
Joshua L. Taylor

Hannah A. Wilson  
Audrey L. Young

### SATURDAY MORNING CEREMONY

Haley M. Cooper  
Jessica L. Hawkins

Michael Nyannay

Ameante Payen

Clysha S. Whitlow

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Sarah M. Cho  
Taylor Harrington

Riya V. Kalburgi

Maitree S. Patel

Emma C. Wakeman

*The honor of being a student marshal goes to juniors who have the highest cumulative grade point average among full time students during the previous two semesters.*

*The honor of being a Graduate School student marshal goes to students who exemplify outstanding academic and leadership skills.*

**DECEMBER 2024 COMMENCEMENT**  
**FRIDAY MORNING CEREMONY**  
**COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & EARTH AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**KLEIN COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

FRIDAY MORNING CEREMONY

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| <i>The National Anthem</i> .....                                | Jack C. Richardson<br>Bachelor of Music                                                                            |
| <i>Welcome</i> .....                                            | Sharon L. Gaber<br>Chancellor                                                                                      |
| <i>Greetings from the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees</i> ..... | Dennis N. Bunker III<br>Chair, Board of Trustees                                                                   |
| <i>Greetings from the Graduating Class</i> .....                | Jeremiah A. Morris<br>Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies<br>Bachelor of Arts, English                     |
| <i>Recognition of the Graduates</i> .....                       | Jennifer L. Troyer<br>Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs                                             |
| <i>Ringing of the UNC Charlotte Bell</i> .....                  | Saafa A. Shahriar<br>Bachelor of Science, Biology                                                                  |
| <i>Conferral of Degrees</i> .....                               | Chancellor Gaber<br>and Provost Troyer                                                                             |
| <i>Turning of the Tassel</i> .....                              | Grace M. Cooper<br>Senior Class President<br>Bachelor of Arts, Political Science<br>Bachelor of Science, Economics |

*The Commencement program is printed prior to administering final examinations. Therefore, the inclusion of names of degree candidates in the program is not certification that degree requirements have been satisfactorily completed.*

# GREETINGS FROM THE GRADUATING CLASS

JEREMIAH A. MORRIS

BACHELOR OF ARTS, INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES  
BACHELOR OF ARTS, ENGLISH



Good morning, Chancellor Gaber, Provost Troyer, Dean Boyer, Dean Tudor-Locke, Dean Donovan-Merkert, esteemed Board members, faculty, family, friends and the graduating Class of 2024!

Good morning Niners:

Hello, everyone. My name is Jeremiah Morris, and today I will be graduating with my degrees in both English and Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Women's and Gender studies. Originally from Newark, New Jersey, I moved to North Carolina in 2017 and graduated from Jay M. Robinson High School, and today, I celebrate another milestone with all of you – a moment that feels surreal as it is special.

Class of 2024, this is our moment. It's a tremendous honor to stand here today representing each of you, my fellow graduates. We've all taken different paths to get here, yet today, we are united in celebrating our hard work, resilience, and growth. From countless late night student sessions, in Atkins library or dorm rooms, to those late-minute project rushes where we pushed beyond what we thought possible. Each of us has a unique story that represents our culture that is worth celebrating.

For me, UNC Charlotte has been more than a university; it's been a place of discovery, growth and transformation. I've had the incredible privilege of working with some of the brightest minds, including Dr. Janaka Bowman Lewis and Reverend Dr. Michelle Meggs, serving as their Research and Program Assistant. These roles taught me not only the value of hard work and collaboration but also the power of advocacy, research and making meaningful change. As a College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences Ambassador, I've had the honor of guiding others and promoting the importance of diverse disciplines that shape the world we live in.

And while I've learned a lot at UNC Charlotte, my grandmother has her own way of teaching lessons – usually through a perfectly timed phone call or text. Somehow, she always knows exactly when I'm about to go out and have fun. Without fail, the text comes in, "Where are you?" Now, I've learned from experience that if I respond, it's going to lead to a lecture about why I shouldn't go out and hang out with my friends. So sometimes I've learned to pretend that I don't see the message.

But here's the thing about my grandmother – she doesn't give up. If I don't answer, the next text is "I'm calling Joe." And sure enough, a few minutes later, my Uncle Joe, her son, texts me with a simple, "Hey, kid." That's how I know I am in trouble.

Still, my grandmother has stuck with me. She always says, "Warning comes before destruction." It's her way of reminding all of us that life often gives us signs - if we stay attentive, listen and act, we can navigate even the toughest challenges with grace and clarity.

There's a quote by Toni Morrison that has stayed with me: "You wanna fly, you got to give up the thing that weighs you down." I believe that we all relate to that in some way. To reach this day, we had to let go of certain fears, doubts, and sometimes even comfort of staying within our comfort zones. Yet here we are, ready to take flight stronger and more capable than ever.

And we didn't get here alone. Our achievements are shared with those around us, our families, friends, mentors, and professors – who have encouraged, mentored, carried us along this journey called life. Class of 2024, let's stand and give them a huge round of applause for all they've done to help us reach this milestone.

As we look to the future, I hope we carry forward the courage we've developed here to face whatever comes our way. We're ready to contribute, to lead, and to rise. In the words of Poet Maya Angelou, "*You may shoot me with your words, You may cut me with your eyes, You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, I'll rise.*"

Each of you shall and will stand on the rise! Rise up!

Class of 2024, congratulations! Here's to new adventures, to flying high and rising to the many opportunities and possibilities waiting ahead.

# CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### DR. CATRINE TUDOR-LOCKE, DEAN

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

##### Exercise Science

Alyssa Aleman  
Woodson Noble Alexander  
Katelyn Grace Allen *Magna Cum Laude*  
Adamary Avendano Hernandez  
Kayla Lee Barbee *Magna Cum Laude*  
Matthew Anthony Beam  
Lauren Elise Berg *Summa Cum Laude*  
Abigail Jean Berrier *Cum Laude*  
Francesca Bianchi  
Emre Elizabeth Blackwell  
Sydney Cheyenne Brown  
Alexander Joseph Camuto *Cum Laude*  
Sophia Rae Capeles *Cum Laude*  
Grason Eli Carlton  
Tuqaiyyah Shervon Clegg  
Nathaniel Russell Colonair  
Daniella Abigail Cruz *Cum Laude*  
Cayla Thi Curry  
Caitlin I. Dailey  
Randy Dang *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gabryiel Salvador Adducul Daniel  
Jamique Tajawon Daniel  
Jared Ryan Davis  
Christian Chase Dillard  
Kevin N. Gallagher  
Joanna Garcia-Carrera  
Kacie Jennifer Gavilanes  
Allison Rene Gould *Cum Laude*  
Diana Inna Grubnyak *Cum Laude*  
Devin Ross Harwood  
Amal F. Hijazi  
Brooklynn Don Houston  
Ryan Andrew Howe *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jonah Graham Hydzik  
Jalen Levar Jefferson  
Laila Victoria Jeffries  
Jaina Catherine Kelly *Summa Cum Laude*  
Aidan James Kilgannon  
Brandon Hae Sung Kim *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kaitlyn Mackenzie Knight  
Sabrina Larscheid  
Eve M. Lekach *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mohamed Karam Mabrok  
Selena M. Marashdih  
Kylie Riddell Mayhall  
Gabrielle Nicole McCullough  
Shannon Denise McShane  
Jaime Gustavo Membreño Escobar *Cum Laude*  
Haylee Makenna Wooten Miller  
Jayna Elise Morrison  
David Tri Ngo  
Emmanuel Ninayah  
Brendan Nigel Norfleet  
Arley Orellana Cruz *Cum Laude*  
Baylee Yvette Parham

Madison Cummings Passer *Cum Laude*  
Jinal Sanjaykumar Patel  
Skylar Rose Peddle *Cum Laude*  
Jonathan K. Perez *Cum Laude*  
Ian Patrick Pilcher *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alivia Anna Price  
Matthew Gino Pulido  
Farid Hilmi Qubbaj  
Kayla Monet Randolph *Cum Laude*  
Maya Catherine Ritenis  
Garrett Benjamin Smith  
Katelyn Marie Sweeney  
Bassidy Sylla *Cum Laude*  
Ta'siah Mary Mar'shae Tate  
Grace Elizabeth Thacker *Cum Laude*  
Kelly Amanda Thurrott  
Lauren Nicole Tuttle *Magna Cum Laude*  
Karla Gabriela Velez *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kenya R. Vigil *Summa Cum Laude*  
Taylor Nicole Walker  
Nicholas J. Wedra  
Emma Claire Wheeler *Magna Cum Laude*  
Chelsea Danielle Williams  
Gregory Shamar Williams  
Taylor Zhykiera Williams  
Tsua Yang

##### Health Systems Management

Mohammed A. Al-Nashir *Summa Cum Laude*  
Clarke Kennedy Alexander *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lismary Altagracia Almonte  
Joseph Ryan Alvarez  
Deandre Tyshon Anderson  
John Henry Anderson IV  
Trevor D. Anibal  
Jaden Panda Askew  
Natalya Aziz *Cum Laude*  
Macey Elise Bader *Magna Cum Laude*  
Julco K. Bajangi  
Brenda Nyanchoka Basweti  
Grace Therese Beimler *Magna Cum Laude*  
Abigail Elizabeth Bendel *Cum Laude*  
Kindal Ashley Briggs  
Joi Imani Briscoe  
Camden Jerome Burden  
Emma Dalton Carter  
Reese Cassidy *Summa Cum Laude, University Honors*  
Madison Rhea Castoe *Cum Laude*  
K'monie Tierra Chavies  
Demon Toye Clowney  
Josie Cody *Summa Cum Laude*  
Cecily Corinne Colvin  
Kenia Yareli Cuadra  
Danaysia M. Darden *Cum Laude*  
Naeem Amir Davis  
Jumanah F. Deeb *Magna Cum Laude*  
Charlotte Alexia Delgado *Cum Laude*  
Joslyn White Dennis *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maddisyn Alekzandria Diggs  
Eva Dimitrijevic *Magna Cum Laude*  
Laila Dacyte Dowou *Cum Laude*  
Landon Alexander Draper  
Cameron Charles Dyer *Cum Laude*  
Shelby Marie Eaves *Summa Cum Laude*  
Micah Edwards  
Jackson Eggleston  
Kingsley Egwunwoke  
Zukaa Elkout  
Patrick Santiago Feeley  
Bianca Barelle Flores-Hernandez  
Comanche Francisco  
Lacaya Damoriana Frazier  
Anita M. Gaither  
Johnathan Gustavo Gallego  
Regan Gamache  
Margaret Getz  
Roberto Daniel Gonzalez  
Michael Bruce Graham, Jr.  
Brandon Darnell Grier *Magna Cum Laude*  
Travis Dwayne Harding *Cum Laude*  
Hunter Leanne Helms  
Mya Sophia Hodge *Cum Laude*  
Sophia Holman  
Muhammad Ibrahim  
Oluwakemi Ibrahim  
Oceonna Aireal Ingram  
Viktoriya Andreyevna Ivanets  
Kaylee Nicole Javier *Magna Cum Laude*  
Billie Nicole Jenkins  
Richard Charles Kofoed  
Brent Michael Korneluk  
Donny Gabriel Lee  
Marcus Logan  
Millai Alyce Madison  
Mariah Nicole Manley *Summa Cum Laude*  
Barutti Mazangu  
Priya Samaria McCain *Summa Cum Laude*  
Gabriel Ian McCue  
Ebony Y. Montilus  
Colton Augustus Moorefield  
Arabee I. Muslim  
Faith Wairimu Mwangi *Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth Cat Tuong Nguyen *Cum Laude*  
Bethany Diane Norris *Cum Laude*  
Eun Jeong Roh  
Audrey Marie O'Bryant  
Riley Tess O'Donnell  
Obadare Jamal Oshin  
Sonya Pascual-Bautista *Cum Laude*  
Hope Elizabeth Patterson  
Sania Yvonne Peterson *Cum Laude*  
Jaleel Lawson Phillips  
Anisa Lauren Phonethong  
Lakisha LaQuinn Powell  
Malik Ali Puryear

Erika Ray *Magna Cum Laude*  
Aislynn Mary Reagle  
Destiny Lanai Redfern  
Montia Cymone Rhodes  
Bailey Dean Rice  
Brianna Danielle Richardson  
Jennifer Lynn Riley *Cum Laude*  
Bailey Nicole Rollins  
Avery N. Scott  
Sean Lucas Simms *Cum Laude*  
Diana Halena Smith  
Emma Whitley Stabel  
Brandon Stanley Stahlman *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Rose Stanczak  
Kaley Marie Stocks  
Zachariah Michael Strader *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alyssa Kathryn Stuppnig *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ramit Sutraye  
Kristy Tang *Cum Laude*  
Lavontae J. Tate  
Kiarra LaShea Thomas  
Brianna Genevie Thompson  
Lucas Jeffrey Turner  
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Christopher Kamari Hubbard, Sr.  
Phoebe Lynn Huggins  
Flannery Hutko  
Sharamarie Iglesias  
Akik Tajwar Islam  
Jaden Jenkins  
Jazzlynn Alayna Jiggetts  
Jacob Lee Johnson *Cum Laude*  
Khiari Matea Johnson  
Jadyn Anne Jonasse *Cum Laude*  
Wyatt Cole Jones *Summa Cum Laude*  
Saskia Lia Kacary *Summa Cum Laude*  
Yasmine Karam *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kenzi Dawn Kavalir *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lauren Zakiya Keith  
Keona Anita Kelly *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kelsey Nicole Kerr *Cum Laude*  
Deepak Morgan Keshava  
Bara'ah Hafeza Khader *Cum Laude*  
Searet A. Khan *Cum Laude*  
Yazan Abdalla Khattab  
Brooke Elise Kohout *Summa Cum Laude*  
Eva Diana Kornivska *Cum Laude*  
Chase Kortz  
Christopher J. Kucker  
Kortney Leach  
Ava Grace Lee *Summa Cum Laude*  
Rain Lin *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jonathon R. Lopez  
Diamonte Waco Lyerly  
Rejouissance Makangi Mabandi  
Yasser Omar Mahmud  
Noah Gabriel Mangione  
Yaremisi A. Manso *Cum Laude*  
Bianca Nicole Marte  
Paola Martinez Velasco *Cum Laude*  
Ranim Marzouk *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kush Mashruwala  
Julianne Rose Mastrantonio *Magna Cum Laude*  
Y'nya Jailyn Maybank  
Rachel Diane McDonald *Magna Cum Laude*  
Clare McNamara  
Kate Irene McNamara *Magna Cum Laude*

Tinley Nichole McAbee  
Logan Patrick Mcauliffe *Cum Laude*  
Ayana Sakari McBride *Magna Cum Laude*  
Imani Nicole Mfikwa  
Kevese C. Michael *Summa Cum Laude*  
Eric John Molnar  
Ivania Sofia Mora-Olazo  
Desiree Moraes  
Santiago Moreno Agathon  
Anna Grace Morton *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jennifer V. Moscosa Flores *Cum Laude*  
Ali Adib Moukahl  
Assata K. Muhammad *Magna Cum Laude*  
Madyson Paige Mumma  
Amirah Ahmad Nassar *Cum Laude*  
Khoa Tri Nguyen  
Lauren Elizabeth Nichols *Summa Cum Laude*  
Riley Paige Nicol  
Daisy Asucena Rojas  
Alexis Michelle Nolen  
Isaiah Parker James Farrell Ollis  
Victor Akuudo Ononogbo  
Danielle Esmeralda Ortiz  
Isabella Scott Oxendine Oxenfine  
Jean-Marie Alexandra Pachas  
Jennifer Pacro *Summa Cum Laude*  
Sara Dot Michelle Patterson  
Mary Cathryn Payne  
Daija Inette Peeler  
Bryan Perez  
Thunder Alyssa Peters *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gabreyelle S. Peterson  
Sania Yvonne Peterson *Cum Laude*  
Hsareh Gay Poe  
Daniel A. Portillo  
Lakeira Denai Powell  
Kelly Judith Rea-Ayala  
Hadyn Alissa Read  
Jasper Emerson Read  
Khai Reaves  
Corryn Anthony  
Courtney Symone Reid  
Keanna A. Rembert  
Joshua Daniel Rimer *Cum Laude*  
Izabella Rose Rivera-basden *Cum Laude*  
Amy Elizabeth Roberts *Cum Laude*  
Ashlyn Brooke Robinson  
Janiece C. Robinson  
Miyu Romhany-St. Jean  
Reagan Caroline Rutledge  
Savannah M. Salas-Fayne  
Nadia A. Salazar *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maysa Daoheuang Sanoubane  
Tanner N. Sapp *Magna Cum Laude*  
Hannah Marie Scarpitti  
Nicholas Robert Scherer *Summa Cum Laude*  
Brandon Schutte  
Caroline I. Shalchi *Cum Laude*  
Kinlee Eva Shea *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alicia Lashawn Simmons  
Jaliyah Alexis Simmons  
Natasiea Anastesia Simpson *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tyler Robert Sorrentino  
Christopher Chase Spann  
Alexis Lynn Spetz *Cum Laude*  
Rebekah Elizabeth Springer *Cum Laude*

Lance Warren Springs  
Alexia Necole Stanford  
Savannah Dawn Tarlton  
Nasratu Deen Tunis *Summa Cum Laude*  
Florencia Ullon  
Alexis Anna Ulrey  
Isabella Vallejo *Magna Cum Laude*  
Wren Tia Mack Vanier  
Claudia Vargas  
Brian Viruete-Chavez  
Luis Fernando Viso Flores *Cum Laude*  
Harrison Berra Wagner *Cum Laude*  
Patrick A. Wallace  
Madison Grace Walters  
Delaney Marie Warling *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ashleigh Sierra Washington  
Caleb Bryce Watson  
Kevin Daniel Weaver  
Camryn Sidney Whitesides  
Jenae Marie Whitner  
Kyla Arielle Whitten *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kennedy Alexis Willens  
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Williams  
Xiomara Catalina Williams  
Jayden Mackenzie Willington *Cum Laude*  
Caylin Nicole Workman  
Ah-Shanae' Cynthia Wrenn-Nunez  
Tyra Neshon Wylie  
Nyla Samone Young

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

##### **Religious Studies**

Shannon Parker Dailey *Summa Cum Laude*  
Saad Jalisi  
Margaret Virginia Kelly  
Janiya Monet Worley

##### **Sociology**

Aliyah Rhea Adams *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kiersten Aldridge *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sophia Alizadeh  
Haley Grace Andrews *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alegria Bazenga Kayembe  
Sophia Anna Beasley *Summa Cum Laude*,  
*Honors in Sociology*  
Kristen Leigh Beese  
Bobbie Nichole Benton  
Solome Berhe *Cum Laude*  
Taylor Morgan Bitting  
Jada Nicole Bolar *Cum Laude*  
Tyesha A. Brown  
William Christopher Brown  
Cassandra Sophia F. Bunao  
Travis Kyle Burgess

Amy Victoria Cajamarca  
Christopher Edward Caldwell  
Jaylen Alexandra Caldwell *Summa Cum Laude*  
K'monie Tierra Chavies  
Erin Michelle Coffey  
Mysia Coleman *Cum Laude*  
Axel Corrales-Reyes  
Chancelor Isaiah Crawford  
Peter Christopher Demetriades *Cum Laude*  
Hailey Ann Dunn *Cum Laude*  
Yasmine Malak Ederer *Summa Cum Laude*  
Alexandra Broocke Fike  
Elissa Charmaine Fincher  
Meagan Virginia Ann Fiscella  
Cameron J. Fisher  
Carter Fleming *Summa Cum Laude*,  
*University Honors*  
Kiara Sharda Foster *Cum Laude*  
Taylor Paige Frye  
Olyvia T. Goins  
Ja'Khi Yasheed Green  
Desire Victoria Hairston  
Charlotte Aimee Harris *Summa Cum Laude*  
Damon Lee Hawkins, Jr. *Cum Laude*  
Janira Carina Hernandez-Lizama  
Stephanie Renee Hill  
Luke M. Husakiwsky  
Racheal Jackson  
Angelique Shania James  
Jazzlynn Alayna Jiggetts  
Ashwini S. Joshi  
Saskia Lia Kacary *Summa Cum Laude*  
Malik Kidney *Summa Cum Laude*  
Bette Theresa Fei Kilberg  
Brittany Dawn Kimmer *Cum Laude*  
Destinee Nichole Lattimore  
Jessme Johanna Lazo  
Declan Stuart Linfoot *Cum Laude*  
Kayla Anne Lorch  
Dominick Lux *Cum Laude*  
Molly Sue Mayhoff  
Sophie Paige Moghadam  
Suad Abdirahman Mohamed  
Assata K. Muhammad *Magna Cum Laude*  
Austin B. Newman  
Isabelle Kathleen Nichols  
Judiana Esther Ortiz *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kameece Owens *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tony Pelichet  
Bryan Perez  
Sindy Alejandra Portillo Gamez  
Ainsley Elizabeth Quinn *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ashley Roselin Ramirez  
Homar Ramirez *Summa Cum Laude*

Hadyn Alissa Read  
Avery Carolyn Rising *Summa Cum Laude*  
JeMetria Rivers *Summa Cum Laude*  
Elisa Ojeda Romero  
Tyler C. Rosaschi  
Rae Cristina Scoz  
Lauren Kennedy Sherrill *Magna Cum Laude*  
Miranda Steele *Summa Cum Laude*  
Brennen Anthony Tate  
Aniqua Deon Tyler  
Lesly Valles  
Jose Andres Vences, Jr. *Summa Cum Laude*  
Andre D'Angelo Vicharelli *Cum Laude*  
Zachary Deshawn Walker  
ZaniyaAire R. Ward  
Teresa Simpson Watkins  
Madison Bailee Webb  
Andrea Quena Williams  
Crescent Malik-Ali Williams  
Ashton M. Wood *Cum Laude*  
Nisha Lynne Wright-Cavanaugh

##### **Spanish**

Kathia Lorena Alvarado Alfaro  
Pamela Arrazola  
Yesenia Arely Bonilla Turcios *Cum Laude*  
Yesmizel Sue Chia *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jessica Anne Diehl *Summa Cum Laude*  
Joanna Garcia-Carrera  
Amy Xiomara Gutierrez Manzanarez  
Niayla Elise Hairston  
Emma Belle Helfgott  
Freedom Unique Huggins *Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Kathia Piceno-Garcia  
Obed Ramirez Garcia  
Macariah Sarai Robertson  
Jamie Marie Roldan-Moquete  
Queen Salaam  
Samantha Jacqueline Sanchez Grimaldo  
Daborah Lawana Truesdale  
Racheal Velazquez *Cum Laude*  
Gregory Shamar Avery Williams  
Maya Lynn Yarbrough

##### **Writing, Rhetoric, Digital Studies**

Taylor Paige Borgemenke  
Ilene Rachel Calhoun  
Jeremy David Valentin Dahlia Cannon  
Angelica Castillo  
Trevor Christian Delben  
Brandon Farrington  
Maria Camila Gonzalez Rengifo

# KLEIN COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

DR. BERNADETTE T. DONOVAN-MERKERT, DEAN

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Biology

Garrett Randy Allen  
Hannah Elizabeth Alston  
Faith Marie Anderson *Summa Cum Laude*  
Warren Lane Baker  
Camilo Adolfo Barzola  
Rhea Hiren Baxi *Cum Laude*  
Marion Tracy Black  
Patrick Carter *Summa Cum Laude*  
Rachael Elise Carter  
Nicholas A. Castillo  
Digna H. Chirinos-Nicolas *Cum Laude*  
Dhyana Harish Chudasama  
Haeun Chung *Summa Cum Laude*  
Stephan Cipcigan *Magna Cum Laude*  
Paqgrace Divanga  
Brian Grey Douglas *Magna Cum Laude*  
Devin J. Elliott  
Awab Fadlelmola  
Stella Marie Fiorillo  
Saoli Flores  
Christopher Garrett Fowler  
Marielys Nicole Franks  
Esthephanie Michelle Gamez Vasquez  
Nicholas Gregory Gardner  
Hannah Grace Gentile *Cum Laude*  
Kaeleigh Isis Gragg *Magna Cum Laude*  
Marina Therese Grant *Summa Cum Laude*  
Juliana Dare Greene  
Kailey Faith Hale  
Mohamad Nour Hasan *Magna Cum Laude*  
Rachel Aldavern Haymaker  
Leslie Hernandez Ruiz  
Meredith Nicole Idol *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kyler Stephen Johnson *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gizzi Karsor Kolako  
Fiona Rose Alger Lawson *Cum Laude*  
Luke Lein *Cum Laude*  
Dylan Bryant Lord *Cum Laude*  
Joshua K. Malloy  
Selena M. Marashdih  
Lauren Lindsay Mintz  
Shantia N. Moorer-Brown  
Kaniyah Cheyenne Murdock *Cum Laude*  
Fatimah Umar Nasser  
Jennifer M. Nuñez *Magna Cum Laude*  
Annette Michelle Olvera-Saldana  
Janet Frida Omondi  
Moosa Patel *Cum Laude*  
Palak K. Patel  
Kascey Harrison Pharr  
Gianna Phoebus  
Valeria N. Rodriguez-Perez  
Hunter D. Ross  
Seneca Rayne Schaffer *Cum Laude*  
Joshua Patrice Shingu  
Madeline Simmons

Janette Solis-Anselmo *Cum Laude*  
Max Marcotte Stamp  
Damarae Thomas  
Ian David Tom-Johnson  
Taiyari Xocha-Chavez  
Bridget Yang  
Maya Lynn Yarbrough

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### Biology

George Ade Fru *Summa Cum Laude*  
Aziz Ali  
Patricia Short Allen  
Bryce Carter Anderson *Summa Cum Laude*  
Noelle Efrellyn Astles *Cum Laude*  
Andrea Avila Flores  
Kevin Curtis Barteaum  
Elisabeth Haley Becker *Cum Laude*,  
*University Honors*  
Megan Elizabeth Berlin *Summa Cum Laude*  
Caroline Sue Bradshaw  
Erin Elizabeth Butler  
Erisa Teion Caldwell  
Chrissy Cantu  
Elizabeth Grace Caroway  
Xavier L. Carter  
Destiny Nha Thanh Che *Magna Cum Laude*  
Julie Saeme Chi  
Lorenzo Chino Cuamacateco  
Ashley Heejun Choi *Magna Cum Laude*,  
*Honors in Biology*  
Mehak Chopra  
Hailee Catherine Compte *Cum Laude*  
Trinity Logan Alexandria Cox  
Nohemi De Haro  
Maria Ines Diaz Rivera  
Kate Drake  
Daysia Aleece Dukes *Cum Laude*  
Jadyn Elisa Eguren *Cum Laude*  
Anne Marie Therese Elise Elie  
Aashna Kapil Gardharia  
Megan Caroline Garrett *Summa Cum Laude*  
Pranjal Ashish Gite  
Ella Josephine Glascock  
Jacob Joseph Glassman *Cum Laude*  
Nikole Desilet Glastetter  
Matthew Eli Goldstein *Magna Cum Laude*  
Marvin Andres Grande  
Vitalina Grigorovich *Cum Laude*  
Raina Jahan Hemmings *Magna Cum Laude*  
Victoria Michelle Hernandez Alfaro  
Connor Allen High *Magna Cum Laude*  
Meredith Vaughan Hollifield *Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth Lee Hribal  
Muhammad Ibrahim *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ethan Mark Ippolito *Magna Cum Laude*  
Geny Mapenzi Katanga  
Kyla M. Kelly

Shaaheen Fathy Khosrowshahi  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Kyle James Lillywhite *Cum Laude*  
Jevan Celia Massai Lyle  
Kaliyah Christine Lynch  
Ivan Maurice Martinez  
Jasmine Renee' Massey  
Hossam Eltom Medani  
Mason Nicolas Middleton  
Mark Christopher Mistretta *Magna Cum Laude*,  
*Honors in Biology*  
Saga Mohamed *Summa Cum Laude*  
Christopher Daniel Molina *Cum Laude*  
Desiree Moraes  
Olivia Hampton Morrow  
Mia Alexis Muniz  
Amirah Ahmad Nassar *Cum Laude*  
To'Gloria Annita Oliphant  
Rachel Morolayo Mojoyinoluwa Olla  
Maisy Francesca Olmo *Cum Laude*  
Austin R. Parsons  
Diya Harish Patel *Cum Laude*  
Heli P. Patel  
Khushil KalpeshKumar Patel  
Sabrina M. Pinard *Magna Cum Laude*  
Katelyn Poslinski *Cum Laude*  
Jackson English Rotan  
Bryanna Marie Sabat  
Carlotta Sabatino *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maya Kathryn Salazar  
Colin Thomas Scherer *Summa Cum Laude*  
Valentyna Yuriiwna Semenova *Cum Laude*  
Saafa Amena Shahriar *Magna Cum Laude*  
Zaria L. Steele  
Cassandra Estelle Stilwell  
Rossmary J. Tejada Contreras  
Maria Guadalupe Torres Vega  
Elizabeth G. Toufekoulas *Summa Cum Laude*,  
*Honors in Biology*  
Jose Andres Vences, Jr. *Summa Cum Laude*  
Colt Christopher Westmoreland *Cum Laude*  
Wyatt Jeffery Workman  
Christopher Xiong  
Jesse Jhia Yang

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Chemistry

Maria Guadalupe Alvarez  
Garrett Thomas Fox  
Karsten Ryan Fronczak *Summa Cum Laude*  
Samuel Richard Izzo  
Cody Thomas McCray  
Devin Tyler Moore  
Nikki Meshell Thai  
Steven That Ton  
Madison C. Webb *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tailong Wu

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE****Chemistry**

Patricia Short Allen  
Hieu Huynh

**BACHELOR OF ARTS****Mathematics**

Zachary Caleb Bessant *Cum Laude*  
Melanie Alysse Butler *Cum Laude*  
Ayan Caligacal  
Cristian Rafael Galvez  
Carlena Marie Hauser *Cum Laude*  
*Honors in Mathematics and Statistics*  
Hershel Garner Jones  
Maia Joelle Kelso *Summa Cum Laude*  
Amanda Marie Matera  
Jessica Vu Nguyen  
Brett Jefferson Parker  
Wade Chengwei Yeh, Jr.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE****Mathematics**

Patricia Banega Segura  
Ryan Christopher Beecham *Cum Laude*  
Alana Grace Ellsworth *Magna Cum Laude*  
Reeti Samir Patel  
Joshua Alan Perez  
Jaden Brooke Ramsey *Summa Cum Laude*  
Connor Justin Rich  
Dominic Michael Sforza  
Bao Gia Truong  
Nikhil Vasanth *Summa Cum Laude*  
Derek William Walkowe

**BACHELOR OF ARTS****Mathematics for Business**

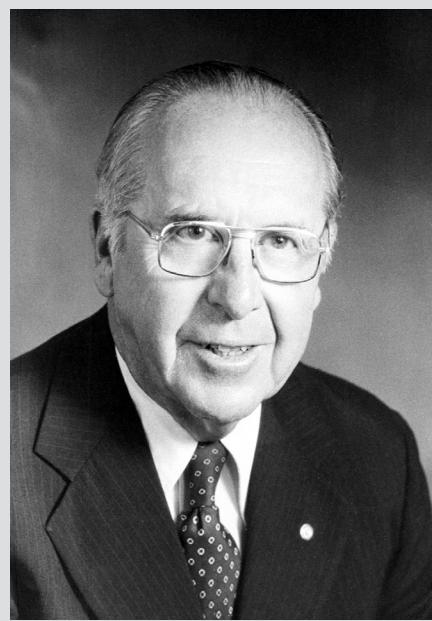
Levi Douglas Hicks  
Jordan Alexis McDonald  
Israel Mwense  
Carl Thomas Rothrock *Magna Cum Laude*  
Corey Dalton Sloop

**BACHELOR OF ARTS****Physics**

Tyler Austin Benge  
Spencer Francis Hayes  
Jonathan O. Machado Bilbraut *Cum Laude*  
Tarique S. Stephens

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE****Physics**

Zachary Caleb Bessant *Cum Laude*  
Rupak Chamlagai *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alvaro Chang-Garcia  
Anna Sophia Gertz  
Anthony Jozef Gorzen *Magna Cum Laude*  
Benjamin Alan Meshaw



## DEAN W. COLVARD, FIRST CHANCELLOR (1913-2007)

In April 1966, Dr. Dean W. Colvard became the first chancellor of The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. During his 12-year tenure, he presided over a period of rapid campus growth and development. Under his leadership, the institution was organized into colleges; residence halls were built, graduate work was initiated and long-range planning started. His accomplishments included helping to create the University Research Park and the University's Urban Institute, whose mission is to seek solutions to the social, economic and environmental challenges facing Charlotte and its urban communities. Colvard joined the University from the presidency of Mississippi State University, and he also served as a dean at North Carolina State University. Following his retirement in December 1978, Colvard helped complete Charlotte's Discovery Place Museum and was the founding board chair of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. He also wrote books about his experience at NC State, Mississippi State and UNC Charlotte. In 2001, Colvard received the UNC Charlotte Alumni Association's Alumnus by Choice Award, and in 2004, he received the Echo Foundation's Award Against Indifference.

# DECEMBER 2024 COMMENCEMENT

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY

COLLEGE OF ARTS + ARCHITECTURE

BELK COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATICS

CATO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

WILLIAM STATES LEE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

*The National Anthem* ..... Jack C. Richardson  
Bachelor of Music

*Welcome* ..... Sharon L. Gaber  
Chancellor

*Greetings from the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees* ..... Dennis N. Bunker III  
Chair, Board of Trustees

*Greetings from the Graduating Class* ..... Anna M. Whitlow  
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance

*Recognition of the Graduates* ..... Jennifer L. Troyer  
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

*Ringing of the UNC Charlotte Bell* ..... Simone P. Tezzo  
Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

*Conferral of Degrees* ..... Chancellor Gaber  
and Provost Troyer

*Turning of the Tassel* ..... Grace M. Cooper  
Senior Class President  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
Bachelor of Science, Economics

*The Commencement program is printed prior to administering final examinations. Therefore, the inclusion of names of degree candidates in the program is not certification that degree requirements have been satisfactorily completed.*

# GREETINGS FROM THE GRADUATING CLASS

Anna M. Whitlow

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance



To our family, friends and professors turned mentors:

Today we celebrate our arduous work put forth from studying, prepping, learning and sometimes cramming. We enter a new way-of-life as leading professionals, curious travelers, ambitious entrepreneurs, helpful contributors to our community and more!

Today is bittersweet because those moments of all-nighters with friends and meaningful conversations with professors are now merely fond memories as we welcome a new version of ourselves, which I hope is more open-minded, kinder, wiser and sharper as a result of our education at UNC Charlotte. We wave farewell to the classic “good ol’ days” and accept with open arms our futures that lay ahead.

Congratulations to the Niners of 2024!

As we know, our years here were a time for self-discovery, challenges, new thought and even self-doubt, so that we may better understand our life's purpose and, as a result, support our community. I am thankful for the difficult classes, challenging professors, supporting classmates and personal struggles that have refined my critical thinking, diversified my perspectives and developed my character. I am who I am today, not solely as a result of my own hard-work, but from the encouraging, unflagging support of my parents, siblings, grandparents, friends, professors and a University that holds high values like integrity, inclusion and compassion. May we hold these ideals closely and carry them with us as stewards of the Niner Nation.

As we know, our years ahead are unknown, but I sincerely believe that they are promising because our degree represents more than a major and minor earned. Our diplomas represent our drive, ambition, hopeful perspective, unwavering grit and determination to keep moving forward despite our obstacles. We may feel exhausted, burnt out or overworked, but we do not lose hope. With the University's preparation, we contend with the barriers! Let us always remain steadfast amidst the struggles and face the challenges of our time with strength, dignity and integrity.

As we will soon discover down the road, we will look back on our days and wonder where all the time went. We pursued a higher education because we all have specific dreams and goals in mind. Our graduation today marks how UNC Charlotte has equipped us with the necessary resources to create our own successes. However, our lives lived in the fast lane will be for the most part – gone – in the blink of an eye. In the meantime, in the space between the climb and the climax, let us not lose ourselves and forget the ones who support us along the way. Let us not forget to look around once in a while lest we miss the small joys in life. Today, let us learn this lesson so that we do not fail the exam of tomorrow.

Once again, congratulations to the graduating class of 2024! May you thrive no matter the times!

# CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

## COLLEGE OF ARTS + ARCHITECTURE

DR. JOSÉ L. S. GÁMEZ, DEAN

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

#### Architecture

Kaoutar Baddy *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kelly Taylor Carnahan *Cum Laude*  
Katelyn Brooke Clemmer  
Haneen Dawod  
Keana Jean Duque  
Tyson Joseph-edward Green  
Sydney Tran Ly *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kailey Lynn Rosenberger *Cum Laude*  
Nakyra Daijour Yasmeer Sykes

#### Art

William David Bivens  
Eryn Nicolette Helms *Magna Cum Laude*  
Samaria L. Pickenpack  
Natalie Grace Sgro *Cum Laude*  
Julia Renee Von Hedrich

#### Art History

Emily Taylor Bergstrom  
Alec James Berry  
Saivon K. Ray

#### Dance

Anisah Alahmed *Summa Cum Laude*  
Cenetta Victoria Baker-Woods  
Camden Todd Brown *Cum Laude*  
Janae E.M. Dickerson *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kaitlyn Lorraine Palmer *Cum Laude*  
Janise Lenet Rodriguez  
Rayanah Cornelia Stradford

#### Music

Judith Rowan Faires  
Zoe Estella Rollins *Cum Laude*

#### Theatre

Thea Dawn Bowers *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tylar A. Brumfield *Cum Laude*  
Briana Latrese Flowers  
Elijah Sean Hensley  
Amya Karin Moore *Cum Laude*  
Mallory Morton *Summa Cum Laude*  
Irene K. Nash *Magna Cum Laude*  
Chandler Jane Pellicciotta  
Emmanuel Michael Powell  
Helen Tran *Magna Cum Laude*  
Daborah Lawana Truesdale  
Brittany Ruaha Zacarias *Summa Cum Laude*

### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

#### Art

Stephanie Maria Asensio *Cum Laude*  
Kimberly M. Ballinger  
Rachel Scott Barger *Summa Cum Laude*  
Stephanie Suzanne Bourdier *Magna Cum Laude*  
Victoria F. Davis *Cum Laude*  
Christopher Franco *Magna Cum Laude*  
Emily Elizabeth Furr *Magna Cum Laude*  
Amiyah Tanille Gibbs-Jones  
Caden Michael Glende  
Cassie Marie Griffin  
Hannah Grace Grubb *Summa Cum Laude*  
Guillermo Ibarra Flores  
Lillian Myrtle Kuntz  
Vivian Nguyen  
E'Ne'chie D. Otis  
Hannah Marie Permenter  
Julien Michael Pozo *Cum Laude*  
Isabel Grace Pozzo *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dominique Marie Rodriguez *Magna Cum Laude*

Arayah Sunshine Sanders *Magna Cum Laude*

Alyssa Bay Smart *Magna Cum Laude*

Zoe Leigh Turner *Cum Laude*,

*Arts + Architecture Honors*

Suzanne Elizabeth Voigt *Summa Cum Laude*

Sarah Ashleigh Vojnovich *Magna Cum Laude*

Madyson Rose Young *Magna Cum Laude*

#### Graphic Design

Hannah Alvarado *Cum Laude*  
Ximena Rachelle Alvarado *Summa Cum Laude*  
Emily Katelyn Buie  
Mercedes Carrillo  
Taylor Larue Colson  
Ashley Nicole Dinning  
Sanura Omar Ezeagu  
Jessica Claire Franco *Summa Cum Laude*  
Asia Nichole Harris  
Isabella Ann Hill *Cum Laude*  
Takenvia Charmaine Jones  
Hang Diem Le  
Ashley Elizabeth Legassie *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ashton Lee-Hassell Lucas  
Christi Jullieth Montes Castro *Cum Laude*  
Brianne Madison Schriever *Magna Cum Laude*  
Troy C. Vong Nguyen *Summa Cum Laude*

### BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Nicholas Paul Andruzzi *Magna Cum Laude*  
Julia Ranay Charette *Magna Cum Laude*  
Adam Scott Kallestad *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jimie Gene Maley III *Cum Laude*  
Kira Rose Wagner

## E.K. FRETWELL, U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION LEADER (1923-2012)



Dr. E.K. Fretwell used his national higher education leadership to gain recognition for UNC Charlotte. He became the University's second chancellor in January 1979 after serving as president of State University of New York College at Buffalo, and before that as assistant commissioner for higher education of the New York State Education Department. During his career, he led some of America's most prominent higher education associations - president of the American Association for Higher Education, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, chair of the American Council on Education and chair of the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. In addition, Fretwell was named one of the 100 most effective chancellors and university presidents in the United States in a national study. After retiring in 1989, he served as interim president of the five-campus University of Massachusetts, authored several books on university management and consulted on higher education around the country and the world. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree during UNC Charlotte's spring 1998 Commencement ceremonies. In 2002, he received the UNC Charlotte Alumni Association's Alumnus by Choice Award.

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Abravi Dzidzonya Nadege Asagbe  
Muhammad Usman Asghar *Cum Laude, Business Honors*  
Natalie Christine Auwn *Magna Cum Laude, Business Honors*  
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Jesus Rene Barrera Mejia *Summa Cum Laude*  
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Carla Arani Castro Guillen *Cum Laude*  
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Jumanah F. Deeb *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alec Preston Edens *Cum Laude*  
Charlene L. Etters *Cum Laude*  
Gavin Waydon Freeman *Cum Laude*  
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*Magna Cum Laude*  
Josmar Garcia Jimenez, Sr. *Summa Cum Laude*  
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Jacob Charles Griffin *Summa Cum Laude*  
Heather Shaina Hadley  
Jacob Phillip Harrison *Summa Cum Laude*  
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Rudy Alexis Hernandez *Cum Laude*  
Sabrina Natasha Cooper Holene  
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David Leeman Holmes II *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ethan Spencer Hughes  
Naomi Jimenez Martinez *Cum Laude*  
Bradford Kirkland, Jr. *Cum Laude*  
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Derek Michael Lister  
Natalie Litoshik  
Xitian Liu  
Madison Nicole Lofton  
Lian Hu Mang  
Joshua Eugene Soo-Bin Martin  
Kasai McMurray  
Anna Maria Minakakis *Cum Laude*  
Jerry Juel Montgomery, Jr. *Summa Cum Laude*  
Andrew Howard Nielson *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jalyn Ahn Park *Cum Laude*  
Josshua Parra  
Huda Mahammadirshad Patel  
Samir Raj Patel  
Jared Juan Pelofsky *Magna Cum Laude*  
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Bradley Martin Tepper *Summa Cum Laude, Business Honors*  
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Jerrell Weber  
Isaac Welborn  
Abigail Grace West *Cum Laude*  
Ethann Charles Whaley  
Ansley Meredith Whitaker *Magna Cum Laude*  
Hope Angeline Williams *Magna Cum Laude, Business Honors*  
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Wen Xu  
Maribel Zavala

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Adriel Gerald D'Souza  
Justin Jake Deffenbaugh  
Savannah Jane Drumm *Magna Cum Laude*  
Damarius Denzel Fairley  
Bridget E. Fanning *Cum Laude*  
Benjamin Matthew Hoag  
Akik Tajwar Islam  
Wyatt Cole Jones *Summa Cum Laude*  
Maia Joelle Kelso *Summa Cum Laude*  
Lucas Kliemaschewsk Oliveira Marinho  
Andrew Samuel Layton *Cum Laude*  
Aaron Luke Luker  
Jonah Gavin Mayers *Cum Laude*  
Jaya Marie McClure  
Caleb Charles Midyette  
Elijah Jervarris Mitchell  
Mason Andrew Morais *Cum Laude*  
Michael Nuguse  
Shaunak Peri  
Kevyn J. Reyes  
Abigail E. Reynolds  
Austin Charles Riley  
Sarah Sandoval *Magna Cum Laude*  
Peter Anthony Scarpati *Summa Cum Laude*  
Souroja Sen *Magna Cum Laude, Business Honors*  
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Mahah Khan  
Ajay Khatri  
Jonathan Stephen Lanza  
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Evgenij Misunin *Cum Laude*  
Andre Andrade Moreira  
Ivy Michele Morrison *Cum Laude*  
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Hetal Hitesh Panchal  
Marcel Mitchell Peele  
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Daniel Richard Rice *Cum Laude*  
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Amegha Santosh  
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McLeod Stephens III  
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Emanuel Valenzuela *Summa Cum Laude*  
Santiago Allen Varela  
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| Johann Castro                        | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   | Brigham Magnus Titer Larsen |                                                    |
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| Dallas Wade Clifford                 | <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>                             | Jina Vang                   | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |
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| Blake Michael Connolly               | <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                             | Joshua Mathew Vincent       |                                                    |
| Alina Lynn Cukro                     |                                                    | Priyank Chetan Viroja       | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |
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| Karan Kumar Dutta                    |                                                    | Maribel Zavala              |                                                    |
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| Noah Christian Eddleman              |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| William Dalton Eller                 |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Chase Andrew Ervin                   |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Mason Sean Everhart                  | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Thaddeus Karson Flood                |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Matthew Tyler Floyd                  | <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                             |                             |                                                    |
| Tanner Jackson Fournier              |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Mastin Legrand Fowler                |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Jonathan David Freeman               |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Brooklyn Keith Frick                 | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Mauro Les Gallego Hernandez          |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>               |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
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| Justin J. Gareis                     |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Destiny Aberle-Ann Garrison          |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Kareem M. Ghatts                     |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Matthew Scott Gregory                | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Dylan Reid Gullede                   |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
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| Evan William Hall                    |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Drew Thomas Hanvey, Jr.              |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Kaelyn Harris                        | <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>                             |                             |                                                    |
| William Robert Harris                |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Christopher Anthony Hart             | <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>                             |                             |                                                    |
| Jonathan Wilder Hart                 | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Anne Chase Haslam                    | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
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| Iqra Hussain                         |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Jacquet Matthew Isley                |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Vijay Vardarajan Iyengar             |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Frank Jaimes II                      | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
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| Emerald Emani Jones                  |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Kamilya Karimova                     |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Waqas Ali Kashmary                   | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Derek Juwon Kim                      |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Cooper Lee King                      |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Setara Kong                          | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Ashley Lynne Krahulec                | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Nohely Ixayanna Lara Villa           |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Anderson Cole Lawler                 |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Dylan John Leister                   |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Derek Michael Lister                 |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Natalie Litoshik                     |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
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| Diana Lozova                         |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Stella Barrett Malone                |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Lian Hu Mang                         |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Camryn Theresa Marquis               |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Xitlali Martin Martin                | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Samuel James McCollum                |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Jalen McLaughlin                     |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Soen Vrooman Murphy McCormick        |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Benjamin Andrew Miller               |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Joshua Ashton Molai                  | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Gustavo Munoz-Vazquez                |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Mallory Bennett Murray               | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Naomi Narvaez                        |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Isaac Liam Nechvatal                 |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Caden Richard Norris                 |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Emely Pacheco                        | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Dylan Adrian Padilla                 |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Jose Alberto Paiz                    | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Esmeralda Palma-Ramirez              |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Colby Paxton Parker                  | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Abhi K. Patel                        |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Soham Chandrakant Patel              | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Tran To Phan                         | <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>                             |                             |                                                    |
| Scott Edward Pressley                |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Diana Primachenko                    | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Mason Judge Pulido                   | <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                             |                             |                                                    |
| Colin Ian Quinn                      | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Catterin Ramos                       | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Caleb Thomas Rash                    | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Michael Rekab                        |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Ashlyn Paige Roberson                | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Angelica Azucena Rojas Nuñez         | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Eric Boeckman Rosato                 | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Michael Antwon Ross Johnson          |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Kaia S. Rothman                      | <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                             |                             |                                                    |
| Henry James Rutledge                 |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Giorgio Victor Rutto                 | <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>                             |                             |                                                    |
| Malin Kumar Ryan                     | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |
| Samantha Jacqueline Sanchez Grimaldo |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Joseph Andrew Sandy                  |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Halle Imigin Schmidt                 | <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> ,<br><i>Business Honors</i> |                             |                                                    |
| Adam Jacob Schneeweis                |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Kunal Atmaram Sehdev                 |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Chanakya Sharma                      |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
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| Giovanni Michael Spinelli            |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Paige Elizabeth Steger               |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Justin Tyler Stein                   |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
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| Grace Elizabeth Straining            |                                                    |                             |                                                    |
| Farida Tasayeva                      | <i>Cum Laude</i>                                   |                             |                                                    |

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 Tristan Guiseppe Egalon  
 Daniel Enrique Huitron Vazquez  
 Evelyn Faith Lewis  
 Aida Milagros Lopez  
 Elena Catherine Malicki  
 Eduardo Marquez Ayala  
 Matthew T. Mozingo *Cum Laude*  
 Karina Janethe Parra *Cum Laude*  
 Aiden Richard Price  
 Achraf Saber  
 Adam Spry  
 Jaden Anderson Walker Scott Thomas  
*Cum Laude*  
 McKinley G. Tickle  
 Marina Kathryn Tiwold *Cum Laude*

### Management

Cole Jackson Abbott  
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 Dallas Lance Armstrong *Cum Laude*  
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 Garrett Nathaniel Baucom *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Mackenzie Leigh Bevins *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Logan-Caroline Boggs *Cum Laude*  
 Camryn Taylor Brady  
 Camden Finn Briner *Cum Laude*  
 Kai Brooks  
 Valerie Campbell *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Yalyssa M. Casais *Cum Laude*  
 John William Middleton Cascone  
 Cameron James Clark  
 Madie Elisa Clontz *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Mikayla Renee Collins

Samuel Isaac Cowles  
Adriel Gerald D'Souza  
Matthew Forbes Dulin  
Vincent Doran Dunlap *Cum Laude*  
Stone Edward Durham  
Kenneth Lane Erwin III  
William Gray Felts  
Spencer Jacques Gornail  
Arlene Grace Guida  
Emily Lizbeth Gutierrez  
Alexandria Elizabeth Hannan  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jaquan Marquez Hardy  
Nicholas Marshall Hellman  
Bawi Ram Hngak  
Tommy Ho *Cum Laude*  
Hunter J. Hughes *Magna Cum Laude*  
Holly Ray Klug  
Setara Kong *Cum Laude*  
Nohely Ixayanna Lara Villa  
Ava Reese Lassiter  
Josey W. Lemmond *Cum Laude*  
Saige Alexis Marie Lyall  
Caleb John Martin *Cum Laude*  
Maria Guadalupe Martinez Castro  
Matthew James Masucci  
Patrice Michelle McDowell  
Ian-Andre H. McKeon-Osseweijer  
Christian Medina Garcia  
Garon Thomas Miller  
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Miles Campbell Moody *Cum Laude*  
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Luke Robert Orsomarso  
Mitchell Evan Picton  
Andrea Policarpo Mendez  
Shaun William Raughley  
Miles Franklin Riddle  
Janelle Jolie Rios  
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Joshua Andrew Roseman  
Morgan Ann Schmalzried  
Blaise Alexander Smith  
Kameron E. Smith *Cum Laude*  
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Tyrell Dejuan Tunstall  
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Frank Casas Alvarez *Magna Cum Laude*  
Aminata Bintu Cham *Cum Laude*  
Ryan Cooper Daul *Cum Laude*  
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Kamden Jacob Dodson  
Liam Foster Earley  
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Jackson Kelley Guard  
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Bryson Cornelius Holmes  
Chinyere Uzoamaka Iwuchukwu *Cum Laude*  
Saif Ali Jaffry *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jay Manish Jain *Summa Cum Laude*  
Omar Wadhab Jamil  
Chandler Scott Jessup  
Suraj Karki  
Marina Amaya Lam  
Anna Selezevna Lee *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mouhammadou Mbaye  
Mohamed Ali Mohamed  
Carolina Mora  
Andrew Namishia  
Clarence Jamar Newman III  
Randall Alexander Newsome  
Quang Nhat Nguyen  
Thanh Hieu Nguyen  
Connor P. Nolan *Cum Laude*  
Brennen K. Oliver *Magna Cum Laude*  
Debora Patricia Pena Garcia  
Delia Willow Rhodes *Magna Cum Laude*  
Connor Joseph Santos  
Sydney Victoria Sawyer  
Benjamin Evan Shaw  
Muhammad Tahir Sheikh *Magna Cum Laude*  
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Halle Christina Smith  
Nicholas Alex Smith  
Mary Elizabeth Stanco  
Chelsea Lee Stegal  
Erin B. Tabor  
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Zion Michael Thompson *Cum Laude*  
Victor Tlapa, Jr.  
Steven Thanh Tran  
Jhony Trejo Villeda *Magna Cum Laude*  
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Dayyyana Eliza Wells  
Yusuf Abdisalam Yusuf  
Mohammed Reda Zaghlol  
Fares Zendah *Magna Cum Laude*

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Marigrace Colleen Barth  
Sarah Leanne Beasley *Cum Laude*  
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Ross Edward Bilon  
Josiah Michael Blakeney  
Brandon John Borchardt *Cum Laude*  
Justin Michael Bosse  
Amariah Jade Burgess  
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Karina Marie Coulter *Cum Laude*  
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Sophia Elizabeth Davis  
Lillian Grace Dawes *Cum Laude*  
Brynn Ashley Demma  
Harrison Keith Doby  
Madison Grace Earley  
Clay T. English *Cum Laude*  
Tyler Jesselyn Simon *Cum Laude*  
Xavier Anthony Figueroa  
Destiny La'shay Floyd  
Paul Liu Fu  
Andrew Ross Furr  
Brianna Faith Gehrmann *Cum Laude*  
Piper Leah Glasgow  
Preston Scott Gordon *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sydney Gabrielle Graham  
Jessica Ann Grissom  
David Steven Groggel *Cum Laude*  
Julia Caroline Haines *Magna Cum Laude*  
Collin Brice Heiler  
Leanna Anise Hines  
Hannah Hoang *Magna Cum Laude*  
Drew Landen Hodge *Cum Laude*  
Savannah AnnMarie Hollister  
Esosa Igbinigie  
Myles A. Jackson *Cum Laude*  
Zachary Marc Janas *Cum Laude*  
Luke Michael Johnson  
Tyree Lyntel Jones, Jr.  
Austin Scott Killian *Cum Laude*  
Grayson Penn Kirkman  
Matthew R Kunik  
David Li  
Ronni Kiera Lilly *Cum Laude*  
Caitlyn Rose Lloyd  
Dalton Reid Lorenz *Cum Laude*  
Alonzo Mitchell Mallette V  
Cameron J. McEwen  
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Sophia Dawn Muscarelli  
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Andrea Patino  
Payton Rose Patrick *Summa Cum Laude*  
Rachel Diane Pemberton *Cum Laude*  
Andrea Policarpo Mendez  
Hayley Alexa Puczylowski *Cum Laude*  
Caitlyn Marie Purtee  
Dalton Avery Putnam  
Carter Parks Ratchford  
Abigail Rose Ritchie  
Mikayla Faith Robertson *Cum Laude*  
Phoebe Ryan Rodia *Cum Laude*  
Nhuy Thai Rodriguez  
Joshua Andrew Roseman  
Alexis Vianney Rubio  
Camilla Sabatino  
Joanny Marian Salazar Cienfuegos *Cum Laude*  
Saskia Alyaa Seepersaud *Cum Laude*

Madison Amanda Sherrill *Cum Laude*  
Katherine Elizabeth Shoe *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alijah Reginald Silver  
Giovanni Michael Spinelli  
Jordan Michael Teasley  
Laila Michele Terry  
Sebastian Eben Thao  
Maroly Alexania Urbina *Magna Cum Laude*  
Emanuel Valenzuela *Summa Cum Laude*  
Cheng Vang  
Lizbeth Cortez  
Dylan Vo  
Jason Wang  
Courtney Amber Weidinger  
Jaelyn Imani Williams *Cum Laude*  
Marquise Denard Young, Jr.

#### Operations and Supply Chain Management

Shabib Abdullah Alajmi *Cum Laude*  
Nicholas Vann Babyak  
Coleman Craig Bennett  
Samuel Walker Bertolina  
Bryce Blackmon  
Jaxon Boston Cabe *Cum Laude*  
Gavin William Campbell  
Ada Madai Carmona Martinez  
William Micheal Cleary  
Brooke Delma Colson  
Ma. Christina Santeanez De Guzman  
*Summa Cum Laude, Business Honors*  
Daniel J. Durham  
Joseph Earl Edwards  
Qadeer Hassan  
Christopher Thomas Jannazzo  
Jacqueesha Bernice Jones  
Ashley Lynne Krahulec *Cum Laude*  
Kree Shamel Lowery  
Charles Martin Matteson

Mouhammadou Mbaye  
Kostiantyn Perevai *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ryan Wade Reid  
Nicholas Alex Smith  
Elijah Stall  
Braxton Caldwell Stanley  
Jhony Trejo Villeda *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lizbeth Cortez  
Becky Ting Wang *Summa Cum Laude, Business Honors*  
Colby Neil Welborn  
Rigdon Cole Westervelt  
Allante Tahrieque Wilcox  
Caden Christopher Wilson  
Rashad Emmanuel Roosevelt Winfield  
Victoria Elizabeth Lee Woods

## JAMES H. WOODWARD, BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



Dr. James H. Woodward became UNC Charlotte's third chancellor in 1989, immediately establishing himself as one of the leading executives of the Charlotte metropolitan region. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he worked in private industry and taught at North Carolina State University, the U.S. Air Force Academy and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he was a senior vice president for academic affairs, prior to coming to UNC Charlotte. Under his leadership, UNC Charlotte launched ambitious plans for both physical and intellectual growth. Woodward built strong support among the region's corporate and political leaders, obtained approval to expand the University's mission to include doctoral programs and raised the University to doctoral/research intensive status. He established UNC Charlotte Uptown to serve students in the central business district. An engineer, Woodward generated support to build the James H. Barnhardt Student Activity Center and the Irwin Belk Track and Field Center, obtained state funding for doubling the size of the J. Murrey Atkins Library and was instrumental in garnering public support to pass a \$3.1 billion statewide bond referendum that enabled UNC Charlotte to construct or renovate nearly a dozen buildings. He retired in 2005. Woodward has received numerous honors, including the naming of the science and technology building in 2005 as James H. and Martha H. Woodward Hall in recognition of his 16 years of service. In May 2011, UNC Charlotte awarded him an honorary degree, Doctor of Public Service. Woodward received the UNC Charlotte Alumni Association's Alumnus by Choice Award in 2012. In November 2017, he was awarded the North Carolina Award for Public Service.

# COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATICS

DR. BOJAN CUKIC, DEAN

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Computer Science

Quatoria Jackson Abadi *Cum Laude*  
Yazan Eyad Abdin *Cum Laude*  
Munzer Mohammad Al Azzeh *Cum Laude*  
Cassandra Michelle Allison  
Donovan Lucas Andreu  
Sarah Michele Argueta *Cum Laude*  
Mercere Stephen Baker  
Emmanuel Oluwasegun Balogun  
Harrison Fisher Bell  
Jelani Khristopher Boone  
William Paul Buchholz *Cum Laude*  
Clayton Walker Burklin *Cum Laude*  
Braydon Anthony Byrd  
Matthew Ryan Calvello  
Juhi Chatterjee *Magna Cum Laude*  
Catherine Anne Cheedle *Magna Cum Laude*  
Samantha Nicole Coppola *Cum Laude*  
Colin Michael Cranwell  
Sean Michael Defeciani  
Jacob C. Dormady  
Lindsay Mei Drake *Cum Laude*  
Guled Abdirahman Duale  
Samuel T. Eads *Magna Cum Laude*  
Vigan Ejupi *Cum Laude*  
Fatma Aseil Eltilib  
Chadrick Jordan Fisher  
Hana Berhanu Geremew  
Joshua J. Herrera  
Tyler Holley *Cum Laude*  
Hallie Elizabeth Johnson *Summa Cum Laude*  
Dharav PravinKumar Kathiriya  
Shawn Hunter Kelley  
Lucky Keonakhone  
Melanie Felicia Key  
Joseph Leviev  
Brianna Cynthia Renee' Lewis  
Jared Cole Logan  
Ryan David Lucas  
Joshua Lytle  
Sahit Reddy Manikonda  
Carolyn Brooke Mathews *Cum Laude*  
Zakiyah G. McIntyre  
Neha Sai Medehal Reddy  
Abdulrahaman Ibrahim Mohamad  
Thomas Owen Moomaw *Cum Laude*  
Sean Douglas Morris, Jr.  
Mohamad Moumneh *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mateo Murillo Marin *Cum Laude*  
Emre Myufyuoglu  
Dylan Thomas Nashawaty  
Yacine Niang  
Christopher Blair Parker  
Manthan Jayesh Patel  
Angelina Paulos *Cum Laude*  
Dylan Alexander Petok *Cum Laude*  
Michael David Piercy *Cum Laude*  
Kassandra Danielle Poole *Summa Cum Laude*  
Julian Z. Remmie  
Ayisha Haroon Riaz *Summa Cum Laude*

Alfredo Jose Rodriguez *Cum Laude*

Bryan Rojas *Cum Laude*  
Aaron Christopher Rovnak  
Andrew Joseph Schulz  
Siobhan Leilani Scott  
Matthew John Seymour II  
Rodney Jervon Smith, Jr.  
Zane Christopher Taylor *Cum Laude*  
Tyler Edward Thomas *Cum Laude*  
Ramone Marvin Thompson  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Honors,  
Computing and Informatics Honors*  
Sushant Tiwari *Cum Laude*  
Edward William Tobiasson  
Jackson Michael Trogdon *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alexa Vazquez Audelo  
Jorge Velasco  
Grace Villar-Matamoros  
Cody Vincent Voss  
Kevin Ky Vu *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dayyana Eliza Wells  
Chouchee Yang

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### Computer Science

Ahmed Abuelsoud  
Kareem Abulsoud  
Youssef A. Ait Alama *Cum Laude*  
Anisah Alahmed *Summa Cum Laude*  
Saamyar Alizadeh  
Abdulrahman Khalid Aljabali  
Sydney Janae' Allen  
Austin Ames  
Ajmal Amir *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dominic Eugene Anastasio *Cum Laude*  
James Liam Anderson  
Paul James Anderson  
Emma Ruth Anglin  
Xavier Arauz  
Ali Ashfaq  
Jason Ave  
Andrey Vladimir Babiy  
Shon Sayam Bagade  
Payne Michael Bailey  
Sadie Veda Balkissoon *Cum Laude*  
Jackson Grant Ball *Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth Y Bangali  
David Vazquez Bautista, Jr.  
Carson Track Bavry *Cum Laude*  
Thomas Ray Benfield III *Cum Laude*  
William Richard Bermel III  
Kriti Bhurtyal  
Oliver Maxwell Bond  
Bailey Charles Bowling  
Alex Connor Brady  
Beren Marshall Brande *Cum Laude*  
Christian Michael Browning *Cum Laude*  
Zachary Alexander Bruce *Cum Laude*  
Neal Macauley Bulen  
Andrew M. Campbell  
Chad Denzel Cadiente Carreon  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Sydney R. Carter *Cum Laude*

Jacob Delaney Caudill  
Grant Lawrence Cawley *Summa Cum Laude*  
Phillip Chang  
Jesus Mauricio Chavez  
Henry G. F. Chin  
Varsha Sri Chintalapati  
Chase William Chiswell *Summa Cum Laude*  
Gavin Michael Ciganek *Magna Cum Laude*  
Nail Ivan Claros Aquino *Magna Cum Laude*  
Christopher Scott Cogdill  
Davis Masters Collins  
Jenna Zhao-bin Constantino  
Cameron James Copenhagen  
Andrew Jeffrey Cormier  
Aaron L. Crandall *Summa Cum Laude*  
Eduardo Cruz  
Liam Culpepper  
Cayla Thi Curry  
Jeremy Robert Dannemiller  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Michael Andrew Daramola  
Christopher Demarchi  
Serif Demirovic  
Maxwell Vincent Deppe *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ohm Pragnesh Desai *Magna Cum Laude*  
Olivier Gilles Deschamps *Cum Laude*  
Gavran William Dodson *Magna Cum Laude*  
Meelad Doroodchi *Cum Laude*  
Collin James Dukes *Magna Cum Laude*  
Artem Dyadchenko  
Noah Christian Eddleman  
Shaelyn Elizabeth Eggert *Cum Laude,*  
*Honors in Political Science*  
Gavin J. Evans *Cum Laude*  
Marvin Evans, Jr.  
Rachel Evans  
Tucker James Evans  
William Maxwell Ezzell  
Carlos Jeremiah Ramos-Faulkner  
Shoaib Fazal  
Thomas-Huyen Dinh Fletcher  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Tyler Reese Flowers *Cum Laude*  
Christopher Man Loong Fong  
Jevon Khalil Franklin  
Julian Noah Franzen *Magna Cum Laude*  
John Connor Freeman  
Sriabhit Reddy Gade *Cum Laude*  
Frank Ley Garcia *Cum Laude*  
Zachary David Gazjuk *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mekhi J. Glover  
Mariah Ruth Ann Grade *Summa Cum Laude*  
Michael Emmanuel Grant  
Alexander Roger Griffin  
Noah Marlin Grosh *Cum Laude*  
Justin Karryel Guillory *Magna Cum Laude*  
Emily Nicole Gustafson  
Anum Firdous Hafiz *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dale Xavier Hagen  
Najwa Noor Hanna  
Gavin Anthony Harding

Harrison Havmoeller *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jared Alexander Hawkins-Young  
Josiah Emmanuel Hemphill  
William Edwin Hemric  
Luke Perry Hopson *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jashim Howlader  
Kevin Andrew Hudson  
Tyler Joseph Hudson *Summa Cum Laude*  
Joshua Jacquez Huffman  
Wesley Thomas Huneycutt  
Austin Franklin Hunter *Summa Cum Laude*  
Nathanael W. Ince *Cum Laude*  
Ashton Bernard Jacobs  
Supraj R. Janampalli  
Kiefer Dane Jenny *Cum Laude*  
Siwon Jo *Summa Cum Laude*  
Brian Keith Johnson, Jr. *Cum Laude*  
Mary Margaret Johnson *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hayden Cannon Juneau *Magna Cum Laude*  
Logan Christopher Kardos  
Shreeya Karnam  
Tariq Omar Karshe  
Hamzah Abdullah Khader *Magna Cum Laude*  
Arsal Haadi Khalid *Cum Laude*  
Mary Fatu Kolison  
Nicholas William Kotsakis  
Emil Kozicki *Cum Laude*  
Aaryan Kumar *Cum Laude*  
Jaineshkumar J. Lad *Cum Laude*  
Colby Dean Lalicker *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ayush Sheker Lanka  
Aaran Spencer Lawing *Cum Laude*  
Christian B. Le  
Najee Abdul-raheem Leader  
Jacob Brian Lebo  
Alex Txoovtub Lee  
Anthony Michael Lee  
Stacey Maykou Lee  
Toua Lee *Cum Laude*  
Anessa Marie Leng *Cum Laude*  
Abigail Brooke Lewis *Summa Cum Laude*  
Connor Benjamin Lim *Cum Laude*  
Jason Omar Lindsey *Cum Laude*  
Akhil Reddy Lingampally *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brandon Antonio Lomas  
Diego J. Lopez  
Matthew David Lowder *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ryan Lowell *Magna Cum Laude*  
Cindy Hoang Ly *Cum Laude*  
Thomas Alexander Macdougall *Cum Laude*  
Sainasri Macha *Cum Laude*  
Elise Damaris Machado  
Shashank Sridhar Maddikunta  
Manav Majumdar  
Dhruv Dipeshkumar Makwana  
Ramya Mallina *Cum Laude*  
Kausika Manivannan *Cum Laude*  
Kiana L. Manning *Cum Laude*  
Emma Claudia Maries *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jackson Atticus Martin *Magna Cum Laude*  
Juan Roberto Martinez *Cum Laude*  
Pavel Maslov *Cum Laude*  
Thomas Peter McCauley  
D'Andre Tyrilk McFadden  
Austin D. McInnis  
Hayden Frederick McKean *Cum Laude*  
De'Shon Antonio Isaias McNeil

Nikolas Steven McPhail  
Matthew Lane McCall *Cum Laude*  
Alexander Craig Mccomas *Cum Laude*  
Jordan B. McQueen  
Riley Vance Melvin  
Manuel Antonio Merino  
Abrar Shabbir Mian  
Jonathan Tyler Miller  
Rachel Miranda  
Nathaniel Copland Mirman  
Mahmoud Eltahir Mohamed  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Alex Moore  
Derrick Darrell Moore, Jr.  
Tristin Chad Moore *Magna Cum Laude*  
Heriberto Morales Castillo  
Carter Phoenix Morphis *Magna Cum Laude*  
C'Naiya M. Morrow  
Braden Alexander Mullis  
Blake James Muscoreil  
Serena Catherine Musser *Cum Laude*  
Amilcar Danbona Nditifei  
Avery Joseph Newkirk *Cum Laude*  
Marcel Khyree Newman  
Mark Stanley Newton  
Cindy Nguyen *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maurice Nguyen  
Tom Dinh Nguyen *Summa Cum Laude*  
Tommy-Nam Khuong Nguyen *Cum Laude*  
Henry Ni *Cum Laude*  
Benjamin Scott Nightingale *Cum Laude*  
Jessica Marie Norton  
Thomas Joseph O'Donnell  
Osariemen Martin Obasuyi  
Isabella Paige Ochsner  
Alberto Olivi *Summa Cum Laude*  
Patrick D. Olsen  
Fernando Jose Orellana Araujo  
Bryant Wesley Orme  
Zachary Michael Palko *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jack Christopher Pamukci *Magna Cum Laude, Computing and Informatics Honors*  
Hussan Pari *Cum Laude*  
Amay Ajay Patel  
Happy Pankaj Patel *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kashyapkumar Keyurkumar Patel *Cum Laude*  
Parth Patel *Magna Cum Laude*  
Shubh Kamlesh Patel *Magna Cum Laude*  
Luis Eduardo Pena Urbaez  
Syniah Danyell Peterson  
Hy Minh Pham  
Dave Phan  
Kelsey Alexander Phelps *Summa Cum Laude*  
T'Heaven Dazel Phillips  
Sean Alexander Nguyen Pichay  
Ethan Matthew Piland *Cum Laude*  
Jake Peter Pinos *Cum Laude*  
Ethan Andrew Pinto *Summa Cum Laude*  
Prasham J. Pipaliya *Summa Cum Laude*  
William Lawrence Poole IV *Cum Laude*  
Mustafa Aziz Poonawalla *Magna Cum Laude*  
Trevor Blake Portillo  
Nathaniel Lee Presson  
Andrew Jacob Preston  
Aniya Sharell Price  
Brendan Cal Rahilly *Magna Cum Laude*  
Radhika Ramakrishnan

Samuel David Ramdial *Summa Cum Laude*  
Besan Issam Rammounieh *Magna Cum Laude*  
Naseem Issam Rammounieh  
Minakshi Rao  
Tyler Alexander Rebman *Cum Laude*  
Gabriel James Reeder  
Christopher Mark Rees *Magna Cum Laude*  
Cayden Lane Renegar  
Anthony Dominic Rizzi  
Sean Patrick Robinson  
Gerardo Valentin Rodriguez *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ian Manuel Rodriguez  
Elli A Rodriguez Pineda  
James Richard Rosa *Summa Cum Laude*  
Brandon Elliott Russell  
Shivom Sahni  
Raneem Salameh *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kevin Patrick Salley  
Daniel Rybczyk Santos  
Karim Sasa *Summa Cum Laude*  
Gabriel Jon Scardo *Cum Laude*  
Alexander Charles Schieck  
Austin Gene Sears *Cum Laude*  
Sandeep Senthilkumar *Cum Laude*  
Larry Sessoms, Jr.  
Chad Anthony Setters *Cum Laude*  
Preet Pratik Shah  
Saajan Nirmish Shah  
Eyaan Majid Shahani *Cum Laude*  
Akash Shanmugam  
Jaden Oneil Shaw  
Charles Ryan Shultz  
Connor Joel Simmons  
Elliot Simmons  
Christian Blake Siros  
Berkley Sitterson  
Hsomit Siu  
Connor Andrew Smith *Cum Laude*  
Jacob W. Smith *Magna Cum Laude*  
Keilor Gerardo Solera  
Nicholas John Spataro  
Davis Lee Spradling *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alec Joseph Steene  
Husam Suoamra  
Jason Anthony Sylva  
Renee Michelle Szeghy *Cum Laude*  
Kendall Carl Tart *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jacob Jeriamiah Taylor  
Derin Tekin  
Simone Paula Landu Tezzo  
Justin David Torres *Cum Laude*  
Grace Totten  
Jason Tyler Trace  
Abasiubong David Udoeyop  
Akanimoh Joseph Umoren *Cum Laude*  
Seth Mark-lawson Vance  
Audy Ned Veeradeth  
Wuilmer A. Velasquez Roblero  
Sumi Verma *Magna Cum Laude*  
George Viveros-Zavaleta  
Deepika Vusarthi  
Aman Prabhakar Waghchoure  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Clayton Patrick Wagner  
Muhammad Saad Waheed *Cum Laude*  
Timothy Ray Walker  
Paul Milo Warner *Summa Cum Laude*

Senaye Tsehaye Weldeberhan  
Ashari Janee Whitley  
Nicole Izabela Wiktor *Cum Laude*  
Annabella Anastasia Wilkins  
Matthew Howell Wilkinson *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alka Rhine Wilson  
Kari Ann Wilson *Cum Laude*  
Katrina Anna Wilson  
Seth Lee Witherspoon  
Logan Alexander Woods *Cum Laude*

Jack Daniel Woodworth *Cum Laude*  
Wesley George Wright  
Johnny Xiong  
Edward Txerzong Yang  
Cheung Wai Yeung  
Evan Thomas Youssef  
Thomas William Zimnick *Cum Laude*  
Justin Leonard Zitel  
Nicholas Edward Zoll *Summa Cum Laude*

**Data Science**  
Jean de dieu Byiringiro  
Nicholas Cavallaro  
Matthew Scott D'Allaird  
Titus Matthews Ford, Jr.  
Treizean Tanel Hall  
Waqas Ali Kashmary *Cum Laude*  
Agyei Ampomah Sraha  
Ramtit Sutraye  
Saroj Upreti

## CATO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DR. MALCOLM B. BUTLER, DEAN

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Child and Family Development**  
Hannah Mackenzie Workman  
*Magna Cum Laude*

**Elementary Education**  
Hanna Rayan Aghjdam *Magna Cum Laude*  
Judy Alhakim *Magna Cum Laude*  
Catryna Die Xing Yun Connally  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Jerricka Costner *Cum Laude*  
Amelia Greer Crawford *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mackenzie Carey Cutler  
McKenna Haynes *Cum Laude*  
Joana Jimenez-Reyes *Magna Cum Laude*  
Cing Kim  
Susan Elizabeth Lima-Romano  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Nathaly Lopez *Summa Cum Laude*

Meghan McManus Mabey *Cum Laude*  
Lauren E. Morissette *Magna Cum Laude*  
Cornelia Nirean *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kelsey Griffin Nixon  
Camille Madison Overbay *Magna Cum Laude*  
Macy R. Phillips *Summa Cum Laude*  
Sydney Ann Piejak  
Giselle Arianna Pizzo *Summa Cum Laude*  
Adolyn Elizabeth Rankin *Summa Cum Laude*  
Hope Nicole Royal *Summa Cum Laude*  
Erin Catherine Doyle Satterlie *Cum Laude*  
Sydney Elise Shaw *Summa Cum Laude*  
Julianna Karena Silva *Summa Cum Laude*  
Maru Fernanda Waldrep  
Nastasskia T. Watson *Summa Cum Laude*  
Nadia Eve-LaRue Whitaker  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Brianna Sharice Wright *Magna Cum Laude*,  
*Education Honors*  
Hannah Erin Yarborough *Summa Cum Laude*

### Middle Grades Education

Tiffanie Shannon Whitmer *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alea Marie Livengood  
Carley Dian Mittag *Cum Laude*

### Special Education

Cori Henderson Hoffler *Summa Cum Laude*

## PHILIP L. DUBOIS ENROLLMENT GROWTH AND ACADEMIC EXPANSION



At the time of his retirement on June 30, 2020, Dr. Philip L. Dubois, UNC Charlotte's fourth chancellor, was the senior chancellor in the University of North Carolina system. He led the system's fastest-growing institution, directing a 43% growth in enrollment, an expansion of academic programs, implementation of diversity-related initiatives, growth in research funding and significant construction and renovation of campus facilities. Under Dubois' strategic direction, football was added to the University's athletics offerings in 2013, and he collaborated with elected officials and the Charlotte Area Transit System to make possible the construction of the light rail line from Center City Charlotte to the UNC Charlotte campus. Dubois' career in higher education spanned more than 40 years. Previously, he served as president of the University of Wyoming, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at UNC Charlotte and associate vice chancellor for academic programs at the University of California, Davis. Dubois has been recognized regionally and nationally as an expert in higher education, achieving many awards and accolades during his respected career. In 2020, Dubois was recognized by the American Council on Education with its Outstanding Mentor Award, by the UNC Charlotte Alumni Association with its Honorary Alumnus Award, and by North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

# WILLIAM STATES LEE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

DR. ROBERT S. KEYNTON, DEAN

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Julissa Esmeralda Badillo  
Elias C. Beal  
Christian Beltran-Ayala  
Lukas Adam Bender  
Elijah Nathan Birch  
Roderick Albert Board *Cum Laude*  
Nicholas R. Bryant  
Dexter Lee Caldwell III  
Samuel Jackson Cardwell  
Da-Mario Emerson Charles  
Harrison Ty Choplins *Cum Laude*  
Michael Andrew Crawford *Cum Laude*  
Daniel Griffin Denton  
Jessica Blake Draffen  
Dillon Thomas Draughn  
Austin Grey Duncan  
Walter V. Dunklin  
Marvin Evans, Jr.  
Tucker Jimmy Gates *Cum Laude*  
Margaret Cristen Gavrilov  
Hunter Scott Grieser *Cum Laude*  
Patricia Marie Griner  
Logan Michael Grunwald  
Samuel Aaron Howard  
Julie Hwang *Cum Laude, University Honors*  
Madhumitha Keerthivarman *Cum Laude*  
Christian Kofod  
William G. Koop *Magna Cum Laude*  
Marcus G. Lahanius  
Austin Wade Larner  
Robert Cole Lewis  
Harry Charles Mauney  
Henry Hanson Monroe  
Jesse T. Morris *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jefferson Najarian Murray  
Jadon Isaiah Norman  
Miguel Maximiliano Ocampo Aranda  
Octavio Perez Perez III  
James Campbell Reid  
Kevin Resendiz Avalos  
Trenton Andrew Rhodes *Cum Laude*  
Caleb Micheal Ridley  
Nickolas Steven Royals *Magna Cum Laude*  
Yang Fabiano Lemos Scofano II  
Luke Kenyon Sherman  
Duard Stockran Swain V  
Eli Joseph Vassey *Cum Laude*  
Fernando Vazquez

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Mohamedhanymoh Abdelmoneim  
*Cum Laude*  
Mohammad Yaqoub Mohammad Alenezi  
*Cum Laude*  
Tasha Fatikarahma Asyiqin  
Lauren Isabel Bourque *Cum Laude*  
Joey Chavez

Michael Elias Daniel *Cum Laude*  
Leif Isaac Dixon *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Engineering Honors*  
Mohamed Elsaid  
Davy James Hallihan  
Jordan Mcdowell Helton  
Rachel J. Jock *Cum Laude*  
Connor Avery King  
Axel Leon Vasquez  
Swayam Mehta  
Aaron Miranda  
Emmanuel Bakitanga Mvutu *Cum Laude*  
Danil N. Phrakousonh, Jr.  
Brian Zephaniah Primo  
Parker Pschorr  
Cristian Salitre-Dothe  
Karlie Eliza-Marion Taylor  
Freddie Francisco Vasquez-Rios  
Anuraag Parag Warudkar

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Octavio Fernando Alonso-Galindo  
Bryan Calderon-Reyes  
Ada Madai Carmona Martinez  
Alec Reyes Cortner *Cum Laude*  
Rogelio Dominguez, Jr.  
Julia Alejandra Garcia-Martinez  
Jonathan Lloyd James  
Marjon Rose Montazeri  
Benjamin Cade Poindexter

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Jordan Mitchell Cook  
Michael DelGrosso  
Leif Isaac Dixon *Magna Cum Laude*  
*Engineering Honors*  
Alexandra H. Espinoza  
Colin Thomas Evans *Cum Laude*  
Lavela T. Gleh  
Carter Van Greene  
Angel Cuevas Guillen  
Thomas Robards Harrell  
Jordan Mcdowell Helton  
Anthony Peter Konstantinidi  
Cheng Zong Lor  
Samantha L. Meglio  
Edward Isaac Perez  
Danil N. Phrakousonh, Jr.  
Mikael Samson Pineda  
Logan Michael Price  
Anthony Michael Ramsey  
Taylor Aislinn Rios  
Seif Aldeen Shaker  
Benjamin Walker Slay *Cum Laude*  
Freddie Francisco Vasquez-Rios  
Mohammad Raed Wardeh I  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
William Spence Weeber  
Samuel Carlton Woodring *Magna Cum Laude*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

**Civil Engineering Technology**  
Daniel Guevara  
Deric Tyron Harper, Jr.  
Roland Hausmann  
Brennan King *Cum Laude*  
William Frederick Palmer  
Malcolm M. Rose  
Nicholas Killen Schreibis  
Kelly Ryan Sheffield  
Molina Myah Williams *Cum Laude*  
Travis Sebastian Williams  
Evan Nabil Yatsko

## Electromechanical Engineering Technology

Churchill Gbeah Beysolow  
Hritik L. Contractor *Cum Laude*  
David Aaron Dyer  
Williams Claude Goma, Jr.  
Wilson Lee Hawn *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mason Storm Lang *Cum Laude*  
Christopher Anthony Lanza  
Danery Manzanares *Magna Cum Laude*  
Bertram Rand Nurse  
Arjun Pratik Patel *Cum Laude*  
Wyatt Jacob Rhodes  
Matthew Todd Rodgers *Magna Cum Laude, Engineering Honors*  
Bao Gia Truong  
Lucas Dawson Wheeler *Cum Laude*

## Fire and Safety Engineering Technology

Turki Khalid M Alomani  
Timothy Jace Golden *Cum Laude*  
Joanne Elizabeth Phipps

## Mechanical Engineering Technology

David Bradley Ainsworth, Jr.  
Will Everett Almond  
Krista Breland  
Jason Dean Brown  
Tyler John Chase  
Seth Alan Corn  
Duy Hung "Hank" Nguyen Doan  
Carson Lane Draughn  
Jacob Cameron Hill  
Aaron Thomas Hudson  
Silas Richard Koning *Cum Laude*  
Andreas Brandon Messner  
Jared Dalton Morrison  
Nigel Murray  
Jack Lewis Pikett  
Jazmin Elaine Ramos  
Dean Bernel Relkin Perez *Cum Laude*  
Evan John Schmitt  
Braden Campbell Secrest  
Tanner Lynn Shull *Cum Laude*  
Scott David Stewart, Jr.  
Tyler Buu Truong

Bradley J. Wagoner *Cum Laude*,

*Engineering Honors*

Khwaja Numon Waheed

Akeem Walker

Hailey Sabree Williams

Jorge Andres Young Guerra

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Gregorio Aguirre Hernandez

Ali Fouad Alkhabbaz

Omar Ibrahim M Alqahtani

Seth Addison Bayler *Cum Laude*

Nicholas Berlo

Will Jackson Birchfield

Jason St. John Bird *Cum Laude*

Craig Clayton Blackwell

Mackay Timothy Burke *Magna Cum Laude*,

*University Honors, Engineering Honors*

Armstead Scott Capehart *Cum Laude*

Ryan Curtis Cassada *Cum Laude*

Eric Geoffery Catalano *Magna Cum Laude*

Colin Louis Chandler

Alvaro Chang-Garcia

Dawson James Cook

Joseph David Cranfill *Cum Laude*

Ryan Paul DenHartigh *Summa Cum Laude*

Charles Riley Dewitt

Samuel Trumbull Dixon

Ibraheem S. Elazzouzi

Saul Farias-Fortunato, Jr.

Amadou Fofana

Bankston Ketih Grissett

Rahul Guha

Joshua Timothy Hallman

Kealoha Liu Hankins *Magna Cum Laude*

Tyler Norman Henderson *Cum Laude*

Travis Richard Horne

Sarah Layne Howard

Seth Carson Hunt

Kevin Lee Inman

Matthew John Keough

Hunter Ketchie

Landon B. Ketchie

Matthew Joseph Larsen

Zaire Jamir Lawrence *Magna Cum Laude*

Garrett Allen Lowe *Magna Cum Laude*

Scor Ly *Summa Cum Laude*

Joshua Madsen *Cum Laude*

Jonah Ryan Martin

Mohamed Ramsey Mayy

Devin Christopher McKillop

*Summa Cum Laude*

Nicholas Gerhard Mendlik *Cum Laude*

Zena Mlayes

Alexander Alton Norris *Magna Cum Laude*

Itzel Nunez-Ariza *Cum Laude*

Timothy Ray Osterhoudt *Cum Laude*

Collin Alexander Owensby

Jess Peterson

Christian Thomas Phelps

Mason Tyler Platz

Ethan Luke Pongracz *Cum Laude*

Glen Avery Powell *Cum Laude*

Layne Griffin Riggs *Cum Laude*

Neal Heber Salas Zamudio *Cum Laude*

Daniel Kjell Sanford

Robert Mccamey Simonton *Cum Laude*

Jacob Hunter Smith

Alberto Jesus Steffens, Jr.

Mohamed T. Tageldin

Abassie Elias Thomas

Andrew Ryan Thompson *Cum Laude*

Esai Torres-Tarango *Cum Laude*,

*University Honors*

Jose Damian Valles Rojas *Cum Laude*

Roberto Carlos Vasquez Posadas

William Joseph Vitola

Dean Nicholas Vrettos

Riddick Warren White *Magna Cum Laude*

Lauren Elizabeth Wilkie *Cum Laude*,

*University Honors, Freeman Scholar*

Brendan Kenneth Young

Tiande Yuan *Cum Laude*

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

Abdulaziz Alhulayyil

Anthony Angel Alvarenga-Guzman

Kayden Michael Colby

Lizbeth J. Hernandez *Cum Laude*,

*Engineering Honors*

Rachael Leigh Massey

Joysan Jolene Osteen *Summa Cum Laude*,

*Engineering Honors, Levine Scholar*

Anthony Michael Saraco *Summa Cum Laude*,

*University Honors, Engineering Honors, Martin Scholar*

Shaswath Ram Shanmuganathan

Antonio A. Torres

Khalid Mohamed Hassan Yahia

## HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY



region's unmet need for a public institution of higher education, moved to have the Charlotte Center taken over by the city school district and operated as Charlotte College, offering the first two years of college courses.

By 1961, Charlotte College was experiencing rapid growth that resulted in the establishment of a campus of its own. In the same year, Charlotte College leaders moved its student population into the first two buildings, Kennedy and Macy, on what would become a 1,000-acre campus ten miles from downtown Charlotte. In 1963, the North Carolina legislature approved bills making Charlotte College a four-year, state-supported institution. In 1965, the legislature passed bills designating the College the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the fourth campus of the consolidated state system. Expansion continued as the University began offering master's degrees in 1969. In 1992, UNC Charlotte received authorization for its first doctoral programs. UNC Charlotte is the state's urban research institution and the system's third largest public university with greater than 30,000 students enrolled.

# DECEMBER 2024 COMMENCEMENT

## SATURDAY MORNING CEREMONY

### THE GRADUATE SCHOOL DOCTORAL HOODING

*The National Anthem* ..... Keilah E. Jones  
Bachelor of Music

*Welcome* ..... Sharon L. Gaber  
Chancellor

*Greetings from the Graduating Class* ..... Christopher P. Lacy  
Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership

*Recognition of the Graduates* ..... Jennifer L. Troyer  
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

*Conferral of Degrees* ..... Chancellor Gaber  
and Provost Troyer

*Ringing of the UNC Charlotte Bell* ..... Mehdi Morovati  
Doctor of Philosophy, Mechanical Engineering

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# GREETINGS FROM THE GRADUATING CLASS

## Christopher P. Lacy Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership



Good morning,

As a three-time graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, I stand here today filled with a mix of emotions: excitement, joy, relief, anticipation, a bit of nervousness and an overwhelming sense of gratitude for those who have supported me in this journey. But more than anything else, I feel proud—proud of myself, and I mean that in the least humble way possible, and proud of each and every graduate in this room.

Admittedly, I don't know most of the people in this arena, and for many of you, this may be your first time meeting me. But in this moment, in this space, I can feel a unique connection that binds us all together. I feel and see the perseverance reflected in all of our journeys. I can feel and see the resilience and community surrounding each of us. I can see and I can feel that we all share something very special: the privilege of calling UNC Charlotte home for however long it took each of us to get here.

Home potentially means something different to each of us:

- For some, home is about the people—maybe it's your dissertation chair or advisor, the friends and colleagues who became your support system or even the barista who always got your Starbucks order just right every Wednesday before class.
- For others, home is about the places—perhaps it's the classrooms where your worldview expanded, the office or Zoom calls where you found the support you needed or maybe it's that quiet corner you claimed every time you needed a space to write.
- For many, home is about the memories—the challenges you overcame, the triumphs you celebrated or even those moments of walking past Atkins Library with friends, watching the autumn leaves fall and feeling like you finally knew what it was like to be in college, just like in the movies.

For all of us, the little piece of home we found at UNC Charlotte represents some combination of these things. For most of us, home may not be a place we stay forever, but it's a place we carry with us—something that becomes a part of us as we step into new spaces and navigate experiences beyond the familiar. No matter where we go or what paths we choose, we all have the privilege of calling this place a little piece of home.

As graduates of the one and only Charlotte, we will carry our pieces of home—our little pieces of green and white—everywhere we go. And as we move forward into the next chapters of our lives, I can think of nothing finer than go as a Forty-Niner of the highest degree.

So again, I stand here today filled with a mix of emotions, but more than anything else, I feel proud- proud of me, proud of each and every graduate and proud that we will carry the Niner Nation with us everywhere we go!

Congratulations, everyone!

# CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

## THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Dr. Pinku Mukherjee, Interim Dean

### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

#### Educational Leadership

- Claudia Michelle Allen  
*Rebecca A. Shore, Advisor*  
Kathleen Vivian Bradley-Volz  
*Cathy D. Howell, Ryan A. Miller, Advisors*  
Lisa Marie Gaskin  
*Alan R. Mabe, Advisor*  
Zackary Tyler Hubbard  
*Ayesha Sadaf, Advisor*  
Christopher P. Lacy  
*Rebecca A. Shore, Advisor*  
Shayla Wiggins Savage  
*Jamie Kudlats, Advisor*  
Darlene Marie Schaefer  
*Susan E. Oyarzun, Advisor*  
Kelly Efird Simmons  
*Mark M. D'Amico, Walter H. Hart, Advisors*  
Tiffany Mary Ann Wilson  
*Mark M. D'Amico, Advisor*

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### Applied Mathematics

- Amanda Kristine Gute  
*Duan Chen, Ronald E. Smelser, Advisors*

#### Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

- Alfred Bruce Hubbard  
*Daniel A. Janies, Advisor*  
Lauren Roppolo Brazell  
*Cynthia J. Gibas, Advisor*  
Yangqi Su  
*ZhengChang Su, Advisor*  
Sisi Yuan  
*ZhengChang Su, Advisor*

#### Biology

- Siddhi Omkar  
*Andrew Truman, Advisor*

#### Civil Engineering

- Emmanuel Dotun Adeyanju  
*John L. Daniels, Advisor*

#### Computing and Information Systems

- Ahmed Al Salih  
*Yongge Wang, Advisor*  
Md Morshed Alam  
*Weichao Wang, Advisor*  
Abdulrahman Mohammed Aldkheel  
*Lina Zhou, Advisor*

Md Hasan Jawad Chowdhury  
*Gabriel A. Terejanu, Advisor*

Zhe Fu  
*Xi Niu, Advisor*  
Abdullah Al Raqibul Islam  
*Dong Dai, Advisor*  
Kalvik Jakkala  
*Srinivas Akella, Advisor*  
Moumita Das Purba  
*Bei-Tseng Chu, Advisor*  
Md Rezaur Rashid  
*Gabriel A. Terejanu, Advisor*  
Yaying Shi  
*Yonghong Yan, Advisor*  
Kanlun Wang  
*Lina Zhou, Advisor*  
Jacqueline Lea White  
*Heather R. Lipford, Advisor*

#### Counselor Education and Supervision

Sherée Danielle Harper  
*Sejal P. Foxx, Advisor*  
Emily Grace Hartung  
*Henry L. Harris, Advisor*  
Cherria Mia Moore  
*Susan R. Furr, Advisor*

#### Curriculum and Instruction

Ahzim Jaail Coleman Hart  
*Bettie R. Butler, Advisor*  
Brittany Simone Hart  
*Erin K. Washburn, Advisor*  
Catherine Holl-Cross  
*Michelle L. Stephan, Advisor*  
Natasha Deanna Lipscomb  
*Chance W. Lewis, Advisor*  
Karen Roshaun McLean  
*Chance W. Lewis, Advisor*  
Rueben David Moore  
*Bettie R. Butler, Advisor*  
Olanrewaju Titilope Oriowo  
*Allison W. McCulloch, Advisor*  
Justin Rashawn Phillips  
*Chance W. Lewis, Advisor*  
Christopher Abram Reed  
*Bettie R. Butler, Advisor*  
Nicole Elizabeth Shanley  
*Erik J. Byker, Advisor*

#### Education Research, Measurement and Evaluation

Leonardo Herrera Mosquera  
*Jae Hoon Lim, Richard G. Lambert, Advisors*

#### Electrical Engineering

Chaitanya Mukund Bhure  
*Fareena Saqib, Advisor*  
Sujay Anil Kaloti  
*Badrul H. Chowdhury, Advisor*  
Anik Mallik  
*Jiang Xie, Advisor*  
Kamal Chandra Paul  
*Tiefu Zhao, Advisor*  
Abhijith Ravi  
*Linquan Bai, Valentina Cecchi, Advisors*  
Prithwiraj Roy Chowdhury  
*Madhav D. Manjrekar, Advisor*  
Justin A. Sanchez  
*Hamed Tabkhivayghan, Advisor*  
Muhammad Sarmad Tariq  
*Sukumar Kamalasadan, Advisor*

#### Geography

Gaston Abel Ayon Munguia  
*Deborah S. Thomas, Advisor*  
Hannah Christine Partridge  
*Sara A. Gagne, Advisor*

#### Health Psychology

Maria Grace Alessi  
*Jeanette M. Bennett, Advisor*  
Lena Etzel  
*George J. Demakis, Jennifer B. Webb, Advisors*  
Jodie Nicole Lisenbee  
*Jennifer B. Webb, Advisor*  
Iris Fraude McMillan  
*Erika Montanaro, Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling, Advisor*  
Alexis Danielle Mitchell  
*Sara Levens, Advisor*  
Leslie Ann Snapper  
*Victoria C. Scott, Advisor*

#### Health Services Research

Laura Ann Clark  
*Reuben Howden, Advisor*  
Subhanwita Ghosh  
*Ahmed A. Arif, Advisor*  
Kristin Macfarlane Lenoir  
*Rajib Paul, Advisor*

**Infrastructure and Environmental Systems**

Hamideh Hossei  
*Jaewon Oh, Kyoung-Hee Kim, Advisors*  
Chengying Hua  
*Wei Fan, Advisor*  
Amit Kumar  
*Omidreza Shoghli, Advisor*  
Sophia Lin  
*Shen-En Chen, Advisor*  
Abimbola Rasheed Ogungbire  
*Srinivas S. Pulugurtha, Advisor*

**Mechanical Engineering**

Mehdi Morovati  
*Russell G. Keanini, Advisor*  
Liuqing Yang  
*Youxing Chen, Advisor*

**Nanoscale Science**

Jonathan Hunter Gillen  
*Christopher M. Bejger, Advisor*  
Varsha Sanjay Godakhindi  
*Juan L. Vivero-Escoto, Advisor*  
Jennifer Hannah Kant  
*David K. Pugalee, Jordan C. Poler, Advisors*  
Venkatesh V. Ranjan  
*Irina V. Nesmelova, Advisor*

**Optical Science and Engineering**

Grant William Bidney  
*Vasily Astratov, Advisor*  
Wenrui Miao  
*Gregory J. Gbur, Advisor*  
Rui Qi  
*Gregory J. Gbur, Advisor*  
Ana Hiza Ramirez-Andrade  
*Konstantinos Falaggis, Advisor*  
Uma Subash  
*Menelaos K. Poutous, Advisor*  
Mehnaz Tarannum  
*Michael A. Fiddy, Advisor*  
Nguyen Hai Vy Tran  
*Stuart T. Smith, Advisor*  
Nenad Vrucinic  
*Yong Zhang, Advisor*

**Public Health Sciences**

Ashley Ronay Banks  
*Larissa R. Huber, Maren J. Coffman, Advisors*  
Melanie T. Mayfield  
*Annelise M. Mennicke, Apryl A. Alexander, Advisors*

**Public Policy**

Sarah Haley Knowles  
*Stephanie M. Smith, Advisor*  
Robert Pinka III  
*Jaclyn S. Piatak, Advisor*

**Special Education**

Benna Souyonne Haas  
*Cindy M. Gilson, Advisor*  
Monique Pinczynski  
*Robert C. Pennington, Advisor*

**Organizational Science**

Elizabeth Hardy Albritton  
*Scott Tonidandel, Advisor*  
Amber Lane Davidson Greenwood  
*Amy B. Canevello, Eric D. Heggestad, Advisors*  
Andrew George McBride  
*Janaki Gooty, Advisor*



## THE UNIVERSITY NICKNAME - 49ERS

The "49ers" nickname was chosen in recognition of the importance of the year 1949 in the history of the University. UNC Charlotte, which began as an off-campus center of the University of North Carolina, would have died in 1949 had Bonnie Cone and her supporters not convinced the N.C. Legislature that Charlotte needed a permanent institution of higher learning. Charlotte College was established that year. It is fortuitous that the University campus is located on N.C. Highway 49 and that Charlotte has a rich gold mining history. A bronze statue of the 49er Gold Miner sits in the Cato College of Education and College of Health and Human Services Plaza. The statue recalls the region's history as a gold mining center and symbolizes the pioneering spirit and determination that has led to UNC Charlotte's dramatic growth.

# SATURDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY

DECEMBER 2024 COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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| <i>The National Anthem</i> .....                                | Keilah E. Jones<br>Bachelor of Music                                   |
| <i>Welcome</i> .....                                            | Sharon L. Gaber<br>Chancellor                                          |
| <i>Greetings from the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees</i> ..... | Dennis N. Bunker III<br>Chair, Board of Trustees                       |
| <i>Greetings from the Graduating Class</i> .....                | Gina L. Merrell<br>Master of Public Administration                     |
| <i>Recognition of the Graduates</i> .....                       | Jennifer L. Troyer<br>Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs |
| <i>Conferral of Degrees</i> .....                               | Chancellor Gaber<br>and Provost Troyer                                 |
| <i>Ringing of the UNC Charlotte Bell</i> .....                  | Syreeta I. Taylor<br>Master of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies         |

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# GREETINGS FROM THE GRADUATING CLASS

## Gina L. Merrell Master of Public Administration



Welcome faculty, friends, family and most importantly to the graduates of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

My name is Gina Merrell. I am graduating today with my master's in public administration, and I have been given the honor of delivering the student commencement speech.

Thirty years ago today, I was a senior in high school with the world in front of me. At that time, I had an idea of what I wanted my life to be, but of course, plans don't always work out the way we intend. Sometimes, things work out even better than we imagine.

To get here today, we have all made sacrifices. Whether you came straight from an undergraduate program or took a 25-year journey,

we have all worked hard and dedicated this time in our lives to reach today. Whether you turned down an invitation on a Saturday night to be with friends or had to tell your daughter that we could not go to a pumpkin patch because of a paper to write or a chapter to read. Today makes all those times worth it and validates our reasons for starting this journey in the first place.

For my own journey, after 20 years of working in local government, I wanted to have the letters behind my name that stood for the knowledge and experience that I had earned. The funny thing is that this journey was so much more than expected. Like most of you, I had a chance to learn from my professors and peers that allowed me to see perspectives I had never thought of before. I learned from them, and I grew. That's the beauty of education - we grow in unexpected ways when we take the opportunity to pursue knowledge.

At the end of every school year, as my children begin to prepare and stress about the standardized testing they must take, I tell them the same thing. The score they get represents how you answer a set of questions on that one day of your entire life. Tests do not determine your intelligence, nor do they define your abilities. Those are guided by your desire to learn, to grow, to further your education. That's what we chose to do when we enrolled in our program here at UNC Charlotte. We chose to grow, to make ourselves a little better, and to make the world a better place with the work we plan to do.

So, thank you to the University for providing such a beautiful campus to learn and phenomenal staff that has helped guide us through the entire process from enrollment to graduation. Thank you to the faculty who taught us and gave us their all in helping us develop our skills and knowledge. Thank you to our friends and families who tolerated us and encouraged us every step of the way. Thank you for never making me do another data regression or work in Stata again. Most importantly, thank you to each of you for completing this journey, earning your degree or certificate, embracing the growth that comes with higher education and making the world a better place.

Congratulations everyone and let's go Forty-Niners!

# CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

## THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

**DR. PINKU MUKHERJEE, INTERIM DEAN**

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

#### Workplace Competencies

Anthony K. Davis  
Nathaisa Banks Jones

## COLLEGE OF ARTS + ARCHITECTURE

**DR. JOSE GÁMEZ, DEAN**

### MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Tanmay Prashant Goraksha  
Amirhossein Heydarpour  
Jonathan Patrick Joles  
Siddhi Sagar Kherdekar  
Tahlya Ree Mock  
Elijah Rutkowski  
Michael Angelo Serrano

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### Architecture

Alyssa Morgan Brady  
Tahlya Ree Mock

### MASTER OF URBAN DESIGN

Mackenzie Elizabeth Lail  
Kennedy Alexis Reid

## BELK COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**DR. RICHARD BUTTNER, DEAN**

### MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

#### Accounting

Kaitlyn Dianne Baucom  
Hannah Elizabeth Brammer  
Danielle Oniqua Brown  
Allyson Nicole Danaher  
Jim Dick  
Runqi Dong  
Taylor Elizabeth Harris  
Ethan Hilzinger  
Mark Humphrey  
India Brooke Inman  
Maria Kastanas  
Maxine Sophia Kooper  
Meike Kratzsch  
Jessalyn Lysette LaFrancis  
Thomas J. Landis  
Anthony Paul Love  
Barrett Judson McGuire  
Matthew Graeme Morrison  
Tin W. Ngou  
Abigail Marie Ross  
Quin Alan Ruschill  
Elijah K Smith  
Wesley Calvin Smith  
Steven Dominic Thomas II  
Xiaojuan Zhong

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Emmanuel Izebe Akhimiomoh  
Samer Osama Alkhattab  
Anna M. Asprogiannis  
Poonam Asuthkar  
Grayson Ayscue  
Sarah Rose Bechtel  
Hope Renee Bellair  
Alexandra Biron  
Emily Nicole Boykin  
Christopher Michael Brenner  
Kandace Stafford Callaghan  
Alonso Campos Almochanta  
Nathaniel P. Clough  
Jessie Grace Connick  
Jasmine T. Cotton  
Victoria Culberson  
Christopher Ryan Davis  
Juan Carlos Delgado Vidal  
Amit Dhowalaghbar  
Larissa Diaz  
Eladio Dones-Cardona  
Brian John Duggan  
Taylor Nicole Echevarria  
Ricardo Estrada Torres  
Trae Von Florence  
Jessica Lizeth Fonseca Ruiz  
Stratus George Fotos, Jr.  
Logan Frost  
Justin Nnajiuba Ozuzu Gabson  
Jose Alejandro Galaviz Alvarado  
Magaly Anahlia Garza  
Jesus Nazareth Gimenez  
Richard Keith Goley  
Kaleigh Jane Graham  
Maha Hasan  
Gunner Sebastian Hogston  
Jaelyn Mariah Holmes  
Nataleah Nicole Howard  
Carson Robert Huckabee  
Keri Lynn Huestis  
Tiffany Jivon Johnson  
Naida Kravac  
Nadezda Kuzina  
Ana Lorena Lama Navia  
Avery Madison Lewis  
Wei Lin  
Ana Elia Lusthoff, Sr.  
Paulina Mandujano Cardenas  
Lesslie Martinez  
Tyler Arnason Mason  
Stephanie Renee McDonald  
William Benjamin Medlock, Jr.  
Madison Marie Moore  
Marcela Morales Flores  
Daniel Everett Moss  
Hugo Murillo, Sr.  
Itzel Nava Valdez  
Jenna Newman  
Bryce Jordan Oakley  
Aswi Vinod Patel  
Ritik Jigesh Patel  
Commie Lawrence Pendergrass  
Lee Olney Perkins  
Dakota James Perron  
Mystie Carpenter Pulliam  
Branson Gabriel Pyritz

Rohan Suresh Ramchandani  
Avinash Ramdas  
Eduardo Octavio Resendez  
Lucas Santos Ribeiro  
Felipe R. Rios-Neto  
Marcus Christian Robitaille  
Alicia Guadalupe Rodriguez Aguirre  
Catherine Elizabeth Ruis  
Saleema O. Sabakada  
Juan Rogelio Sandoval Gonzalez  
Mariana B. Marcal Santos  
Carson Alayna Sharawy  
Anjali Sinha  
Matthew Christopher Sistare  
Ayjah Smith  
Emma Catherine Smith  
Zoe Stamper  
Abigail Ashley Steinberg  
Scott David Stewart  
Tiffany Toppazzini  
John Chukwuemeka Ukpai  
Andrea Cristina Villa Alvarado  
Stacey Maureen Webster  
Ranjan Yancharla

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

#### Economics

Larry Wilson Britt  
Gabriel Anthony Earp  
Tanner Terry Hardy  
Drew Alexander Hendrix  
Landon Pate  
Luke Robert Sales  
Sohana Taskeen Zaman

#### Mathematical Finance

Joshua Brian Arsenault  
Suhas Bacchu  
Oviya Manoharan  
Parker Ryan Miller  
Parvesh  
Huong Mai Pham  
Moulana Vaheed Shaik  
Shishir Kumar Vyas

#### Real Estate

John Blakely Shell  
Darius Walton

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

#### Business Analytics

Maria Paulina Serna  
Jiaqi Sun

#### Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Sydney Skye Smith

#### Real Estate Finance and Development

Andrew Jen  
Michael John LaVenture  
Nathan White

**COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND  
INFORMATICS**  
**DR. BOJAN CUKIC, DEAN**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**

**Bioinformatics**

Julian Garrett Aileru  
Tulasi Arla  
Sodiq Murphy Balogun  
Ashley Rose Bragg  
Abigail Blair Brook  
Jeffrey Gordon Gerst  
Andrew Walter Haywood  
Alisa Rose Hutagalung  
Waiz Ahmed Khan  
Jaclyn Elizabeth Lawson  
Kevin Jacob Mathew  
Hareem Fatima Niazi  
Shivam Sanjaykumar Patel  
Prudvi Raj Ragi  
Kavitharini Saravanan

**Computer Science**

Venkata Naveen Aduri  
Aditya Shiva Sai Agganoor  
Mansi Ramnikbhai Akbari  
Sahithya Alladi  
Shubh Almal  
Vishal Anton  
Bhavya Appidi  
Aniqa Ayesha Arif  
Kevin Josue Avila  
Nikitha Basavanna  
Sai Sri Mohan Datta Baya  
Varun Kumar Bejugam  
Pooja Bhimineni  
Hinduja Bikki  
RamgopalHyndav Bollepalli  
Haswika Bommema  
Lane Daniel Brantley  
Tanusree Byram  
Sai Pravallika Byrapuram  
Sumedha Chadalavada  
Nandini Chalicham  
Bhanu Hithesh Chaluvadhi  
Neeraj Rajendrasingh Chandel  
Mrinalini Chava  
Sai Lakshmi Sadhwika Chavatapalli  
Venkata Sai Harsha Chenna  
Chandrasekar Chigurupati  
Vamsee Chilukuri  
Rishitha Reddy Chinthareddy  
Tarun Kumar Chopra  
Sushma Indrani Dangeti  
Rama Aasish Varma Dantuluri  
Akhil Kumar Deegoju  
Pallavi Nanaaheb Deshmukh  
Karticka Devi  
Bharadwaj Dhornala  
Revant Reddy Dondeti  
Sijia Dong  
Phani Kiran Reddy Duggempudi  
Sai Niharika Duggireddy  
Richa Shalom Gadagotti  
Saivarun Gandra  
Tanvi Mahesh Garg  
Gayathri Garine  
Mel R. Gerst  
Naga Pranav Gogineni  
Bharath Kumar Gompa  
Mamatha Sree Gorijala

Phiny Francis Govathoti  
Manish Kumar Govind  
Venkata Naga Ajit Babu Gudipati  
Revanth Chowdary Guduri  
Aditya Sahithi Gunda  
Keerthini Rao Gundapaneni  
Hardhika Reddy Gundlagutta  
Koushik Reddy Gunjala  
Anas Ibrahim  
Jaichandra Jadhav  
Lakshmi Varshita Jammigumpula  
Leonel Jerez, Jr.  
Bianca Regina Jhonson  
Saisuraj Jindam  
Varsha Reddy Jwala  
Praharsha Srikar Kadambari  
Sravani Kaligotla  
Pujitha Kalwa  
Ram Charan Kambam  
Shanker Abhinay Kaminedi  
Praneeth Sai Kanaparthi  
Yashwanth Chowdary Kanaparthi  
Sowmya Kanjula  
Teekshala Kantheti  
Jahnavi Kanukuntla  
Amrutha Chowdary Karlapudi  
Navya Sri Kathi  
Madhavi Kathula  
Lasya Katla  
Ruchitha Katta  
Sai Charan Kavuri  
Velangini Sameeksha Reddy Khambam  
Adarsh Kodumuru  
Lucky Kodwani  
Sukhdev Kolli  
Hari Srinivas Kothuri  
Ruchitha Reddy Kudumula  
Arun Kusuma  
Harshith Siddartha Kutumbaka  
Sai Dheeraj Lanka  
Willy H. Leung  
Maximilian Levine  
Ashwitha Lingannagari  
Pranav Reddy Loka  
Moulyasree Madamanchi  
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| <b>Nursing Systems/Populations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>History</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>MASTER OF SCIENCE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Brandi Jo Akerberg<br>Tiffany Elease Augustin<br>Shakirat 'Bola Bakare<br>Jennifer Saliba Bishop<br>Ashley Thompson Burts<br>Ashley Nicole Franklin<br>Laura Denise Johnson<br>Jaime Miers<br>Shawane Domenica Neptune<br>Angeline Faith Ryman<br>Katie Leigh Smith<br>Emma Rose Tanferno<br>Christina Marie Villa | Malahah Darlene Dalton<br>Kaila Mary Dollard<br>Abigail Fryman<br>LaWanda NaShiki Monique McCullor<br>Amanda Melone Roberts<br>Erjan Syrgak<br>Amelia Grace Zytka                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Criminal Justice</b><br>Riley W. Bell<br>Kiara Savanna Bruinsma<br>Tanner James Ingrassia<br>Mackenzie Rae Reed<br>Mary Ann Marie Rounsfifer<br>David Lynn Small<br>Stephanie Paige Vail<br>Cesar Augusto Vasquez, Jr. |
| <b>MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Interdisciplinary Studies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Earth Sciences</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Zaria Bell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Micah Thomas Barber<br><b>Joshua J. Hamra</b><br>Sarah Frinks Morgan<br>Sreeta I. Taylor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Carolina Cardona<br>Justin Craig Coley<br>Jasen Douglas Greco<br>Mai P. Vang                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Latin American Studies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>GRADUATE CERTIFICATE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Adult Gerontology Acute Care</b><br>Deval B. Shah                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Melinda Erickson<br>Marquis Jarell McKiever<br>Natalia Pilar Mejia<br>Megan White                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Applied Linguistics</b><br>Stephanie DonNise Perry                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>GRADUATE CERTIFICATE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Psychology</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Crime Analysis</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Applied Nursing Informatics</b><br>Lee Everett Arrington<br>Erin Leigh Babbitt<br>Ashlyn Sherwood Dickson<br>Heidi Lanning O'Malley<br>Alexandra Favory                                                                                                                                                         | Matthew Shawn Andresen<br>Samuel Derieux Clarkson<br>Payton Raye Davenport<br>Kirsten Anita Gade                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Riley W. Bell<br>Tanner James Ingrassia<br>Stephanie Paige Vail<br>Cesar Augusto Vasquez, Jr.                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Early Childhood Mental Health</b><br>Emily Babson<br>LaNai Dionne Davidson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Psychology - Industrial/Organizational</b><br>Lauren Xavier<br>Mary Gervasi<br>Isabella Reece Lopez<br>Heather Erdmann Lorenz<br>Christian Melendez<br>Iniya Muthukumaren<br>Melissa Christine Nobile<br>Amy Marie Raymer<br>Kayla Rennox<br>Colleen Riordan<br>Seana Mone't Smith<br>Kimberly Elizabeth Torres<br>Jordan Gabrielle Toussaint | <b>Emergency Management</b><br>James Andrew Densmore                                                                                                                                                                      |
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**MASTER'S DEGREES**

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| <b>Apricot:</b><br>Nursing                          | <b>Copper:</b><br>Economics                                                | <b>Orange:</b><br>Engineering                              | <b>DOCTORAL DEGREES</b>                                        |
| <b>Blue Violet:</b><br>Architecture<br>Urban Design | <b>Drab/Tan:</b><br>Business<br>Health Administration                      | <b>Peacock:</b><br>Public Administration                   | <b>Drab/Tan (DBA):</b><br>Doctor of<br>Business Administration |
| <b>Light Blue:</b><br>Education                     | <b>Bright Gold:</b><br>Sciences<br>Computing & Informatics<br>Data Science | <b>Salmon:</b><br>Public Health                            | <b>Light Blue (EdD):</b><br>Doctor of Education                |
| <b>Citron:</b><br>Social Work                       | Health Systems Management<br>Health Informatics                            | <b>White:</b><br>Liberal Arts<br>Counseling<br>Kinesiology | <b>Apricot (DNP):</b><br>Doctor of Nursing Practice            |
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*The University wishes to thank the UNC Charlotte faculty, staff, students, alumni and volunteers for their assistance with the Commencement activities.*

## CHANCELLOR SHARON L. GABER



Sharon L. Gaber, Ph.D., serves as the fifth Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the Charlotte region's public research university. With more than 31,000 students, Charlotte is the third largest institution in the University of North Carolina System and is nationally recognized for its innovative approach to student success.

Since Gaber arrived as Chancellor in 2020, the University has embarked on a bold 10-year strategic plan that articulates a new vision as a globally recognized research university. With record research expenditures, Charlotte is projected to earn the nation's top research designation, Carnegie R1, in early 2025.

Charlotte is also reaching new heights in the national rankings. Since 2020, the University is one of the top 10 fastest-rising universities in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report*, rising 76 spots overall and ranking No. 81 among U.S. public universities. The publication also ranks Charlotte as the most innovative public university in North Carolina and No. 45 in the nation.

An academic with a background in city and regional planning, Gaber is the author of several articles on regional and urban planning, public policy and the social dynamics that affect community decision-making. She is also the co-author of a book on planning research methods.

Gaber was named to *The Charlotte Business Journal's* Power 100 in 2022 and 2024. She has also been named to *Business North Carolina's* Power List for four consecutive years. Education Dive named Gaber one of five higher education leaders to watch in 2018, and she received the Career Mastered Distinguished Leadership Award in 2022.

Deeply engaged in community and regional activities, she serves on the board of Charlotte Center City Partners and is a member of the Women Executives and the International Women's Forum – Carolinas.

At the national level, Gaber has served on multiple NCAA committees and is the first UNC System chancellor to serve as a member of Excelencia in Education's Presidents for Latino Student Success. She also serves on the Executive Committee of the American Athletic Conference.

A native of Southern California, Gaber earned an A.B. in Economics and Urban Studies from Occidental College, an M.P.L. in Urban Planning from the University of Southern California, and a Ph.D. in City & Regional Planning from Cornell University.

Prior to her arrival at UNC Charlotte, Gaber served for five years as the president of the University of Toledo, where she was nationally recognized for her efforts to increase enrollment and graduation rates, boost research funding and make the campus environment diverse and inclusive.

Earlier in her career, she served as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas. She has also served as an administrator and interim provost at Auburn University and a faculty member and administrator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Officially the first woman to serve as chancellor of UNC Charlotte, Gaber follows the trail blazed by founding educator Bonnie Cone, who led the institution from 1946-66 through several stages of growth.

Gaber is the proud mother of three children: Allison, Peter and Jen (dec).

## CHANCELLOR'S CABINET

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# WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations, Class of 2024! We are incredibly proud of you for earning your degree from UNC Charlotte and we applaud you for reaching this incredible milestone. We are also excited to welcome you to the UNC Charlotte Alumni Association, which includes more than 178,000 fellow alumni.

The mission of the Office of Alumni Engagement is to inspire current and future Charlotte alumni to engage in lifelong relationships with Niner Nation, because your 49er experience doesn't end when you graduate. Once a Niner, always a Niner!

## Connect with Fellow Niners

As a new graduate, you will receive invitations to participate in activities and events hosted specifically for GOLD Alumni (Graduates of the Last Decade), including trivia nights, happy hours and alumni panels that will help you grow as a professional. We offer a variety of events and resources to help you stay involved with Niner Nation:

- Networking events
- A lifetime of career resources
- Interest and affinity networks
- Homecoming: Niner Nation Week
- Alumni Tailgate at the Hauser Alumni Pavilion
- Alumni Award programs (including the 10 Under Ten Awards for GOLD Alumni)
- Opportunities to give back as a Niner volunteer
- And more!

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