



# **THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE**

## **COMMENCEMENT**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025**

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**BELK COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

**COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATICS**

**CATO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**WILLIAM STATES LEE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & EARTH AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**KLEIN COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

**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 today marks the culmination of your hard work and perseverance, it's also a day of celebration for your family, friends and the faculty and staff who have supported you every step of the way.

UNC Charlotte was founded in 1946 to fill an educational gap in North Carolina's largest city; the nearest public university was 90 miles away. In the decades since its humble beginning, we've grown into North Carolina's urban research university, now serving more than 31,000 students. From the beginning, our mission has been rooted in expanding access to higher education—and our continued success is thanks to the extraordinary students, exceptional faculty and staff, dedicated alumni, generous supporters and strong leaders who have propelled us forward.

We are a university on the move. Since 2020, we've climbed 76 spots in the overall *U.S. News & World Report* rankings and currently hold the No. 81 spot among public universities for 2025—making us one of the 10 fastest rising universities in the nation. And we're one of only three in North Carolina to be ranked among the nation's top 100 public universities. Additionally, UNC Charlotte is the only public university in North Carolina to be included in *U.S. News & World Report's* "Most Innovative Schools" category, where we're ranked No. 45 in the nation.

In February 2025, UNC Charlotte officially earned a Carnegie R1 research designation — a distinction reserved for the nation's top-tier research universities. This transformational achievement, driven by the incredible work of our faculty and graduate students, not only enhances the value of your degree but also expands our impact across the region and the state.

What's happening at Charlotte is truly unique. You should be proud of the degree you've earned. It represents not only academic achievement but also personal growth. During your time here, you've developed intellectually, emotionally and socially through engaging in classroom discussions, participating in campus activities, completing internships, interacting with individuals from other cultures and connecting with the greater Charlotte community.

On behalf of the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and friends, I offer my heartfelt congratulations. We are proud of all you have accomplished and grateful to have been a part of your journey.

As you step into this next chapter, you also step into a lifelong relationship with UNC Charlotte as a proud member of our Alumni Association—now more than 187,000 strong around the globe. Stay connected, get involved and let your Niner pride continue to grow. May the friendships and memories you've made here stay with you always. And wherever your journey takes you, never forget—you are a 49er!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon L. Gaber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sharon" and last name "Gaber" clearly legible.

Sharon L. Gaber  
Chancellor

## UNC CHARLOTTE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Dontá L. Wilson '97 currently serves as board chair. Wilson is the chief consumer and small business banking officer for Truist Financial Corporation, a purpose-driven financial services organization committed to inspiring and building better lives and communities. He leads 20,000 teammates who serve retail, premier and small business clients through digital banking, multiple virtual service centers and more than 1,900 community banking branches. Additionally, he oversees core deposit and loan products, also including mortgage, auto, credit card, and national consumer lending businesses: LightStream, Dealer Financial Services, Regional Acceptance Corporation, Sheffield Financial, and Service Finance Company; as well as consumer capital markets; consumer credit underwriting and approval; enterprise marketing; client analytics; client experience strategy; and digital banking, transformation and innovation. He is also a member of Truist's Operating Council.

Wilson was named to the executive leadership team in 2016 and has served as chief retail and small business banking officer and chief digital and client experience officer for Truist. His career leadership responsibilities span both consumer and wholesale client segments, in addition to holding several enterprise function leadership roles. Wilson has led global services and enterprise bank operations, intelligent automation, experience design and research, decision science, corporate communications, CRA and community development, the Truist Foundation and fintech investments through Truist Ventures. Prior to 2016, Wilson served in regional and group president roles leading retail, wealth, mortgage, commercial, corporate banking and commercial real estate. His experience encompasses successfully guiding teams through multiple acquisitions, including the historic Truist merger of equals in 2019.

Wilson serves on the Signet Jewelers Board of Directors. He has been named one of Savoy's Top Black Executives since 2016 and was chosen Digital Banker of the Year by American Banker in 2021. Wilson is a member of Global 50/World 50, Executive Leadership Council, Sigma Pi Phi (Boulé) and Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.

Wilson earned his bachelor's degree in management from UNC Charlotte and an MBA from the University of Maryland.

Wilson was appointed to the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees in 2021 to a four-year term by the UNC Board of Governors.

*The UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees also includes Sasha J. Weintraub, Vice Chair; Geoffrey D. Gray, Secretary; W. Henry Atkins; Amy Klein Aznar; John A. Bailey '94; David Longo; Hugh L. McColl, Jr.; David R. Ravin '94; Thomas M. Scrivener; Lawrence J. Shaheen, Jr.; Michael J. Smith; and Isaiah J. Grayson, 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 Past 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.

The ringing of the "Old Bell" is reserved for significant events and special accomplishments like when Charlotte College became UNC Charlotte and officially joined the UNC System; when we were granted doctoral status; when we received final approval of the football program; and most recently when we achieved top-tier research status.



## 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 ceremony is **Pennda A. Arami**.

## 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.

**Emily D. Hoyle**, 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 provides students access to robust curricular and co-curricular experiences designed to foster curiosity, community and connections with the city of Charlotte. The Honors College offers students the opportunity to take interdisciplinary seminars with excellent faculty and connect with sustained partnerships outside the classroom in undergraduate research, study abroad, community engagement, internships and more.

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 community
- 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 and comprising more than half of all honors students on campus. An interdisciplinary 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 at minimum 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"
- 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 academic distinction is made upon completion of the student's final term.*

AUGUST 2025 COMMENCEMENT  
SATURDAY MORNING CEREMONY

<i>The National Anthem</i> .....	Keilah E. Jones Bachelor of Music
<i>Welcome</i> .....	Sharon L. Gaber Chancellor
<i>Greetings from the UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees</i> .....	Dontá L. Wilson Chair, Board of Trustees
<i>Greetings from the Student Body President</i> .....	Isaiah J. Grayson Bachelor of Arts, History Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
<i>Recognition of the Graduates</i> .....	Jennifer L. Troyer Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
<i>Ringling of the UNC Charlotte Bell</i> .....	Pennda A. Arami Master of Arts, Ethics and Applied Philosophy Master of Science, Criminal Justice Graduate Certificate, Crime Analysis
<i>Conferral of Degrees</i> .....	Chancellor Gaber and Provost Troyer
<i>Turning of the Tassel</i> .....	Emily D. Hoyle Senior Class President Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies

*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.*

# CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR DEGREES

## COLLEGE OF ARTS + ARCHITECTURE

Dr. José L. S. Gámez, Dean

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

#### Architecture

Branson Moore  
Yasmine Tyler Parker  
Bailey Ann Roach

#### Art

Madelyn Grace Davis  
Danasia Jonnay Jones  
Sean Hendrick Lawrence  
Alexis G. Little *Cum Laude*

#### Dance

Niya Ray Kerr *Cum Laude*

#### Theatre

Deity Ekklesia Brinson

### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Chase Allen Gwynn  
Micah Gabriel Mujica *Cum Laude*

## BELK COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Dr. Richard J. Buttimer, Dean

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### Accounting

Charles Alan Arthur  
Miraya Simone Brown *Magna Cum Laude*  
Delaney Irene Dahlstrom  
Luis Fernando Morales, Jr.  
Cameron Peters *Magna Cum Laude*  
Thomas John Roselli, Jr. *Magna Cum Laude*  
Addison Victor Wagner *Cum Laude*

#### Economics

Dylan Ray Fannin

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

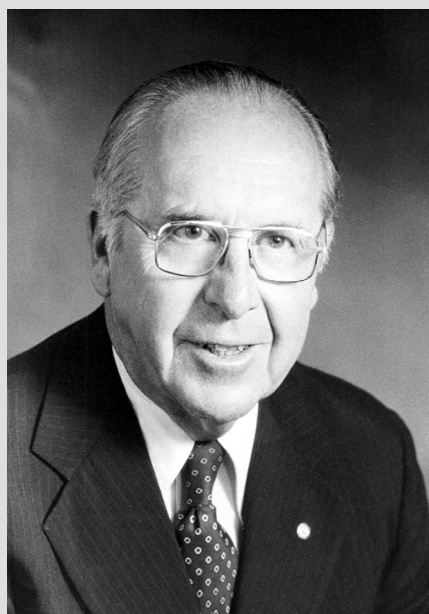
#### Business Analytics

Rania Nasir Alfaqi  
Michael Anthony Case  
Varun Chitturi *Cum Laude*  
Tyler Reid Haynes  
Connor Anslee Martin  
Evan Alan Oliver  
Ruth Nohemy Rivas Romero  
Bisheshata Thapa  
Rithvic Venkatesh  
Benjamin Sebron Williams  
Matthew Carter Worley  
Joseph Vito Zimmerman

#### Finance

Armani S. Atkins  
Jose Alejandro Barona Caicedo  
Kevin Thomas Burton

Paul Anthony Couilliard  
Garrett Ian Dean  
Harshil Nipulkumar Faldu  
Megan Lynn Galloway  
Abigail A. Gordon *Magna Cum Laude*  
Matthew Tyler Hill  
Jada Marie Huff  
Carter James Hurt  
Nicholas Peter Kastanas  
Cade Travis Ledbetter *Cum Laude*  
Sidney Olivia Leonard  
Brianna Renae McClough *Cum Laude*  
Samuel M. Mehari  
Lorenzo Marcellus Miller  
Maddox Joseph Moore  
Manish Navaneethakrishnan  
Jayna Garlita Newman  
Radhika Jignesh Patel  
Nicholas J. Patsch  
Debora Patricia Pena Garcia  
Ashlynn N. Peralta  
Sarah A. Pullium *Magna Cum Laude*  
Connor Joseph Ready *Cum Laude*  
Jordan Brody Reynolds  
Henry James Rutledge  
Gui Santos  
Yauheniya Shepiotkina  
Javon Smith  
Max Eison Thomas *Cum Laude*  
Scott Emory Thomas  
Nia Imani Thomas-Wells  
Brett Evan Tomchin  
Tin Le Vo *Cum Laude*  
Molly Patricia White  
Connor Joseph Wichnoski  
CJ Wilmore  
Jordan Riley Witt  
Syhlu Lwgkub Lynhiavu Yang



## 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.



### **International Business**

Caden Daniel Hill  
James Nicholas Burfield Holmes  
*Cum Laude*  
Elena Catherine Malicki  
Nicole Consuelo Merida  
Quint Robert Solomon *Magna Cum Laude*  
Makayla Thomas  
Ashley Elizabeth Weinstein *Cum Laude*

### **Management**

Paris Simone Beam *Cum Laude*  
Dylan Micheal Bessette  
Autumn Rose Burke *Cum Laude*  
Marlene Delgado *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ryan F. Eichas  
Andrew Charles Flynn  
Colin James Gacek  
Corbin Chadwick Gibson  
Cameron D. Heline  
Alexina Grace Laliberte  
Empress Zariya Mercela Lee  
Julia Oliveira Cruz-Solano  
Roxanne Ollison  
Nija Sania Reyes-Rivers  
Logan Chase Sink  
Kylie Lynn Strand *Cum Laude*  
Kevin Anthony Wenzel  
Sean Baylor West  
Bryan Jayson Wome Nlend

### **Management Information Systems**

Amr Yaser Al-Afifi  
Phillip Sudan Ally *Magna Cum Laude*  
Isabella Aullet *Magna Cum Laude*  
Aquil Malik Browne  
Chadi Frague *Summa Cum Laude*  
Brandon Patrick Gatlin  
Kashika Kumar  
Sahil Abdulkhader Manadath *Cum Laude*  
Ryan Michael May  
Debora Patricia Pena Garcia  
Ernesto Priego-Serrano  
Justin Michael Propst *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ruth Nohemy Rivas Romero  
Bisheshata Thapa  
Rithvic Venkatesh

### **Marketing**

Baqir Ali *Cum Laude*  
Alina Marie Bowen *Cum Laude*  
Mary Margaret Brown  
Samantha K. Bumgarner  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Charles Caine *Cum Laude*  
Mary Grace Cartmill *Cum Laude*

Baker James Cobb  
Keegan Salvatore Conigliaro *Cum Laude*  
Jordin Taylor Cook  
Julia Michelle Drago  
Samuel David Goldman  
Ryleigh Madison Green  
Natalia Catarina Harvey  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Reese Loren Hollins *Magna Cum Laude*  
Eric Stefan Huewe  
Devin Thomas Krywe  
Katherine Grace Ling  
Julia Christine Marinaccio  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Thalia Ilidia Marquardt *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jayda Elissa Marrero  
Grace Ellen Mulholland  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Hazel Nunez  
Francesca Eve Parascandolo  
Ryan James Pickett  
Max Oliver Pierlott, Sr.  
Michael Robert Pierlott  
Rocco Vincenzo Procaccini *Cum Laude*  
Geoffrey Pu *Cum Laude*  
Anaih Reynoso  
Eriana Jana Ripley *Cum Laude*  
Kyle Mark Splawn  
Caroline Todd Viele *Cum Laude*  
Benjamin Michael Walsh *Cum Laude*  
Kirstin Dawn Weber

### **Operations and Supply Chain Management**

Gracie J. Bernstein *Cum Laude*  
Clare Elizabeth Bolt  
Brandon John Houghtby *Cum Laude*  
Andrew W. Jacques  
Aidan McGee Johnson  
Gagan Khatri *Cum Laude*  
Jaelen Wesley McLeod-Louissaint  
Gabriel R. Robinson  
Brett Evan Tomchin  
Joseph Mounir Wissa

## **COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATICS**

**Dr. Bojan Cukic, Dean**

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

#### **Computer Science**

Paul Ellwood Alex, Jr.  
Virac Bou  
Anand Srivatsa Chunduri  
Yodany Cuadros  
Adam Dauda  
Allison Dunny *Summa Cum Laude*  
John Yaw Eshun  
Gautham Govindaraj *Cum Laude*  
Emerson Auten Hicks  
Austin Pryce Jackovich  
Cage Austin Jennings  
Tyree C. Kearney  
McBride Osbourne Kusi  
Carter Aldrich Leonard  
Kiet Hoang Mai  
Jason Tai Nguyen *Cum Laude*  
Anand Birav Patel  
Azande Tyree Porter  
Jonathan Austin Quinn *Cum Laude*  
Jeffrey Chase Rende *Magna Cum Laude*  
Anish Singh *Magna Cum Laude*  
Qwan T. Sterling  
James R. Terry  
Jaclyn Truong  
Evan K. Yang

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

#### **Computer Science**

Mya Elise Allen *University Honors*  
Takeshi Philippe Asano  
Logan David Babiec  
Seth William Thomas Bjoin  
Robert Daniel Broughton  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Camden Meade Cotten  
Lorraine Alexa Coupet  
David Brian Cruz-Guerrero  
David R. Cruz  
Christopher Cuartas *Cum Laude*  
Yawo Amen Eklou  
Ahmed Fahmy  
Jackson Bennett Franke  
Justin Noah Galiger  
Mason Garrin  
Jacob Alexander Geroux  
Mia Dawn Gore  
Sraavya Idumudi

Dylan Scott Ilg  
 Jalen O. Jefferson  
 Jonathan Brantly Jewett  
 Matthew Alan Jones  
 Muhammed Talha Kavaz  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Jonathan Adebayo Kolawole Keku  
 Zachary James Keller  
 SuryaSreyas Kodukulla  
 Jnana Vinay Krishnamsetty  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Luis Gerardo Lozada Burgos *Cum Laude*  
 David Marion McCollum  
 Jordan Bryant McQueen  
 Joseph Isidro Minaya  
 A. Moua  
 Christopher John Naujokas  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Brandon Duc Ngo  
 Walter Nhat Nguyen *Cum Laude*  
 Samuel Timothy Oates  
 Nikolas Hudson Ochsner  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Samuel Mattox Page  
 Brian Gialam Phan *Cum Laude*  
 Miguel Pichardo  
 Wesley Kenneth Russell  
 Vaibhav Satheesh  
 Daniel Alex Semakov  
 Zakir Shahzad  
 Akshar Sharma *Cum Laude*  
 Jaden Oneil Shaw  
 Tessa Renee Shugarman *Cum Laude*  
 Connor Joel Simmons  
 Shravan Sulikeri  
 Jason Anthony Sylva  
 Nabina Tiwari *Cum Laude*,  
*Computing and Informatics Honors*  
 Sravanth Tumma *Cum Laude*  
 Derek Wang  
 Joshua David Wilbanks *Cum Laude*

#### **Data Science**

Elroi Alemayehu Gebre  
 Ramit Sutraye  
 Hannah Lynn Faith Watson *Cum Laude*

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### **CATO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION** **Dr. Malcolm B. Butler, Dean**

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Child and Family Development**  
 Alexandra Nicole Smallwood

### **WILLIAM STATES LEE COLLEGE** **OF ENGINEERING** **Dr. Robert S. Keynton, Dean**

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE** **IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

Jackson William Bundy *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Ryan Glenn Guthrey  
 Jaskin Ahmad Kabir *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Michael John Marais *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Andrew Dalton Paschall  
 Jason Machado Silva  
 Isaiah Anthony Wright

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE** **IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

Thomas Alexander Helm  
 Chelsea Kenenna Omile  
 Tyler W. Palehonki *Cum Laude*  
 Zarshal Saeed *Cum Laude*,  
*Engineering Honors*

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE** **IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

Jackson William Bundy *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Ryan Glenn Guthrey  
 Matthew Cole Hogan  
 Michael John Marais *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Jordan Grace Reiter

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE** **IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**

**Electrical Engineering Technology**  
 Ola H. Abdulkareem *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Jordan Charles Ford  
 Kyle Christopher Gibbons  
*Summa Cum Laude*

**Mechanical Engineering Technology**  
 Griffin Baylor Moore

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE** **IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Ryan David Brancheau  
 Berenice Judith Chavez  
 Saakib Ahmed Chowdhury  
 Suraj Kuttikattu George  
 Parker Lee Jones  
 Boothe Alexander Pfaff  
 Alexander Barnard Volmer

### **COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND** **HUMAN SERVICES** **Dr. Yvette M. Huet, Interim Dean**

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

##### **Exercise Science**

Kaon C. Alston  
 NeVaeh Monet Bishop  
 Cameron Michael Edwards  
 Mackenzie Nicole Gates  
 Logan Christoff Jackson Govan  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Liam Colin Heidtman *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Camryn Taylor Hiatt  
 Jalen Levar Jefferson  
 MacKinnon Walker Morgan *Cum Laude*  
 Sydne-Joie Ziah Noel *Cum Laude*  
 Sally Kivlan Ying O'Dea  
 Rebecca Jo Perdue  
 Lauren Marie Pinnix  
 Reilly Michael Ploplis  
 Gianpaul Riascos  
 Marie-Elisabeth Ozoua Sery  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
 Timothy Eli Shenise  
 Anna Helena Shimota *Summa Cum Laude*  
 Jacob Paul Slaton  
 Jayla Renee Smallwood  
 Jake William Smull  
 Chancellor Sok  
 Brijon Dashay Spells  
 Leah Trincyce Thompson  
 Kelly Amanda Thurrott  
 Jessica Leigh Van Coppenolle  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Miriam Vargas Saenz *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Amber Nichole Wilkins  
 Tsua Yang  
 Nigha Yaseen *Magna Cum Laude*

##### **Health Systems Management**

Joseph Ryan Alvarez  
 Andrew Lee Bailey *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Raven Ne'vaun Bell  
 Blake Mitchell Bowles  
 Hailey Nicole Carroll  
 Sandy Marie Carvajal Colon *Cum Laude*  
 Madison K. Crider  
 Quincy Garnet Dowden, Jr.  
 Kabamba Ebondo  
 Joseph Vincent Elberti  
 Zukaa Elkout  
 Elicia Victoria Esterline  
 Juan Carmelo Punzalan Fajardo  
 Roselyn Galvan Ruano  
 Kayla Amai Ganda *Cum Laude*

Zinia Nyeisha Greene  
 Taylor A. Harlee  
 Jaila Monah Hedgpeth *Cum Laude*  
 Shadasia K. Helton  
 Muhammad Ibrahim  
 Kelly Louise Jacobs  
 Natalie Mary Johnson  
 Alejandro Kapell  
 Shelby Madisen Kent  
 Grace Marie Krejci *Magna Cum Laude*  
 Cing Sian San Lian  
 Laura Machuca  
 Malik Khalil Manley  
 Imani A. Martin  
 Noel Martinez, Jr.  
 Connor Alexander Maryniak  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Cierra Nicole Mason  
 Chanie Inez Matthews  
 Jackson S. McCurry  
 Liam Thomas Mcmonagle  
 Jade Blú Mebane  
 Parker Troy Meeks  
 Lizbeth Monroy Mojica  
 Mah-Nur Naeem  
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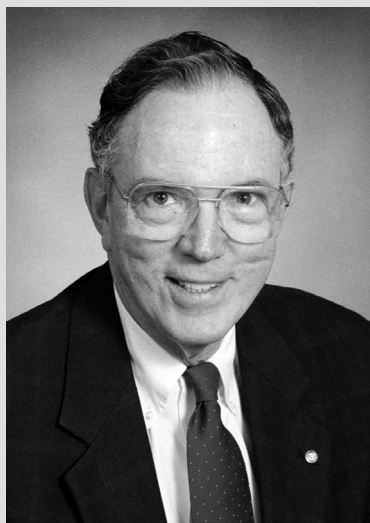
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## **E.K. FRETWELL, U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION LEADER (1923-2012)**



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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**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.

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The white and green trim on each hood represents UNC Charlotte.

### DOCTORAL DEGREES

**Drab/Tan (DBA):**  
Doctor of  
Business Administration

**Light Blue (EdD):**  
Doctor of Education

**Apricot (DNP):**  
Doctor of Nursing Practice

**Royal Blue (PhD):**  
Doctor of Philosophy

### MASTER'S DEGREES

**Apricot:**  
Nursing

**Citron:**  
Social Work

**Bright Gold:**  
Sciences  
Computing & Informatics  
Data Science  
Health Systems Management  
Health Informatics

**Peacock:**  
Public Administration

**Blue Violet:**  
Architecture  
Urban Design

**Copper:**  
Economics

**Salmon:**  
Public Health

**Light Blue:**  
Education

**Drab/Tan:**  
Business  
Health Administration

**Orange:**  
Engineering

**White:**  
Liberal Arts  
Counseling  
Kinesiology

## 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.

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Taylor Rene Palmer

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Veronica Corral  
Travis Jeremiah Dixon  
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Shelby Morrell Miller  
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## **MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING**

### **Secondary Education**

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## **MASTER OF EDUCATION**

### **Educational Leadership**

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### **Elementary Education**

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### **Learning, Design and Technology**

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Jasmine Renee McDaniel  
Hailey Dill Waters

### **Special Education and Child Development**

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## **POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE**

### **Qualitative Research**

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## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**

### **Anti-Racism**

Nora Alison Hudson

### **Applied Behavior Analysis**

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Jennifer Gray Carey  
Hally Reynolds Chase  
Tameson Elizabeth Darden  
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Joeannie Hargrove  
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London Johnson Moffitt  
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Katrina J. Warren  
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Devereaux Nsombi Nash  
Alexander Joseph Pruitt  
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Melanie Elizabeth Bowman  
Tatyana Diandre Brewton  
Lyndsey Meghan Swaffar  
Courtne James Edwards  
Aaron James Hussey  
Nkeemah Shri Johnson  
Amilia Ketpanom Keomuongchanh  
Olugbenga Ogunlana  
Stephanie Morgan White

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## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

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Sindhu Boddu  
Robert Timothy Niven  
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Harshil Y. Suthar  
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### **Construction and Facilities Engineering**

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Venkata Sai Vamshi Kulluru  
Goutham Kumar Majjari  
Harshath Manchika  
Lucas Silva Pereira  
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### **Civil Engineering**

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## **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

### **Kinesiology**

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Emily Joy Daoud  
Madeline Watson Dry  
Leigha Dy-Ann Evans  
Sydney Ann Marie Foley  
Yosuke Hashimoto  
Samantha Dawn Jekel  
Priyanka Koneni  
Tori Lindemann  
Jean Ping Livingston  
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Catherine Paige Morrow  
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Angela Nazario  
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Sheryhan Gomaa  
Jacklyn Brook Meadows  
Tolulope Olayinka  
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**POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE**

**Adult Gerontology Acute Care**  
Sonya Shoe Helms  
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Tiffany Monique Johnson  
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Jessica Bivins Smith  
Alnesha La'shae Speight

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**Nurse Administration**  
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Sarah Dalton Dameron  
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Lacy Dawn Kitchin

**Ethics and Applied Philosophy**  
Pennda Adde Arami

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Cana Marie Scott

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**Sociology**  
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**MASTER OF  
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Kate Elizabeth Graybush

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Angela Nazario  
Ashley Garlyn Pickerel Thomas  
Sheketa Renee White

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**Spanish-English**  
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**KLEIN COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**  
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE**

**Applied Physics**  
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Kate Rose Tisdale

**Chemistry**  
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Alaina Dixon Rosen  
Ryan Joshua Spillane  
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Faustus Domebale Maale  
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**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**

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## CHANCELLOR SHARON L. GABER



Sharon L. Gaber, Ph.D., serves as the fifth Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Since her arrival as Chancellor in 2020, the University has embarked on a bold 10-year strategic plan that articulates a new vision to drive discovery and innovation for the region as a globally recognized public research university. Charlotte officially earned the nation's top research designation, Carnegie R1, in February 2025.

Dr. Gaber's leadership has been widely recognized. She was recently named as the recipient of the 2025 World Citizen Award from the World Affairs Council of Charlotte. Also in 2025, the American Enterprise Institute named her one of the best college presidents of the century (#25 out of more than 400) for her impact on access, affordability and student success while president of the University of Toledo. She was named one of the *Charlotte Business Journal's* Most Admired CEOs in 2021 and was featured on its Power 100 list in both 2022 and 2024. She has also appeared on *Business North Carolina's* Power List for four consecutive years.

An active civic and professional leader, Dr. Gaber serves on the boards of Charlotte Center City Partners and the Leading on Opportunity Council. She is a member of the Charlotte Executive Leadership Council, Women Executives and the International Women's Forum – Carolinas. Nationally, she serves on the Executive Committee of the American Athletic Conference and on the board of the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities.

A native of Southern California, Dr. Gaber holds 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 arriving at UNC Charlotte, Gaber served for five years as president of the University of Toledo. 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 as 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 2025! 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 187,000 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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- Join the UNC Charlotte Alumni group on LinkedIn.
- Visit [alumni.charlotte.edu](https://alumni.charlotte.edu) to see upcoming events and find ways to get involved.
- Scan the QR code to update your information!



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