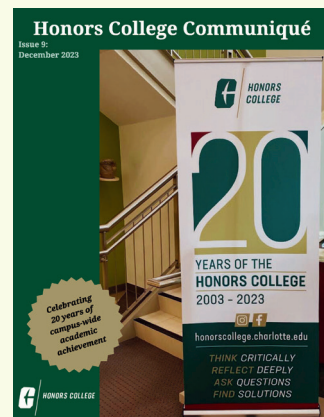
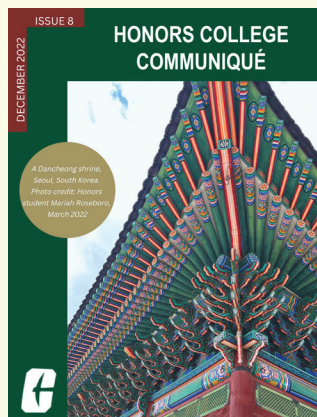
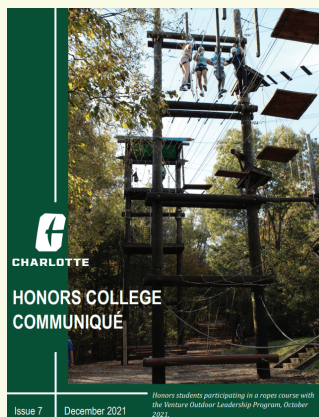
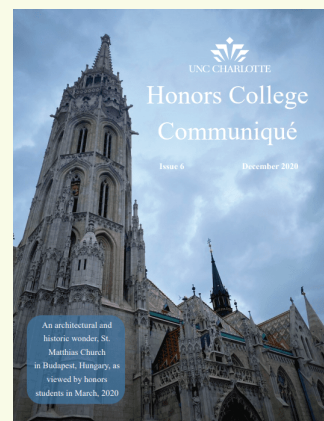
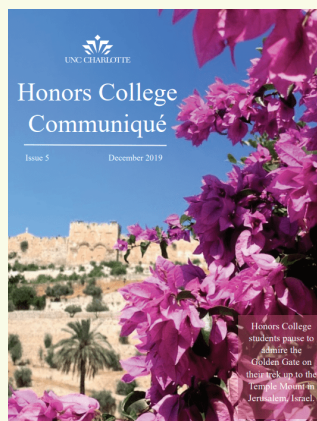
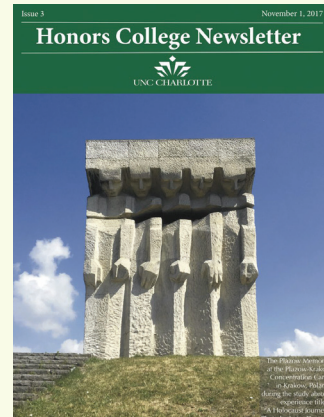


HONORS COLLEGE COMMUNIQUE



Celebrating a Decade of Excellence!

WELCOME FROM THE DEAN



Here we have another exciting edition of our award-winning Honors College Communique!

Now that the Honors College has hit an all-time high of approximately 800 students across 30 honors programs (3.4% of the undergraduate population at UNC Charlotte), and the University Honors Program has grown 41% since 2020, it seemed appropriate to turn our energy toward new initiatives. And so we have. Thanks in part to strong alumni interest in our 20th anniversary celebrations in 2023, we are actively engaging with our alumni in several new ways. I took a few trips to the Triangle area this past year, and honors alumni there responded by founding CHANT, the Charlotte Honors Alumni Network of the Triangle. You can find them on LinkedIn. Led by UHP alum Gene Stroup ('97), they have gotten together several times and also surveyed their peers to find out what activities would be of interest. Some of them also attended another new way for honors alumni to get involved: the inaugural Honors Alumni Homecoming, November 15 - 16, 2024! We welcomed alumni at an honors social on Friday at a popular South End location and hosted alumni on Saturday morning at Levine Hall for tours of our beautiful building and speed-mentoring of current honors students. Never before have we been able to reconnect with our honors alumni in these ways -- and I personally have found it really gratifying. To top it off, we are planning an alumni opportunity to travel abroad with me and an honors faculty member next fall to France and Germany on a specially curated trip just for them.

A second new initiative this year has been our fall study abroad course, "Inquiry into the Visual Arts" (CTCM 2530, Critical Thinking and Communication), to which

we added a fall break study abroad component in Vienna, Austria. That idea was sparked by an honors student who took the course two years ago, Juliusz Wieckowski, who had remarked that it was a great course but lacked "old art." Since Charlotte is such a young city, I thought that students would benefit by seeing "old art" in Vienna, Austria, and, boy, did they ever! The students will be presenting their final research projects — connecting artwork they saw in Vienna with artwork they observed in Charlotte — along with many honors students and Office of Undergraduate Research Scholars at our Honors Research Symposium on December 3rd in Cone University Center.

"Since Charlotte is such a young city, I thought that students would benefit by seeing "old art" in Vienna, Austria."

Also new this year is our addition of an Associate Dean of the Honors College, Dr. Cindy Gilson, who I appointed (effective July 1, 2024) after a robust search process with a highly competitive field of candidates. Dr. Gilson is already bringing fresh perspectives to our work and getting us organized in myriad new ways. We are very happy to have her join the team.

As you will see in these pages, it's been another great year for honors at UNC Charlotte. That saying, "Build it and they will come," seems to be more apt than ever in describing honors education at UNC Charlotte. We, the faculty and staff, have built it, and the students — and now the alumni — come!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malin".

Malin Pereira, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor of English



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EXCITING NEWS FROM THE HONORS COLLEGE

This fall, the Honors College embarked on a transformative journey, sending students to Vienna, Austria, for our first-ever fall study abroad course. Unlike typical study abroad experiences, this trip was deeply rooted in the world of visual art, offering students an extraordinary opportunity to engage with the masterpieces of history firsthand.

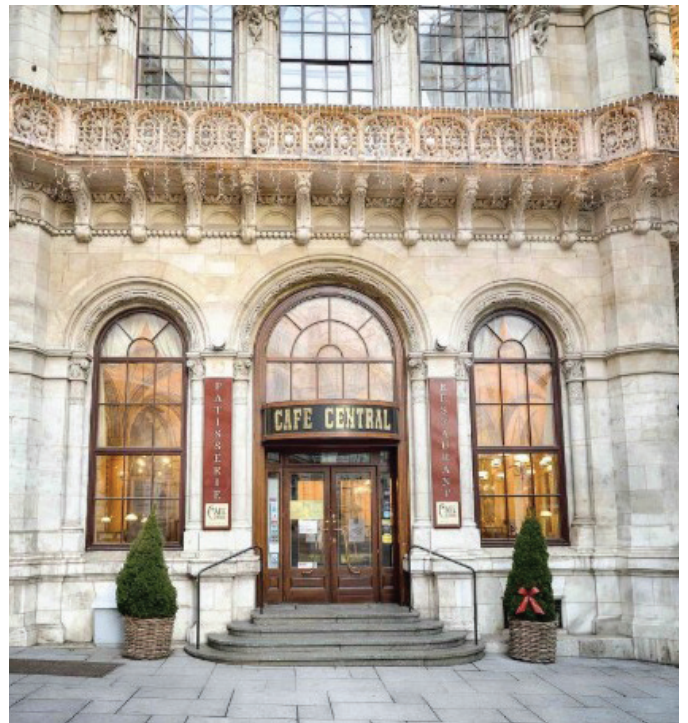
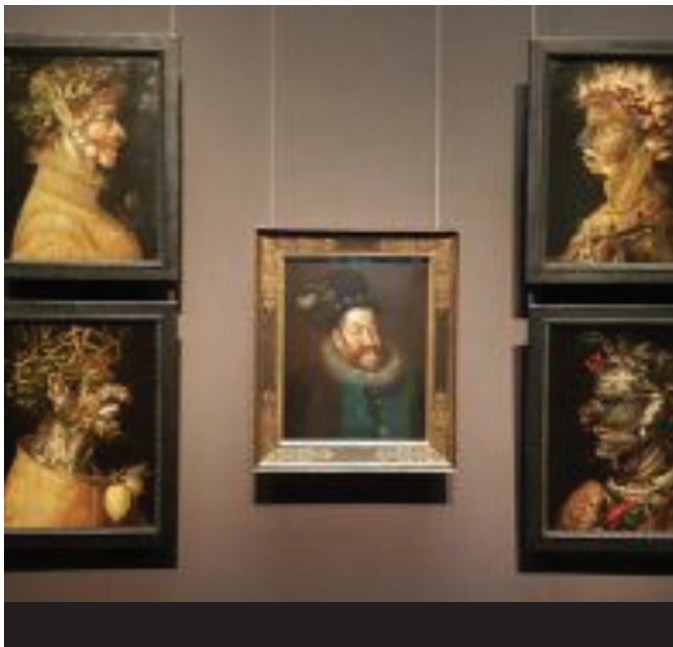
Vienna, a city renowned for its cultural heritage and artistic legacy, provided the perfect backdrop for students to step beyond modern Charlotte and immerse themselves in the works of legendary artists. From the grandeur of the Kunsthistorisches Museum to the captivating beauty of the Belvedere, students had the chance to explore iconic works by Klimt, Schiele, and countless others.

For many students, it was an eye-opening experience — an invitation to see art in a whole new light. They were no longer observing these works through the lens of a textbook or classroom discussion, but standing before the very pieces that shaped history. It was a rare chance to connect with art in a way that transcended geography and time.

The trip not only enhanced students' understanding of visual art but also deepened their appreciation for the rich cultural tapestry of Vienna. It was an experience that highlighted the profound impact of art on identity, history, and the world we live in today — a unforgettable journey that expanded the horizons of every participant.



As the Honors College continues to expand its study abroad offerings, this inaugural fall Vienna trip will undoubtedly set the stage for many more life changing cultural explorations to come.



STUDENT INSIGHTS FROM VIENNA

Alastor Gilbert

Class: 2027 Major: Operations and Supply Chain Management, Minor Spanish



Vienna was an eye-opening adventure that combined art, culture, and the city's vibrant life in a way I never expected. Over the course of the trip, we visited four major art museums: the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Belvedere, Leopold, and Albertina. But Vienna wasn't just about the art—it was also about the city itself. We also had the chance to climb St. Stephen's Cathedral's south tower for stunning views of the city. Dining was another highlight. The Naschmarkt was filled with food stalls. Staying in a centrally located hostel made it easy to explore, and I was pleasantly surprised by the cold breakfast spreads.

"The whole experience—filled with art, culture, food, and new friendships—was unforgettable and helped me see Vienna in a way I couldn't have imagined before."

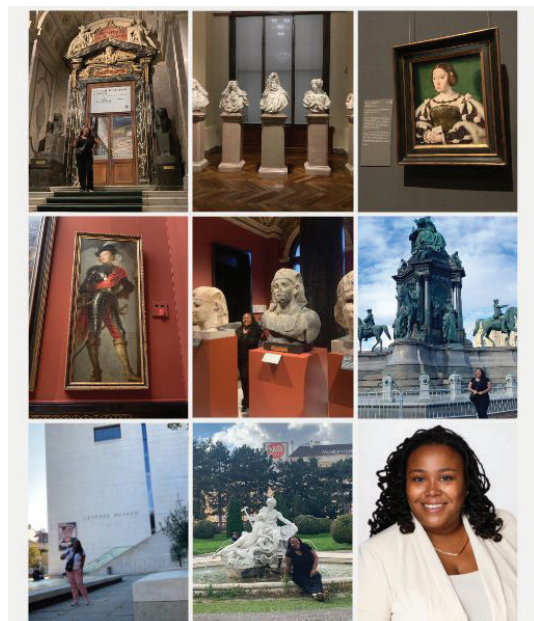
Monisha Pirela

Class: 2027 Major: Architecture

My experience in Vienna was truly unforgettable, offering a wealth of moments that deepened both my personal and academic perspectives. As an avid art enthusiast with over a decade of involvement in the Charlotte art community, I was eager to discover Vienna's world-renowned museums and exhibits.

At the University, I've had the privilege of connecting with students and faculty from diverse backgrounds, and this trip further enriched those conversations, expanding my understanding of art in both local and global contexts. One of my most memorable moments was strolling along the Danube River at dusk, where I was captivated by the graffiti, architecture, and shimmering city lights. I also found great joy in riding Vienna's iconic trams, which gave me a unique perspective of the city's eclectic beauty. What struck me most, however, was the profound connection I found between Vienna's art scene and the vibrant artwork on display in Charlotte.

"This experience reinforced for me how art transcends borders, fostering meaningful connections between cultures and creating a shared language for expression."



CITY AS TEXT™: INTERNATIONAL

First developed by National Collegiate Honors Council member faculty in 1974 for use as an integrative lab/seminar to foster integrative inquiry within a cluster of disparate courses, Place as Text/City as Text™ pedagogy invites students, faculty, and staff to engage in a sequence of exploratory assignments that combine site-specific explorations with group discussions and intentional reflection prompts. Place as Text/City as Text™ can be used in a variety of contexts including on college campuses during orientation programs, in natural landscapes such as national parks, and in towns/cities as part of academic courses, co-curricular planning, and study away.

Here are some highlights from this year's Spring Break trip to Budapest and Vienna . . .

Amber Rae Hightower

Class: 2024 Major: English-Creative Writing, Minor: Film Studies



During my time in Budapest, my initial research focus on American expatriate spaces evolved into exploring the American influence on art, music, and film. However, as I immersed myself in the city, I realized that the trip had a profound internal impact, leading me to focus on my personal experience. As a non-traditional Black woman from a lower middle-class background, I often face unique challenges and stereotypes that affect my well-being. Engaging with a diverse group of peers in the City as Text™ program enriched my journey, and I've since enrolled in another study abroad program, inspired by the success of this experience.

Alex Traynham

Class: 2024 Major: Mechanical Engineering, Minor: Mathematics

My trip to Budapest and Vienna was unexpectedly meaningful, offering me the opportunity to explore both personal growth and cultural discovery. During the week, I formed meaningful connections with a diverse group of individuals from various disciplines within the college, creating bonds that continue to enrich my experience. Traveling internationally for the first time was initially daunting, but the support of my peers made the journey both comforting and unforgettable. Immersing myself in the distinct cultures, historical sites, and unique cuisine of both countries deepened my understanding and broadened my perspective, leaving me a more open-minded and informed individual.



HONORS COLLEGE "BY THE NUMBERS"



30

Honors Programs

230

New Honors & Merit Scholars
[including UHP, BHP, AAHP & Levine Scholars Program]

Merit Scholarships Awarded

8

Albert Engineering
Leadership Scholarships

14

Martin Scholarships

7

Freeman Scholarships

19

Johnson Scholarships

12

Alumni Scholarships
for Merit Scholars

369

Honors College
Scholarships

856

Total Honors & Merit Scholars
[including Levine Scholars]

138

Spring 2024 Graduates

50

Summer & Fall 2024 Graduates

ARTS + ARCHITECTURE HONORS PROGRAM (AAHP): LUCY BURCH

CLASS OF 2026: MAJOR ART, CONCENTRATIONS IN DIGITAL MEDIA AND PRINT MEDIA AND MINOR IN ART HISTORY



As I reflect on my journey through the Arts + Architecture Honors Program (AAHP) and how it has shaped my experience, applying to AAHP was a turning point for me. I had initially thought the University Honors Program would be the best fit for me, but when I received an offer to join AAHP instead, I was thrilled. This is now my third year in the program, and the challenges it has presented have pushed me to grow in ways I never expected. I can hardly believe how far I've come since my freshman year, where my passion for the arts first blossomed.

Every honors class I've taken has challenged me to think and work in new ways. When it comes to research, I've become a lot more creative with my approach. The honors classes have done a lot to improve my research in general.

Beyond the classroom, I'm also an officer in the Illustration Club, working to revive its spirit after years of dormancy. This

role has been a rewarding challenge, as it involves rallying fellow artists and fostering a community that celebrates creativity. My commitment to the arts extends to my job as a theatre technician in Robinson Hall, where I immerse myself in the performing arts. This hands-on experience complements my academic pursuits and adds a dynamic layer to my education. This year has been particularly rewarding, as I received two scholarships: the Honors College High Impact Practice award and the Roderick MacKillop Memorial scholarship. The Arts + Architecture Honors Program not only recognizes my hard work but also fuels my motivation to continue pushing boundaries in my studies.



Throughout my time in AAHP, I've taken courses that have fundamentally changed my approach to research and creative work. Honors classes encouraged me to think outside the box, embracing creativity in every project. I've honed my skills as a digital intern, where I dive into graphic design work that allows me to merge my passions for digital and print media. Each project not only enriches my portfolio but also deepens my understanding of visual storytelling.



As I look ahead to graduation, I feel a profound sense of gratitude for AAHP and the opportunities it has provided me. I know that the skills I've gained here — critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration — will serve me well in whatever path I choose. My journey is just beginning, and I'm excited to see where the arts will take me next.

BUSINESS HONORS PROGRAM (BHP): MAKENA JORDAN

CLASS OF 2025: MAJOR IN MARKETING CONCENTRATION IN MARKETING ANALYTICS

As I reflect on my time at UNC Charlotte, I am filled with gratitude for the experiences that have shaped my academic and personal growth. Hailing from Collierville, TN, just outside Memphis, I chose UNC Charlotte because of its diverse student population, abundant developmental resources, and the exciting opportunities offered by the Martin Scholars Program.

Since joining the Business Honors Program (BHP) in Fall 2022, I have found a supportive community that has encouraged me to push my boundaries. One of my most significant accomplishments during my time in BHP was participating in mock interviews each January. These experiences helped me gain confidence in articulating my achievements and aspirations. In addition to my academic pursuits, I work at the University Recreation Center as the Outreach & Events Manager on the Outreach & Engagement Team, a role I've held since Fall 2022. I was honored to be awarded Brand Ambassador of the Year last spring, which reaffirmed my commitment to engaging with our community.



This semester, I also became a study abroad ambassador, eager to share my passion for global learning. My study abroad experiences have been transformative; I traveled to France and Croatia in Spring 2023 for a Global Marketing Practicum, and in Summer 2024, I explored London through the International Career Exploration and Professional Branding program. Each trip deepened my understanding of international markets and enriched my appreciation for diverse cultures.



My journey has been marked by invaluable skills gained through BHP, such as relationship building, professional development, and public speaking. As I approach graduation, I am excited about the future and the opportunities that await. The skills and experiences I have gained at UNC Charlotte and through the Business Honors Program have prepared me to take on new challenges with confidence. I look forward to making a positive impact in the marketing world and beyond.

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM (UHP): BEN DEMOSTHENE

CLASS OF 2026: MAJOR IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING CONCENTRATION IN MOTORSPORTS



Originally from Pilesgrove, New Jersey, I chose to attend UNC Charlotte because of its renowned Motorsports program. Despite being eight hours away from home, I knew that the opportunities here would help me achieve my career goals.

When I first arrived at UNC Charlotte in Fall 2022, I joined the University Honors Program (UHP) to challenge myself and expand my academic experience beyond the engineering curriculum. Being in UHP has allowed me to dive deeper into critical thinking and analysis, skills that have been just as valuable as the technical knowledge I'm gaining in my engineering classes. While my engineering coursework is heavily focused on math and problem-solving, UHP has offered me the chance to explore more complex ideas through reading, writing, and engaging in thought-provoking discussions. This has made me not only a better engineer but also a more well-rounded and versatile student.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to continue my journey at UNC Charlotte, furthering my education and pursuing my passion for motorsports and engineering. The University Honors Program has been instrumental in shaping my college experience, and I look forward to what the future holds.

In addition to my academic pursuits, I'm actively involved with the UNC Charlotte Formula SAE team, 49ers Racing. For the past two years, I've been a member of the team, which competes in a collegiate engineering design competition where teams build a formula-style race car and race it in Brooklyn, Michigan. As the Vehicle Dynamics team lead and team captain-elect for the 2026 design team, I'm gaining hands-on experience that directly applies to my future career in motorsports. The opportunity to work on such an ambitious project has been incredibly rewarding, not just for the technical skills I've developed but also for the connections I've made within the motorsports industry. These connections have led to invaluable internship opportunities, including my current role as a Performance Engineer intern at Hendrick Motorsports.



Another key part of my journey at UNC Charlotte has been the Albert Engineering and Leadership Scholars Program, which I was honored to receive in Spring 2022 before I began my studies here. This scholarship has been a great source of support, both financially and academically, and has given me access to additional opportunities for growth and mentorship throughout my time at the university.

One of the most memorable experiences I've had through the Honors College was a study abroad trip to Hungary and Austria. It was my first time traveling outside the United States, and the experience was truly eye-opening. Learning about new cultures and stepping out of my comfort zone helped me grow both as a student and as an individual. I'd strongly encourage anyone considering it to study abroad — it's a life-changing experience that provides a broader perspective on the world.

HONORS FACULTY: ALICIA DAHL, PH.D

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND HONORS PROGRAM DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Dr. Alicia Dahl's academic journey is a testament to resilience and dedication. As a first-generation college student, Dr. Dahl earned a B.S. in Global Health Communications from Juniata College, followed by an M.S. in Health Promotion from the University of Delaware, and a Ph.D. in Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior from the University of South Carolina. This path not only allowed Dr. Dahl to break a generational cycle in her family but also fueled a passion for public health. Initially aspiring to become a pediatrician, Dr. Dahl's career trajectory shifted after taking an "Infectious Disease and Society" course in undergrad, sparking a newfound interest in disease prevention and public health rather than treatment.



Now an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Dr. Dahl teaches across undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs. She also runs "Paper Chase," a unique professional development program that brings students and faculty together to write a full academic manuscript in just three days. Dr. Dahl's research focuses on maternal and child health, particularly improving outcomes for underserved populations. Notably, her recent work includes studying Black pregnancies in Charlotte during the pandemic and developing a one-stop resource hub for perinatal families to address health disparities.

Dr. Dahl has been an active member of the Honors College since 2019, serving on capstone project committees and teaching the honors elective "The Pursuit of Happiness for Health." Now serving as program director for the Public Health and Health Systems Management disciplinary honors program, Dr. Dahl

enjoys collaborating with honors students. "I find great joy in working with students who ask beautiful questions," she shared. Her dedication to fostering critical thinking and creativity is at the heart of her teaching philosophy.



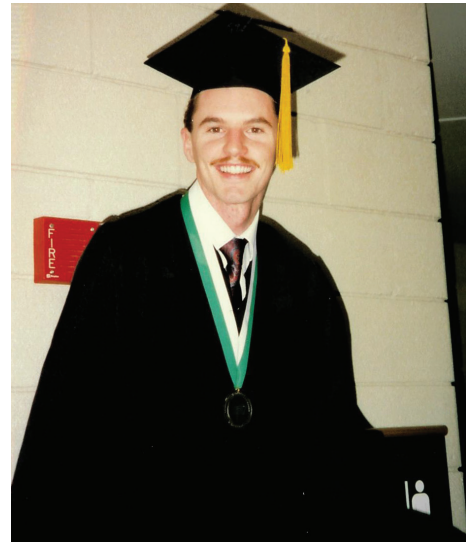
Reflecting on her career, Dr. Dahl offers valuable advice to students: "Be intentional about what you say yes to. Align opportunities with your values and goals." Through hard work and thoughtful choices, Dr. Dahl exemplifies the power of education and the impact of pursuing one's passion — transforming both her own life and the lives of others.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: GENE STROUP '97

CLASS OF 1997: B.S. IN EARTH SCIENCE CONCENTRATION: ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY **UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM**

Gene Stroup, an alumnus of the University Honors Program at UNC Charlotte, has built a distinguished career in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a journey that began with a passion for the environment and the interdisciplinary education he received as an honors student.

Originally from Kannapolis, NC, Gene graduated in 1997 with a degree in Earth Science, focusing on environmental technology tools like remote sensing and geographic information systems (GIS). "I knew I wanted to study environmental science, but Charlotte didn't offer it as a major at the time," Gene recalls. "The Earth Science program gave me the solid foundation I needed." His time in honors, where he served as president of the University Honors Program Student Association, also had a profound impact. Living on campus in honors housing, Gene immersed himself in a community of high-achieving peers and faculty, tackling interdisciplinary issues and engaging in meaningful service projects, including a food shuttle initiative that delivered unused dining hall food to local soup kitchens.



Gene's time at Charlotte set the stage for his career. After a formative internship with the U.S. Geological Survey, he went on to earn a master's degree in Resource Economics and Policy from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment. His dream of working at the EPA was realized when he joined the agency after a few years working in retail, and he currently serves in the EPA's Office of Research and Development. Gene's connection to UNC Charlotte remains strong through the Charlotte Honors Alumni Network of the Triangle (CHANT), which he co-founded to help connect and support honors alumni in the region. The group hosts regular events and offers a platform

for alumni to network and collaborate. For more information, Gene encourages alumni to reach out and get involved.

"The Honors College really elevated my experience at Charlotte," says Gene. "It pushed me out of my comfort zone and gave me the skills to work across disciplines, combining technical expertise with social awareness to tackle complex environmental challenges."



CLASS OF 2024 MERIT SCHOLARS



Aiden Lamar
Albert Scholar
Major: Computer
Engineering



Summer Prentice
Albert Scholar
Major: Civil
Engineering



Abigail Rose
Albert Scholar
Major: Civil
Engineering



Jason Medina
Martin Scholar
Major: Computer
Science



Anthony Saraco
Martin Scholar
Major: Systems &
Industrial Engineering,
Minor: Mathematics



Carsen Schaefer
Martin Scholar
Major: Accounting
& French



Bryan Lopez
Villianueva
Martin Scholar
Major: International
Business (Accounting)



Alex Toback
Freeman Scholar
Major: International
business



Lauren Wilkie
Freeman Scholar
Major: Mechanical
Engineering
Minor: Mathematics



Ken Balint
Johnson Scholar
Major: Computer
Science



Ashley Hill
Johnson Scholar
Major: Management
(concentration in
Organizational
Management) &
Political Science



Jennifer Pages
Johnson Scholar
Major: Accounting &
Finance

WELCOME TO DR. GILSON, ASSOCIATE DEAN

Dr. Cindy Gilson's path to UNC Charlotte has been driven by a deep passion for education, a commitment to inclusivity, and a dedication to helping students realize their full potential. With a background in elementary education and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, specializing in gifted education, creativity, and talent development, Dr. Gilson has always sought to balance rigorous academic challenges with personalized learning.

Before joining UNC Charlotte, Dr. Gilson spent over a decade as a classroom teacher, focusing on differentiating instruction for diverse learners, including gifted students. Her desire to make a broader impact led her to earn a doctoral degree, where she trained educators and developed curriculum to better support advanced learners. This work ultimately steered her into higher education, where she could further her mission of enriching student experiences. In 2014, Dr. Gilson joined the College of Education at UNC Charlotte, working with the gifted education program to train teachers across North Carolina. Her efforts in supporting teachers to meet the unique needs of their students ignited her interest in the Honors College, where she saw an opportunity to enhance the educational journey of talented students.

By 2016, Dr. Gilson became more involved with the Honors College, initially serving as co-director of the Cato College of Education's Honors Program. Over time, she took on roles as Honors Faculty, Chair of the Honors Council, and now, Associate Dean, where she works to shape the academic experiences of some of the University's most motivated students.

As Associate Dean, Dr. Gilson is responsible for a broad range of initiatives, from reviewing course proposals and coordinating the Honors Research Symposium to guiding students through curricular exceptions such as study abroad programs. She ensures that students have access to intellectually stimulating courses and supports faculty development and success.

What keeps Dr. Gilson motivated is the opportunity to work with students. "The relationships I build with our honors students are incredibly fulfilling," she says. "They are curious, driven, and passionate about learning. Watching them grow and succeed in our program is a constant source of inspiration."



Looking ahead, Dr. Gilson is focused on further improving the Honors College experience, particularly by supporting faculty development and expanding research in honors education. She envisions creating more mentorship opportunities and fostering an environment where both students and faculty feel a strong sense of belonging and empowerment.

For Dr. Gilson, collaboration is key to success. She believes that every aspect of the Honors College should support students' growth and success. "There's always something new and exciting happening here," she reflects. "We're constantly learning, improving, and striving to make a positive impact on our students' lives."

Her journey at UNC Charlotte is a testament to her dedication to educational excellence and her unwavering commitment to students. With a bright future ahead, Dr. Gilson is eager to continue fostering an environment where students can thrive, challenge themselves, and become leaders in their fields.

HONORS COUNCIL

The Honors Council is a standing committee of Faculty Council that serves as the advisory body to the dean of the Honors College. The Honors Council also serves to review and evaluate the honors curriculum, program proposals and revisions, the dean, and associate dean of the Honors College.

The Honors Council comprises thirteen members, each member having an elected alternate:

- 1 elected Honors Faculty representative from each of UNC Charlotte's colleges
- 2 elected Honors Faculty representatives from the College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences
- 3 elected at-large Honors Faculty representatives
- 1 appointed undergraduate honors student representative



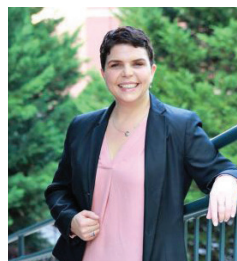
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Co-Chair,
College of Health &
Human Services
Alternate:
Amy Peters



Abby Moore
Co-Chair,
At-Large, UHP
Alternate:
Susan Arthur



Catherine Blat
William States Lee
College of
Engineering
Alternate:
Andrew Willis



Erin FitzPatrick
At-Large, UHP
Alternate:
Rebecca Shore



Jake Lee
College of Computing
& Informatics
Alternate:
Heather Lipford



Adriana Medina
College of Education
Alternate:
Drew Polly



Victoria Rankin
College of Humanities
& Earth and Social
Sciences
Alternate:
Jennifer Webb



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Business
Alternate:
Theresa
Mannah-Blankson



Dylan Savage
College of Arts +
Architecture
Alternate:
Ann Dils



Vaughn Schmutz
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& Earth and Social
Sciences
Alternate:
John Szmer



Susan Trammell
College of Science
Alternate:
Andrew Goff



Pilar Zuber
At-Large
Alternate:
Jackie Chattopadhyay



MaKena Jordan
Student Representative
Alternate:
Madi Adams

Ex-officio non-voting members

Malin Pereira, Dean, Honors College
Cindy Gilson, Associate Dean,
Honors College
Colette Chenault, Administrative
Support Associate

NEWLY APPOINTED HONORS FACULTY

COLLEGE	NAME	FACULTY RANK / TITLE	DEPARTMENT
COAA	Matthew Gin	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	ARCHITECTURE
LIBRARY	Catherine Tingelstad	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR & HEAD OF INSTRUCTION & CURRICULUM ENGAGEMENT	ATKINS LIBRARY
COS	Brian Cooper	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	CHEMISTRY
COS	Eva Ge	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	CHEMISTRY
COS	Laura Casto-Boggess	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	CHEMISTRY
CHESS	Jesse R. McKee	ASSOCIATE TEACHING PROFESSOR	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY
CHESS	Camille Endacott	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	COMMUNICATION STUDIES
CHESS	Erin Basinger	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	COMMUNICATION STUDIES
CHESS	Jason Black	PROFESSOR	COMMUNICATION STUDIES
CHESS	Justin Grandinetti	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	COMMUNICATION STUDIES, AFFILIATE FACULTY IN SCHOOL OF DATA SCIENCE
CCI	Dong Dai	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	COMPUTER SCIENCE
CCI	Sunshine Niu	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	SOFTWARE & INFORMATION SYSTEMS
COB	Theresa Mannah-Blankson	CLINICAL PROFESSOR	ECONOMICS
COED	Jamie Kudlats	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
COED	Carmen Serrata	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
COED	Tisha Greene	CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR & INTERIM ASSOCIATE DEAN	EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
COE	Meg Harkins	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	ENGINEERING
COB	Carla Boles	LECTURER	FINANCE
CHESS	Olga Padilla-Falto	TEACHING PROFESSOR	LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND TRANSLATION
CHESS	Paloma Fernández Sánchez	TEACHING PROFESSOR	LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND TRANSLATION
COB	Mason Jenkins	CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	MARKETING

NEWLY APPOINTED HONORS FACULTY

COLLEGE	NAME	FACULTY RANK / TITLE	DEPARTMENT
CHESS	Jaclyn Piatak	PROFESSOR	POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
CHESS	Regina Branton	PROFESSOR AND MARSHALL RAUCH DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
CHESS	Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling	PROFESSOR	PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE
CHHS	Jessamyn Moxie	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	EPIDEMIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
CHHS	Alicia Dahl	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND HONORS PROGRAM DIRECTOR	EPIDEMIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
CHHS	Lorenzo N. Hopper	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	EPIDEMIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
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COED	Madelyn Colonnese	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	READING AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
COED	Daniel Alston	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	READING AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
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CHHS	Angela Lamb	CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	SCHOOL OF NURSING
CHHS	Annelise Mennicke	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	SOCIAL WORK
CHESS	Cynthia Hancock	TEACHING PROFESSOR AND GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM DIRECTOR	SOCIOLOGY
COED	Ann M Mickelson	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
COED	Holly Johnson	CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
COAA	Rob Conkie	DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF SHAKESPEARE STUDIES	THEATRE
COS	Arindam Roy	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	MATHMETICS AND STATISTICS
CHESS	Carlos Coria-Sanchez	PROFESSOR	LANGUAGES, CULTUES AND TRANSLATION
CHESS	John Stogner	PROFESSOR	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY
CHESS	Martin Shuster	PROFESSOR AND ISAAC SWIFT DISTINGISHED PROFESSOR OF JEWISH STUIDES	PHILOSOPHY
CHESS	Phil Kaffen	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	LANGUAGES, CULTURES, AND TRANSLATION

RE-APPOINTED HONORS FACULTY

College	Name	Faculty Rank / Title	Department
COS	Jordan Poler	PROFESSOR	CHEMISTRY
CHESS	Shelley Johnson	PROFESSOR	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY
CHESS	Charisse Coston	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY
CHESS	Amanda Pipkin	PROFESSOR AND CHAIR	HISTORY
HONORS	Mindy Adnot	TEAM LEAD, INSTRUCTION AND SELECTION	HONORS COLLEGE
COAA	Jay Grymes	PROFESSOR	MUSIC
CHESS	Beth Whitaker	PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN	POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
CHESS	Jennifer Webb	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES
CHESS	Sara M. Levens	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	PYSCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES
COED	Ian C Binns	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	READING AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
COED	Drew Polly	PROFESSOR	READING AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
COED	Erik Byker	PROFESSOR	READING AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
CHHS	Meredith Troutman-Jordan	PROFESSOR	SCHOOL OF NURSING
COED	Shawnee Wakeman	CLINICAL PROFESSOR	SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
COED	Kelly Anderson	PROFESSOR	SPECIAL EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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STUDENT INTERNS

Nadia Foxx

Class of Fall 2025

Position: Social Media & Marketing Intern and *Communiqué* Editor

Major: Communication Studies, Concentration in Media & Technology

Minor: Film Studies

“Serving as the Social Media and Marketing Intern, as well as the *Communiqué* Editor, has been an incredibly rewarding experience, largely due to the guidance and support of the Honors College staff and my fellow interns. This role has not only allowed me to enhance my skills in marketing, content creation, and communications, but also has given me the opportunity to build meaningful relationships within the Honors College community. The hands-on experience I’ve gained here has been invaluable, preparing me for future opportunities and helping me grow both professionally and personally.”



Janvi Nandwani

Class of Spring 2025

Position: Marketing and Alumni Relations Intern

Major: Computer Science (B.S.) with a concentration in Software Engineering, Minor: Management Information Systems

“As a Marketing and Alumni Relations intern, I collaborate with Honors College staff to develop engaging marketing materials for email campaigns and social media, with my primary focus towards fostering strong relationships with Honors College alumni. This role has been incredibly rewarding, thanks to the support of the Honors College staff and fellow interns. This experience has allowed me to sharpen my skills in marketing, communications, and relationship-building, preparing me for future opportunities.”



Luis Manuel Rivera Ruiz

Class of Spring 2026

Position: Social Media and Marketing Intern

Major: Criminal Justice

Minor: Film Studies and Communication Studies

“I have served many positions in the Honors College: student ambassador, recruiting ambassador, and now I am a UPIP Intern. This position allows me to work on the social media as well as oversee all tours with students interested in honors. I have gained a lot of valuable experience in graphic design and communication that could never be replaced. Thank you to the Honors College staff for your support with these opportunities!”



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