

*Soar high, soar far and
soar **together**, Seahawks!*



**Chancellor's Report
Board of Trustees
April 25, 2025**



UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

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Soaring Seahawks



Congratulations, Hannah!

Hannah Altman

Junior golfer

2025 CAA Women's Golf
Individual Champion



Congratulations...again!

Congratulations to our men's and women's swimming and diving teams



Men's basketball CAA Champions and NCAA Tournament Competitors





Dancing with the Seahawks



UNCW Esports Back-to-Back Championship Win!



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Historic Gift from Yousry and Linda Sayed



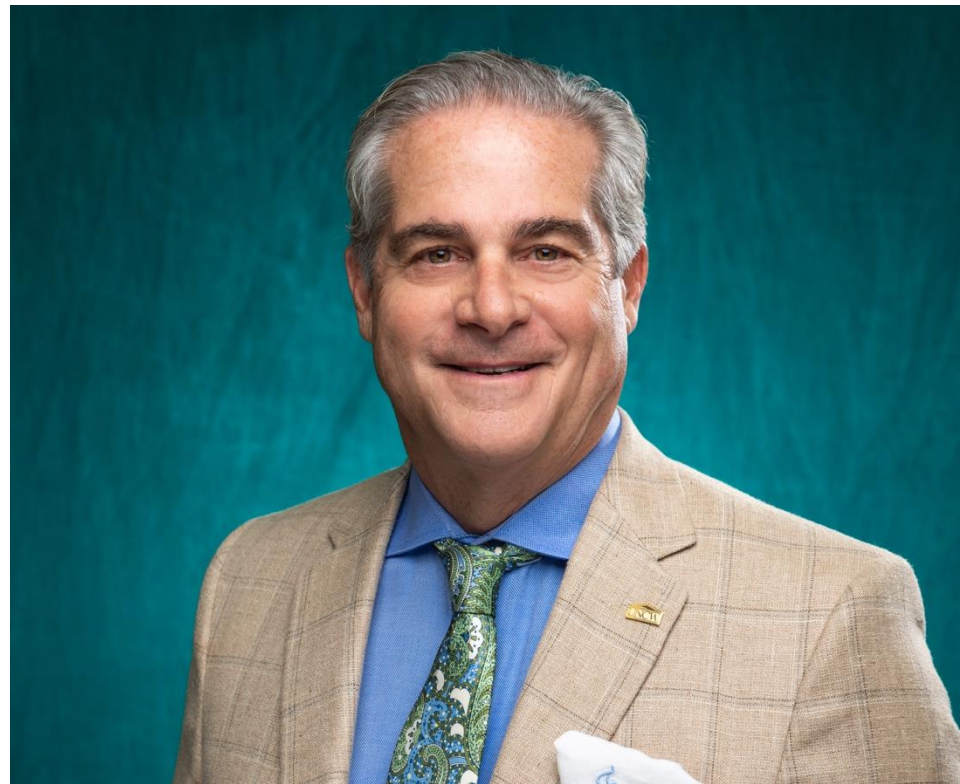
A Great Presentation



Thank you to the
**Honorable Aldona Woś,
M.D.**, for the spring
2025 Chancellor's Dare
to Learn Lecture on
Monday, April 21 at
Lumina Theater.

Dedication and Service

Thank you, Trustee Rippy and Chair Fisher for your years of service.



Military History Panel Discussion



Office of Military Affairs sponsored the **2nd annual Military History Panel** featuring current UNCW students in active duty; Holly Grange, former member of the UNCW Board of Trustees; and 2Lt Alma Cooper, U.S. Army and 2024 Miss USA.



Happy Homecoming 2025



UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

Distinguished Alumni Award



Seahawks Give Success

- Record-setting support
- More than \$4.1M raised
- 38% of donors are alumni

Seahawks GIVE



Congratulations, Seahawks

UNC Association of Student Governments Recognizes
UNCW SGA, Two Seahawks



Christine Reed Davis

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

John L. Sanders Student Advocate Award Recipient



Barrett Butler

UNCW Student Body Vice President

Elected Senior Vice President of UNC ASG



Soaring Seahawk – SGA President

Skyler Stein

2024-26 SGA President

- Junior
- Political Science Major
- Apex, NC



Building on our Foundation



THE STEIN-BUTLER ADMINISTRATION



Association of Student Governments Award Winners and SBVP Barrett Butler, Elected and Inaugurated as Senior Vice President of ASG



Seahawk Statue Beautification Project



Senior Class President, Bayleigh Frink

SGA Inauguration 2025

Swearing in of SBVP Barrett Butler



Our Platform (Second Term)



BALANCE



INNOVATION



TRANSPARENCY

Our Faculty and Staff



Soaring Seahawk – Staff Senate Chair

Susan Smith

Chair 2023-24 | Staff Senate

- Vice Chair | UNC System Staff Assembly
- Assistant Director of Member Services | Department of Campus Recreation

You're Invited to Join the UNCW Staff Senate at:

Soar Into Summer

May 13, 2025 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

UNCW Campus Commons Amphitheater



2025
SOAR INTO SUMMER
WITH UNCW STAFF SENATE



Thank you, Susan!



New Staff Senate Chair

Angie Wiggins

Chair 2025-26 | Staff Senate

- Business Officer | University Police



Spring 2025 Enrollment – Year-over-Year Change

	Headcount				Student Credit Hours		
	4/11/24	4/15/25	% Change		4/11/24	4/15/25	% Change
Undergraduate	13,818	14,376	+4.0%		183,056	192,608	+5.2%
Non-OAP	12,535	13,112	+4.6%		173,491	183,124	+5.6%
OAP	1,283	1,264	-1.5%		9,565	9,484	-0.8%
Graduate	3,385	3,542	+4.6%		23,869	25,628	+7.4%
Non-OAP	1,809	1,833	+1.3%		13,470	14,118	+4.8%
OAP	1,576	1,709	+8.4%		10,399	11,510	+10.7%

DATA SOURCE: Banner Operational Data Store (ODS) UNCW_REG_GENERAL_STUDENT & UNCW_REG_REGISTERED_HOURS views

NOTE: Year-over-year change based on comparing corresponding days in spring 2024 and spring 2025 semesters



Fall 2025 Admissions – Year-over-Year Change

	Applications			Admits			Deposits		
	2024	2025	% Change	2024	2025	% Change	2024	2025	% Change
First-Year/First-time Students	20,840	22,912	+9.9%	12,647	14,451	+14.3%	2,235	2,833	+26.8%
Early Action In-State	9,708	10,594	+9.1%	7,897	8,553	+8.3%	1,672	2,070	+27.2%
Early Action Out-of-State	5,476	6,327	+15.5%	2,238	3,163	+41.3%	234	342	+46.2%
Regular Decision In-State	3,339	3,755	+12.5%	1,938	1,878	-3.1%	344	368	+7.0%
Regular Decision Out-of-State	2,317	2,236	-3.5%	574	857	+49.3%	30	53	+76.7%
Transfer-Main Campus	2,919	3,387	+16.0%	1,791	1,976	+10.3%	984	1,121	+13.9%
Transfer-Distance Ed	146	139	-4.8%	74	77	+4.1%	54	58	+7.4%
Graduate Students	1,727	2,256	+30.6%	732	936	+27.9%	455	585	+28.6%

DATA SOURCE: Slate

NOTE: First-time and Transfer data includes both summer 2025 and fall 2025 applicants

Admissions Deadlines/Notes:

1. Data as of 4/15/2025
2. First-time Fall 2025: enrollment deposit deadline on 5/1/25
3. Transfer-Main Campus Fall 2025: application submission on 3/1/25 (priority); final completed application on 6/1/25
4. Transfer-Distance Ed: includes online and hybrid programs excluding OAP



UNCW Historic Gardens on Azalea Festival Tour



Community Engagement: Azalea Festival

UNCW welcomed the community to the gardens at Kenan House and Wise Alumni House during the 2025 North Carolina Azalea Festival.



More Community Engagement



Spring Updates

- UNC System
- Legislative Updates
- Busy Semester at UNCW
 - CHHS Week
 - Business Week
 - Academic Year-end Celebrations



UNCW's New Peers

- Ball State University
- James Madison University
- Kent State University
- Ohio University *
- Rowan University *
- Sam Houston State University
- Towson University
- University of Louisville
- University of Maryland – Baltimore County *
- University of Massachusetts – Lowell *
- University of Missouri – Kansas City
- University of Nevada – Reno

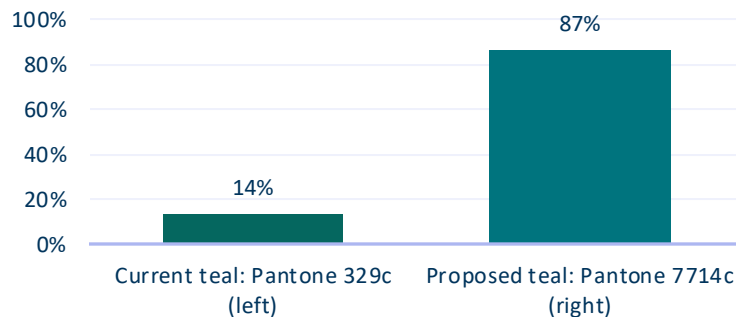
* Indicates current UNCW peer
(Pending final approval by the UNC Board of Governors)



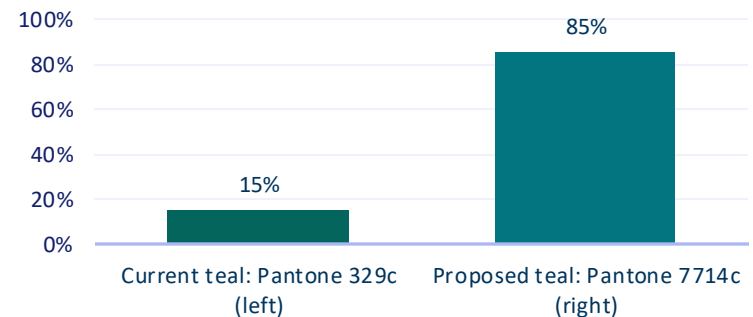
A Tidal Wave of Support for Teal Refresh



Which do you feel best represents teal used on campus?



Which best represents UNCW's coastal location?



Refreshed Teal Reflects Rising Seahawk Spirit



Pantone 329c



Pantone 7714c



Former

Refreshed

Benefits of International Education



Transformational experience for students

- Outstanding form of applied learning
- Enhances career readiness
- Inspires global awareness
- Win-win for students who study abroad and students who come to UNCW

International Partnerships and Opportunities

- International students studying at U.S. colleges and universities contributed **\$43.8 billion** and supported **378,175 jobs** to the U.S. economy during the 2023-24 academic year. *
- UNCW signed MOUs last fall with GITAM in India, University of Algarve in Portugal and University of Hull in England.
- Building on those partnerships and strategically create others.

* Source: NAFSA: Association of International Educators.



International Student Recruitment



Dr. Chris Finelli, Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Nivine Richie, Associate Dean, Cameron School of Business

Dr. Jeremy Dickerson, Assistant Provost, Distance Education & e-Learning



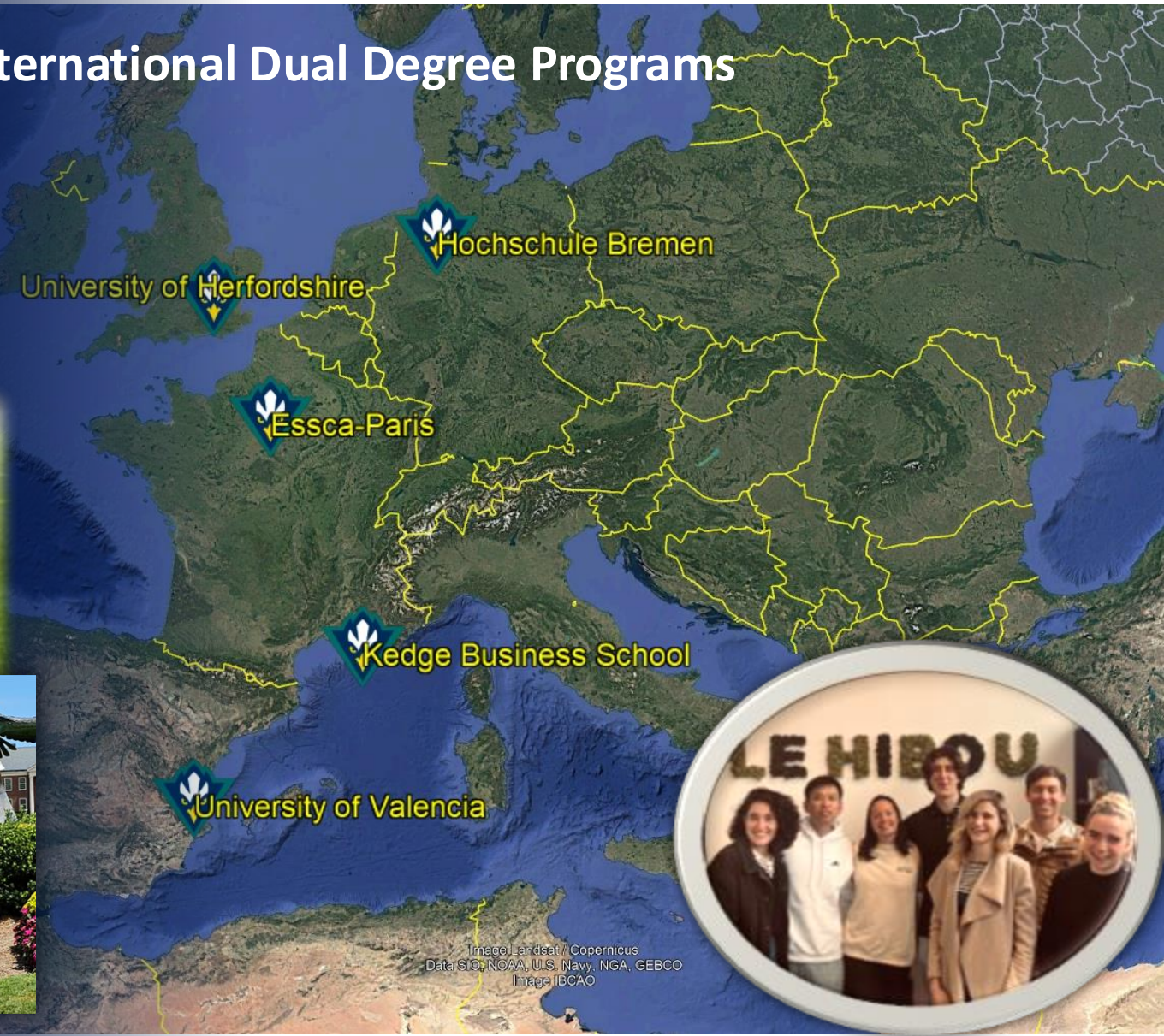
Why Recruit Internationally?

- Opportunity to meet student demand as U.S. degrees and certifications are valued
- Collaborating with international students prepares UNCW students for global marketplace





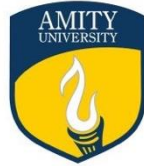
International Dual Degree Programs



Beyond Europe



Opportunities Explored



AMITY
UNIVERSITY



upGrad

GITAM Potential Pathways and Exchange

- MFA Creative Writing
- MFA Film Making
- M.S. Marine Science
- M.S. Geo Science
- M.S. Psychology
- M.S. in Health Related Fields
- M.S. Business Analytics
- International MBA
- M.S. Computer Science and Information Systems



Additional Opportunities



FACULTY
EXCHANGE



FACULTY LED
STUDY ABROAD



TRADITIONAL
STUDY ABROAD



EXECUTIVE MBA
PROJECT



ONLINE
EDUCATION

Virtual Bridge-Building

Stimulating and Enhancing Student Exchange Opportunities



Additional opportunities for interaction for faculty and students



Opportunities for degree completion, joint degree, and pathway programs



Generate interest in our campus, community and state



Each partner can offer courses that may not be readily available at the other institution



Remote internship components for UNCW and international students

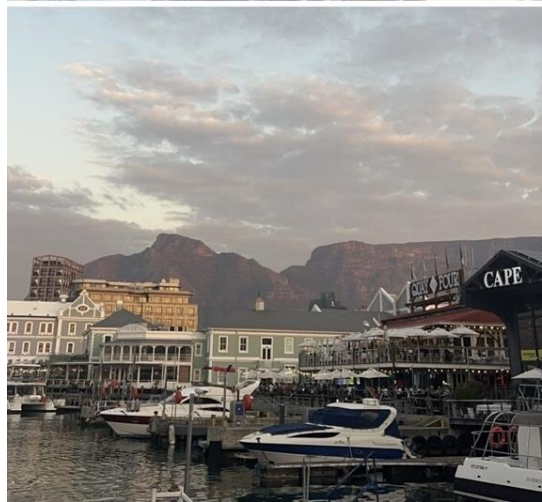


Enhanced communication

A Student's Perspective on International Education

Marissa Button

- Class of 2025
- Major: Psychology
- Minor: Criminology
- Summer 2024: Global Experience in South Africa
- Next step: Master of Social Work, UNCW



Looking Ahead - Spring 2025 Commencement

- 5 Ceremonies over 2 Days
- May 9-10
- Trask Coliseum
- More than 3,100 graduates



Let's keep soaring together,
Seahawks!

