



**UNC Board of Governors
December 13, 2019
Notable News from the UNC System**

UNC System Office

UNC System Interim President Bill Roper and East Carolina University Board of Trustees Chair Vern Davenport announced the formation of a 20-member search committee tasked with locating a candidate for the position of chancellor at East Carolina University.

Roper issued a statement regarding approvals of student and employee photo identification cards for use in the 2020 elections: "I am pleased that student and employee identification cards at each of our 17 institutions have now been approved by the N.C. State Board of Elections," Roper said. "This approval will allow any voting eligible employee or student to exercise their civic duty. We wish to thank all of those who worked hard for months behind the scenes to make this happen."

Appalachian State University

Appalachian State's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program, which currently enrolls 140 cadets, culminated its yearlong 50th anniversary celebration with program faculty, students, and alumni participating in Heroes Day at the Nov. 23 football game against Texas State University.

East Carolina University

East Carolina University received the Silver Seal at the 2019 ALL IN Challenge Awards Ceremony for its voting rate in the 2018 midterm elections. The Silver Seal is awarded to schools that achieve a student voting rate between 30% and 39%.

Dr. Teresa Ryan, an assistant professor in the Department of Engineering, has received a \$370,000 grant to continue her efforts to help protect military personnel. The goal of the research is to help improve a numeric model, based on the atmospheric and sea conditions, that will inform Naval operations commanders how close a ship can get to an enemy shoreline without being heard.

Elizabeth City State University

Elizabeth City State University Honors Program students took home second place at the first Community Change Collegiate Challenge, also known as 4C. Competing against peers from 15 other North Carolina universities, ECSU students developed a plan to address hunger issues in the region.

Fayetteville State University Highlights

Fayetteville State University revised its expressive policies to earn the highest free speech rating from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. FSU is the 12th institution in North Carolina to earn FIRE's "green light" rating, which is held by only 51 institutions nationwide.

N.C. A&T State University

N.C. A&T State University launched a new website design. <https://www.ncat.edu/index.php>



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North Carolina Central University

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Two jazz studies majors from NCCU's department of music were selected as recipients of a four-year scholarship from the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation. The foundation's choice to spotlight NCCU with this award will help bring a new level of prestige and recognition to the jazz studies program.

NC State University

Three NC State faculty members – Rodolphe Barrangou, Kenneth R. Swartzel, and Carlos Pignataro – have been named fellows of the National Academy of Inventors.

APLU (Association of Public and Land-grant Universities) named NC State a 2019 Innovation & Economic Prosperity (IEP) awardee. NC State won the IEP Economic Engagement Connections award, the top prize in the competition, recognizing overall excellence. NC State has taken a multipronged approach to developing talent that fuels economic development. In its award application, NC State highlighted three programs playing a part in this approach: the Entrepreneurship Clinic, the Northeast Leadership Academy (NELA), and the Biomanufacturing Training and Education Center (BTEC).

NC State scientists Massimo Iorizzo, Mary Ann Lila, and Penelope Perkins-Veazie have been awarded nearly \$13 million to study certain berries, which they hope to adapt to changing consumer and industry needs. The study is funded by a four-year, \$6.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture alongside matching funds. The project will be led by Iorizzo at the Plants for Human Health Institute, which is located at the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis.

UNC-Chapel Hill

At two community clinics in the Triangle, Carolina students from across several professional school disciplines are coming together to make HIV testing accessible and stigma-free. In addition to offering mental health support, an on-site pharmacy, and other services, the University's Student Health Action Coalition medical clinic provides free HIV and STI testing to anyone in need, regardless of whether or not they have insurance. Patients have a simple mouth swab and get their results in about 20 minutes.

UNC Charlotte

Charlotte Magazine recently profiled Chancellor Philip L. Dubois as one of its 2019 Charlotteans of the Year. The December issue of *Charlotte Magazine* will include the story on Chancellor Dubois.

UNC Greensboro

UNC Greensboro was recently ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as the No. 1 university in North Carolina for social mobility. UNCG is one of just five universities in the country with more than 50% of students eligible for low-income Pell grants and a graduation rate of more than 50%.

UNC Pembroke



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UNC Pembroke is building awareness and interest in STEM among women in Pembroke's local American Indian community. In collaboration with the Lumbee Tribe and local Boys and Girls Club, UNCP established a Girls Who Code (GWC) program to help middle school girls from the Lumbee Tribe learn computer coding skills and connect with female mentors working in the technology field.

UNC Wilmington

UNCW has received \$1.6 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Justice to transition the National Drug Court Resource Center (NDCRC) to North Carolina. Currently housed at the Justice Programs Office at American University, the NDCRC is the country's primary resource hub for problem-solving courts, including adult and juvenile drug courts, tribal healing-to-wellness courts, DWI courts, and family treatment courts. The grant was awarded to sociology and criminology professors Kristen DeVall and Christina Lanier.

International studies student Shah Soligné '19 has been awarded a 2020 Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship. The highly competitive national program supports those in the pursuit of a career in the U.S. Foreign Service. Following graduation in December, Soligné plans to study ethics and human rights at American University in Washington, D.C. His work with the fellowship begins in May with an internship at the Department of State.

UNC School of the Arts

The University of North Carolina School of the Arts Chancellor Search Committee has announced three public forums to gather input about the current state of the institution, the role of the chancellor, and the background, experience, and skill sets viable candidates should possess. Constituent forums will be held on the UNCSA campus at 1533 South Main St. in Winston-Salem, as follows:

Monday, Nov. 11, 8:30 to 10 a.m. in Main Theatre of the Film Village

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Monday, Nov. 18, Noon to 1:30 p.m. in Eisenberg Social Hall of Hanes Student Commons.

Western Carolina University

On Thanksgiving morning, Western Carolina University's 535-member Pride of the Mountains Marching Band appeared again in the 93rd annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. The band previously lead the 2014 parade.

Middle grades students who attend the Catamount School—the laboratory school operated by Western Carolina University—now have access to health services, which are being offered through a unique collaboration involving WCU, Jackson County Public Schools, and Blue Ridge Health, a nonprofit health care system based in Hendersonville.



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Winston-Salem State University

A year and a half after earning her bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem State University, Alexis McCrea ('17) will make history as the first WSSU student to earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree through the Early Assurance Program.

Since May, WSSU has received six grants from the NSF. The grants will provide stipends for about 22 WSSU undergraduate students each year to conduct paid research. Dozens of students will be impacted through classroom research projects. The grants also will support paid research for WSSU graduate students.

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

The Huffman-Cornwell Foundation has pledged \$50,000 to NCSSM to go toward the building of its second campus in Morganton. "The school is going to make a difference in so many students' lives and in the community. The foundation is pleased to support such a worthy cause" said Mary Louise McCombs and Barbara Novell, co-chairs of the foundation.