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2018 MDG Scholars Present Research on Critical Issues Facing Higher Education

The Marian Drane Graham Scholars presented their capstone projects on Friday, June 29 at the Spangler Center Board Room. The MDG Scholars program, coordinated through the Division of Academic Affairs, is a six week summer internship designed to provide UNC System students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills and gain exposure to the fields of public service and higher education.

Each year, six undergraduate students with an interest in public policy from across the UNC System spend a summer working with state agencies on issues affecting higher education in North Carolina. This year, the MDG



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is here, but things seem as busy as ever. I hope that you are finding time to be with friends and family and recharge for the academic year ahead.

We're headed into another board meeting at the end of July, the first under new leadership. I encourage you to check out [the new committee assignments](#) and our new special committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Historically Minority-Serving Institutions, and Healthcare.

Scholars have worked with the following organizations: NC Department of Public Instruction, the Institute for Emerging Issues, North Carolina Community College System, NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Go Global NC, and the North Carolina Business Committee for Education.

This year's scholars are Alexis Landrum (UNCW), Colin Johnson (ECU), Fumi Agboola (NC State), Katharine Shriver (UNC-Chapel Hill), Michael Denning (ECU), and Sam Chan (NC State). Their research presentations address critical issues in higher education, including topics on tuition and access, diversity and equity, recruitment and retention, underrepresented populations, and first-generation student support systems.

Chair-elect Announces New Board of Governors Committee Assignments

Chair-elect Harry Smith recently announced assignments to the 2018-19 UNC System Board of Governors standing and special committees. These committees play a critical role in developing policy recommendations and ensuring oversight of the University. The new assignments are effective on July 1.

“This Board is about good governance for the UNC System and greater accountability for the taxpayers of North Carolina,” said Smith. “We want to make informed decisions and identify solutions for this state—and these committee appointments are a big part of the strategy. I’m also looking forward to the newly created committees tackling big issues like serving our student veterans and our historically minority-serving institutions.”

The UNC Board of Governors is responsible for the planning, development, and overall governance of the state’s public university system. Its 28 voting members are elected by the NC General Assembly for four-year terms.

We’ve made strong progress in the past few years advancing the UNC System, and we’re poised to build on these advances in the year ahead.

The past month has also seen a host of noteworthy headlines, including the launch of the System’s new [Student Success Innovation Lab](#), the [final State of the University Address](#), the passage of the General Assembly’s [Short Session Budget Update](#), the announcement of a [new chancellor at UNC Asheville](#), and the launch of a [chancellor search committee at ECSU](#).

Much is happening, even in the supposedly quiet time of summer, and I encourage you to reach out with questions and thoughts and to keep up the strong work in every division.



EVENTS

JUNE

Marian Drane Graham Scholars Capstone Presentations

*June 29, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.,
Spangler Center Board Room*

To view the new committee assignments, visit [UNC Board Governors Committee Assignments](#).



UNC System Safety and Security Conference Held in Asheville

In early June, the inaugural UNC System Safety and Security Conference was held on UNC Asheville's campus. The conference was organized by a subcommittee of the UNC System Campus Security Committee in response to a recommendation from the 2013-14 Campus Security Initiative.

More than 200 attendees from the UNC System institutions received training and shared best practices on safety and security, related to the areas of the Clery Act, Title IX, student affairs, law enforcement, environmental health and safety/emergency management, and legal affairs. Tom Shanahan, senior vice president of Governance, Legal, and Risk and General Counsel, moderated the plenary session, which explored how crisis management in higher education has changed over the last decade. This

JULY

Board of Governors

July 26-27, CSLD Board Room



REMINDERS

Human Resources: **Stay Connected!**

Want your news to be included in the next UNC System e-Newsletter? The deadline is July 13. See your division's communications liaison and send information to submit_news@northcarolina.edu.



WELCOME ABOARD!

We welcome our new colleagues to the University of North

discussion highlighted the trends and issues that affect how we respond to crisis.

Other updates from Governance, Legal and Risk:

- **Bridget Bishop** presented on immigration fundamentals and current news at the NC Office of the State Controller's 2018 OSC Tax Compliance Summit.
- **Joanna Carey Cleveland and John Dougherty** presented on "First Amendment Issues at Public Institutions" at the NC Association of College Law Enforcement Administrators' (NCACLEA) Summer Conference.
- **Ed Purchase** presented "Clery 101 for Campus Law Enforcement" at the Campus Safety Texas Conference.
- **Tom Shanahan** presented at the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA) annual conference. His presentation discussed understanding and maximizing attorney-client privilege and work product protection when using outside consultants.
- **UNC 911 Telecommunicators' Training Class** will be hosted by the UNC System. This one-day training will focus on policy development, procedural efficiency, and customer service.
- **Gabriella "Bella" Gropper**, a student at Cardiff University, will serve as a legal extern in the Office of Legal Affairs from June through September.

Carolina System Office:

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CLUBS+

Interested in starting a club or hosting a meet-up with other employees?

Send your ideas, along with details and contact information to Human Resources.

NOTE: CLUBS+ and meet-ups are sponsored by individual employees and not by the UNC System. Individuals responsible for coordination are encouraged to schedule activities during non-work hours.



A New "Web" Look is Coming

As a follow up to our new brand and logo, the Office of Communications will lead a cross-functional advisory committee in taking the next step to update the northcarolina.edu website. During the upcoming months, interviews with leadership will be conducted and departments will have opportunities to participate in surveys and feedback sessions on the new site map and design concepts. The expected launch will be in March 2019. Stay tuned for more information.



2017-18 Presidential Scholars Are Moving On!

The UNC System Office will say farewell to the 2017-18 class of Presidential Scholars as they prepare for their new endeavors.

Elizabeth Boney, Carson Rich, Farris Smith, and Katie Stanley spent the year working with administrators and staff on projects and initiatives that have helped advance the System's strategic goals. The scholars served on committees for the Divisions of Academic Affairs, Strategy and Policy, External Affairs, and the Office of Communications. Through these experiences, they gained valuable insight while supporting the success of several programs, such as the UNC System branding project, the Veterans' Summit, the Behavioral Health Convening, and the ECSU Working Group.

In preparation for their departure, the scholars did a "Scholars Takeover" on the [UNC System Instagram](#) account and shared some of the highlights of the program, what they've learned in their roles, and what they hope to accomplish in the near future.

Take a look at where the scholars are heading:

- **Elizabeth Boney** will be an associate at Whiteboard Advisors in Washington, DC
- **Carson Rich** started as the special assistant to the chancellor at Elizabeth City State University on June 1.
- **Katie Stanley** started as a legislative assistant for NC Rep. Dean Arp in June.
- **Farris Smith** will be entering a graduate program at NC State University this fall with a full tuition grant.

The UNC System wishes them the best. Visit the [@unc_system Instagram page](#) and read their stories.



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