



## *Alpha Sigma Lambda Members Inducted!*

Congratulations to the newest members of Alpha Sigma Lambda! The UNC Charlotte Gamma Rho Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda was chartered to recognize adult and non-traditional students who achieve academic excellence while maintaining other responsibilities such as work and family. Since 1997 UNC Charlotte has honored over 700 nontraditional students who have earned the privilege of membership into the Gamma Rho Chapter. Join us in congratulating the following students who were inducted on March 22, 2008 into the oldest adult student national honor society.

*Julie Ann Barrows*

*Rachel M. Berg*

*Deborah Brewer*

*Lynn Calnek*

*Sanaa A. Chakra*

*April M. Darby*

*Sue Denham*

*Jeffery Everette Derwort*

*Miranda M. File*

*LaToya Shante Forbes*

*Elgie L. Garner*

*Raymond Richard Gerdus*

*Kevin T. Gillen*

*Elisa Gregorich*

*Matthew Paul Guglielmetti*

*Jeffrey Haigler*

*Holly J. Hendrick*

*Lezonia Rorie Jones*

*Wendy K. Jones*

*Kimberly Jordan*

*Marlene Philemon Keziah*

*Josette Pochet LaCaria*

*Shawnta R. Morrison*

*Christy Nall*

*Tracy Chandler Nelson*

*Jeannette Ortiz*

*Elizabeth Pirrone*

*David Lawrence Quigley*

*Thomas Reid Satter*

*Matthew Sheaffer*

*Melissa Ann Smith*

*Amanda Nicole Threadgill*

*Katherine Tolf*

*Lowell R. Uebele II*

*Judith VanGelder*

*Victoria L. Wise*

*Kathy Joanna Woodward*

*Michael D. Workman*

### **Inside you will find information about:**

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### **Greetings and welcome to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte!**

On behalf of the Office of Adult Students and Evening Services (OASES) I want to introduce the *nontrad*. Our newsletter is published bi-annually and is shared with undergraduate, post baccalaureate and graduate students. The *nontrad* is designed to highlight a number of the new and special programs and services for adult, nontraditional students.

We hope you will enjoy this fall edition. If you have suggestions for articles we should share, please let us know.

Best wishes for a successful fall 2008 semester!



Janet Daniel  
Director of OASES

## All About Graduation!



OASES has launched the 49er Finish Program (begun as a pilot in fall 2005) aimed at assisting seniors who left the university prior to graduation. The program offers personalized advising services to help students complete their degree requirements for graduation. Even though most of the program participants have not been enrolled at UNC Charlotte for 1-10 years, they are still considered in good standing and are eligible for re-enrollment at the university. The program encourages former students to meet with advisors about the most efficient and effective way to complete their requirements for graduation. The impact of the program can be significant for students, employers and the community. With a UNC Charlotte degree, students become more marketable in an economy that is increasingly more knowledge-based in our region and state. There have been over 200 students graduate through the 49er Finish Program since its inception in fall 2005.



Melissa LaMarche, 49er Finish Coordinator

The 49er Finish Program has experienced much growth and success. Melissa LaMarche is a full-time coordinator managing the recruitment activities and assisting students in their degree completion. LaMarche received her bachelor's degree from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Interior Design. Upon graduation, she worked as an Admissions Counselor at her alma mater for nine years. She has also earned a master's degree in counseling with a focus in Student Development in Higher Education from Central Connecticut State University. In addition to her work at the University of Hartford's Center for Graduate and Adult Academic Services and the UNC Charlotte's OASES, she feels she has a unique understanding of the special needs of adult students because of her own experiences in balancing work, family and school. LaMarche can be reached at [mlamarch@uncc.edu](mailto:mlamarch@uncc.edu) or 704-687-6753.

*"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."  
Victor Frankl*

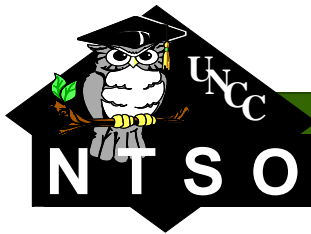
### Graduate School Information

#### Key Dates For Students Planning to Graduate In the Fall 2008 Term

- a. **September 4<sup>th</sup>** – Last day to Apply for December 2008 Graduation. Students complete the Application for Degree or Application for Graduate Certificate on-line through their Banner Self Service Account.
- b. **September 4<sup>th</sup>** – Last day to submit Application for Candidacy forms to the Graduate School for December 2008 Graduation. The Application for Candidacy for a Degree and the Application for Candidacy for Graduate Certificate forms are paper forms that are available from the "Graduate School Forms" page of the Graduate School Website at: [http://www.uncc.edu/gradmiss/gs\\_forms.html](http://www.uncc.edu/gradmiss/gs_forms.html) .

#### Key Dates for Thesis/Dissertation Students Planning to Graduate in the Fall 2008 Term

- a. **October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Last date for doctoral students to deposit final version of dissertation with the Graduate School for a December 2008 graduation.
- b. **November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Last date for masters students to deposit final version of thesis with the Graduate School for a December 2008 graduation.



**The University of North Carolina at Charlotte**  
**NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

**What Is NTSO?**

The NonTraditional Student Organization is a Student Government sponsored club specifically designed to acclimate and engage all adult and non-traditional students into the university community.

**What Is The Purpose of NTSO?**

Our mission is to provide academic and social support for adult and non-traditional students. NTSO participates in various community service projects and offers events to promote unity through on and off campus events. NTSO's goal is to get more adult students connected to the university while they maintain work, family, and academics.

**NTSO Meetings Fall 2008:**

**Location:** Denny Building Room 119  
**Time:** 5-6pm  
 September 4  
 October 2  
 November 6

**NTSO Fall 2008 Schedule of Events:**

- August 23 Adult Student Orientation**  
Fretwell 100, 9am-12noon
  - August 25 & 26, Week of Welcome (WOW!) 4-7pm,**  
Barnard 106– An open house event
  - September 13 NTSO Picnic at Reedy Creek Park 12-3**
  - September 16 The Stoop: Open Mic, 8-10pm in SAC food court**  
(sponsored by the Multicultural Resource Center)
  - November 3-7 National Adult Student Week**  
11/3 NTSO dinner TBA  
11/7 Pizza and Billiards, SAC, 6-9pm
  - November 1-18 Canned Food Drive (drop off in OASES)**  
for Loaves and Fishes Outreach Mission
  - December 5 Community Outreach and Social**  
5-10pm meet in OASES, Barnard 106
- \*NTSO will support McCreesh Place this year as our community service organization.**  
[www.mccreeshplace.org](http://www.mccreeshplace.org)

(Please drop off cleaning supplies, paper goods, laundry soap, and male hygiene products to Barnard 106. Thank you!)

**Visit our website for more information on events and activities at [www.uncc.edu/NTSO](http://www.uncc.edu/NTSO).**

**NTSO Officers:**

- President– Sue Denham
- Vice President– Julia Brinkenton
- Secretary– Lezonias Jones
- Promotions Coordinator– Marla Oelsner
- Advisor– Cricket Bonnetaud

If you are interested in joining NTSO, please fill out this membership form.

**NTSO Membership Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

UNCC E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate  Graduate Student

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or deliver this form to:

UNC Charlotte  
 106 Barnard  
 9201 University City Blvd  
 Charlotte, NC 28223

You may also join on-line at [www.uncc.edu/ntso](http://www.uncc.edu/ntso). Please remember to include your \$10.00 lifetime membership dues made payable to NTSO with a portion going to support adult student scholarships.



## **WELCOME Debbie Smith, our newest OASES counselor!**

Debbie Smith joined the OASES staff this year after serving Western Carolina University as a Regional Coordinator for educational outreach at Tri-County Community College. Mrs. Smith earned a Masters in Adult Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. She has worked specifically with adult students for over 18 years. She states, “My college career started after having my two daughters. I was working full time, so I understand the challenges and rewards of returning to college as an adult. I look forward to working with the OASES students and becoming a 49er!”

Please join us in welcoming Debbie as the newest team member in OASES!

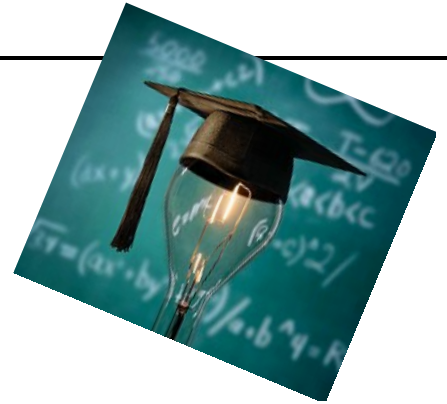
### **Recruiting Mentors and Mentees**

The Adult Mentoring Program for Students, sponsored by the Office of Adult Students and Evening Services is seeking to match new adult students (mentees) with experienced adult student mentors to make the transition to college as seamless as possible.

The purpose of AMPS is:

- to make available a support system for new and returning nontraditional students.
- to network with other nontraditional students.
- to share and learn about social and educational opportunities within UNC Charlotte and the community.

If you are interested in participating in AMPS and would like additional information, please contact the Office of Adult Students & Evening Services at 704-687-2596 or [oases@uncc.edu](mailto:oases@uncc.edu).



### **Ever considered becoming a teacher?**



There are critical shortages in North Carolina in the areas of Math, Science, Middle Grades, Special Education, Teaching English as a Second Language, and Foreign Languages. You could be part of the solution. Few careers can match teaching in its ability to touch lives and make a profound different in this world. Personal benefits and salaries are better than ever!

For more information on undergraduate and graduate programs, please contact Amanda Macon, teacher recruiter at [AmandaMacon@uncc.edu](mailto:AmandaMacon@uncc.edu) or the TEAL (Teacher Education Advising and Licensure) Office at 704-687-8725.

**North Carolina needs teachers like you!**

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## **Do you know someone interested in attending UNC Charlotte?**

UNC Charlotte will be hosting open-house events this fall semester

**October 18**

**November 8**

from 9am-noon in the Student Activities Center (SAC).

Come and see what is available!

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