



Dear Students,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend to you our warm welcome to the University of North Carolina Wilmington and to the Graduate School. As you are probably aware, the excellence of our graduate students and their achievements have contributed to the university's outstanding academic reputation and its recognition by the *U.S. News and World Report* as among the top 10 public master's universities in the South. We trust that your endeavors will continue to enhance that reputation and that you will find your experience here to be one of great fulfillment, both personally and academically.

At UNCW, you will find an innovative, educational atmosphere. Scholarship here goes beyond the traditional boundaries of academics and includes partnerships between students and professors to broaden the scope of research and enhance creativity and exploration in a variety of topics. Our faculty is highly accomplished, and I am confident that they will challenge and assist you to reach your goals in your chosen fields. I wish you health, happiness and success throughout your experience at UNCW and beyond. Congratulations and welcome!

Sincerely,

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M. Terry Coffey
Chair of Board of Trustees



Dear Students,

We are delighted that you are a part of the University of North Carolina Wilmington family. The faculty and staff are committed to providing you the best educational experience possible as you pursue your college degree. The close personal relationship among students, faculty, and staff is one of the most vital parts of the UNCW experience.

Our faculty and staff recognize that each student is unique, with individual goals, strengths, and reasons for attending college. Whether you are fresh out of high school, an employee seeking to revitalize a career, or someone fulfilling a long-held dream of attaining a college education, there are numerous avenues to success that you may choose from at UNCW.

The various course offerings in this catalogue will provide you the framework for the learning opportunities you can receive at our university. We want you to develop deep and detailed knowledge of your particular field of study, but we also want you to develop a broad capacity for inspiration so that your own thinking will know few boundaries. In today's global environment, our challenge as educators is to stimulate you as students to do your best possible work, to use your minds to bridge cultural, economic, and intellectual differences in order to create a safer, a more educated, and a more tolerant society. It is imperative that we help you grow both in mind and spirit, thus ensuring that you are able to approach the myriad challenges you will face in this increasingly competitive world.

The educational experience you design for yourself will be the springboard to the rest of your life – make it count!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary DePaolo". The signature is cursive and elegant.

Rosemary DePaolo
Chancellor