It seems as though a lot of people think it is the social norm to drink and/or drug as a rite of passage; or that it is necessary in order to get the most out of the complete college experience. According to UNCW/CROSSROADS, this is not necessarily true. In their most recent survey of 1002 UNCW students they found that:

- Most UNCW students (75.7%) have 0 to 5 drinks when they go out.
- 90% of UNCW students had not driven under the influence in the previous month.
- 91.7% of UNCW students are not daily smokers.
- 75.3% of UNCW students had not used marijuana in the previous month.

Although these statistics may be a little dated, it does suggest that most UNCW students are here because they value the University’s strong academic programs, the beach environment, the opportunity to engage in meaningful campus activities, fulfill personal values, experience new challenges and meet new friends.

If you would like to be better informed and to have a good source from which to inform your decisions, check out some of the interesting material regarding alcohol and other drug use on the following links.