



Onslow Extension Update

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WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN ONSLOW COUNTY?

The Onslow County Extension Program has made a tremendous impact over the past 14 months. Dr. Beth Barton, Director and UNCW Military Liaison, has been involved in numerous projects to further integrate UNCW into the Onslow community as well as to enhance UNCW's collaboration with UNC General Administration in order to meet system-wide goals.

On March 20, 2006, Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo, along with UNCW Administrators, held a "Meet and Greet" social aboard Camp Lejeune for Onslow extension students. Students had the opportunity to meet the Chancellor and ask questions related to the future of the Onslow Extension Program.

On June 28, 2006, Erskine Bowels, President of The University of North Carolina, and Martin Lancaster, President of the



Martin Lancaster, President of the NCCC system, and Erskine Bowels, President of UNC system, speak with Suzanne Blum, a UNCW Extension Student

North Carolina Community College System, visited the Onslow Extension Program to experience firsthand the strong relationship that UNCW has with Coastal Carolina Community College and the US Marine Corps. As a result, President Bowels considers UNCW to be the model for university-community college-military collaboration.

On February 15, 2007, the Extension Program hosted the first public viewing of the *The Marines of Montford Point: Fighting*

for Freedom—it was held in Jacksonville, the home of the Montford Point Marines. Over 550 people attended the viewing, including Administrators from UNC General Administration & UNCW, military officials, local and state politicians and 10 original Montford Point Marines.

On April 14, 2007, Erskine Bowels, Chancellor DePaolo, and Beth Barton were guests at Camp Special Time aboard Camp Lejeune, a camp that provides respite care for military parents of handicapped children. UNCW's School of Nursing supports this camp with staff and students, three times a year.

The Onslow Extension Program is committed to serving the civilian and military community of Onslow County.

Extra! Extra! New Programs in Onslow County!

Due to the growth of the Extension Program, beginning in fall 2007 UNCW will be offering two new degrees here in Onslow County. The Bachelor of Science in Clinical Research is a degree focused on the pharmaceutical community creating a

better way of life for human beings around the world. The Master of Education in Elementary Education is a cohort that starts in the fall as well. This degree allows students who have an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education further their studies and obtain a Master's

degree. Finally, in fall 2008, UNCW will be offering a Bachelors of Science in Social Work. Also, the Extension Program currently offers a BA in Elementary Education, BA in Criminal Justice and a BSN in Nursing and a MA in Liberal Studies.

Special points of interest:

- *What's New*
- *New Programs*
- *Extension News about staff*
- *Criminal Justice Program*
- *Star Student, Deborah Hockaday*
- *And more*

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UNCW Extension Staff

The Extension staff consists of four full-time employees, Dr. Beth Barton, Laura Garcia, Kim Allin, Lisa Keenan, one 3/4 employee Michelle Sessoms and three student workers, Paul Parker, Floyd Gabbert and Kate Harrell.

In January 2004, Beth was hired as the Director of the UNCW Extension Program. Beth holds a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and brings experience as a community college and university instructor as well as a community liaison, working with the local school system, police department, and churches. In September 2005, Laura Garcia

joined the Extension Program as a full-time Academic Advisor and Admissions Transfer counselor. Laura earned her Master of Science degree in Counseling Education from East Carolina University. Kim Allin joined our staff in May, 06 as a full-time Base Coordinator at Camp Lejeune. Kim is currently working on her MBA and will graduate December 2007. Lisa Keenan is the on-site academic advisor for all undergraduate students pursuing a B. A. in elementary education. Lisa earned her M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from Kutztown University, Pennsylvania. Michelle Sessoms is our Office Assistant and is a recent graduate of UNCW's Extension Program with a BA in Criminal Justice. Finally, our offices would

not run effectively without our student workers. Paul Parker and Floyd Gabbert are enrolled in the Criminal Justice program and Kate Harrell is enrolled in the Elementary Education program at UNCW. The student workers assist at the Camp Lejeune and New River Offices.



The UNCW Extension Staff

Extension Highlights: Money and Graduates!

OSHER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Extension Program has been extremely busy with numerous projects. Recently, Laura Garcia, Academic Advisor, assisted on a scholarship for non-traditional students at UNCW. With great news, the OSHER Foundation is donating \$50,000 for three years to provide scholarships for non-traditional students. After three years, it potentially could evolve into a one million dollar endowment. Twenty-five students will be chosen to receive a \$2000.00 scholarship for the academic year. Dr. Barton and Laura Garcia encourage non-traditional students to inquire about this scholarship. To receive further information

about applying for the scholarship, please view the financial aid website for further information.

CAMP LEJEUNE GRADUATION

On June 1, 2007 the UNCW Extension Program held their commencement at Camp Lejeune. This spring, we had 88 students graduate and 25 students participate in the ceremony. Following the ceremony, students were invited to attend a reception with their friends, family and UNCW faculty and staff. Dr. Paul Hosier, Dr. Cecil Willis, Dean Cordle and Dr. Carol Chase-Thomas attended the ceremony. Congratulations Graduates!



Camp Lejeune Highlights!

Paul Parker is a 24-year-old native of Oceanside, California and veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Paul currently works as a student assistant at Camp Lejeune while enrolled as a CRJ student at the Extension Program. Paul will be interning for the United States Department of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Student Internship Program during the summer of 2007. He will be interning for a period of ten weeks in Manila, Philippines and will be specifically working for the Fraud Prevention Unit. While Paul he is in the Philippines, he will be working with the American Consultant at the US

Embassy and specifically with American Citizens Services on various projects dealing with immigration and non immigration visas. Paul will be throughout the country and take part in investigations.

Paul will be an outstanding representative of the United States, UNCW Extension Program and the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice. He will utilize the skills, abilities and pride that he has gained from being a student at UNCW and as a US Marine. Paul is considering a future career in the Foreign Service field after he graduates. Good Luck and Congratulations Paul!



Paul Parker, Student Assistant
UNCW Extension Program & CRJ Student





A UNCW Extension Journey By: Michelle Sessoms

I started my journey with the UNCW Extension Program in May, 2005 enrolled as a criminal justice student as well as a student worker. I remember walking into my class in summer I and there were only seven students taking White Collar Crime. My immediate thought was, "Oh my gosh, how am I going to get my classes here in Jacksonville?" Well, with the help of Dr. Beth Barton, she arranged meetings to promote our program at Coastal Carolina Community College, Jacksonville Police Department as well as participating in local job fairs, education fairs and National Night Out, and our numbers started to increase. Due to these efforts, our enrollment has tripled since May, 2005. The classes

offered now usually have between 15 to 30 students per class. Because of our increase in enrollment, the students were fortunate to have a variety of professors from UNCW to teach for the Extension Program, including Dr. Babette Boyd, Dr. Ann Rotchford-Perez, Dr. Cecil Willis, Dr. Timothy Evans, Dr. Robert Miller and recently, the Department Chair of the Criminal Justice and Sociology Department, Dr. Kim Cook. Without the support of the professors from the main campus, this program would not be here.

Now that I have officially graduated this past spring, I am here to say, you can earn your BA in Criminal Justice completely in Onslow County and have the phenomenal experience



of being taught by scholared professors from Wilmington and have the opportunity to choose from a variety of classes. I can assure that students will have a positive experience at UNCW and they will endure the knowledge to prepare them to work in their desired field.

Finally, because of the knowledge I acquired at UNCW, I was recently accepted into the Graduate School at East Carolina University.

Star Student: Deborah Hockaday

Deborah Hockaday transferred to UNCW in the summer of 2006 after graduating with her Associates in Arts degree from Coastal Carolina Community College. Deborah was awarded the Phillips Merit Scholarship from UNCW for both fall and spring semesters of 2006 and 2007.

During this time, as a non-traditional student, working for CCCC, a full-time mother of two teenagers, she received the

Chancellor's Achievement Award for the fall semester, 2006 and made the Dean's list.

"Dr. Babette Boyd was a tremendous inspiration to me both in the classroom and out. She is probably the most knowledgeable instructor I have ever had the pleasure learning from, and the impact she has had on my life is long-lasting."

Deborah stated, "I could not have made it through school without the love and support of my wonderful family, and my two beautiful teenagers are truly

the "Wind beneath My Wings". I owe them everything. Not only was Deborah impacted by her children, she states that the UNCW professors impacted her life. "Dr. Barton was

the one person who was able to convince me that I could do it. I had no intentions of pursuing my bachelors degree once I received my AA, but Dr. Barton persuaded and encouraged me and I will always be grateful to her that she did."

Deborah graduated this past spring with a BA in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. She recently accepted a position at the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher, working security. As you can see, Deborah's hard work and dedication paid off!

Without the Onslow Extension Program Deborah simply would not have been able to earn her bachelor's degree.

What do the professors think about the Extension Program?

"This is the first time I've taught in the Extension Program since coming to UNCW two years ago. During my own journey through higher education I was a non-traditional student as a single mom going to school full-time. I know how much perseverance it requires to maintain high academic standards when there are other important obligations confronting us on a daily basis. The students in my class inspire me with their determination to think outside the boxes of traditional educational paths. All students in the Extension Program are very fortunate to have an outstanding support and guidance from

the Extension staff and from each other. I thank you all for being such a fun group of students. I wish you all the very best with your future endeavors. Rest assured that I am also your advocate."

Dr. Kim Cook, Department Chair & Professor for the Sociology & Criminal Justice Department.

"I truly enjoyed teaching at the Extension Program. The extension students have a thirst for knowledge that I don't see quite as often in tradi-

tional undergraduate students. They also seem to be more focused. Maybe that's because most have been in the workplace before they began attending college and have learned how valuable a college degree can be to them. Despite the long ride, the enthusiasm of my students was like a shot of adrenaline to me: It renewed my energy and made each class seem to just fly by. Each of my extension students left their own indelible impression on me. Thank you.

Dr. Babette Boyd, Lecturer for the Sociology and Criminal Justice Department





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UNCW Mission Statement (updated May 16, 2005)

The University of North Carolina Wilmington is a public comprehensive university dedicated to learning through the integration of teaching and mentoring with research and service. The college of arts and sciences, the professional schools, and the graduate school seek to stimulate intellectual curiosity, imagination, critical thinking, and thoughtful expression in a broad range of disciplines and professional fields. The university is committed to providing the highest quality undergraduate and graduate academic experience in an extensive array of programs at the baccalaureate and master's levels, as well as a doctoral program in marine biology. Our goal is excellence in teaching, scholarship, research, artistic achievement, and service.

UNCW encourages public access to its educational programs and is committed to diversity, international perspectives, and regional service. Our campus community strives to create a safe, supportive, and technologically progressive environment in which students, faculty, and staff work together to develop their interests, skills, and talents to the fullest extent. UNCW seeks to celebrate and study the heritage and environment of the coastal region, and to enrich its quality of life, economy, and education.



Letter from the Director, Dr. Beth Barton

Welcome to Jacksonville and the Onslow Extension program! My role as Director of the program is multifaceted, and includes: 1) promoting UNCW throughout our county; 2) partnering with Coastal Carolina Community College to make the transition from Coastal to UNCW seamless for our students; and, 3) conducting educational needs assessments of our community agencies and organizations, including our military partners aboard MCB Camp Lejeune and MCAS New River, and articulating these needs to our main campus for possible implementation. Due to the efforts of our Onslow Extension team, our enrollment numbers have increased by 47% from Spring 2006 (632 enrollments) to 921 enrollments now (Spring

2007). The visibility of, and services provided by, UNCW in Onslow County are significant!

Due to our rapid growth, Coastal Carolina Community College has generously granted us additional office space and classroom space to accommodate our growing numbers. We've practically taken over one wing in Coastal's Administration Building, having only three offices to now occupying five. Our joint (UNCW-CCCC) staff meetings have strengthened our partnership even more, resulting in unprecedented cooperation. Thank you, Coastal Carolina Community College!

I look forward to updating you on service involvements in our next issue.



**Dr. Beth A. Barton,
Director of Onslow Extension
Programs and Military Liaison**

