**UNCW Disability Resource Center**

**Accommodate**  **Advocate**  **Access**

January 2018

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” ~ Malcolm X

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**Note Regarding Winter/Inclement Weather on Campus**

To DRC students with disabilities impacting mobility;

UNCW students were greeted by an unusual amount of snow and ice to start the Spring 2018 semester. The response by campus resources, including Facilities; Environmental Health & Safety; Housing & Residence Life; and Auxiliary Services is to be commended for their quick and attentive reaction. However, we understand that despite these best efforts some individuals still experienced difficulty.

Safety is paramount to an inclusive environment for students with disabilities impacting their mobility on campus. If at any time you feel it unsafe to travel (e.g., getting in/out of HRL, to dining facilities, attending class) due to impact of winter weather conditions, please err on the side of caution. For direct needs, such as icy ramps or blocked walkways, contact the Physical Plant (www.uncw.edu/physicalplant). Additionally, students with disabilities should communicate with appropriate faculty indicating they are unable to attend or travel due to conditions. It’s recommended they also CC DRC@uncw.edu, so staff may advocate on their behalf.

UNCW is reviewing its response to the recent weather event, and is seeking to identify potential areas of success or concern. In the near future, UNCW will be communicating a plan based on what has been learned, and will coordinate with DRC to disseminate those plans to students.

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**SEA.lab [Strategy Enhancement for Achievement]**

SEA.lab offers students a wide range of helpful resources to be more academically successful. Through SEA.lab, students may access:

- Academic strategies: reading, notetaking, study skills, time management, and organization
- Help in understanding one’s weaknesses AND strengths
- Assistive Technology training

To schedule a 1-on-1 SEA.lab consultation, contact the Disability Resource Center.

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**DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Creating Experiences for Life
The ULC's Study Skills Mentoring Program gives students the opportunity to schedule a one-on-one appointment with one of our peer mentors. Mentors and students will work together to help students develop their academic habits, from reading and note-taking to test-taking to time management.

Scheduling an appointment
- Appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance.
- Each appointment lasts about an hour.
- Recurring appointments are available. Ask your peer mentor for more information.
- Please take the time to review the ULC Appointment Attendance Policy.
- Refer to the How to Make an Individual Appointment page for detailed instructions. (https://uncw.edu/ulc/learning/appointmentinstructions.html)

Appointment options
Students scheduling an appointment will be asked to choose one of the following options:
- General Study Skills
- Reading and Note-taking
- Testing Strategies
- Time Management

*For more information, visit https://uncw.edu/ulc/academic/index.html

**The UNCW Career Center has several upcoming opportunities. For more information, visit https://uncw.edu/career/**

The Jim Kessler Scholarship is awarded annually to one student with a disability enrolled in a program leading to a Bachelor's degree at a public college or university in North Carolina. To be eligible for this $500 award a student must:
- Be registered with their school’s disability service department;
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA;
- Be seeking their 1st bachelor’s degree

For more information regarding eligibility and applying for the NCAHEAD Jim Kessler Scholarship visit: https://www.ahead.org/affiliates/north-carolina/events

**You learn something every day if you pay attention.”**  
~Ray LeBlond

**Physical Access at UNCW**
For information and assistance with concerns related to physical access of classrooms, buildings, or the campus environment contact:

David Todd, Safety and Accessibility Specialist
Environmental Health and Safety
910.962.4287
toddd@uncw.edu

BE ALERT FOR CONSTRUCTION!
Look out for hazards and remember the site can change daily. Check out DRC website’s Construction Notice link for updated information. For questions regarding access around construction sites contact DRC or:

Business Affairs 910.962.3067
University Police 910-962-2222