Counselors & Colleagues

We’re committed to working closely with our many great partners who do so much on behalf of the outstanding students we meet every year. We hope this newsletter serves as a valuable resource and guide as you help your students through the college process.

Submitting School Reports and Transcripts

The Secondary School Report is invaluable in helping our Admissions Committee understand your student’s academic record, and we appreciate your assistance in providing this information. When students reach the ‘Assign Recommenders’ section of the Common Application, they will be provided with instructions on how their counselors and teachers can submit school reports, transcripts, and letters of recommendation. If you have any questions as you submit materials through the Common App, their Recommender Help Center offers detailed guidance.

Although students should submit their portion of the application by the October 15 deadline, counselors and teachers have until November 1 to submit transcripts, counselor statements, and recommendation letters. As long as we receive these documents by November 1, your student’s application will receive every possible consideration.

Students can track the status of their applications and supplemental documents through MyCarolina, our online portal for applicants. On October 14, we will send instructions on how to access their portals to students who have already submitted their applications. Students who submit applications after this time will be sent instructions within three business days. Through MyCarolina, students will be able to view a checklist of any application materials we have not yet received and also view their admissions decisions when they are released.

Noteworthy

- We’re installing our 11th chancellor, Chancellor Carol Folt, on Saturday, October 12. The ceremony, which is free and open to the public, will begin with a procession of faculty, students, staff, alumni, and other guests.
- Religious Studies professor Jodi Magness is starring in the new IMAX film, Jerusalem, which explores the perspectives of three women—one Muslim, one Jewish, and one Christian—as they travel the historic city.
- After an immersion trip to India, Kenan-Flagler Business School sophomores Joey Skavroneck and Parker Draughon were inspired to launch their new business venture Buzz Rides, Carolina’s new free electric car service for students.

On the Road

This month you can find us in dozens of cities across North Carolina, New York, Florida, Illinois, Virginia, District of Columbia, Maryland, California, Arizona, Missouri, Kansas, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, Turkey, South America, and France. If you’re located in any of these areas, come see us and bring your students! We’d love to meet you, answer your questions, and tell you about the many things that make Carolina so great. You can find more information about each specific event at Tar Heels in Your Town, or by following us on Twitter and liking us on Facebook. And if you do find yourself at an event, don’t forget to tweet with the hashtag #thiyt to tell us about your experience!
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Have a question? Email us at counselor@admissions.unc.edu

Did You Know?
The Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program (C-STEP) was launched in 2006 as a way to help more students transfer to Carolina from community colleges. C-STEP targets high-achieving students of low to moderate income – students whose household adjusted gross incomes fall at or below 300% of the federal poverty guidelines, as indexed by family size. Students, such as Josh Howard (pictured), who fit this criteria transfer to Carolina as juniors after earning an appropriate associate degree from one of our partner community colleges. “When I first began the process of transferring (from Alamance Community College), I was really nervous, but C-STEP made the transition smooth and worry free,” said Josh, a math major. “The staff provided all the help I could need – whether it be a mentor for my first year or advice on scheduling classes.”

Global Gap Year Fellowship

Students who apply by the October 15 Early Action deadline are automatically considered for our Global Gap Year Fellowship, which provides $7,500 for students to use toward a gap year of service abroad. Students have the option of coordinating their service projects through one of Carolina’s affiliated programs, or doing what Brady (pictured fourth from the right while in Thailand) did and design something entirely unique. Brady began his gap year with a visit to Thailand before moving on to Madagascar; he’ll finish his year in Portugal. Read on for more of his story...

While sifting through my inbox one evening, I read an email from Chapel Hill about a program that would pay for me to take a gap year based on the tenet of global service. This is a program unique to UNC that is open only to first-year applicants who apply and are admitted by the first deadline of October 15. I was suspicious at first. It sounded too good to be true. The program appeared to provide solutions to all of my concerns about taking a gap year. It took away the issue of money, as well as promised a meaningful gap year in which I would spend my time doing something worthwhile for myself and others. In addition, the program offered a large support network guaranteed to have my back while I was traveling. And the best part was that the choices of where I would live and what type of service I’d pursue were left up to me.

Click here to learn more about Brady’s gap year experience thus far.

Tour Carolina

The best way for your students to decide if Carolina is the right place for them is to tour our campus and get a feel for our amazing community. But if they can’t get here in person, they can always download our mobile Tour Carolina app, which features dozens of pictures and videos highlighting more than 40 points of interest across campus. Just search “Tour Carolina” in Apple or Android app stores.

Monthly FAQ

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Applying to Carolina

While it’s true that the majority of the students in our first-year class are North Carolina residents, out-of-state students – such as Madison (pictured) – do so much to enrich our community. Because of this, all of our students benefit from being a part of our diverse student body. So whether they are in-state or out-of-state, please encourage your students to apply. We’re looking forward to learning more about them through their applications.