Michael plans to use his biology and economics degrees to go to medical school and aid those in developing nations.

Jane spent her summer interning with Google and was offered a full-time job before returning for her senior year.

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.

Decision Release and Schedule Changes

Early-Action Decision Release

We will be releasing our Early Action decisions and mailing hard-copy letters later this month. We were honored to receive more than 16,000 applications for our Early Action deadline. We thank you for all of the assistance you have provided in helping us get to know these wonderful students and understanding their accomplishments and potential.

Schedule Changes

Please remember that students requesting a change to their Spring 2014 schedules should email us at schedule@admissions.unc.edu. Please ask them to include the following information in their email: (1) their current Spring 2014 schedule as it appeared on their original application, (2) the change they would like to make, and (3) the reason(s) for the change. We will review and respond to all requests as promptly as possible. Because the strength of curriculum is an important factor in our decision, we require students to notify us of all such changes. If the student has been offered admission, the committee may choose to reconsider that offer based on the change of schedule. If a student is notified that his or her decision is being deferred, any course changes will be considered when the final admission decision is made.

Noteworthy

- Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and most honored college honorary society, inducted 120 Carolina students as new members. Inductees are required to have a minimum 3.85 GPA; less than 1% of all college student qualify. Past inductees include 17 U.S. presidents and seven Supreme Court Justices.

- For the 13th consecutive time, Carolina has been named as the best value in American public higher education by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine for our outstanding academics, affordability and strong financial aid.

- Carolina senior Sarah Bufkin was named as one of 12 Americans to receive the prestigious Mitchell Scholarship, which provides tuition, accommodations, living expenses, and a travel stipend to fund graduate studies in Ireland.

Millennial Scholars

Carolina Millennial Scholars is a comprehensive program that specifically targets African American, Latino and American Indian males who are entering Carolina as first-year or first-year transfer students to join a specially designed program promoting academic and professional success. In a community of brotherhood, scholars are provided with academic and social support and are nurtured around their academic majors or interests. Scholars recently participated in a multicultural leadership conference and a symposium to promote the success of underrepresented males across campus.
Carolina Firsts

We have more than 700 student clubs and organizations that students can join at Carolina. One of those organizations, Carolina Firsts, provides academic and social support to the 19% of first-generation college students (meaning neither parent earned a four-year degree) on our campus. First-generation college students such as Sophia, pictured, enrich our community and bring a unique perspective and background from which all students benefit.

Monthly FAQ

Q: Can high school students take courses at Carolina?
A: Yes, local high school students may enroll in our Part-Time Classroom Studies program provided they meet certain criteria, and any rising senior (local or non-local) may apply for Summer School and take courses as a visiting student.

Have a question? Email us at counselor@admissions.unc.edu

Future Doctors

Pre-med is one of the most popular major choices for prospective students. If an M.D. is what your students seek then there are plenty of ways – 76 to be exact – that we will prepare them for a future as a doctor, veterinarian, dentist or pharmacist. With guidance from Academic Advisors, students can complete the prerequisites for medical school through any one of our majors – from archaeology, to nutrition, to Spanish, and everything in between. Our pre-med alums gain admission to top 10 medical schools every year.

Campus Cuisine

As the head chef of Carolina Dining Services (CDS), home to all things food on campus, chef Michael Gueiss (pictured left) oversees seven classically trained chefs to serve thousands of students each day. His vision? Create healthy, diverse and downright delicious meals that bring people to the table in a meaningful way.

And we’re not just talking about burgers and fries. CDS prides itself on a unique and diverse menu. Though Gueiss’ southern fried chicken is known by students as the best around, venturing out to try the vegan shredded soy barbecue is a must. Want to sample something outside of American cuisine? Look no farther than Gueiss’ chicken tikka masala – a fan favorite that makes the lineup almost every week.

Diversity manifests itself in many different ways at Carolina. At CDS, it means a full table of friends who have loaded their plates with deliciousness ranging from California sushi rolls to Philly cheesesteaks and so much more. Sometimes it’s the cuisine that reminds them of home, other times it’s about trying something new.

But where does all this culinary creativity come from? For Michael, it’s all about passion. It all started when Gueiss was in the CIA – no, not that one, the Culinary Institute of America. He then cut his teeth in a variety of executive chef positions in the sport and catering industry before coming to Carolina. The impact has been immediate and evident in the myriad of new dishes on the menu.

Each year, we invite a select group of admitted first-year students to participate in Excel@Carolina, which is designed to connect our most accomplished students with some of the best resources Carolina has to offer. The 11 special programs offer opportunities such as admission into our honors program, funding for research and study abroad, and assured admission into some of our professional schools such as business, journalism and education. The best part about Excel@Carolina is that there is no separate application. All Early Action and Regular Decision applicants are automatically considered based on their admission applications. Students selected for Excel@Carolina will receive a survey asking them to rank the opportunities that are of most interest to them. Then our admissions staff and faculty will match each student with the programs that best fit their talents and interests. Each student is guaranteed to receive at least one opportunity.