

# Welcome to Carolina!



## Dear Carolina Families,

As this year's National Chairs of the Carolina Parents Council, we join many in welcoming you to Carolina. UNC-Chapel Hill is an amazing community, offering top-notch academic, cultural, social, and athletic experiences in an environment dedicated to student achievement, development, and success. Our son, Carter, is a senior in the Kenan-Flagler Business School and Honors Carolina. He has studied abroad twice (South Africa as a freshman and Sweden, Denmark, and Bosnia as a junior), works for the football office, and is a member of Phi Sigma Pi fraternity. His experiences in and out of the classroom have been everything he anticipated and more, and we wish the same for your student.

The Carolina Parents Council is a volunteer leadership group that exists as a voice for Carolina families and advisory body to New Student & Family Programs. The Carolina Parents Council supports New Student & Family Orientation, Carolina Family Weekend, and advocacy efforts. During semi-annual gatherings, members dialogue with faculty and administrators about current matters impacting the Carolina community pertaining to student safety and wellness, student life, and undergraduate academics.

Through membership, the Carolina Parents Council supports the Carolina Parents Fund and awards \$50,000 annually to student organizations, UNC offices, and academic departments. Since 1985, this program has granted over 1.8 million dollars to fund initiatives such FallFest, Hauling Heels, Safewalk, Carolina Latinx Center programming, Womxn of Worth, Champions for Change, Campus EMS, and others, as well as student research, travel, and publications.

Our students' experiences belong to them. The Carolina Parents Council is a separate opportunity to be involved in Carolina, to liaise with campus leaders about issues that matter to you, and to connect with other families who are like-minded in the pursuit of continued excellence for UNC-Chapel Hill. Should you desire more information about the Carolina Parents Council, including how to join, just peruse [families.unc.edu](https://families.unc.edu) <sup>[1]</sup> or email [families@unc.edu](mailto:families@unc.edu) <sup>[2]</sup> to request more information.

By virtue of your student joining the Carolina community, you are part of something very special. If we can help you during your transition, it would be our honor and pleasure to do so. Congratulations on this new beginning for your student and your family, and may you soon come to know that in Chapel Hill and beyond, it's always a great day to be a Tar Heel (#GDTBATH)!

Cheers,

Doug and Beth Searcy

National Chairs, Carolina Parents Council 2020-2021

P.S. Mark your calendars now for Carolina Family Weekend, currently scheduled for September 25-27, 2020. We will continue to monitor the guidance from the University regarding COVID-19 and hosting this event.

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[2] <mailto:families@unc.edu?subject=Requesting%20Parents%20Council%20Information>