New Student & Family Programs

Carolina Parents Council Grant Awards

A snapshot of the Parents Council Grant recipients and initiatives for this academic year.

2025 - 2026

Carolina Kick Off - \$2,147

Carolina Kickoff is a three-day retreat for incoming first-years and transfer students to build community prior to the start of school in August. Parents Council funds will support current and future programming to ensure that Carolina Kickoff's mission of inclusivity, engagement, and community can sustain well past this year's 80th birthday.

Coaches Corner - \$3,556.17

Coaches Corner provides a dedicated safe space for students in the School of Nursing to decompress and share academic concerns with three faculty Academic Coaches. These coaches provide students with study aids, encouragement, and a realistic approach towards finding success in nursing school.

German Textbook Access Project - \$6,000

The German Textbook Access Project will provide free access to essential textbooks for students enrolled in general education German courses, which are required for many students across disciplines. Students in need will be able to borrow textbooks, enhancing learning outcomes and participation in German language education.

InBody Body Composition Analyzer - \$7,000

The InBody 270 Body Composition Analyzer with enhance student wellness and safety by providing detailed fitness metrics for students to set goals and accurately track progress.

Accessible to all Carolina students, this resource supports diverse engagement, fosters informed health decisions, and improves physical and mental well-being.

KOmmunity Wellness Fridays - \$3,000

KOmmunity Wellness Fridays are a series of group fitness classes aimed to engage students in UNC's campus recreation. This program will build community and support minority engagement within fitness spaces by providing accessible, enjoyable opportunities for physical and mental health improvement.

La Conferencia - \$2,500

La Conferencia provides a space for Latinx students, staff, and their allies to network and discuss social development, education wealth creation and cross-cultural understanding in a Latinx-centered setting. This is a space for members of the Carolina community to convene around critical dialogue to empower the next generation of Latinx thinkers.

Latinx Leadership Alliance - \$3,000

The Latinx Leadership Alliance is a collective of 14 Latinx Based Organizations: Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional. Student leaders from those organization come together and seek to advise and support one another on matters of planning, collaboration, and leadership related to a common vision for a more integrated, visible, and empowered Latinx community at UNC.

Mentorship Mondays-\$4,000

Mentorship Mondays is designed to connect students with experienced mentors in a supportive and engaging environment. This program supports leadership in education, equity, and community engagement by addressing students' needs for guidance in navigating their academic, professional, and social journeys.

Peer Education Training for Violence Prevention - \$1,268

This program will provide funding for student peer educators to undergo violence prevention training. The program aims to build student leadership abilities through professional development. These students will be equipped with the knowledge of UNC resources to act as an informed peer referral for students affected by gender-based violence and harassment.

Pulsos Scholars - \$1,000

Pulso Scholars program is specially designed to promote academic and professional success among Carolina students interested in medical school and other health professions. Scholars participate in a series of workshops aimed at providing academic, professional, and cultural development and overall preparation to apply to medical school or other health-related programs.

School of Education Career Trek - \$2,475

The School of Education's Career Treks are an opportunity for undergraduate students to explore their professional interests and potential career paths, network with professionals, and gain insights into various industries. Grant funding from the Parents Council supports the School of Education's mission to offer these career exploration experiences to all interested students.

The Hamilton Hall Food Pantry - \$5,000

The Hamilton Hall Food Pantry will provide free, nonperishable food to members of the Carolina community. The pantry will contribute to the Department of Political Science's desire to foster educational growth that is not limited by food insecurity. Funding from the Parents Council supports the pantry's implementation this year.

UNC Stop the Bleed Kit Replacement- \$4639.31

UNC Stop the Bleed provides training programs that teach students and faculty to recognize and control life-threatening injuries. The program's purpose is to prepare students and faculty to save a life in case of an emergency on campus. Funding from the Parents Council supports the program's restocking of expired bleeding kits.

