

# The Daily Tar Heel

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# Graduation Guide 2023



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“They’re goin’ to better places, but our friends will be gone away”

THE HEAD AND THE HEART



UNC CLASS OF 2023

Nicholas Reid  
McLaurin



We are so proud of you!  
Congratulations on  
your graduation from  
UNC-Chapel Hill! Continue to  
pursue your dreams.  
Love, Dad and Mom

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Jacey Kyndal  
Shelton



Jacey,  
You have made us more than  
proud! We love our Tar Heel!  
May God continue to  
bless you!  
Love, Your Family  
Go Heels!

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Lauren Haley  
Foster



Congratulations, Lauren,  
on graduating from M. A. in  
School Administration.  
You have come so far and we  
are proud of you.  
Love you, Sophie and hubby

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Gillian  
Faski



We're so proud of what  
you've accomplished and  
can't wait to see what's next.  
Congratulations on  
graduating from UNC!  
Love, Mom & Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Katherine Kent Bowyer



Katie Bowyer,  
Congratulations,  
you did it!  
We are so proud  
of you!  
They don't know what  
you've been through!  
We love you!  
FA & Caroline

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Ronnie Holevas



Congratulations  
Ronnie!  
  
We are so very proud  
of you.  
Good luck in PT school  
  
With all our love,  
Mommy, Daddy,  
Lea & Maria

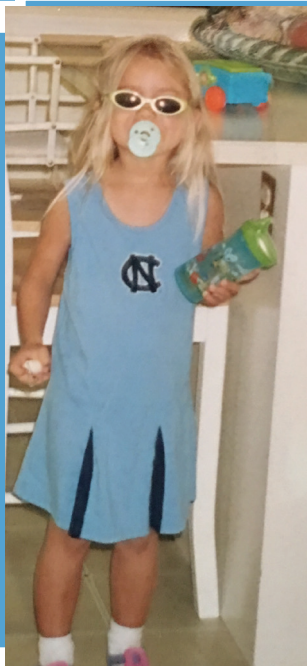
UNC CLASS OF 2023



Alexandra Danielle Giglio

You make us proud of you every single day!  
We can't wait to see what the future  
holds for you! Remember to  
"Be who you are and say what you feel! Those  
who mind don't matter and those who matter  
don't mind!"  
We love you! Mommy, Daddy, and Ty

UNC CLASS OF 2023



Mckenzie Jeslin Elias

Today is a milestone.  
It details how far you've come. Your hard work  
has paid off. Keep learning, keep trying, keep  
accomplishing, and never give up on your dreams!  
  
We are so proud and love you !  
Mom, Dad, Madison, and Bubba



UNC CLASS OF 2023

Makenna Nicole Vieira-Lewis



Congratulations!  
We are so proud of you and love you very much.  
Can't wait to see what you do next.  
Love, Nana and Papa

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Kaelyn R. Hixson



You have made us so proud, and words cannot express how much we love you.  
Good luck in grad school!  
  
Love, Mom, Dad and Riley

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Kelly Vanden



Congratulations, Kelly!  
We are so incredibly proud of you and are looking forward to seeing what the future brings.  
Love, Mom, Dad, and Nick

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Lindley Dinan Gorman



Congratulations, Lindley!  
Exchanging this blue for Carolina blue!  
Love, Mom, Neal, Nana, Bapa, Carly, Mollie, Lindsay, Ryan

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Leni Isabel Schenkel



So proud of you, Leni!  
You've worked hard and accomplished so much. We know you'll achieve even greater things in the future.  
Love, M&D

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Sai Vineetha Duddu



Congratulations, Vinny!  
You've made us all so proud graduating from UNC.  
Now on to new worlds!  
Much love,  
Family

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Teagan Sterling Guerra



Believe in how far you can go. Trust the beauty of your dreams, you are making them come true!  
Love you more,  
Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Bianca Rose Serafano



Dearest Bianca,  
We love you and are so proud of you.  
Congratulations!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Caesar

UNC CLASS OF 2023



Kayleigh Elizabeth Carpenter

Kayleigh, you are incredible, beautiful, smart, strong, and loved deeply by your entire family.

"And the wind will whip your tousled hair, the sun, the rain, the sweet despair, Great tales of love and strife, And somewhere on your path to glory, You will write your story of a life."

UNC CLASS OF 2023



Olivia Marie Rojas

*Congratulations on your graduation! Class of 2023!*

I know how hard you worked and can't wait to see what the future holds for you. You bring special value to all the opportunities you have achieved.

So proud of you!! Now on to Grad School!

We love you!  
Mom and Nicolette



UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Nicole Elizabeth  
Moorefield**

HoJo, Covid, Zoom, Chancellor Square, London, Mejo, WSS, DTH, STV, The Well. An amazing journey well navigated. The next chapter is yours to write. Congratulations!

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Kaitlyn Mackenzy  
Harris**

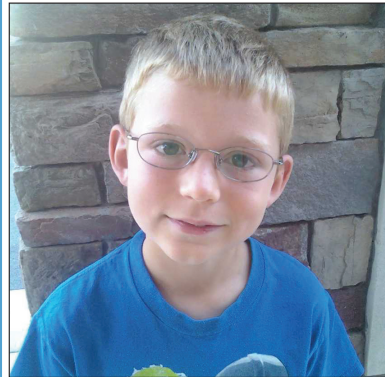
Congratulations Kaitlyn! We're so proud of you and honored to celebrate graduation day with you! Love, from all your family

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Anastatia Maria  
Kunmann**

Muki you made it!!!! You are all grown up and independent and are graduating from UNC! Wohoo congratulations! Love Mom

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**Benjamin David  
Overby Jr.**

Benjamin, we are so very proud of you and all your accomplishments. May you always put God first in everything you do! Jer. 29:11

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Emmanuel Ikechi  
Durojaiye**

Congratulations Manny! You did it again! To God be the glory!! Continue to soar, even in the next chapter. Love Mom, Dad, and Benjamin

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Grace Christine Taylor**

CONGRATULATIONS! We're so proud of you!

Chase your dreams, spread kindness and never forget how much you are loved, Mom, Dad, Ryan & Betty

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Matthew Dellano Pierro**

Your ambition is inspiring, your success so deserved, your future now awaits. Bask in this moment, savor the memories. Born. Bred. Dead. Forever and always.

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Hannah Alexis Dozier**

Congratulations on graduating as a Class of 2023 UNC Tar Heel!! We are so proud of you Hannah!!

Love Mom, Dad, & Madison

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Nathan Tessau**

Congratulations on your UNC graduation!


We are SO PROUD of you!

We love you so much,  
Mama and Daddy



UNC CLASS OF 2023

Stephanie Ashtyn Schrimper



Congratulations on your graduation from UNC!  
We are so proud of you Ashtyn!!  
Love, Mom, Tyler, Scarlett, Ryan, Jillian and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023


Caitlin Elizabeth Brown



Congratulations on your graduation!!  
We are so proud of you.  
Love, Mom, Dad, & Tyler

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Sophie Elizabeth Gilliam



We are full of love and pride for all of your hard work, courage and giving heart.

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Mahip Kaur Aasla



Mahip,  
We're proud of the way you have overcome the challenges in your journey so far.  
Congratulations on graduating from UNC!  
Love, Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023


Allison Margaret Kelly



Congrats, Allie!  
Your enthusiasm, perserverance, kindness, wisdom, creativity and joy will take you far.  
  
#GDTBATH  
Love, Mom & Dad, Meghan and Jake

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Preston Gilbert Fore



Life is a journey and only you hold the map.  
  
Congratulations we're proud of you!  
Love Dad, Mom and Chloe  
  
Class of 2023  
GO HEELS!


UNC CLASS OF 2023

Adam Lucek

Congratulations to you & your graduating class of '23 at UNC Chapel Hill.

We are very proud of you and wish you lots of success, health and happiness in your professional and personal life. Enjoy your next endeavors!!!

All of our love always,  
your very proud parents & Sebastian



UNC CLASS OF 2023

Nicholas Tessau



You have come so far and we are SO PROUD of you!

Congratulations on graduating from UNC!

We love you so much,  
Mama and Daddy



UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Colleen Elizabeth Whitener**

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Congratulations! GO TAR HEELS! Love, Dad, Mom, Jillian and Lauren

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Natalie Lauren Clark**

Natalie, Congratulations on graduating from UNC! Your family is so very proud of all your accomplishments! Look out medical school here she comes! Love, Mom

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Viktoria Rohman**

Viktoria, You did it! Congratulations on your graduation from the class of 2023. We are so proud of you! Love Pappa and Ulrika

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Yasmine Bailey Thigpen**

Yasmine, our pride can't be measured. Watching you grow and succeed has been our greatest accomplishment. We love you!

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Molly Caroline Sytz**

Congratulations Molly! We are so proud of you and all you've done as a Tar Heel! Dad, Emily, Mom, Jeff, Lauren, Allison, & Ashley

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Zoey Jene Ralston**

Congratulations! We are so proud of all that you've accomplished! Zoey, you never cease to amaze us! We love you! Love Mike, Mom, and Family

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Julia Taylor Fuller**

You made it! We are so proud of you! We love you! Mom, Dad, Mason and Landon

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Kevin James Eichlin**

Congratulations Kevin! We are very proud of the young man you have become. Keep reaching for the stars! Love, Mom, Dad, and Garret

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**D Bouchard**

**Congratulations D!!**

**You successfully made it through this challenging year with your determination and dedication. Now it is time to take a breath. Your new adventure is about to begin. Our hearts are full of pride in the person you have become!**

**Love you to the moon and back! Father and Mom**



UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Cassie  
Teixeira**



Cassie,  
We are so proud of you.  
Always a great day  
to be a Tar Heel!  
Love, Mom, Dad, and Diani  
Cheetah!

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Jamie  
Berkenblit**



Congratulations to our  
UNC graduate. We're so  
proud of you and all you've  
accomplished.  
We love you so much Jamie!  
GDTBATH  
Mom, Dad, Carly, Brett

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Christopher William  
Kenney**



Congratulations  
Chris!  
You've accomplished  
so much and we are  
very proud of you.  
  
Love, Mom and Dad.

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Benjamin Wesley  
Hagan**



You should be  
proud of all you've  
accomplished!  
We love you and are  
so proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Sam

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Robert Daniel  
Tillman**



Congratulations  
Robbie!  
We are so very proud  
of you.  
Big things ahead...  
Jeremiah 29:11

Love Dad, Mom,  
Wesley & BJ

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Lexiah Payge Gates**



You did it kid!  
We are so proud  
of you.  
Congratulations on  
graduating in the  
class of 2023!

Love your family!

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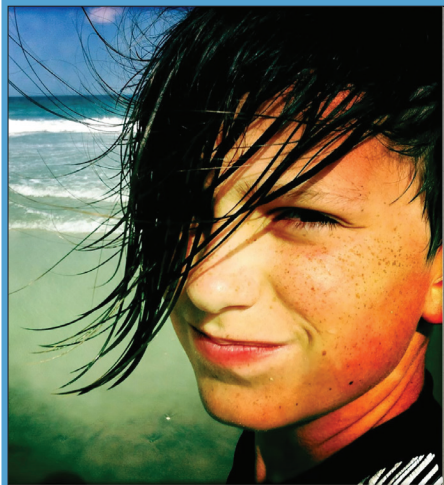
**Cameron Nicole  
Bailey**



Congratulations for your  
wonderful achievement!!!  
You are blossoming  
magnificently! You have  
worked diligently and  
deserve every accolade!  
Your family loves you so  
much, beautiful angel!

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Jake Beaver**



Congrats on being  
a 2023 TAR HEEL  
graduate! We can't  
wait to see what  
the future holds!

Love you kiddo!!  
Pops, Mommy,  
Luna & Houdini

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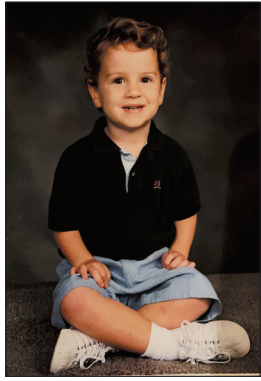
**Wesley Andrew  
Barnes**



Wesley,  
Your determination  
and strength  
are bigger and  
tougher than your  
adversaries.  
Proud of You!  
Congratulations!  
Love Mom and Dad



UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Bo  
Rieker**

So proud of you, Bo!  
Congratulations!  
We love you dearly!  
Dad, Mom, Parsons,  
Madeline, and Miles

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Lauren Elizabeth  
Corey**

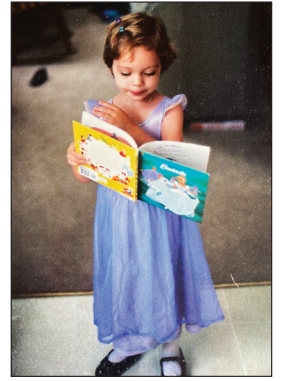
Congratulations to our  
beautiful girl on your  
graduation from UNC Law.  
May all your dreams  
come true!  
Love, Mom and David

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Lucas Cole  
Sifford**

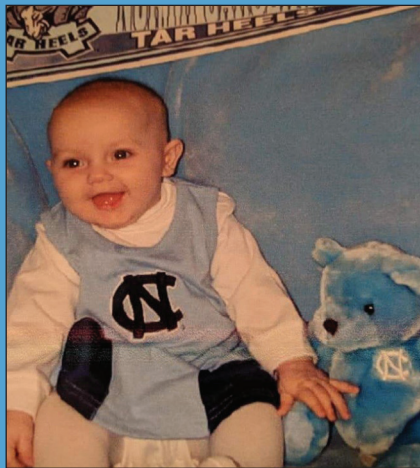
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We are all So Proud of You!!  
CONGRATULATIONS  
on graduating from  
UNC in 2023!!!  
Your Entire Family!  
WE LOVE YOU!!

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Haley Kate  
Murdock**

Res ipsa loquitur  
Congratulations, Haley!  
Double Carolina Graduate,  
2021 & 2023 M.S. SLP.  
We are all extremely proud of you.  
Mom, Jordan, Scott & Samuel(!)

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Maddie Anthony**

Congratulations!  
We are so proud  
of you and your  
accomplishments.  
The sky is the  
limit and FOREVER  
Carolina Blue!  
Love, Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Carolyn Walker Pratt**

Carolyn,  
We are so proud of  
your success!  
Kudos Tar Heel grad  
of 2023.  
Great grades & great  
club field hockey  
National Champs!  
Mom, Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Kiersten Nicole Steinbacher**

Kiersten, a circle of life is complete, two awesome daughters, and four Carolina degrees! You and Donna are awesome, and we love you both so very much. Tar Heel Born and Tar Heel Bred! You and your sister keep being you.

Love, Mom and Dad



UNC CLASS OF 2023

Morgan Chapman



Morgan!  
Congratulations on  
your big day.  
Continue to aim  
high and reach  
for the goal.  
We all love you,  
Mom, Dad, Hadley,  
Mason and Hunter

UNC CLASS OF 2023



Jack Peter  
Boucher

Congratulations  
Jack. We are so  
proud of the man  
you've become and  
look forward to  
watching you reach  
all your dreams.  
Love, Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Isha Sharday Hawkins



Congratulations  
Isha!  
You've grown into an  
extraordinary young  
lady. We're proud of  
you and your many  
accomplishments.  
Keep God first and  
greatness is your  
destiny.

UNC CLASS OF 2023



Trey D. Warlick

Congratulations  
Trey on your  
graduation from  
UNC! We are all so  
PROUD of you!  
Go Heels!  
  
We love you,  
Mom, Dad, and Tay

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Jessica and Mackensie Mastor




My dearest Jessica and Mackensie,  
My heart is full. Congratulations on  
your graduation. Now on to bigger  
and better things. You will always  
have my unwavering support in  
all that you do. Your futures are so  
bright! I love you now and forever.  
So proud! Go Heels! Class of 2023!  
Love, Dad (DaddyPadre/"Pod")





UNC CLASS OF 2023

Clara Aku Dartey-Hayford



Congratulations Clara! We are so proud of you. Praying for God's continued guidance in all your future endeavors. Love, Mommy, Daddy, Valerie and Auntie

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Caleb William Schilly



Congrats Caleb! "Rise up like the sun and labor till the work is done" - B. Flowers Love, Mom, Dad, Kelci, Zeke, Tyler, Haley, Colin

UNC CLASS OF 2023


Arthur John Gribensk II



Celebrate graduation from medical school! We are so proud of you, Dr. Gribensk. Seek wisdom and compassion in all that you do! Love, Mom & all

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Alyson Rae McNabb



You did it, Alyson!! Congratulations on graduating from UNC! We are so very proud of you!! We love you, Dad, Mom, Paige and Gabby

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Cameron Rose Massey



Cameron, We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Congratulations on your graduation from UNC. Cheers to 2023! Love, Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Kaitlin Ann Coleman

Congratulations, Kaitlin!



UNC Class of 2023 We're so proud of you! Wishing you much love, success and happiness! NO DOUBT! Love, Mom, Dad and Johnny

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Kasie Beth Welch



Congratulations Kasie on being a 2023 UNC graduate! You have come a long way and I'm so proud of you! Keep it up! Love Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Sedonia Fae Tringali



Congratulations, Sedonia! We love you and are so proud of you! Can't wait to watch you change the world! 1Timothy 4:12 Mom, Dad, and T

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Amalia G. Marmolejos



Felicidades Amalia en tu día tan especial! Estamos muy orgullosos de todos tus logros y nos mantenemos seguros que seguirás teniendo mucho éxito. Con mucho cariño, Papá y Mamá



UNC CLASS OF 2023

Nicole Annelise Van Liew

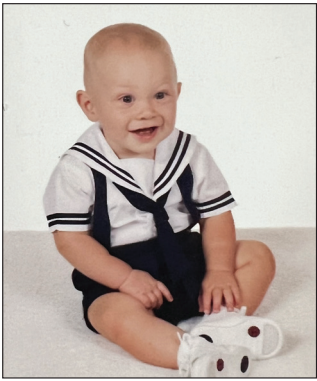


Nicole, we are so proud of you! Congrats on being a 2023 Tar Heel Grad! Love you to the moon and back!

Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Jonathan Blake Holloman



Congratulations Blake on graduating as a UNC Tar Heel in the class of 2023!! We are so proud of you!! Your hard work has paid off!

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Ramsey Hollins Shirley



Ramsey, Congratulations Class of 2023 Honors Carolina Laureate! We are so proud of you! XOXO, Mom, Dad & Bradey

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Danielle Faith Wright



Congratulations, Danielle! You continue to amaze us everyday! Now you are off to make the world a better place. We love you! Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Emma Jane Sayers



Everything we prayed you would be, is everything you are! Forever our little girl, and now our Shining Star! xo

#SoProudofourFavoriteTarHeel

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Samuel Alexander McDow

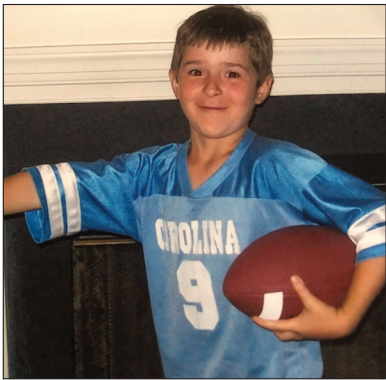


"A student is not a container you have to fill, but a torch you have to light up."

Go set the world on fire, Mom/Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Micah R. Richardson



Jason, You've been a Tar Heel your entire life and we are so happy to celebrate your graduation. Love, Mom, Dad, John, Brooke & Bridget

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Gabriela Marie Duncan



Congratulations Gabriela! We are proud of your accomplishments at UNC and know the future is a bright one for you! Love, Mom, Dad & Andrew

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Zach Allen Benson



Zach, congratulations on your graduation from UNC and acceptance to dental school! May your wonderful memories and friendships burn bright for your lifetime. GDTBATH!

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Chelsea Anne Hignite



Chelsea Love Bug, Congratulations on graduating from UNC. We are so proud of you! We love you! Love, Mom, Dad, Molly, Noah & Bunny

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Victoria Catherine Ridgeway



Tori God has blessed us with you. We are very proud of you. Always know how much you are loved.

Congratulations Mom & Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Morgan Reilly Klein



Our baby girl is all grown up and ready to take the world by storm. We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom & Dad



UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Haley Elise Watkins**

Haley,  
Wishing you much  
success as you  
pursue your dreams  
and goals! Here's  
to making dreams  
come true!

Love Always,  
Daddy, Kim, Regan,  
Evan, Jaxon

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Matthew A. Tracy**

Matthew, what a  
day, UNC graduate!!  
You are a shining  
star in our world!  
Congratulations  
mi hijo!  
Te amo para  
siempre!  
Mom, Michael, fam,  
GMA & Sophie

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Noah Green**

From the first day of  
kindergarten to  
college graduation,  
we've always  
been so proud of you.  
Go Heels and  
congratulations!  
Love, Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Mia Caroline Hoover**

Congrats to the  
newest  
Hoover Tar Heel Grad!  
So proud of how you  
got here and where  
you're going.

We love you!  
Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Anna Alyss Smith**

Anna,  
We are so proud of  
the confident young  
woman that you have  
become!

Congratulations!

Go Heels!

We love you!  
Mom, Dad, Drew &  
Gram

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Melissa Alexandra Yu**

Dear Melissa,  
Congratulations on  
your graduation  
from  
UNC - well done! We  
are so proud.  
Keep following your  
dreams!

Love, Mom, Dad,  
Ryan and Dylan

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Heidi Noelle Hamilton**

Dear Heidi,  
Congratulations on  
your Class of 2023  
graduation!  
One of your  
dreams realized.  
We are so proud of  
you.  
Love, Mom, Dad,  
and Hayley

UNC CLASS OF 2023

**Caleb Graham Myers**

Congratulations!  
We are so proud and  
happy for you!  
We wish you  
continued peace, joy,  
and success.

We love you!  
Mom, Dad, Jacob &  
Alexandra



UNC CLASS OF 2023

AJ  
Robinson



Guess you were always destined to be a Tar Heel ;) We're so proud of you and all your hard work. Love, Mom & Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Hunter Gabriel  
Steen



We're so proud of you and look forward to seeing where life takes you!

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Joseph Michael  
Schreder



Congratulations, Joey! Well done and we love you!

Mom, Dad, Caroline, and Emily

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Tamsin  
Engel



We're so proud of all you've accomplished as a Tar Heel. Keep up the great work. Your future looks bright! Love, Mommy & Daddy

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Elizabeth "Lilly" Egan



Lilly,  
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. We are very proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Savannah Mei Li Straka



It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.  
*e.e. cummings*

Mei Li,  
Congratulations on your UNC graduation!  
Love, Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Hope Gambill



Congratulations Hopie Lu!! You did it!! You are a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill!!! We all love you so very much!! Momma, Zoe, Nana, and Papaw!

UNC CLASS OF 2023

Dominique Monteon



Chasing dreams require hard work, passion, & sacrifices. We can't wait to see you accomplish everything your heart desires. Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad & Amanda

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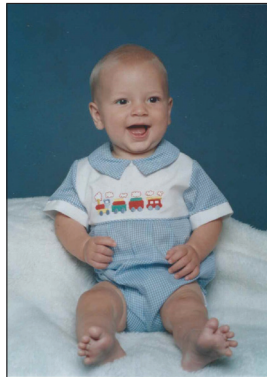
Lauren E. Tanner

Lauren -  
Congratulations on graduating as a 2023 Tar Heel! We are so proud of the amazing young woman you've become and are excited to see where your journey takes you. You are a blessing to our family. We love you very much. Mom, Dad, Evan, Mama, Grandmommy and Granddaddy



UNC CLASS OF 2023

### Camden Avery Maddox



Congratulations!  
You made your dreams  
come true!  
We are so proud of you  
and all that you do!  
Love you,  
Mom and Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

### Madison Tate Sturdivant



Madison, We are all so proud  
of you! Congratulations  
on your BIG day!  
GO HEELS!  
Love, Mom, Joe, Dad, Kemily,  
Aydin, and Grandparents.

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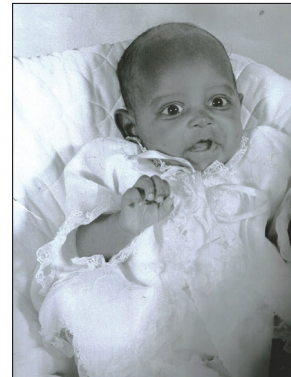
### Kyndall Weaver



Congratulations on your well  
deserved degree from UNC!  
Your hard work was worth it!  
We are so proud of you!  
Love  
Mom & Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

### Deseree Suzette Stukes



Finally at age 61.  
Congratulations to me!!

UNC CLASS OF 2023

## Katelynn Elizabeth Anderson



From preschool to  
college graduate,  
we are so proud  
of all your  
accomplishments.  
Congratulations to  
our Tar Heel!

We love you!  
Mom & Dad

UNC CLASS OF 2023

## Sarah Elizabeth Paschal



Congratulations  
Sarah!  
We are so proud of  
you and cannot  
wait to see what  
you accomplish  
in the future.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Julia

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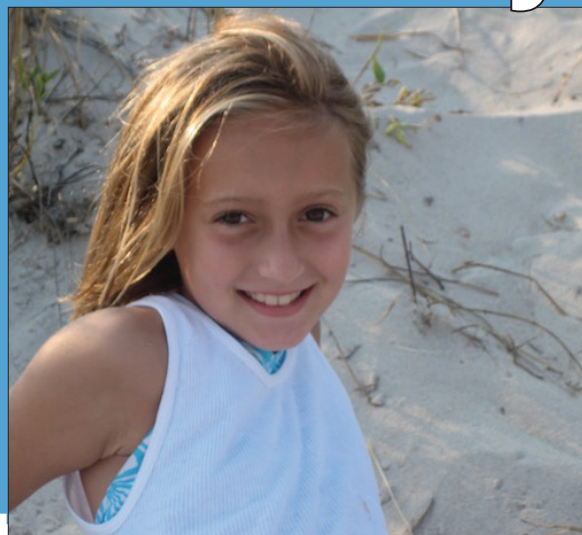
## Zandern Vierling

What a joy it is to be your family.  
You have brought such happiness since the  
moment you entered this world.  
Congratulations on achieving your lofty goals.

We are so proud of you.  
Love, Mom, Dad and Max

UNC CLASS OF 2023

## Karlye Jessica Denner



The best is yet to come, Baby!! Your rockstar  
attitude, passion and commitment to  
everything you do continues to amaze us!  
Continue to follow your dreams!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Jacob, Zach, Renee, Louis,  
your grandparents, great grandma, aunts,  
uncles & cousins



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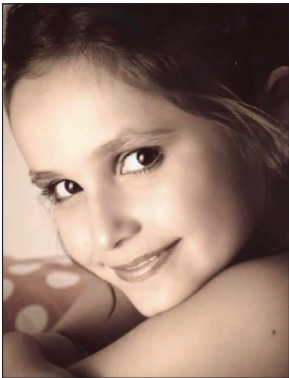
**Kelley  
Rossitch**



Congrats Kelley!  
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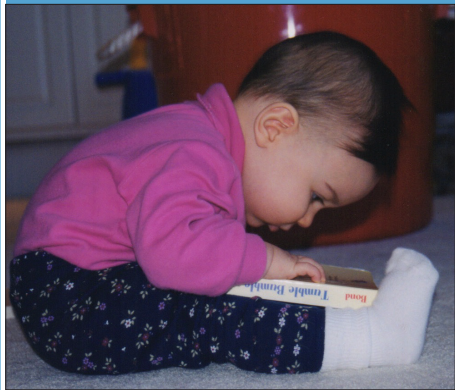
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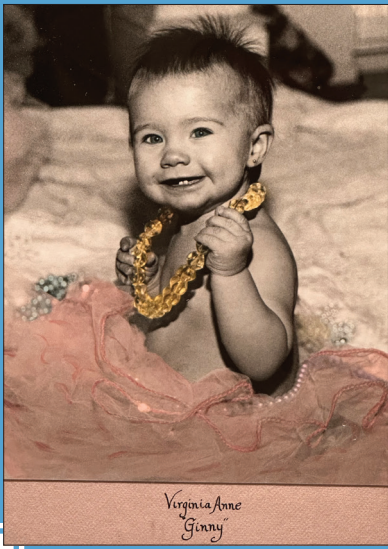
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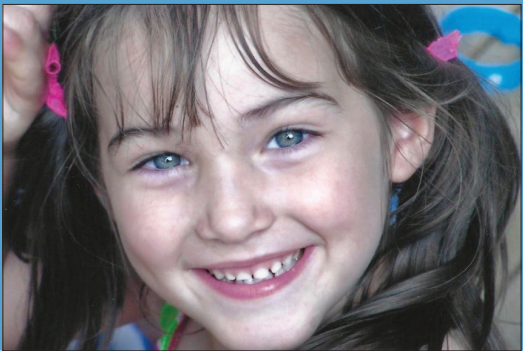


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Now let's see what the  
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With Love, Momma, Dad,  
Michael & Heather

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never giving up.  
  
We all love you!!  
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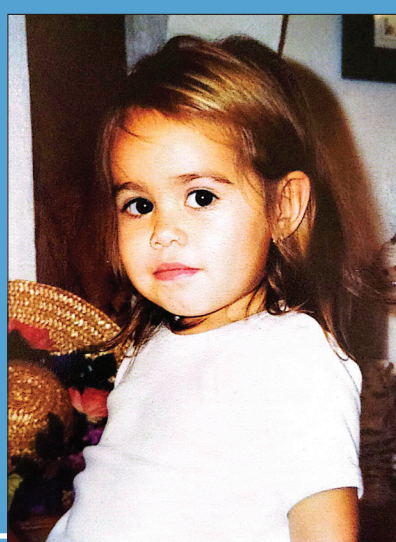
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Dad Mom, and Olivia

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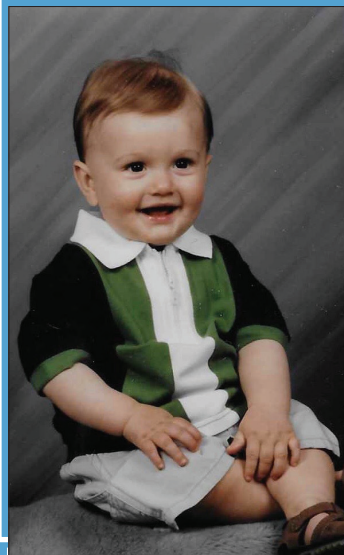
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Love,  
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Curtis

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ABORTION

# Thousands protest Dobbs decision

## The U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June

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When Kenzi Fountain heard that the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade on Friday, June 24, 2022, she started crying.

"It just made me feel so sick and disgusting, and it just made me feel like I don't even have control over my body anymore," she said.

Fountain has had two abortions. She had her first abortion because she became pregnant with the child of an abusive partner. The second time Fountain had an abortion, it was because she had been sexually assaulted. She did not discover that she was pregnant until she missed her period.

Over 1,000 people, including Fountain, filled the Bicentennial Plaza in downtown Raleigh on Friday

evening to protest the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to reverse Roe v. Wade – thus ending the almost 50-year constitutional right to abortion.

A coalition of 12 local organizations, including Planned Parenthood South Atlantic and the Carolina Abortion Fund, had been planning the protest for two weeks in anticipation of a possible overturning of Roe v. Wade.

The crowd of protesters marched past the North Carolina Legislative Building and N.C. State Capitol, then returned to the Bicentennial Plaza. As they marched, they chanted "My body, my choice" and "We won't go back."

Once back at the Bicentennial Plaza, multiple speakers addressed the crowd. They emphasized the right to privacy and reproductive health care, as well as concern for the rights of people of marginalized communities.

Victoria Pittman, community organizer for Eastern North Carolina at Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, was one of the speakers.

"Abortion bans strip us of our freedom to control our own bodies and make decisions that are best for our health, our families, our faith and our futures," she said. "Abortion bans especially harm Black, Latino,

indigenous and other people of color because of this country's legacy of racism and discrimination."

Ashland Alley, who also attended the protest, said she was "disappointed but not surprised" by the court's ruling. She added that she was at the event because she was angry – but also because of her personal experience.

"I am out here because I personally had to get an abortion last year," she said.

Protester Cat Cobb said she also

"was not surprised" when she heard about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision. Cobb said she was at the protest because she wants abortions to be accessible.

"It's an autonomy thing," she said. "People who can get pregnant deserve to make that choice for themselves because it's lifesaving. I love someone who has had an abortion and nothing is ever going to change that – it's deeply personal."



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Supporters of abortion rights gather in Raleigh to protest the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade on June 24, 2022.

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## CAMPUS EMPLOYEES

# UNC housekeepers call for action from administration

## Top demands include \$20 per hour wages and free parking

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A group of housekeepers, students and representatives from The Workers Union at UNC brought its list of demands and an over 2,000-signature petition to UNC administration on Friday, Oct. 28, 2022.

Since the housekeepers first spoke publicly about their concerns about a month ago, some have been meeting with representatives from The Workers Union, a chapter of the North Carolina Public Service Workers Union.

They have been preparing a campaign to raise awareness for their two main demands — \$20 per hour wages and free parking. Numerous housekeepers said they have not received any relevant communication from the University, except for an email requesting the staff not to speak to media outlets.

Representatives from both groups said they will continue to collaborate and put pressure on UNC until their needs are met and conditions change.

### 'This is not a want list'

Tracy Harter, a housekeeper who has been working at the University for 16 years, went into the South Building to give the list of demands and petition directly to University administrators.

"I just want you to know that this is not a want — these are needs," Harter said as she handed the list over. "We need this, and we deserve it. And, we would appreciate the chancellor looking it over and giving it serious consideration and even giving us a place at the table that we might negotiate something instead of just getting blown off and saying no."

Christi Hurt, the chief of staff to the chancellor, accepted the list. Chancellor



DTH/AAVAS JOSHI

UNC housekeepers march with posters during the UNC Housekeepers March & Rally on Oct. 28, 2022.

Kevin Guskiewicz himself was not there. Hurt thanked Harter for the list and her organizing, saying the chancellor is committed to the cause and citing pay bands set by the state.

At UNC, salary for non-faculty, non-contract employees must be paid within career-banded ranges, which are set by the North Carolina Office of State Human Resources, according to the state-wide career banding program and the U.S. Department of Labor's prescribed Fair Labor Standards Act.

After presenting the demands, the group moved to the front steps of South Building to continue the rally. At each side of the staircase, representatives from the Union held flags, and a group of housekeepers held a central banner and signs with their demands.

Representatives from the student organizations that co-sponsored the event — the Campus Y, Siembra and The Black Student Movement — took turns speaking to the crowd, emphasizing their individual missions and expressing commitment to the

cause. The groups then gave the floor to the housekeepers, who spoke for most of the rally.

### 'Don't talk to the media'

Chineka Stanley, another housekeeper, said she feared retribution from the University as a result of her organizing. In September, staff of the Division of Finance and Operations received an email that Stanley described as "bullying."

The email Stanley referenced was sent from Nate Knuffman, the vice chancellor for Finance and Operations, to all department staff on Sept. 7, one day before a reporter from The Daily Tar Heel initially reached out to University sources to cover the University's annual housekeeping week.

The email was supposed to be passed along from supervisors of the department to the housekeeping staff.

"Finance and Operations strives to support the Carolina mission by communicating openly and honestly

using consistent and strategic messages with our constituents, including the media," the introduction of the email said.

Robin Lee, another housekeeper involved in organizing, expressed frustration that the email was the only specific, relevant statement she has received from the University, despite saying she had emailed the housekeepers' list of demands multiple times.

"Only thing they said is 'Don't talk to the media. If you need to talk, you can talk to us,'" Lee said. "Hell, when I did the demands, that's who I sent the paper to, and you didn't respond to it."

In an email statement, the University said the media guidelines email was standard procedure:

"The University does not prohibit any employee from speaking on any topic when they are speaking as an individual, just as the University in no way prohibits a faculty member from speaking about their work or

research in any forum, regardless of the topic," the email said. "Employees or faculty members are asked not to make a statement or speak on behalf of the University, which includes individual units as the memo was outlining, without coordinating with their colleagues among the University's campus communications staff."

The body of the email sent to department supervisors outlines a procedure for directing media requests to UNC Media Relations or Stephanie Berrier, who is in charge of communication and marketing for the Division of Finance and Operations.

### 'We will most definitely win'

Trey Anthony, the president of the UNC chapter of The Workers Union, raised concerns about language barriers in communication between the University and housekeepers.

Anthony said that a lot of housekeeping staff are immigrants and speak English as a second language. These barriers might prevent them from understanding their contracts and advocating for their rights.

"I mean, when we've done canvassing with the housekeepers. We've had supervisors tell them that they're not allowed to talk to us," Anthony said. "And they don't know any better. Because they don't know the laws. They don't know that it's federally protected, that they have freedom of speech and that they can't be fired for talking or joining a union."

Harter said that the group of housekeepers plans to continue to work with the Union and further their campaign until they reach their goals. She said she expects them to be successful, especially considering the University's responses, which she believes to be coming from a place of fear.

"I think that if we keep our eye on the prize, and keep our commitment strong, we will most definitely win," Harter said.



ACCESSIBILITY

# Student demands accessibility on Chapel Hill Transit buses

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After a series of what she describes as “horrible” experiences with Chapel Hill Transit, Sarah Ferguson refuses to get on another bus.

Ferguson, a UNC junior who uses a wheelchair, has had several encounters with bus operators who didn’t know how to accommodate her mobility devices.

On one occasion, she said she had to get off a bus because the operator

did not know how to secure her electric wheelchair since it didn’t have specific “tie-down” hooks. But these difficulties weren’t isolated to just one of her mobility aids.

Usually, Ferguson uses a manual wheelchair with a Firefly electric power assist attachment on the front. She has to take this attachment off for her wheelchair to fit on buses.

Earlier this semester, a bus operator did not know how to secure Ferguson’s Firefly attachment, so the operator left it on the sidewalk and called her supervisor. As other passengers got off the bus because of the delay, Ferguson was forced to sit there.

“She goes over the door and she just points out at my Firefly and she’s like, ‘Well, what about that? Do I just leave that?’” Ferguson said.

The supervisor resolved the issue by securing Ferguson’s Firefly attachment.

Emily Powell, the community outreach manager for CHT, said the bus operator hadn’t been trained on the device.

Another time, a bus operator didn’t allow Ferguson to detach her Firefly to get on the bus.

“She was like, ‘Well, you either leave it on and get on the bus or you figure something else out,’” Ferguson recalled.

Four transit passengers ended up lifting Ferguson on and off of the bus.

She said the experience made her feel like a “piece of furniture.”

Bus operators can’t touch a part of someone’s mobility aid if it is not attached to their main device. Powell explained that this is because CHT does not want operators to accidentally break things that they aren’t familiar with or hurt themselves.

The operator couldn’t touch the Firefly device once it was detached from Ferguson’s wheelchair, though they could have assisted if it was.

“It was so bad that as soon as I got off that bus, I called my mom and I was like, ‘I want you to come and take me the hell out of here,’” Ferguson said.

Ferguson also said that buses have often passed her at designated stops even when the buses aren’t full.

She now uses UNC’s P2P on-demand accessible transportation services to get to far-away classes, but she noted the service’s unreliability. She said she has sometimes had to wait 30 minutes for her ride request to be approved.

These are not Ferguson’s first experiences of accessibility issues — she’s also faced them on UNC’s campus. This semester, she was stuck on the third floor of Hanes Art Center because of a broken elevator for over seven hours.

Her decision to not use Chapel Hill Transit buses has limited where she can go.

“It’s not worth it for me to take a bus and risk ending up in a situation where I’m humiliated and dehumanized,” she said.

A few weeks ago, Ferguson reached out to CHT about her negative

experiences with bus operators. CHT invited Ferguson to the bus garage so they can learn how to better accommodate her Firefly attachment. She said their meeting is slated for next Friday.

While she is glad CHT is attempting to improve bus accessibility, Ferguson thinks addressing operator training is more important.

Though buses can be lowered to curb height, have ramps and include straps to secure mobility aids, Ferguson said they aren’t accessible if the people operating them haven’t been properly trained.

“We are trying to rectify that situation and solve it by having a conversation with her and having her out to our facility, and doing some extra continuing education with our operators about the next generation of mobility devices,” Powell said.

Chris Hodgson, a supervising attorney for the advocacy group Disability Rights North Carolina, said transportation-related Americans with Disabilities Act grievances are not uncommon.

According to a statement from Chapel Hill Transit Director Brian Litchfield, new bus operators are trained for eight to 12 weeks depending on prior experience.

This program includes ADA sensitivity training. Trainees learn how to assist people with mobility devices and aids, which includes maneuvering on and off the bus in a mobility device and practicing securing various mobility devices.

Ferguson said she agreed to CHT’s offer to visit the bus garage in the future and she hopes further bus operator training will allow the transit system in Chapel Hill to become accessible for all of its riders.



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UNC junior Sarah Ferguson said she often has to remove the Firefly attachment to fit on a Chapel Hill Transit bus.



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CAMPUS

# James Cates memorial dedicated 52 years after murder

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**Content Warning:** This article contains mention of racially-motivated violence.

Bouquets of roses and sunflowers lay on the bricks in front of the permanent memorial for James Lewis Cates Jr. On a cold November afternoon, a crowd gathered around a temporary stage.

“Our community dedicates the memorial in honor of James Cates,” the memorial plaque reads, “whose life has not been and will not be forgotten.”

Cates, 22, was a Chapel Hill resident murdered outside the Student Union in November 1970 by members of a white supremacist motorcycle gang. He was denied life-saving medical treatment by police and University officials quickly washed Cates’ blood from the scene.

His murderers were let go by police at the scene and never convicted.

In March, the U.S. Department of Justice opened an investigation into the circumstances of Cates’ death through the Cold Case Initiative under the Emmett Till Antilynching Act.

The memorial — the result of years of student and local advocacy — was officially unveiled in the Pit on Monday. Students, professors and Chapel Hill residents came together to recognize the memorial and listen to remarks by campus and community leaders.

Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz,



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Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz speaks at the dedication of the memorial for James Lewis Cates, Jr. on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022.

Student Body President Taliajah “Teddy” Vann, Black Student Movement President Julia Clark, Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion Leah Cox, UNC Board of Trustees Chairperson David Boliek and Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger spoke at the event.

Pastor Nate Davis of Now Church gave the event’s invocation and Congresswoman-elect and Cates’ family member Valerie Foushee provided remarks on behalf of the family.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Foushee said she is grateful for the efforts of Black mothers, Black Student Movement members, The James Cates Remembrance Coalition, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP and all who have annually commemorated Cates’ life with memorials, vigils and op-eds.

She mentioned the generations

of family and community members who never forgot Cates’ smile, wit, sense of humor and style. Foushee said the event was not a celebration, it was a commemoration.

“For our community on that night, 52 years ago, this place that is known as the southern part of heaven felt like the northern part of hell,” she said.

Affectionately called “baby boy” by his loved ones, Vann said Cates was the kind of friend and brother others wanted to embody.

“In a perfect world, we would see his dreams fully realized today and would have him here as an elder to share the beauty of his life on his own,” Vann said. “And to pour his wisdom into Black students at UNC, like members of the Northside have done for decades.”

Clark, who is the founder and chairperson of The James Lewis Cates Jr. Memorial Project, said the journey toward the memorial has been met with delays, bureaucratic red tape and fierce opposition. But she said no opponent is stronger than everlasting love — a love that has sustained the movement toward Cates’ memorial for over five decades.

“Grief, anger and love can often feel separate,” Clark said. “But they are extensions of one another. Grief is love lost, and anger is love disrespected.”

The dedication was attended by students and community members who hoped to honor Cates’ life and support his family.

“I came out today because, as a Black student, it’s very important — especially in this day and time — that we recognize the injustices

that are still happening today and the ones that have happened,” UNC sophomore Brooke Lucas said.

She felt it was important to support and be with the family and loved ones of Cates, who passed not so long ago.

UNC sophomore Autumn Lynch-Coleman said she walks past the Pit every day. Until now, she said, there was nothing permanent to remember Cates by — his story was largely passed by word-of-mouth.

The site of Cates’ death must be acknowledged, she said, and that people know the injustice occurred.

Cox said the dedication was an acknowledgment of a scarred part of University history. The goal of educators, she said, is to cherish the lives and minds of students, teaching them to engage in the world without hate, malice or prejudice.

Foushee said the community is grateful for the memorial’s commemoration. The University community should learn from its history, she said, not ignore it, cover it up or attempt to wash it away.

“We must acknowledge only by adequately acknowledging our history can we begin to reckon with it, and only by reckoning can we reconcile,” Foushee said. “And with that reconciliation, we should vow to do better. Because we now know better and indeed we can be better.”

To the sound of the Voices of Praise Gospel Choir, community leaders and loved ones ended the dedication by laying a flower at the base of Cates’ memorial.

And, from dusk to dawn, the Pit was lit up in his memory.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Leaders blindsided by School of Civic Life and Leadership

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When UNC law professor Eric Muller first read the editorial headline, he said his eyes fell out of his head.

On Jan. 26, the Faculty Executive Committee member was in a Zoom meeting when he saw a screenshot of a Wall Street Journal editorial titled “UNC Takes on the University Echo Chamber.”

“I thought: how on Earth? How on Earth could the Wall Street Journal know this,” Muller said.

The UNC Board of Trustees passed a resolution on Thursday, Jan. 26, to “accelerate” the creation of a new program — the School of Civic Life and Leadership.

Provost Chris Clemens said at a Monday Faculty Executive Committee meeting that he didn’t know the resolution was coming from the Board — “I was surprised,” he said.

Proposals for new schools, degrees and curriculums have historically come from faculty leaders and their vote is required for approval.

Muller said no member of the faculty knew of this “major development.”

According to the resolution, the trustees’ requested to accelerate the development of the School for Civic Life and Leadership with the goal of promoting democracy and benefitting society.

“The board doesn’t have any ability to propose a class, to propose a degree, or — for God’s sake — to propose a school,” Holden Thorp, who served as UNC’s chancellor from 2008 to 2013, said.

He said the BOT’s resolution is an example of the “worst governance” he thinks he’s ever seen.

Mimi Chapman, chairperson of faculty, said she was “flabbergasted” in response to the exclusion of faculty input in the decision, which she said she considers to be an attack on shared University governance.

Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz sent a campus-wide email Friday announcing the school, entitled “Promoting democracy and staying true to our commitment.”

“One of the strategic initiatives in our plan is to Promote Democracy,” the email read. “We know the importance of building the next generation of leaders to strengthen our country’s institutions and serve as the citizens we need to solve the grand challenges of our time.”

For faculty leaders like Chapman, the message seemed disrespectful. She said the School undermines and criticizes the whole enterprise of the institution.

The announcement of the School comes after a series of tensions regarding University leadership and many see the announcement of the School as a political decision.

“If you get praised by the Wall Street Journal (Editorial) page, you’re getting praised for being a conservative,” Thorp said.

David Boliek, chairperson of the BOT, gave an interview about the resolution Saturday to Fox & Friends. The Daily Tar Heel reached out to Boliek for comment, but he did not respond by the time of publication. Other members of the board referred comment to Boliek or did not respond for comment.

“We have no shortage of faculty with progressive, left-wing views,” Boliek said on Fox News. “The same really can’t be said of right-of-center views.”

Guskiewicz also noted the School is a “natural extension” of the IDEAS in Action curriculum, a new class model that encourages student to individualize their education. The curriculum began for first-years in fall 2022.

Thorp said the current most “potent” Republican talking point is the “woke indoctrination” of higher education. He also noted the Program for Public Discourse is popular with the Republican Legislature and Republican-leaning trustees.

Thorp said he thinks the BOT tipped off the Wall Street Journal

Editorial Board for a “conservative perspective” on the resolution. The editorial was published hours after the BOT voted on the resolution with direct quotes from trustees.

The Daily Tar Heel submitted a public records request to the University regarding communication between trustees and the Wall Street Journal Editorial Staff prior to the formal announcement of the resolution. The request is still awaiting response.

Chapman said she thinks the School is an opportunity for donors to fund programs against what they perceive is the indoctrination of liberal ideology at the University — a phenomenon that Chapman said she doesn’t believe exists.

The “dogma” that higher education is submitting to progressive politics is unfounded, Chapman said.

“I absolutely disagree with that,” Chapman said. “I do not think that is true in any way, shape or form.”

She added that, even if the University holds a majority left-of-center political perspective, it only means that is the reflective community opinion.

Taliajah “Teddy” Vann, student body president and ex-officio member of the BOT, said she doesn’t think the University is indoctrinating students into any kind of ideology.

“Our campus community is a place with a wide array of people from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives,” Vann said.

Chapman said the faculty had no involvement in the creation of the resolution. She said she received no notice of the potential School before seeing the Wall Street Journal editorial.

“And of course, a key principle of shared governance is that the faculty is in charge of the curriculum,” she said.

According to the campus-wide email, any proposed degree program or school will be developed and led by members of the faculty. Chapman said omitting faculty from decision-making would infuriate them.

Vann also said she had no previous knowledge of the resolution before it

was voted on in open-session Thursday. She abstained from the vote.

“It’s not a question of democracy, but rather one of shared governance,” Vann said. “And it is not shared governance if you do not include faculty voices, and you do not include student voices.”

She said that any decision that does not involve all stakeholders in its development is not in the best interest of the student body. Power structures are not working in the ways they are supposed to if everyone isn’t part of the conversation, she said.

Chapman said the lack of communication regarding the resolution will make faculty feel “dismissed and devalued” at a time when faculty retention is already low.

Muller said the resolution process was disrespectful of the faculty and noted the faculty deserved consultation on the merits of the proposal before the resolution passed.

Thorp said that the BOT’s development of the resolution is ironic considering trustees want UNC to excel in national rankings, yet they “alienate” the faculty allowing the University to succeed.



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South Building is pictured on Oct. 10, 2022.



FINAL FOUR

# Love leads Tar Heels to 81-77 win against Duke in the Final Four



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UNC sophomore guard Caleb Love (2) goes up for a three-pointer during the final minutes of the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament against Duke in New Orleans on Saturday, April 2, 2022. UNC won 81-77.

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NEW ORLEANS, La. — As he sat down on the press table, Caleb Love was at a loss for words.

Over 70,000 people watched as his shot hung in the air.

Love drained the most important bucket of his life — a dagger 3-pointer with less than 30 seconds left, leading UNC to an 81-77 win over Duke in the Final Four, sending Blue Devils head coach Mike Krzyzewski into retirement on a rivalry loss and booking the Tar Heels a trip to the national championship against Kansas.

Now, staring at a sea of cameras and reporters waiting for him to say something, anything, about the seemingly-superhuman display he had just put on, Love was at a loss for words.

“Just one game away from a national championship,” he said. “What else can you say?”

He’s right — what else can you say?

Can you talk about the indescribable build-up for this game? Can you talk about how this “grandest stage of them all” grudge match had a chance to be the last game in the career of a man who is the winningest coach in college basketball history?

This was the first time that the Tobacco Road rivalry had taken place on as grand a stage as the NCAA tournament, and in the Final Four, no less.

You might be inclined to sit and wonder about the legacy of this game — but if first-year head coach Hubert Davis had it his way, you wouldn’t.

After all, there’s still another game to play.

“Dwelling on the two wins against Duke doesn’t help us against Kansas,” Davis said. “So we put that in a box to think about over the summer, but right now is a time of celebration, and then we focus on preparing ourselves to play for a national championship against Kansas.”

And frankly, there was no legacy on that court. There was no rivalry, there was no hatred. At the end of the day, no matter what you may think or believe, only one thing was true for certain in those dying moments.

There were two teams that wanted to win a basketball game and play for a national title. One wanted it more, one team executed the right play and one man drilled a clutch bucket and some clutch free throws to seal the win.

On Saturday night, that man was Love.

His play, along with some big shots from sophomore guard RJ Davis, secured the Tar Heels’ a national championship berth.

“Coach puts the ball in me or RJ’s hands and tells us to make a play,” Love said. “RJ and me have been doing it all season. Whoever has the ball, we both made great plays and it just happened to be in my hands, so I made the play.”

To be sure, this was not a team that ever doubted that it could reach these heights.

During preseason practice, Hubert Davis left photos of the Caesars Superdome in his players’ lockers, encouraging them to dream of reaching moments like this. Later down the line, when they hit a stride late in the season that ended with a win against Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium, they weren’t playing like a team with no national title aspirations.

They were playing like a team that wasn’t suffering the weight of expectation.

Almost nobody expected the Tar Heels to get this far. Even once they did get this far, few predicted a win — every expert from The Athletic favored with Blue Devils on Saturday night.

“I don’t know if it was belief or if it was just us being delusional,” junior forward Armando Bacot said. “At every point of the season, we knew, like, if we came together as a team

that we can get to the championship, and that’s what we did.”

Later in the press conference, Love was asked about Duke supposedly being his dream school as a high school recruit — a notion that Davis quickly shot down. He yanked his player and the media back to the moment.

“His dream school was North Carolina!” Davis said. “He’s living his dream!”

That’s why Love was at a loss for words as he sat down. What else can you say about tonight that hasn’t already been said?

The rivalry, the retirement, the dreams, the clutch moments — it’s all been said.

There really is only one more thing to say, the only thing the team really wants to hear now: onto Monday. Onto Kansas.

“Playing for the national championship — if you’re not motivated for that, you shouldn’t be playing,” Hubert Davis said.



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UNC sophomore Parker Harris cheers for North Carolina during the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament against Duke in New Orleans on Saturday, April 2, 2022.

2022 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

# ‘We came this far’: UNC loses 72-69 to Kansas in hard-fought NCAA championship game

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NEW ORLEANS, La. — When the buzzer sounded, RJ Davis put his head in his hands and let himself feel.

At that same moment, as the final whistle was blown on No. 8 seed UNC’s 72-69 loss to top-seeded Kansas in the national championship game, Caleb Love buried his head in his jersey.

Seconds later — across the court from where Davis was now sobbing into the chest of Kansas Director of Basketball Operations Fred Quartlebaum — head coach Hubert Davis walked over to Brady Manek, who had slipped on the final play.

The transfer-turned-Tar Heel looked visibly hurt, and was attempting to stand up, fighting a mixture of pain and emotion that can only come from a close loss with the stakes this high.

The rookie coach put his shoulder under Manek’s and embraced him, helping him off the court and into the future.

“That’s my job, is to support them and care for them and to love them and be there for them,” Hubert Davis said.

This loss hurt for the Tar Heels. A postgame talk with their coach before the press conference began didn’t help that, at least not in the moment.

Love spoke softly and with his shoulders shrugged. RJ Davis stared down to the floor and had to prepare himself to speak. Even



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UNC graduate manager Brandon Robinson comforts sophomore guard Caleb Love (2) after a national championship loss to Kansas in New Orleans on Monday, April 4, 2022. UNC lost 72-69.

Hubert Davis himself gazed off into the distance in between each answer, seemingly deep in thought.

It didn’t matter that some experts thought UNC might not make the NCAA tournament two months ago. It didn’t matter that they had lost to Virginia Tech in the ACC Tournament. This team had spent the last three weeks playing the best basketball it had ever played, and it led them all the way from the No. 8 seed to the national championship game.

This was a team that had forgotten the weight of expectation and outside noise long ago. They were playing for each other now, in

the face of every pundit and critic who said they couldn’t get this far.

Each step of the way, they defied the odds and rose to the occasion.

They just wanted to do it one more time.

“We all really wanted to win,” junior forward Armando Bacot said. “We came this far, and this was a huge goal for us, was to just hang up a banner. And we just really wanted to win.”

So yeah, it hurts. Expectations be damned, a heartbreaking loss like that won’t ever be painless.

But don’t think for a second that they’re disappointed. Hurting, sure — but not disappointed.

This was a team that shocked the

world by defeating the Duke Blue Devils in Mike Krzyzewski’s last-ever home game. This was a team that ran the NCAA tournament gauntlet, defeating top-seeded Baylor and a powerhouse UCLA squad, before Love himself ended Krzyzewski’s career in the Final Four with the most ludicrous shot he may ever hit in his life.

And this team did all that while the world said it couldn’t, over and over again.

All season, through the highs and lows of ACC and tournament play, the rookie coach has repeated phrases and sayings as mantras for his team. “Energy, effort, toughness,”

“plant our feet, stand our ground, fight,” “throw the first punch” and more have all become parts of North Carolina basketball’s lexicon.

But in the tournament and the Final Four, a new one arose — the “experience.” The first-year head coach wanted his players to have “experiences” they could remember, to “experience” the results of their hard work, smart play, togetherness and toughness.

Even in the locker room after the loss, Davis harped on the importance of experiences for his team and himself.

“Along the way,” he said, “as they were experiencing it, they were giving me more stories and testimonies and memories by just having a front-row seat to be around them.”

So don’t let the pain fool you. Don’t mistake the tears and anguish for anger and frustration. Those emotions aren’t signs of what was — they’re signs of what could’ve been.

This team saw what could happen when it tuned out the noise and played like a unit. Without that weight of expectation, they saw that their ceiling was, at the end of the day, limitless. That belief, that drive, led them to do the impossible, again and again.

After experiencing every monumental high, clutch bucket and ecstasy-inducing win as a team, they’re now left to experience this desolate moment the same way — together.

Maybe that’ll ease the pain.

“It hurts for us to get this far and come up short like this, with everything we went through,” Love said. “But you know, the positive thing is, I wouldn’t want to go through this with anybody else.”



FIELD HOCKEY

# UNC field hockey team secures redemption title

Win avenges 2-0 loss to Northwestern in final game of 2021

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STORRS, Conn. — Despite her best efforts, head coach Karen Shelton couldn't reign in her team's excitement following their national championship win.

Finally, she broke. "I love you guys but we've got to shake their hands," she said, before being lifted into the air by her boisterous team.

The scene couldn't have been more different from the last time UNC matched up against Northwestern.

In 2021, North Carolina faced the Wildcats in a 2-0 loss in Iowa City, Iowa, a loss that UNC senior forward Paityn Wirth described as "heartbreaking." The game knocked the Tar Heels out in the first round of the NCAA Tournament — disrupting a streak of three straight national titles.

On Sunday, Wirth made sure that UNC wouldn't face that same heartbreak again.

After Northwestern got on the board with two minutes remaining off of a penalty corner shot from fifth-

year senior Bente Baekers, Wirth raced down the field and found Erin Matson less than 40 seconds later. Matson punched in the late goal to earn UNC's 10th national title with a score of 2-1.

"(Wirth got the ball) on cage I was just lucky enough to get a touch on it to catch the goalie a little off-balance," Matson said. "Nothing flashy about it. All it says on the scoreboard is 2-1. That's all that matters."

Despite UNC dominating possession and putting nine shots on goal to Northwestern's one, the game ultimately came down to the wire.

The Wildcats earned their first corner of the game with just over two minutes remaining — and Baekers made the most of this late opportunity for the self-proclaimed "Cardiac 'Cats." The fifth-year stepped forward to deliver a searing shot, smacking the ball into the back left corner of the goal and past UNC sophomore goalkeeper Abigail Taylor.

"Their corner execution was brilliant," Shelton said. "We knew that was coming and it was a really hard corner to stop."

Despite the late-game push, the Tar Heels were ready. Upon seeing Baekers' shot go in, Wirth turned immediately to Matson.

"I said, 'We are not losing this. We are not losing this game,'" Wirth said. "And (Matson) was like, 'Hell no, we're not.'"

With just over a minute and a



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The UNC field hockey team celebrates their victory against Northwestern in Storrs, Conn. on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022.

half remaining, senior back Romea Riccardo stripped the ball away from Baekers in the backfield. Seconds later, she delivered an aerial pass to ignite what would become the game-winning play.

Wirth admits that she partially "blacked out for a minute," but quickly tuned in when she received the pass. Running through her mind was "corner, corner, corner" as she could feel the clock ticking down.

Crossing over to the left, Wirth passed the ball through the legs of Northwestern's Kayla Blas. After juking her defender, she put a ball on the goal, hoping Matson would be there.

"I did not see her tip," Wirth said. "But I heard it hit the back of the cage and was like, 'Let's go!'"

While this late goal may seem like a lucky break, the Tar Heels credit it to their composure. Huddling as a team after the tying goal, UNC first-year Ryleigh Heck remembered seeing the confident looks on her teammates' faces. Senior midfielder Meredith Sholder said that after practicing late-game situations throughout the season, the team wasn't scared.

"When Northwestern scored that goal we brought it in," she said. "I think that's what is the moving point in our season this year is that no one got frustrated with each other.

Everyone knew that we supported each other and we were going to do what it took to fight for each other, and that's exactly what we did."

UNC's finish on Sunday showed the exact opposite of the "complacency" Shelton blames for the team's early exit last year.

This season, as the NCAA team trophies were being lined up in anticipation of the game's end, the Tar Heels took the championship into their own hands.

"I told you before that the team last year that we lost to, Northwestern, we would not lose to them again," Wirth said. "And my word stands by that."

"I said, 'We are not losing this. We are not losing this game.' And (Matson) was like, 'Hell no, we're not.'"

Paityn Wirth  
UNC senior forward

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## CULTURE

# Who is the dancing man on Franklin?

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You may have seen Michael Yablonski dancing away on Franklin Street, sporting a white shirt, white pants, headphones and a rainbow belt. What you may not know is that he has a bachelor's degree in biology, a doctorate in biochemistry — and he's a chemistry tutor for UNC students.

But Yablonski wasn't always the dancing man on the corner of Franklin and Columbia streets.

"Before a year ago, I hardly ever danced at all," Yablonski said. "Then in March, when the (coronavirus) came around, all the tutoring stopped because the students were afraid to meet in person. I actually started dancing at home in front of the mirror with my music just for exercise."

The first time Yablonski took his moves to Franklin Street was during the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests in Chapel Hill.

He found that, in addition to supporting a cause, his dancing at the protests was a way to connect with others.

"When I would stop dancing to take a rest, a lot of people would come to talk to me," he said. "I discovered it was a good way not only to get exercise but to meet a lot more people than I normally meet."

To this day, he continues to dance as a way to meet new people, particularly students.

"When I'm not tutoring students for a while, I kind of lose my connections with them," he said. "I discovered it was a really interesting way to get my connections back."

Yablonski said he plans to eventually return to tutoring. Until then, students can continue to find him freeform dancing on his street corner.

"I've probably seen him four or five times whenever I walk down Franklin Street towards Carrboro," UNC junior Taika Sorjonen said.

Whenever he's dancing, Yablonski sticks to wearing one of his two signature outfits.

"I like his outfits, they're fun," UNC sophomore Russel Herrington said.

Yablonski's most common outfit features an all-white ensemble, rainbow belt and cowboy boots.

"I wear the boots just because they look a little bit unusual," he said. "The all white is because light color will attract people's attention more. The rainbow belt I wear for several reasons. I like having the symbol of diversity. The other thing is because the white is not very colorful."

Passersby may also see him grooving in an all-green jumpsuit.

"I'm a really big environmentalist," he said. "The white is mainly to attract attention. The green is a symbol. Everybody knows what green means when they see it. If they



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Michael Yablonski dances on Franklin Street on Sept. 6, 2021.

take a guess they're probably right, because green only usually means one thing, right?"

Environmentalism and sustainability are very important to Yablonski. He hopes that his use of green clothing can inspire students and other members of the community to look into ways they can make their own lives or businesses more sustainable.

He added that he believes students in all majors can benefit from taking classes on sustainability, since it's important for everyone in the community to be informed on the

subject in order for them to make a positive change.

Some students have lauded the positive impact of Yablonski's dancing, saying that his contagiously positive energy has played a hand in brightening their days, too.

"I'm really happy for him," Herrington said. "He seems like he's having a fun time grooving. His happiness exudes."

Spreading that happiness, Yablonski said, is his main goal.

"My main thing is to make people happy when they see me," he said.

## N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## N.C. Rep. Tricia Cotham switches parties, creating a supermajority in the NCGA



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N.C. Rep. Tricia Cotham (R-Mecklenburg) shakes the hand of N.C. House Speaker Tim Moore (R-Cleveland, Rutherford) at the N.C. GOP Headquarters in Raleigh, N.C., after she officially announced her change in party affiliation. Cotham was previously a Democrat until her announcement on Wednesday, April 5.

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N.C. Rep. Tricia Cotham (R-Mecklenburg) held a press conference this morning at the N.C. GOP Headquarters in Raleigh with state Republican leaders to announce her official defection from the Democratic Party.

Cotham's switch gives Republicans a supermajority in both houses of the N.C. General Assembly, allowing them to push through policy more easily and override any of Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's vetoes.

Many prominent state Republicans joined Cotham at the press conference, including N.C. House Speaker Tim Moore (R-Cleveland, Rutherford), N.C. Rep. Destin Hall (R-Caldwell, Watauga), N.C. Superintendent of Public Instruction Catherine Truitt and N.C. Senate

President Pro Tempore Phil Berger (R-Guilford, Rockingham).

Cotham ran as a Democrat and defeated her Republican opponent Tony Long by about 19 percent in the 2022 election.

Since news of her decision broke, she has been called on to resign by top state Democrats, including the state party chairperson Anderson Clayton and N.C. House Democratic Leader Rep. Robert Reives (D-Chatham, Randolph).

Legislation including stricter abortion laws can now be more easily be passed by the legislature. Cotham said she has never thought abortion rights "was the biggest issue facing women in North Carolina."

But, in January, Cotham co-sponsored a bill to codify the provisions of Roe v. Wade and make abortion legal until viability. In May 2022, while she was campaigning for the seat and running as a Democrat, Cotham tweeted that she would fight to codify Roe and continue her

"strong record of defending the right to choose."

During the press conference, she refused to give a specific number of weeks that her ideal abortion ban would be placed at.

"What has really changed?" she said at the press conference. "I am still going to stand strong on my convictions. But I'm not going to be pigeonholed into any one issue."

Cotham said her change is not necessarily due to her positions changing, but bullying she has experienced from other women in the Democratic Party.

"We aren't perfect — in fact, we're a long way from that," N.C. Sen. Vickie Sawyer (R-Iredell, Mecklenburg), who said she was at the event representing Republican women, said. "But what I can promise you is that we have room for an independently minded, strong-willed woman who represents her constituents well, a woman who embodies what it means to govern and not to be governed."

Cotham served in the N.C. House from 2007 to 2017 and left after she lost a primary bid for the U.S. House of Representatives. She rejoined the House in January and said she was treated as a freshman member, not as an experienced one.

Upon her return, though, she said she thought Democrats had moved away from actual policy and results.

Berger said he attributes Cotham's change to problems within the Democratic Party.

"It is an unfortunate thing that she is now sort of the latest in a long line of folks who can come before the public and say, 'I didn't really leave the Democratic Party — it left me,'" Berger said.

Cotham's district currently heavily favors Democratic candidates. Moore, in response to a question about how Cotham's incumbency would play into redistricting, said there have been no determinations made as of yet on redistricting, which will be done before the 2024 elections.

## How COVID-19 changed life at UNC

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The outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting social distancing guidelines dramatically changed life in Chapel Hill and the UNC community. Among other changes, UNC's classes are now online and a statewide order from Gov. Roy Cooper directed residents to stay at home except for essential reasons.

From the first case in North Carolina to the University's residence halls closing to the recent stay-at-home order, here's how coronavirus has affected the area so far:

**Feb. 28** — Gov. Cooper confirmed the first case of COVID-19 in North Carolina after a Wake County resident tested positive.

**Feb. 29** — The University canceled study abroad programs to Italy. This added to existing restrictions on travel to South Korea and China.

**March 4** — Two days before spring break, the University restricted travel to areas in the U.S. where a state of emergency had been declared. Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz said returning students may be asked to quarantine for two weeks.

Guskiewicz also said students returning from countries with Level 2 or 3 travel advisories had been asked to quarantine away from campus for 14 days.

**March 10** — Gov. Cooper declared a state of emergency in North Carolina. There were seven presumed cases of COVID-19 in the state at the time.

**March 11** — The University announced it would extend spring break by a week and then move to remote instruction indefinitely. The announcement from Guskiewicz said campus would remain "open and operational," including residence halls.

**March 13** — UNC canceled all summer 2020 study abroad and international academic programs.

**March 14** — Gov. Cooper ordered all public schools to close. The order has since been extended until May 15.

**March 17** — The UNC System said all students must leave their on-campus residence halls unless granted an exception. Later that day, Guskiewicz sent a campus-wide email stating that residence halls would close for the rest of the academic year for students unless they were granted exceptions.

Gov. Cooper issued an executive order closing dine-in services at restaurants and bars in N.C. and expanding unemployment benefits.

UNC canceled all spring 2020 study abroad and international academic programs.

A UNC employee tested presumptively positive for COVID-19.

**March 20** — The University postponed spring commencement.

UNC offered students an option to declare spring 2020 classes pass/fail until August, while still allowing those classes to count toward major and graduation requirements. The Dean's List was also suspended for spring 2020.

The first COVID-19 cases were confirmed in Orange County.

**March 21** — Multiple people in the UNC community tested positive for COVID-19, an Alert Carolina message confirmed.

**March 24** — North Carolina's first COVID-19 related death was confirmed in Cabarrus County.

**March 27** — Orange County's stay-at-home order went into effect.

**March 30** — A statewide stay-at-home order went into effect in North Carolina.



ARTS

# ‘Tarred Healing’ debuts at Civil Rights Museum

## Cornell Watson’s new display comes nearly a year after UNC pulled exhibit

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Five years after purchasing his first camera to take pictures of his daughter, Cornell Watson celebrated the opening of his exhibit “Tarred Healing” at the National Civil Rights Museum.

“It feels really surreal and very gratifying,” Watson said.

The exhibit opened at the Memphis, Tenn., museum on Jan. 16 and is running until March 20.

Noelle Trent, the museum’s director of interpretation, collections and education, said that the museum first learned of Watson’s story through national media.

“Tarred Healing reflects the complex and fraught process of racial reconciliation beyond the removal of Confederate symbols on campuses throughout the country,” she said in a statement. “Watson’s vivid photography illustrates the long arc toward justice.”

‘Disagreements over content’

A lifelong Tar Heel fan, Watson was offered an artist residency in June 2021 at UNC’s Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History to create an exhibit honoring Black history through photographing places on campus that are relevant to the University’s racial past.

After spending six months curating the exhibit and receiving national attention, including a feature in The Washington Post, The Stone Center pulled the project.

“Disagreements over content and scope” were reasons the Center cited for dismissing the project in a statement to The Daily Tar Heel last February.

Twelve days after the Center originally pulled the exhibit, Watson received an email a day before the project was scheduled to open, notifying him that the display was in fact going to premiere. This time, the exhibit would feature all of Watson’s photographs.

The email said that the Center chose to move forward with the showcase to honor those involved in the project. But, in an email to Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz, Watson said that he did not authorize the use of his images.

The exhibit was canceled for the final time.

Watson said that while conflict with the University was the most challenging part of his journey with the exhibit, he does not have any regrets about making sure the complete story was featured in “Tarred Healing.”

He does not think there can be true reconciliation without reckoning with all parts of history.

‘There are these types of stories all across America’

Though Watson faced pushback from some University leaders, many community members and students — some of whom were featured in the project — rose up in support of his work.

“When you do things the right way, when you are connected with the community that you are creating something about, they will stand behind you in those turbulent times,” he said. “It was

really gratifying to have the Black community of Chapel Hill stand behind this and really kind of become family.”

One of the students who assisted Watson in shooting the project was Kayden Hunt, a journalism student at UNC. She said that the experience showed her that photojournalism could capture more than just trauma and can help open others’ minds to new perspectives.

Hunt said that the project was important because it shows that the history of marginalized communities can not be erased and that their voices can not be silenced.

“My ancestors built this school, and not having that recognition — living in residence halls where that’s not shown or that’s not appreciated — is terrifying,” she said. “It’s scary going into things and being like, ‘Oh, this building is based off of someone who would have hated to see me walk through the halls.’ But, I honestly see that as a thing of empowerment. I’m going to walk through these halls

and I’m going to do it with my head held high.”

When shooting “Tarred Healing,” Watson focused on sacred and important spaces for the Black community in Chapel Hill, along with the parallels between student demonstrations happening at the time and the Civil Rights Movement.

“This story isn’t unique to the Black community at Chapel Hill. There are these types of stories all across America,” he said. “There are stories of environmental injustice in all parts of the country. There are stories of systems of oppression that need to be torn down. There are stories where Black people have achieved things in spite of all of these things that try to prevent them from achieving things.”

‘Your work has the opportunity to inspire people’

Watson’s exhibit features a replica of Silent Sam’s base, a projection of the front page of The Daily Tar Heel

when the project was initially pulled, among other displays.

“My hope is that people can see themselves in the work, see all the things that we achieve and can accomplish in spite of all of the barriers that we face and the oppression that we face,” Watson said. “I also hope that people see that there is still a lot of work that’s left to be done, and I hope people look within themselves to figure out what part they play in taking down some of these institutions that continue to cause harm and create barriers.”

Watson continues to tell stories about the Black experience. He said that photography is important because it shines a light on truth and that people need to continue to tell these stories.

“Your work has the opportunity to inspire people, to change, to look at things differently and make a positive impact in the world and that can all start from the blink of a shutter on a camera,” he said.

*Editor’s Note: Kayden Hunt is a former staff member of The Daily Tar Heel.*



Cornell Watson, the photographer behind “Tarred Healing,” poses for a portrait in his Durham office on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Roy Williams retires after 33 years at the helm

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Well, daggum.

What other words to capture the gravity of this moment — for Chapel Hill residents, for fans of UNC athletics, for anyone who follows college basketball? What other words to grasp one of the biggest seismic shifts in the sports landscape in recent memory?

And what other words to capture the feeling of head coach Roy Williams, on the court bearing his name, seated between Athletic Director Bubba Cunningham and Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz and backgrounded by UNC's NCAA title banners, announcing that he was no longer fit for one of the most prestigious jobs in college basketball?

"I'm not gonna say the 'best' man, because I never thought I was the best at doing things," Williams said, dressed in a Carolina Blue blazer. "Fifteen years at Kansas, I felt that I was the right man, and this time at North Carolina I felt that I was the right man. I no longer feel that I am the right man for the job."

Yes, after 33 seasons, 903 wins and three national championships, the head coach and forever Tar Heel announced his retirement on Thursday, closing the book on a legendary career, beginning a new era of UNC athletics and ending perhaps the most fruitful stretch in basketball program history.

In some ways, the April Fools' Day press release seemed like a joke until the very moment the 70-year-old Hall of Famer walked out of the Dean E. Smith Center tunnel — flanked by members of the program and his wife, Wanda

— to a standing ovation from boosters and former players. It took nearly the entire hour-long press conference to realize that yes, it was here, and yes, it was now, and yes, the words "Roy Williams, current head coach of UNC basketball" would never again be accurate.

"The only thing I've ever wanted to do is coach ... it's all I've ever done," he said. "I'm scared to death of trying to do something that's not coaching."

Williams' career spanned nearly a half-century, beginning at Owen High School in Black Mountain, N.C., and taking him everywhere from Lawrence, Kan., to Final Fours across the country to the very summit of the college basketball world.

It included the third-most victories of any coach, the sixth-highest winning percentage in NCAA history, a National Coach of the Decade award and three national championships, in 2005, 2009 and 2017.

In between, too were his countless Royisms — utterances of "darn" and "friggin," oblique cultural references and GIFable locker room dances, plaid sport coats and crisp Air Jordans alongside the requisite claims that he had no idea which pair of kicks he was wearing, exactly.

"That's what made Roy Williams unique," Cunningham said. "His ability to run an incredible program and be so down-to-earth to students, to fans and to players has been remarkable."

And yet the most prominent constant was the shadow and influence of Dean Smith, the progenitor of Tar Heel hoops and "the perfect picture of what a college basketball coach should have been," Williams once said.

Smith is the man who gave Williams his coaching start, allowing him to sit in and scribble furious notes during North Carolina



DTH/MORGAN PIROZZI  
UNC head coach Roy Williams tears up during his retirement announcement press conference on April 1, 2021.

practices and, later, return to his alma mater as an assistant coach from 1978 to 1988. He's also the man who believed in Williams and endorsed him vociferously, helping him land the job as head man at Kansas and telling him before his departure, "If you be yourself, you're gonna be one of the great coaches."

And, to his credit, Williams took Smith's advice, eventually putting his own spin on the North Carolina system and making dominant big men and fast break-inclined point guard play the modus operandi and a blueprint for national dominance.

Claims of the game passing Williams by became louder by this

year, especially as UNC floundered in 2019-20 and only snuck into the postseason in 2020-21. Already his own biggest critic, Williams said he started to become "really bothered" by his own mistakes, to the point where continuing was no longer an option.

"This morning I talked to the team, and it was really difficult," he said. "I came in and I saw the former players in the lounge — that was really difficult. And when I realized that I was gonna walk through that tunnel for the last time as a coach, that was very difficult."

That, above all, is why Thursday afternoon felt so unbelievable: the idea that Williams, one of the five most successful coaches in the modern

game, still hadn't done enough — for UNC, for Chapel Hill, for Dean Smith.

Still, no matter how much Williams deflects praise or absorbs blame, he won't — can't — erase his greatest accomplishment: matching, if not eclipsing his mentor, passing Smith in both national championships and all-time wins and leaving a legacy that's as gargantuan as any in college basketball.

So, yes — Williams was the right man for many years, and for many players, and for many teams. And as he looks toward a new chapter, all the rest of us can hope is that he knows that himself.

FIELD HOCKEY

## UNC's legendary Erin Matson to be head coach

She becomes the program's leader after a decorated career

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Following UNC field hockey's national title win in November, former head coach Karen Shelton remarked that it was "a sad day for Carolina field hockey" due to the departure of veteran players like Erin Matson.

Well, not so fast.

The UNC athletic department announced Tuesday, Jan. 31, that Matson, a UNC field hockey legend, will be taking over the head coaching job of the North Carolina field hockey program.

"To say I'm excited and honored to be the head coach of the UNC field hockey program is an understatement — this is a dream come true," Matson said in a press release. "This program means the world to me, and I will do whatever it takes to continue the excellence that is UNC Field Hockey."

This comes after Shelton, field hockey's winningest collegiate coach, retired in December following 42 seasons at UNC.

Matson, the program's fifth head coach, is the most decorated player in UNC field hockey history. A member of the U.S. National Team and the ACC's all-time leader in goals and points, she captured four national titles and five ACC championships as a forward for UNC. The three-time Honda Sport Award winner and former team captain graduated in December



DTH/JEROME IBRAHIM  
UNC senior forward Erin Matson (1) plays in the National Championship game on Nov. 20, 2022 in Storrs, Conn.

with a degree in advertising and public relations and a minor in coaching education.

"Erin is an outstanding leader who has a deep and thorough knowledge of the game, understands the balance it takes to be a successful student and athlete, and is determined to expand and propel the winning tradition of Carolina Field Hockey," UNC's Director of Athletics Bubba Cunningham said. "She knows how to inspire, listen, teach and win — all qualities that will translate well to the sidelines and make her a terrific head coach. We all look forward to supporting her as she transitions and leads in this new role."

Shelton, while unavailable for comment on Tuesday, has previously described Matson's leadership over the course of last season as remarkable.

"I have nothing but gratitude for having the opportunity to coach Erin for five years," Shelton said in early November, following Matson's last home game at the Karen Shelton Stadium.

"She's a remarkable player and a remarkable human being. It's been a joy watching her come in as a young high school student and then morph into the beautiful, strong, powerful woman she's become."

Matson will begin immediately, working alongside associate head coach Grant Fulton and assistant coach Caitlin Van Sickle, as the team prepares for the 2023 season.

"This program means the world to me, and I will do whatever it takes to continue the excellence that is UNC Field Hockey."

Erin Matson  
UNC field hockey head coach

## Sam Howell comes up big

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In a 28-25 win over Miami, North Carolina's football team, for the second week in a row, exorcised the fourth-quarter demons that have haunted it for the last two seasons behind a true first-year quarterback — all in front of a raucous Kenan Stadium crowd and a full capacity student section.

Sam Howell somehow wrote a storybook ending better than his first one against South Carolina last week, converting a fourth and 17 and delivering the 10-yard game-winning strike to Dazz Newsome in the back right corner of the end zone.

"I think we're starting to turn some heads," Howell said.

When Miami scored consecutive touchdowns in the second half, both on lengthy drives aided in part by UNC's struggling offense, it looked all too familiar.

North Carolina trailed 25-20 when Howell took the field with 4:38 left. Miami had its first lead of the game, and his casual first-quarter flicks to open receivers seemed a distant memory. But in the words of left tackle Charlie Heck, his quarterback "oozes confidence."

Consecutive sacks backed up the Tar Heels into a fourth and 17.

Howell stepped up and delivered a clutch strike on an out route for 20 yards. First down.

Howell passed for 12 yards, then ran for four. A nine-yard run by Michael Carter. Then, Howell dropped back on first and goal and saw Newsome break free toward the corner.

"I've never seen Kenan Stadium like this," Howell said.

Howell should get used to it, based on his performances.