A dozen awards were presented to honorees at the 2018 Diversity Awards ceremony at the CURRENT ArtSpace in April. They were recognized for their work towards advancing an inclusive climate for excellence in teaching, research, public service and academic endeavor. Categories included Undergraduate Student, Graduate/Professional
Student, Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Intergroup Collaboration.

Commencement Celebrations at Carolina

Although Carolina’s official commencement celebrates the entire Class of 2018, there are also numerous special ceremonies that honor specific groups of the graduating class.

Among them are Lavender Graduation; Red, White & Carolina Blue Graduation Ceremony; Black Student Movement Graduation Celebration; and Éxitos Latinx Graduation Ceremony and Recognition Reception.
The final Carolina Conversation of the academic year focused on the role of public universities. Led by School of Government Dean Mike Smith and Frayda Bluestein, David M. Lawrence Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Government, the discussion focused on how students, faculty and staff members are each affected by Carolina's public status.

As the country’s first public university, the obligations tied to what it means for Carolina to be a public university have continued to evolve — and expand — throughout the two centuries of its existence, Smith said. He also noted that Carolina’s deeply held commitment to educating the people of the state is not only embedded in its mission, but spelled out in state law.

Read more.
In Memory of Jonathan Hess

Jonathan Hess, professor and chair of the department of Germanic and Slavic languages and literatures, passed away suddenly on April 9.

Hess had been department chair since 2016 and the Moses M. and Hannah L. Malkin Distinguished Professor of Jewish History and Culture since 2012. He had served as director for the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies for 10 years, building it into one of the premier Jewish Studies programs in the country.

Read more.

opportunities

The Employee Forum's Awards and Recognition Committee invites nominations for UNC-Chapel Hill staff members (permanent, full, or part-time) who deserve recognition for going beyond expectations in service, congeniality, support of their peers, or other categories. The forum will recognize winning nominees at an event to be announced. **Deadline: May 18, 2018, 5:00 p.m.** Please select only one category in this survey link: Take the Survey

"Globalization, Race, and the New Nationalism" is the theme for the 17th Annual Global Studies Association of North America Conference, sponsored by Howard University. As W.E.B. DuBois noted, racism is the "Achilles heel" of American democracy. White nationalist and white supremacy ideologies and movements are old problems, but globalization is the current economic, political, and
social context through which they are unfolding. This important conference will investigate the subjects of race and the new nationalism that are currently roiling our nation and the world. **Howard University, Washington, D.C., June 6-8. Register here.**

The **UNC Latinx Medical Student Association (LMSA)** offers medical school personal statement review for 2018-2019 applicants. LMSA students will provide up to two reviews of personal statements that are well-developed and/or final drafts. **Apply here.**

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**programs**

UNC-Chapel Hill's **Mathematics Department** and the **Association of Women in Mathematics** student chapter will host **Girls Talk Math**, a FREE math day camp for rising 9th-12th graders in the Triangle area who are interested in math and identify as girls or an underrepresented gender. Campers will research the lives and contributions of female mathematicians, work on related math problems, and create a blog and podcast series about what they learn. Deadline was in April, but has been extended to fill up limited availability. **Phillips Hall, July 9-20, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Apply here.**

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**fellowship/scholarship**

The **McGuireWoods Diversity Scholarship Program** will award up to eight $5,000 scholarships to diverse current first-year law students with an expected graduation year of 2020 who are committed to contributing to and supporting diversity within the legal profession.
Applicants are considered based on their involvement in community activities and diversity-related student organizations, personal achievements, and law school and undergraduate academic performance. **Deadline: May 25, 2018, 5:00 p.m.** Application materials.

**resources**

*Inside Higher Ed (April 16, 2018), "Taking Diversity Seriously" (Matt Reed).* Taking student diversity seriously means, among other things, rethinking some of the taken-for-granted ways that colleges do what they do. If we made the elimination of achievement gaps a top priority, what would that entail?

**diversity job openings**

- Search and apply for staff positions in the UNC System [here](https://diversity.unc.edu/?wysija-page=1&controller=email&action=viewpage).
- Search and apply for faculty positions [here](https://diversity.unc.edu/?wysija-page=1&controller=email&action=viewpage).
- Search and apply for national positions [here](https://diversity.unc.edu/?wysija-page=1&controller=email&action=viewpage).

**diversity by the numbers**

*Foreign Students Enrolled in Institutions of Higher Education (2016)*
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Source: Pew Research Center