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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Fletcher Foundation grant helps WUNC and UNC journalism school expand education policy reporting

A $110,000 grant from the A.J. Fletcher Foundation has created UNC’s first post-graduate journalism fellowship dedicated to in-depth radio reporting on under-covered education issues. WUNC has hired Reema Khrais, a 2012 UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication graduate, as the first Fletcher Fellow. The two-year Fletcher Fellowship for Education Policy Reporting is for recent graduates of the UNC journalism school and serves as an innovative model for advanced journalism training to develop thoughtful reporters for the community.

UNC among universities to use a gift from John M. Belk Endowment to improve college access for rural N.C. high school students

The John M. Belk Endowment is providing $10 million to the College Advising Corps to increase access to higher education for low-income students in rural North Carolina high schools. The Belk Endowment’s grant aims to send more students from rural high schools to college and other training programs that will improve their futures and strengthen the workforce in their communities.

The gift also highlights dramatic growth in the size and reach of the College Advising Corps, which places recent college graduates as college advisers in underserved high schools across the country. The funding will allow the Corps to partner with UNC, Davidson College and North Carolina State University to place advisers in 60 rural high schools to increase student access to four-year colleges, community colleges and other credentialing programs that will lead to family-sustaining jobs aligned with workforce needs. The gift is the first to reflect the John M. Belk Endowment’s newly defined mission to empower the 21st century workforce by creating pathways to prosperity for low-income and other underrepresented students by increasing their access to higher education.

Professor who studies disgust is next Nannerl Keohane Distinguished Visiting Professor

In academia, disgust is a hot topic. Over the last decade, this emerging field has grabbed the attention of researchers across the academic spectrum. This spring, UNC and Duke are tackling it together with the help of a Cornell University psychology professor. Cornell’s David Pizarro, who has published 10 academic papers on the topic, is the next Nannerl Keohane Distinguished Visiting Professor, a joint venture between Duke and UNC. He’ll spend the spring semester exploring disgust and moral psychology while splitting time between the two campuses. The professorship was created in 2004 by then-UNC Chancellor James Moeser to honor Keohane, who was stepping down as Duke’s president. It seeks to spark collaboration between the two campuses.

The Keohane Professorship is funded by Carolina graduate Julian Robertson and his wife, Josie, and by the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust.

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QUICK FACTS ABOUT CAROLINA

- 29,278 total students
- 18,503 undergraduates
- 1,674 instructional faculty
- 14:1 student-faculty ratio

CLASS OF 2017 ENROLLED CLASS PROFILE

- 30,836 applied
- 8,238 admitted (26.7 percent of those applying)
- 3,960 enrolled (48 percent of admitted)
- 1,309 is the average SAT score

CLASS OF 2017 ENROLLED CLASS STATISTICS

- 81 percent in-state students
- 19 percent out-of-state students
- 2.3 percent international
- 66.9 percent Caucasian
- 13.5 percent Asian/Asian American
- 7.3 percent Hispanic/Latino/Latina

Source: Office of Undergraduate Admissions

2013-2014 COST OF ATTENDANCE

- $8,340 in-state tuition & fees (total: $23,416)
- $30,122 out-of-state tuition & fees (total: $45,806)

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The program also provides $1,000 to each of two graduate students—one each from Duke and UNC—who work in the same area as the visiting professor.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Alumna Felicia Washington named vice chancellor for workforce strategy, equity and engagement

Felicia A. Washington has been appointed as UNC’s new vice chancellor for workforce strategy, equity and engagement. A Charlotte, N.C., attorney in issues involving employment, compliance and discrimination, Washington replaced Brenda Malone, former vice chancellor for human resources, on Feb. 1.

Shackelford chosen to lead Kenan-Flagler

Douglas A. Shackelford became dean of UNC’s Kenan-Flagler Business School Feb. 1, succeeding James W. Dean Jr. The UNC Board of Trustees approved his selection on Jan. 23.

Princeton Review ranks UNC best value in the nation

UNC ranks first among the nation’s public universities in The Princeton Review’s list of 2014 “Best Value Colleges.” Following UNC among public universities are: New College of Florida, the University of Virginia, North Carolina State University, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Florida. Completing the top 10 were the College of William and Mary, Truman State University and the State University of New York at Binghamton.

The Princeton Review ranks schools based on its analysis of more than 30 data points with cost data reflecting school-reported figures for 2013-2014. The company also factors in data it collected over the past three academic years from its surveys of students about their satisfaction with their financial aid awards and academic experiences at their schools.