Vanguard Activities Ramp Up for Fall

In April, members of the Class of 1965 were welcomed to the Vanguard. Next April, during Reunion Weekend, the Class of 1966 will become members. One Great Unbroken Band . . .

The Vanguard organization held a wonderful event in Southern Pines earlier this year, hosted by Vanguard members Alice Irby Joyner, Class of 1954, and Elaine Morgan Sills, Class of 1963. Elizabeth Hudson, Class of 1995, editor-in-chief of the magazine Our State, led an informative and entertaining discussion of how the magazine comes together each month. She allowed plenty of time for our many questions. If you missed this excellent session, please join us in the Virginia Dare Room of the Alumni House on the UNCG campus on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 4 p.m. when Elizabeth will speak as a guest of the Friends of the UNCG Libraries. (More information is available on page 2.)

Our plans are for Vanguard members who live outside of Greensboro to have opportunities to get together in addition to the usual Vanguard events on campus. More than 60 percent of all Woman’s College and UNCG Vanguard members live in North Carolina and are clustered in about 10 geographic areas. The three largest groupings are: the Research Triangle area (Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill), the Charlotte area (including suburbs extending into South Carolina), and the Piedmont Triad (including Greensboro and Winston-Salem). There are plans underway for an Oct. 27 event in Winston-Salem and another on April 27, 2016, in Cary for the Research Triangle area. Our new chancellor, Dr. Franklin Gilliam Jr., asked to meet as many Woman’s College and UNCG alumni as possible, so informal gatherings are scheduled this fall and next spring around the state. He and his wife, Jacquelean, have expressed a particular interest in meeting Vanguard members. Your Vanguard committee is working with the Chancellor’s special events committee to maximize Vanguard attendance at these events. Any Vanguard member may attend any of these events by calling the contact number included in announcements for these events.

A list of your Vanguard steering committee members is included in this edition of the newsletter for your convenience. Please feel free to share your ideas and suggestions with any of us. We need to hear your voices.

Anne Prince Cuddy, Class of 1964
Chair, Vanguard Steering Committee

You’re Invited for Tuesday Tea

Tuesday - that welcome mid-week break when the lounges or ballroom of Elliott Hall were transformed with punchbowls, trays of cookies and white tablecloths. Tuesday Tea offered us a brief escape from classes and time to meet classmates for Southern hospitality in the tradition of a tea party.

Tuesday Tea is a favorite memory from our years at Woman’s College, so let’s do it again! Vanguard members living in the Forsyth, Davidson, Davie, Stokes, Yadkin and western Guilford counties are invited to a Tuesday Tea at Arbor Acres on Oct. 27. What a wonderful time to gather with classmates and share stories or catch up on life since we left the campus. If you have the new Vanguard pin, wear it – or wear your old one. You’ll receive your new pin when you sign in.

This event will be another of the Vanguard gatherings planned by the Alumni Association around the state. You know how much fun the annual Vanguard brunch is during Reunion, so imagine the excitement of gathering right here in our own neighborhood to reconnect with classmates and friends from our campus days! Watch for your invitation and plan to join us on Oct. 27.

Nancy Stallings, Class of 1965
Calendar of Events

All Vanguard members are invited to participate in any Meet-the-Chancellor event and the Founders Day program. Vanguard members may bring a guest to either of these events. When reserving your place, please provide the name of your guest and clarify the date and time you are planning to meet the Chancellor. Please reply to rsvp@uncg.edu or 336-334-4583.

Wednesday, Sept. 9
1-3 p.m.
Meet the Chancellor
Moran Commons, UNCG

Sunday, Sept. 20
Noon-2 p.m.
Meet the Chancellor
Biltmore Forest Country Club
31 Stuyvesant Road, Asheville, NC

Tuesday, Sept. 22
6-8 p.m.
Meet the Chancellor
Home of Bob and Jennifer Rippy
100 Windlass Drive, Wilmington, NC

Wednesday, Sept. 23
4-5:30 p.m.
Elizabeth Hudson ’95, editor of Our State magazine
Hosted by Friends of the UNCG Libraries
Virginia Dare Room, Alumni House, UNCG
RSVP to Mary Swantek at 336-256-2011

Thursday, Oct. 1
4-6 p.m.
Meet the Chancellor
The University Club
3100 Tower Boulevard, #1700
Durham, NC

Monday, Oct. 5
Founders Day
11:30 a.m. – Luncheon, Cone Ballroom
12:45 p.m. – Bagpipe procession to McIver Statue
1:30 p.m. – Laying of wreaths at gravesites of former chancellors

Tuesday, Oct. 6
Noon-2 p.m.
Meet the Chancellor
Piedmont Club
200 W. 2nd Street
Winston-Salem, NC

Tuesday, Oct. 8
6-8 p.m.
Meet the Chancellor
Home of Betsy Oakley

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Alamance Country Club
2402 Pineway Drive, Burlington, NC

Tuesday, Oct. 20
4-6 p.m.
Meet the Chancellor
City Club Raleigh
150 Fayetteville Street
28th Floor – Wells Fargo Building
Raleigh, NC

2015 Vanguard Events

Saturday, Oct. 17
2:30 p.m.
Vanguard at Homecoming

Tuesday, Oct. 27
2:30-4 p.m.
Tuesday Tea at Arbor Acres Retirement Community
1240 Arbor Road, Winston-Salem, NC

Wednesday, Nov. 11
2-4 p.m.
Meet the Chancellor exclusively for Vanguard members
Well-Spring Retirement Community
4100 Well-Spring Drive, Greensboro

Alumna to Speak about Our State Magazine

Please join the Friends of the UNCG Libraries in welcoming new board member Elizabeth Hudson, Class of ’95, to the University on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 4 p.m. in the Virginia Dare Room of the Alumni House. Elizabeth will share highlights of her career as editor of the magazine Our State.

After the program, Elizabeth will sign copies of her book, Wish You Were Here. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event.

While Elizabeth’s talk is free and open to the public, please contact Mary Swantek at 336-256-2011 or m_swante@uncg.edu if you plan to attend so we can arrange for sufficient seating. Please park in the Oakland parking deck.

Save the Date

April 15-16, 2016
Reunion Weekend

April 27, 2016
GlenAire, Cary, NC

To reply to Vanguard events, please contact Mary Swantek at 336-256-2011 or m_swante@uncg.edu. When replying, please be sure to state the date and time of the event you plan to attend.
UNCG Welcomes You Home

Homecoming will be celebrated Oct. 15-17 on campus. The weekend kicks off with the Alumni of Distinction Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. in Cone Ballroom. Awards will be presented for the Alumni Lifetime Achievement, Alumni Distinguished Service, Alumni Excellence, Young Alumni and the W.C. Legacy. Tickets for the dinner are $30 and are still available. For more information, contact Mary Swantek at 336-256-2011.

Homecoming festivities begin after 2 p.m. on Kaplan Commons (the grassy area in front of Elliott University Center) on Saturday, Oct. 17. Make your first stop the Alumni Association tent to receive your Vanguard corsage. A trolley tour of the campus will be reserved for Vanguard members beginning at 2:30 p.m. Vanguard members are encouraged to stay on the trolley after the tour to participate in the Homecoming Parade of Chariots. For those of you who wish to watch the parade, special seating will be reserved for Vanguard members along Stirling Street. The Azalea Room at Elliott University Center has been set aside for Vanguard alumnae to gather and visit with each other throughout the day.

Other events include a Stamey’s Barbecue dinner, children’s game booths, academic tents, and a men’s soccer match between UNCG and Furman.

Plenty of free parking will be available in Walker Deck. If you plan to attend Homecoming on Oct. 17, please contact Mary Swantek at 336-256-2011 to register.

University Celebrates 124th Founders Day With Ceremony, Tour

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro will celebrate the 124th anniversary of its founding on Oct. 5, 2015. All North Carolina Vanguard members will receive an invitation to attend a luncheon to celebrate this day in history.

Following the luncheon, there will be a bagpipe procession from Elliott University Center to the McIver statue in front of the Jackson Library. After a short program there (there will be seating for Vanguard members), birthday cake will be served.

A bus has been reserved to take Alumni Association Chairman Jeff Collins, Alumni Association Executive Director Mary Landers, and any Vanguard members who would like to go along to the Greensboro cemeteries where former chancellors are buried. A wreath will be laid at each of the gravesites. Vanguard members may either participate in the wreath laying or just ride along on the bus, as they prefer.

If you do not live in North Carolina but would like to participate in this event, please call or email Mary Swantek to reserve your place.

Former President Charles Duncan McIver’s statue keeps watch over UNCG students.
Vanguard Members Echo Service

There are many Vanguards giving back to their communities, whether it is mentoring young children or college students such as our UNCG Guarantee students. Being there for them is important.

Fifteen years ago, The Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary in Charlotte (an organization I belong to) started a scholarship program for students enrolled in the Boys and Girls Club. In addition to providing scholarship funds, members mentor the students throughout their time in college. Most of these students come from very impoverished families and would not have the opportunity to further their education without the assistance.

I am currently working with a young lady from Charlotte, Shaquania, who is beginning her sophomore year at UNCG. She was the Student of the Year at the Charlotte Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club in 2014 and was speaking at a fundraiser when I met her. She is the current recipient of our Auxiliary scholarship. With the other scholarships she had already received, I was able to connect her with the UNCG financial aid department to help her receive the remainder of her needed funding.

We meet when she comes home on breaks. Our relationship has become very close, and she is able to talk with me as a “second mother,” knowing we have a bond of confidentiality. She had no transportation to school (as was the case last year), so I again was able to take her. This brought back my own memories of my first day at WCUNC. This small gesture speaks volumes to a student who needs help. When I picked her up this year, her family and neighbors were so proud of her that they clustered around my car to help her “load up.” Their pride in her accomplishment made me see that if they had vehicles, there would have been a “parade” of well-wishers all the way from Charlotte to Greensboro!

Working with her has been very rewarding, and I am extremely proud of her accomplishments at UNCG. I am looking forward to watching her walk across the stage in two years as the first college graduate in her family.

We want to hear about your own experiences as a Vanguard member, whether it is mentoring or otherwise giving back to your community.

Diana Miller Rainey, Class of 1961

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