OPENING

• Reflections on Commencement

Graduation Stats

• Undergraduate: 3721
  o Carolina Firsts: 662
  o Carolina Covenant: 440
• Professional: 651
• Masters: 1383
• Doctoral: 251
• Certificates: 23
• Total: 6029

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

• New Vice Chancellor & General Counsel – Mark Merritt
  o Partner at the Charlotte law firm Robinson Bradshaw
  o At the firm for 33 years and is a top litigator and highly regarded in the profession
  o President-elect of the North Carolina State Bar
  o Morehead Scholar and Carolina alumnus with many ties to University
  o Wife and two children graduated from Carolina; youngest child is current student
  o Begins Sept. 6

• Emil Kang, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for the Arts
  o Announcing today Emil Kang – Special Assistant to the Chancellor for the Arts, effective July 1 & a member of the cabinet.
  o Secondary position in addition to continuing as executive director of Carolina Performing Arts & as a Professor of the Practice
  o Recommendation for position came from Arts Integration Working Group to ensure the arts play an active & expanded role across campus.
  o Master plan, capital campaign
  o Chair of new Carolina Arts Council that will bring together all arts-focused units on campus & the development office.
  o Came to Carolina in 2005 when he founded Carolina Performing Arts.
Over last decade he’s made remarkable contributions to build & enhance the arts culture & brought world-renowned performances to our campus.

In 2012, President Obama nominated him to the National Council on the Arts.

Excited to welcome him to this new role.

Ethics & Integrity Website
- http://ethicsandintegrity.unc.edu
- Tool to consolidate information on the other resources, programs & policies the university already has in place:
  - Reflects our ongoing commitment to effective policy & align our operations & policies with many federal, state & local regulations that govern our work
  - Serves as portal to the 1,600+ existing University policies & allows them to be consolidated, organized & easily accessible
  - Launched internal search for the Director of Ethics Education & Policy Management.
  - Cabinet level position will coordinate UNC- policy management & ethics programs, resources, and reporting mechanisms.

Welcome Bradley Opere, New Student Body President
- Junior
- Morehead-Cain Scholar
- Business major

Thank departing Chancellor’s Fellows Olivia Farley & Katrina Hauprich
- **Olivia Farley**
  - Olivia Farley will be attending Vanderbilt University for her master’s degree in higher education administration.
  - She is the recipient of the Dean’s Graduate Scholarship in the Peabody College of Education & Human Development.
  - She will be serving as the Graduate Assistant for the Office of Housing & Residential Education.
- **Katrina Hauprich**
  - Pursuing a master’s degree in higher education at the University of Maryland – College Park.
  - During her program, she will be working as a Graduate Assistant for the Office of External Relations in the College of Behavioral & Social Sciences.
White House / Joe DeSimone Award

- I have to depart early today for a very special occasion.
- I’m headed to the White House to attend a ceremony honoring our very own Joe DeSimone as he receives the National Medal of Technology & Innovation.
- The award recognizes those who have made lasting contributions to America’s competitiveness and quality of life and helped strengthen the nation’s technological workforce.
- As many of you know, DeSimone is a renaissance scientist with many accolades in research & teaching.
- Many breakthroughs in the advancement of medicine from heart disease to influenza to cancer.
- Honor to celebrate his latest award today.

Introduce Presentations

- Edible Landscapes
  - Emily Auerbach, Chancellor’s Fellow
- Food for All
  - Marcie Cohen Ferris, Professor, Department of American Studies and Co-Chair, UNC Food for All
  - Alice Ammerman, Professor, Department of Nutrition, Director of the Center for Health Promotion & Disease Prevention and Co-Chair, UNC Food for All