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# WELCOME FUTURE TEACHERS

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
**CHARLOTTE** | CATO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



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LET'S GET TO KNOW



PLEASE TAKE OUT YOUR PHONE  
AND GO TO [KAHOOT.IT](https://kahoot.it)



|   |   |  |  |                                   |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Has 6 or more siblings</b>           | <b>Volunteers for charity</b>                                       | <b>Has an unusual allergy</b>  | <b>Saw favorite band/artist in concert</b> | <b>Plays an instrument</b>        |
| <b>Never learned to ride a bike</b>     | <b>Owens an unusual pet</b>   | <b>First in family to attend college</b>   | <b>Considering a minor</b>                 | <b>Has an unusual middle name</b> |
| <b>Has lived in 5+ cities</b>           | <b>Has an IG account for their pet or a "finsta" for themselves</b> |  | <b>Speaks more than one language</b>       | <b>Performed in a musical</b>     |
| <b>Knows how to cook more than eggs</b> | <b>Only child</b>   | <b>Plays a sport</b>   | <b>Has a strange talent</b>                | <b>Ran at least a 5k</b>          |
| <b>Traveled to another country</b>      | <b>A family member has attended college</b>                         | <b>Valedictorian</b>   | <b>Is a twin or triplet</b>                | <b>Ate cold pizza this week</b>   |



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# CHARLOTTE

*CATO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION*



**2,000+**

undergraduate and graduate students enrolled annually



**6,100+**

graduates working in North Carolina public schools



**75+**

teacher- or administrator-of-the-year awards to graduates since 2015



**1,430+**

teachers in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools;  
**1,865** alumni in the district

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

### CATO SCHOLARSHIP FOR EDUCATION

**\$3,200 A YEAR**

- Renewable for up to three years
- Open to incoming **First-Year** and **Transfer** students

### ALMA AND SHARON GOUDES EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

**\$7000 A YEAR**

- Open to admitted **Middle** and **Secondary Math** and **English** candidates

### MECK PRE-K EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP

**\$10,254 A YEAR**

- Open to admitted Child and Family Development (B-K) candidates



Over \$500,000  
awarded each year



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# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## FORGIVABLE LOANS

### NC FORGIVEABLE LOANS FOR SERVICE (FELS)

**\$3,000 FR/SOPH.  
\$7,000 JUN./SENIOR**

- Open to B-K, Elementary, Exceptional Children, Middle/Secondary Math and Science, ESL, and Foreign Language candidates

### FEDERAL TEACH GRANT

**\$3,764 PER YEAR  
UP TO 4 YEARS**

- Open to Exceptional Children, Foreign Language, and Middle/Secondary Math and Science Candidates
- Completion of **FAFSA** required

### NC TEACHING FELLOWS

**\$10,000 PER YEAR UP  
TO 4 YEARS**

- Open to **incoming** Special Education and Middle/Secondary Math Science and Elementary Education Candidates



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*Did you Know? Forgivable loans are repaid through years of service. Many require students to complete that service in North Carolina. If a candidate does not do that the loan turns into a Traditional loan*



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2025-26

# SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL OPENS IN OCTOBER

*To be eligible for scholarships, students must  
apply each year.*





## TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE which is the lie?

The Cato College of Education always awards half a million dollars in scholarships each year.

In order to “pay back” a forgivable loan, you may have to work in a certain state for a specified amount of time.

There are over 1,400 teachers in CMS that graduated from UNC Charlotte.



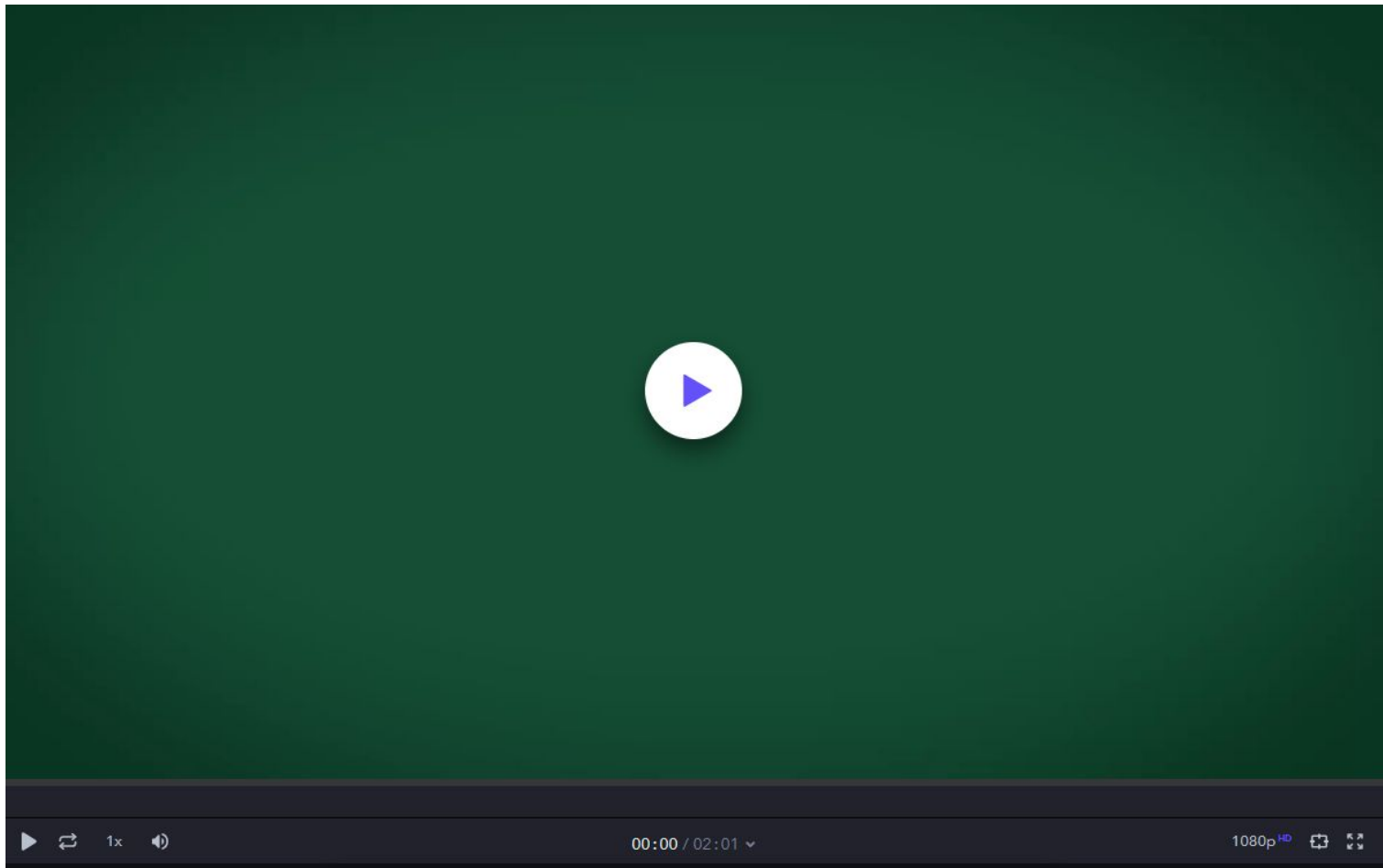
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# NC Teaching Fellows





YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN  
UNC CHARLOTTE'S

# Education Learning Community

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## CONNECT

Come connect with other first-year education students and build support structures for college success



## GROW

Mentors make the transition to college easier. Each learning community student receives a mentor and access to exclusive professional development opportunities



## LEARN

Learn about campus resources and explore the field of education in EDU 1000, a 1 hour seminar course that will get you ready to succeed in the College of Education

## WHAT IS THE EDUCATION LEARNING COMMUNITY?

The Education Learning Community is a non-residential learning community open to incoming first-year students (freshmen) who are interested in becoming a teacher. The program is designed to foster students' passion for teaching, provide networking opportunities, and ease the transition to university life.

**Applications Open. Apply Today!**



"helped me connect to campus and develop friendships that have lasted my entire time at Charlotte"

"gave me the support I needed to be successful as a first-year student"

# UNC CHARLOTTE MENTOR COLLECTIVE



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## EVERY STUDENT DESERVES A MENTOR

UNC Charlotte is partnering with Mentor Collective to offer incoming first year students a **peer mentor**.

- ➔ There's no cost or obligation to participate, but mentors can help students set and achieve goals, make connections, and prepare for their future career.
- ➔ Students will be connected with a fellow UNC Charlotte student based on interests, area of study, needs, and preferences.



### SIGN UP FOR A MENTOR

1. Sign up using the registration link below
2. Complete a short survey about yourself and your background
3. We will match you with a UNC Charlotte Mentor
4. Connect with each other regularly throughout the year

Sign up to



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE

Get a Mentor

**PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS** 1-year commitment  
Minimum of monthly virtual check-ins  
Log your conversations

For additional questions or information, email Mentor Collective directly at [help@mentorcollective.org](mailto:help@mentorcollective.org)



MENTOR  
COLLECTIVE





- GPA Requirements: 3.5 preferred but will accept 3.0
- (Must maintain 3.2 in honors course and 3.0 over all to graduate )
- Apply after you have earned 30 credits



- RSCH 4101 -Research Methods (asynchronous)
- EDUC 3789-Honors Thesis in Education (f2f)
- Choice of Course: EDUC 3790 (independent study), CUYC 3600 (f2f) or EDUC 4201 (f2f)



- Great Opportunity for enrichment, leadership, creativity, and research
- Prepares students to engage in inquiry, develop a product to demonstrate what they learned, and share that new knowledge with others
- Students get to work in small cohorts with the support of a committee of honors faculty members



**All Education Majors & Minors can apply !**

# Kappa Delta Pi

National Honor Society in Education  
and Professional Organization



TEACHING EXCELLENCE  
FROM CAMPUS TO CLASSROOM





OMICRON PI  
at UNC CHARLOTTE

# Chapter Leadership



Debra Diegmann  
Counselor



# KDP IS AN HONOR SOCIETY + MORE

## VISION:

EXCELLENT TEACHERS BUILD THRIVING COMMUNITIES AND CREATE LIFELONG OPPORTUNITIES BY PROVIDING QUALITY, EQUITABLE EDUCATION FOR ALL.

## MISSION:

KDP INSPIRES AND EQUIPS FUTURE AND NEW TEACHERS TO THRIVE.

## TAGLINE:

TEACHING EXCELLENCE FROM CAMPUS TO CLASSROOM



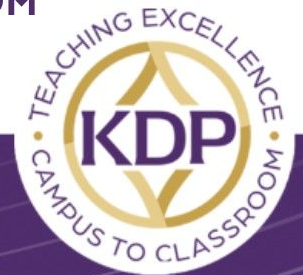
# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

## LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

- HONOR CORD
- CHAPTER GRANT SCHOLARSHIP
- LOVE-OF-READING SERVICE PROJECT
- CELEBRATION OF TEACHING
- TEACHER TOOLBOX TUESDAYS  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- CHAPTER MEETINGS
- LEADERSHIP AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- \$1 MILLION LIABILITY INSURANCE
- TEACHING CHANNEL PLUS
- SUBSCRIPTION TO AWARD WINNING JOURNALS
- ACCESS TO KDP WEBINAR LIBRARY
- DISCOUNTS AT ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT OFFICE DEPOT, JO-ANN FABRICS, AND MORE
- SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSITION FROM CAMPUS TO CLASSROOM



# HOW DO I QUALIFY/JOIN?

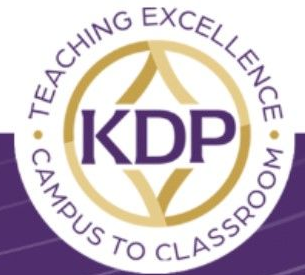
**MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS → 3.0 GPA AFTER 12 CREDIT HOURS**

**INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP SENT VIA CHARLOTTE EMAIL IN EARLY FALL/SPRING FROM  
KAPPADELTA@CHARLOTTE.EDU**

**COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION AND PAY DUES BEFORE INITIATION  
DEADLINE TO APPLY IS NOVEMBER/APRIL 15**

**WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION EMAIL AND ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE AFTER APPLICATION IS  
APPROVED**

**INITIATION CEREMONY IN DECEMBER/MAY**



# WHERE DO I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?



[HTTPS://FIRST3.CHARLOTTE.EDU/KAPPA-DELTA-PI-HONOR-SOCIETY](https://first3.charlotte.edu/kappa-delta-pi-honor-society)





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# Mebane Early Literacy Scholars and Niner University Elementary





**NINER UNIVERSITY ELEMENTARY  
COHORT**

# WHAT IS THE NUE COHORT?

THE NINER UNIVERSITY ELEMENTARY (NUE) COHORT IS A GROUP OF PRESERVICE TEACHERS WHO TAKE ALL OF THEIR FOUNDATION SEMESTER AND INTEGRATED METHODS BLOCK (IMB) YEAR COURSES TOGETHER AT NUE.

## FOUNDATION SEMESTER

ELED 3120

ELED 3111

ELED 3292

MAED 3222

READ 3224

## IMB SEMESTER

ELED 3121

ELED 3222

ELED 3226

MAED 3224

READ 3226



# ADDITIONAL BENEFITS



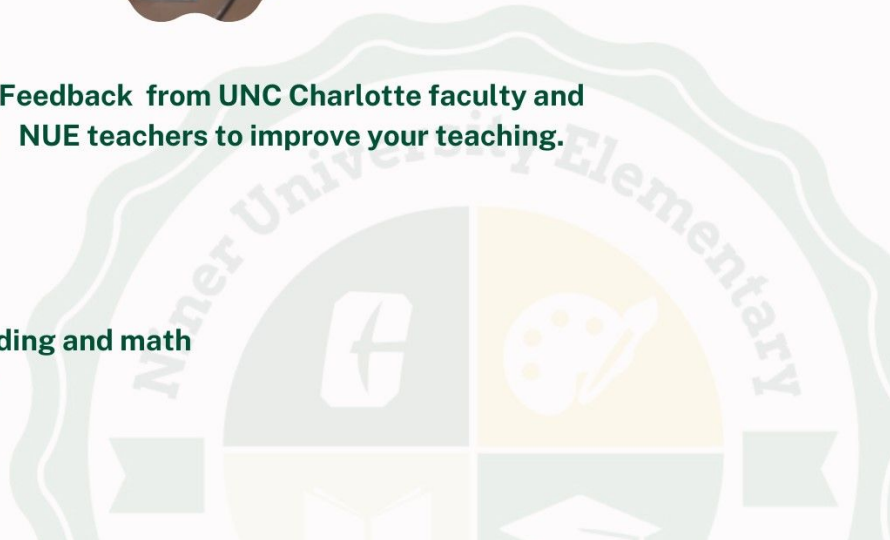
Become a part of a Close-Knit community made up of peers, teachers, students and faculty.



Feedback from UNC Charlotte faculty and NUE teachers to improve your teaching.



Opportunities to teach reading and math during class!



## HOW CAN I JOIN?

YOU CAN JOIN THE COHORT ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO TEACHER  
ED AND PASSED YOUR PRAXIS.

IF INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COHORT, PLEASE EMAIL DR. PILONIETA AT  
[PILONIETA@CHARLOTTE.EDU](mailto:PILONIETA@CHARLOTTE.EDU)

[Link to apply](#)

[Link to NUE cohort members testimonials](#)



# Mebane Early Literacy Scholar Program



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# What is the Mebane Early Literacy Scholars program?

- An enhanced pathway for highly accomplished and ambitious ELED, SPED, and DUAL teacher candidates in the area of early and elementary literacy education
- Scholars gain hands-on experience beyond regular coursework through participating in enhanced clinical training and instructional coaching
- Engaged in schools and the community, planning and organizing community- and family-engagement events focused on literacy preparation
- Scholars enter the field as highly-experienced and prepared educators and teacher leaders in the area of literacy education
- Mebane Early Literacy Scholars are teacher candidates who are highly passionate, agile, and impactful professionals for all students in all settings, including urban, rural, and other high needs areas.

# Benefits

- Gain hands-on experience beyond regular programming through participating in enhanced clinical training and instructional coaching
- Enter the field as highly-experienced and prepared early and elementary literacy educators and teacher leaders in literacy education
- Participate in a Professional Learning Community with fellow scholars and matched with teacher mentors during junior year
- Supported by an \$8000/academic year scholarship each year (junior and senior)



# Hear from recent Mebane Scholars!

<https://f.io/107XuINM>



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# Express interest or ask questions!

Email Dr. Angela Preston at

[angela.preston@charlotte.edu](mailto:angela.preston@charlotte.edu)



*MEBANE EARLY  
LITERACY CENTER*



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# OFFICE OF SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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# OSCP

**OSCP PROVIDES SUPPORT SERVICES TO STUDENTS IN BOTH THEIR CLINICAL PLACEMENTS AND STUDENT TEACHING IN LOCAL SCHOOLS, DISTRICTS, AND AGENCIES.**

**OSCP FACULTY SUPPORTS CANDIDATES BY:**

- **PROVIDING SCHOOL PLACEMENTS FOR EARLY CLINICALS (PRIOR TO STUDENT TEACHING)**
- **SUPERVISING STUDENTS DURING THE STUDENT TEACHING INTERNSHIP**
- **FACILITATING CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN CANDIDATES, CLINICAL EDUCATORS, AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS WHEN NECESSARY**
- **FACILITATING PLACEMENTS FOR STUDENTS DURING THEIR STUDENT TEACHING INTERNSHIP**



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**Dr. Coreen Okraski**  
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ELED & TESL  
(MDSK)



**Danyea Morrison**  
University Supervisor  
ELED



**Niki Sashington**  
University Supervisor  
ELED/B-K



**Melissa Larkin**  
University Supervisor  
ELED



**Daniel Maxwell**  
University Supervisor  
MDSK



**Dr. Ann Jolly**  
Assistant Dean &  
Clinical Assistant  
Professor



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**GO NINERS!**

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE  
FEEL TO ASK!**