

A decorative banner at the top of the slide features five triangular flags on a string, alternating in color between dark green and gold, each containing a white 'E'. The background is white with scattered confetti in shades of green, gold, and red. On the left side, a large, dark green graphic of the number '4' is partially visible.

WELCOME FUTURE TEACHERS

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE | CATO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

LET'S GET TO KNOW



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



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



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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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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.

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



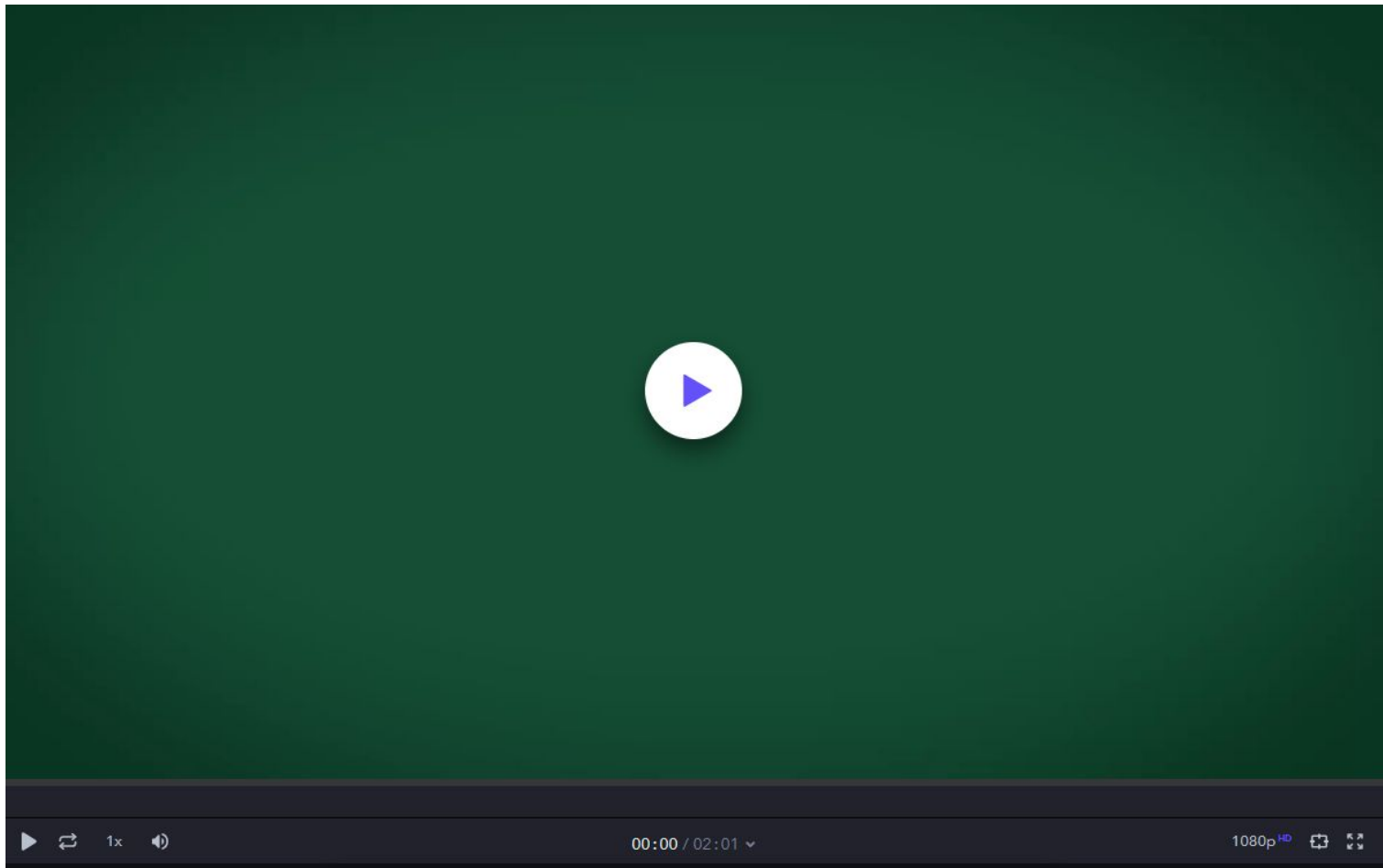
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NC Teaching Fellows





- 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



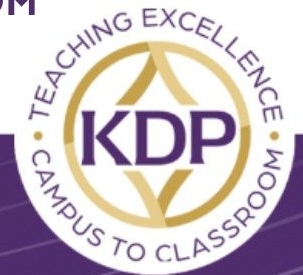
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

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?

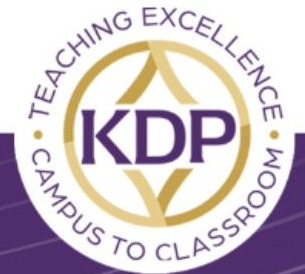
MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS → 3.0 GPA AFTER 12 CREDIT HOURS

**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

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ADDITIONAL BENEFITS



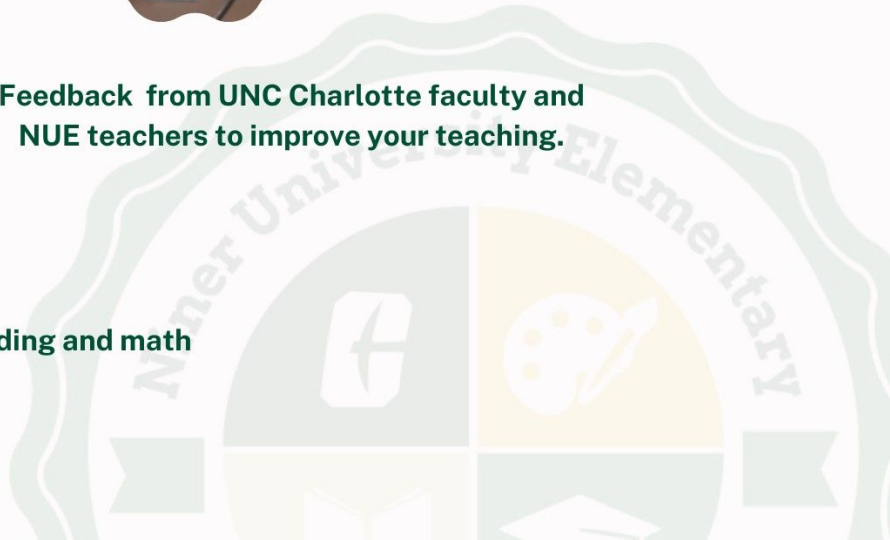
Become a part of a Close-Knit community made up of peers, teachers, students and faculty.



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

[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



*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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ELED



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University
Supervisor
ELED & TESL
(MDSK)



Danyea Morrison
University
Supervisor
ELED



Niki Sashington
University Supervisor
ELED/B-K



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Daniel Maxwell
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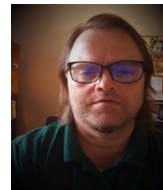
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Who is your advisor?

Last names A-E: **Ashley Langan**
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Last names L-Z: **Phillip Pope**
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Academic Advisor: **Tynaiza Murphy**
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Schedule an academic advising appointment at
CONNECT.charlotte.edu



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GO NINERS!

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