Leadership Development Programs

ACC Leadership Symposium

With delegations from each of the 15 Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) colleges and universities in attendance, the annual ACC Student Leadership Symposium is designed to develop a community of ACC undergraduate students who understand the relationship between global and local issues and work collaboratively to create innovative initiatives that advance students’ capacity of global leadership. Students from each participating university will be grouped with peers from their fellow ACC schools for the duration of the conference. Student leaders from current ACC colleges and universities will have the opportunity to engage in educational sessions, hear keynote addresses, explore topical content, and participate in experiential application through their group project collaboration and presentations. This symposium always takes place in late February of the spring application.

The 2022 ACC Leadership Symposium will be April 1-3, 2022, at Syracuse University.

Carolina United
Carolina United provides an opportunity for students to engage in intergroup dialogue while developing the skills to actively engage in social justice work. Through the course of a three-day overnight retreat, Carolina United provides participants with the opportunity to engage in self-reflection, dialogue, and action planning to make a difference in the world around them. Carolina United serves as a catalyst for UNC students to understand identity, equity, and social justice within themselves and their community. As a result of attending Carolina United, participants will identify and enact their role in becoming a changemaker and making a positive impact on the lives of others.


NC Fellows

Founded in 1967, the NC Fellows Program is a three-year cohort-based program whose mission is to reimagine traditional understandings of leadership by engaging in meaningful dialogue, creating a supportive community, increasing self-awareness amongst its members, and encouraging positive change.

Applications for the Class of 2025 cohort are now closed.

Questions? Email NCFellows@unc.edu [1].

(W)omxn of Worth Spring Conference

Each year, Student Life and Leadership hosts an annual Spring conference in collaboration with The Womxn of Worth Initiative (W) and other campus and academic departments at UNC and surrounding universities to create opportunities for networking, mutual learning, and community-building. The Womxn of Worth Initiative (W) creates and sustains a community for female students who identify as members of underrepresented racial and ethnic populations that will promote academic preparedness, holistic student wellness and success, identity development, and sisterhood at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The (W)omxn of Worth Spring Conference took place on Friday March 25th, 2022, from 2p-8p in the Carolina Union Auditorium. The 2022 conference featured keynote speaker Tiffany Waddell Tate and panel discussions around Making Room for More, Building a Life and Career On Your Own Terms.
Details on the 2023 conference will be announced in late Fall 2022.

**Bell Leadership Symposium**

The 5th Annual Bell Student Leadership Symposium took place on Friday February 4th, 2022 from 2p-8p in the Frank Graham Porter Student Union at UNC Chapel Hill. This year’s symposium featured keynote speaker Zach Mercurio and discussions around the Power of Purposeful Leadership. We invite members of the UNC community (faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students) to attend the symposium and/or prepare a 45-minute presentation/workshop to share with attendees.

**Spark**

The mission of the Spark program is to assist undergraduate women identifying with underrepresented and historically marginalized racial/ethnic backgrounds in their transitions into and through Carolina, and to enhance the overall success of women of color on campus by creating a supportive community and providing opportunities for leadership and self-discovery. In the fall semester, women who would like to be a part of Spark attend an immersive overnight retreat off-campus, and throughout the Spring semester, build on their connections and relationships to define their leadership journey at UNC.

The 2021 Spark Retreat took place on October 9-10, 2021, at the YMCA Camp Weaver in Greensboro, NC.

Questions? Email spark@unc.edu

**Civic Engagement**

Student Life & Leadership coordinates a variety of initiatives to advance the Chancellor’s fifth strategic priority, Promote Democracy. The Civic Engagement Working Group provides a space for student leaders and organization members to collaborate on voter education and registration initiatives, and create opportunities for students to contribute to local democracy. SLL works with local nonpartisan organizations to have educational materials easily accessible to students in advance of local, state, and federal elections.