



Dear Students,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend to you our warm welcome to the University of North Carolina Wilmington. As you begin your education at UNCW, I encourage you to openly embrace the opportunities that await you. I am confident that you will find this to be the most exciting and enjoyable chapter of your life. Because you are here, I know that you are among an elite group of students with achievements that demonstrate an excellent capacity for learning and intellectual growth.

The quality of our students and faculty has contributed to our reputation and our recognition from *The Princeton Review*, as the "Best in the Southeast," and from *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the top 10 public master's universities in the South. We have an outstanding faculty, and I am confident that your interactions with them, while rigorous at times, will demonstrate their commitment to your learning and will be a highlight of your UNCW experience.

The courses, extracurricular activities and broad range of social and cultural opportunities that are available here will serve to enrich and influence you. I know that you will find UNCW to be a place where you can grow, learn, change, enjoy and reap the full benefits of your college years. I wish you health, happiness and success in all of your endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Terry Coffey".

M. Terry Coffey
Chair of the Board of Trustees