



Alumni Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Alumni Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (ACRED) Spring Meeting Thursday, March 27, 2025 – Friday, March 28, 2025

Agenda

Dress is business casual attire for Thursday, March 27, and business professional attire for Friday, March 28.

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Kenan Football Stadium, Pope Box/Chancellor's Box and Blue Zone Upper Cub, 140 Stadium Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Parking is in the Rams Head Parking Deck, 33 Ridge Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

5:00 p.m.

Subcommittee Meetings

African American Subcommittee

Rolanda Burney, Chair
Tawana Feimster, Vice Chair

Fourth Floor (below Pope Box)

American Indian Subcommittee

Kerry Bird, Co-Chair
Jennifer Manning, Co-Chair
John Brooks, Vice Chair

Pope Box

Asian American Subcommittee

Oliver Pau, Chair
Uma Mantravadi, Vice Chair

Pope Box

Latino Subcommittee

Maribel Carrion, Chair

Chancellor's Box

6:00 p.m.

Special Subcommittee Meetings

Communications

Raquel Hudson, Co-Chair
Richard Kwok, Co-Chair
Melinda Mehfar, Co-Chair

Chancellor's Box

Giving

Melvin Green, Co-Chair
 Alex Mehfar, Co-Chair
 Lisa Oxendine, Co-Chair

Pope Box

Nominating, Outreach, and Engagement

Alex Chu, Co-Chair
 Monica Cloud, Co-Chair
 Susan Hunt Briggs Zurosky, Co-Chair

Pope Box

6:30 p.m.

Chair's Reception

Upper Club (Blue Zone)

The Chairs are excited to welcome you to the ACRED spring meeting. We look forward to sharing insights, collaborating on new ideas, and continuing our important work together. Get ready to enjoy our special guests from UNC Athletics, who will make our conversations even more lively and fun.

Friday, March 28, 2025

The Spangler Center, 140 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. Park directly in front of the building; parking passes will be provided to place in your vehicle.

8:30 a.m.

Check-In and Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

Welcome

Lou Patalano, ACRED Chair
 Dwight Jacobs, ACRED Vice Chair

9:05 a.m.

Welcome from our Chancellor

Chancellor Roberts will join us through a virtual welcome in which he will share updates on the University's recent achievements, and ongoing initiatives.

Lee H. Roberts
 Chancellor

9:10 a.m.

University Development Update

University Development continues to set new heights for the funding success of initiatives and programs at Carolina. Vice Chancellor Mike Andreasen will update us on what is ahead for the University.

Mike Andreasen
 Vice Chancellor for Development

9:40 a.m.

Break

9:45 a.m.

Breaking Barriers: Fighting Food Insecurity

Student Body President Jaleah Taylor articulated a commitment to addressing food insecurity for all Tar Heels during her administration. She has been collaborating with Carolina Dining Services and the Dean of Students to establish a meal swipe donation program allowing students to assist other students in their time of need. This program is a part of a portfolio of initiatives addressing students' access to basic needs supports and programs which are fundamental to student success and engagement. Let's hear more about this work and how the Carolina community is coming together to make a difference.

Desirée Rieckenberg
Dean of Students, Student Affairs

Jaleah Taylor
Student Body President '24- '25

Sidney Curtis '25
Student Government Policy Action on Food Insecurity Committee Chair

10:15 a.m.

A look at the Asian American Center Today

The Asian American Center is dedicated to fostering a deep understanding of Asian American communities, cultures, and histories. As Director Heidi Kim transitions, she will give us a look at the center's accomplishments and what she sees in its future.

Heidi Kim
Director, Asian American Center

10:45 a.m.

Subcommittee and Special Subcommittee Reports

African American Subcommittee – Rolanda Burney

American Indian Subcommittee – Kerry Bird and Jennifer Manning

Asian American Subcommittee – Uma Mantravadi and Oliver Pau

Latino Subcommittee – Maribel Carrion

Communications – Raquel Hudson

Giving – Melvin Green

Nominating, Outreach, and Engagement – Alex Chu

11:30 a.m.

“7 things every Tar Heel student (and you) should know about the University Libraries”

The University Libraries foster learning, discovery, creativity, and informed citizenship for both the University and the state. Vice Provost María R. Estorino and her team are committed to empowering students to reach their highest potential, making the University Libraries a dynamic hub for continuous learning.

María R. Estorino

Vice Provost for University Libraries and University Librarian

Noon

Lunch

12:30 p.m.

Empowering Student Success: A look into the College Thriving program

As part of the IDEAs in Action curriculum, College Thriving empowers students to engage fully in their collegiate experience and access resources at Carolina. Students are offered tools to enhance systematic study, deep learning, and personal well-being. We will hear more about the program and its impact on students inside and outside the classroom. We are excited to have with us Donovan Livingston, an award-winning educator who lit up social media with his spoken-word poem, “Lift Off” at his 2016 Harvard commencement.

Donovan Livingston

Director, College Thriving

1:00 p.m.

Charanga Carolina Performance

Charanga Carolina is the only university-based Cuban Charanga ensemble in the state of North Carolina. The Cuban “Charanga” ensemble features flute, violins, brass, piano, bass, and Latin percussion. Sit back and relax as the group serenades us.

1:15 p.m.

Remarks

Lou Patalano, ACRED Chair

Dwight Jacobs, ACRED Vice Chair

1:30 p.m.

American Indian Cultural Garden Tour

The American Indian Center, in partnership with the North Carolina Botanical Garden, has created a gathering space to celebrate American Indian cultures, support students, and educate the community. We learned about the garden during our Spring 2023 ACRED meeting and today we will experience it before its grand opening in April.

**Shuttles will transport participants back to the Spangler Center following the tour.*

2:15 p.m.

Meeting Adjourns

GAMEDAY FUN: Enjoy a Night Out with UNC Baseball

6:00 p.m.

UNC vs Miami Baseball Game

Boshamer Stadium

Enjoy a night out with UNC Baseball. Limited tickets are available, and reservations are required. Please note that reserved parking is not provided.

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Knapp-Sanders Building, 400 South Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Park directly in the parking deck at the Knapp-Sanders Building.

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

ACRED American Indian Subcommittee Breakfast

Knapp-Sanders Building

Join the Alumni Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity's American Indian Subcommittee for a special breakfast social, welcoming Carolina American Indian alumni and friends ahead of the Carolina Indian Circle Powwow.