



NOW WHAT?

Like every high school senior, you are so excited for the day when you graduate! The moment when you receive that diploma and can finally move on to life after high school is amazing. Suddenly, graduation day comes and goes and then you are only left to ask: Now what?

The summer after you graduate is crucial to ensuring a smooth transition into college. Unlike any of the summers before, you will spend this summer as a preparation and transition period. Preparing for your move, gathering supplies, and applying to scholarships should be the focus of your upcoming summer.

It can be difficult to find the time within the school year to apply for scholarships, luckily many scholarships are still open during the summer. Take time to apply to as many scholarships as possible!

This summer should also be spent preparing for the transition in general. Notebooks, pencils, bed sheets, mini-fridges, microwaves, laptops, picture frames, and decorations can help you customize your space for the upcoming school year. Slowly accumulating these items throughout the summer can make your transition much easier and more cost effective. NASS knows that there is a lot one must do to prepare for college, so make the most out of the summer!

Speaking of the summer, have you signed up for an orientation date yet? If you have not, check out this week's highlight!

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

New Student Orientation



To learn more about UNC, you will be required to attend orientation before school starts. During orientation, you will spend two days exploring the campus, sleeping in residence halls, eating at the dining halls, and registering for classes. There are many important things to know about orientation, so the following will serve as a helpful guide.

Orientation Dates:

There are 10 dates offered for orientation throughout the summer. You may sign up for any of the dates listed, but the last session, August 19th-20th, is specifically reserved for out-of-state students. If you are interested in seeing the full list of dates, click [here](#).

What to Bring:

While orientation is an exciting time, there are many things you will need to bring to ensure you are prepared for all orientation activities. A cumulative checklist can be found [here](#).

How to Make a Reservation:

Once you have selected an orientation date that works best with your schedule, you will need to make a reservation. UNC recommends that you set aside an hour of your time to complete the reservation application located [here](#).

Remember: With school starting soon, it is important to start saving money for a laptop, if you do not already have one!

The earlier the registration date you sign up for, the more options you will have when signing up for your classes!

JOIN OUR MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

What is the mentorship program?

While it may seem like the journey has just begun, at UNC we want to make sure that you are not alone in your travels. To make sure that you are being supported through every step of the way, Native American Student Services is offering a mentoring program for all first-year students that identify as Native American. In the mentoring program, you will be paired with a successful student that has been in your shoes and is eager to help you along the way. You will meet weekly and discuss your academic, social, and personal progress throughout your college experience.

Along with the weekly meetings, you will participate in monthly socials with all mentors, mentees, and NASS student staff. Through this program, you not only have the opportunity to build a personal connection with your mentor, but a community connection with other Native American students on campus. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact the Director of Native American Student Services, Dr. Eryka Charley, or our Event Coordinator, Kaila Ward.

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Looking for a part-time, on-campus job with flexible hours and amazing opportunities for building your campus community? Apply at Native American Student Services [here!](#)

Upcoming Socials

One of the many benefits of the mentorship program is having the ability to meet and hang out with other students. The socials are monthly and will provide you with the opportunity to socialize and build community with fellow students. All the socials are free and will take place at the Kohl House. Here is a list of some of the upcoming socials we have planned:

September:

- 18th at 5:00pm: BBQ and S'mores

October:

- 23rd at 5:00pm: Pumpkin Carving and Cider/Hot Chocolate

November:

- 20th at 5:00pm: Friendsgiving Dinner

December:

- 4th at 5:00pm: Secret Person Gift Exchange and End of the Year Party

