



WELCOME
NEW NINERS!

FAMILY TRANSITIONS

Meet the Family & Supporter Engagement Team



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**NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION**

Overview of the Session Objectives:

- Recognize what your student may be feeling and facing as they **transition** to college life: emotionally and day-to-day.
- Learn simple, meaningful ways to **stay connected** and **involved** in your student's college experience.





***LET'S GET
TO KNOW
YOU!***



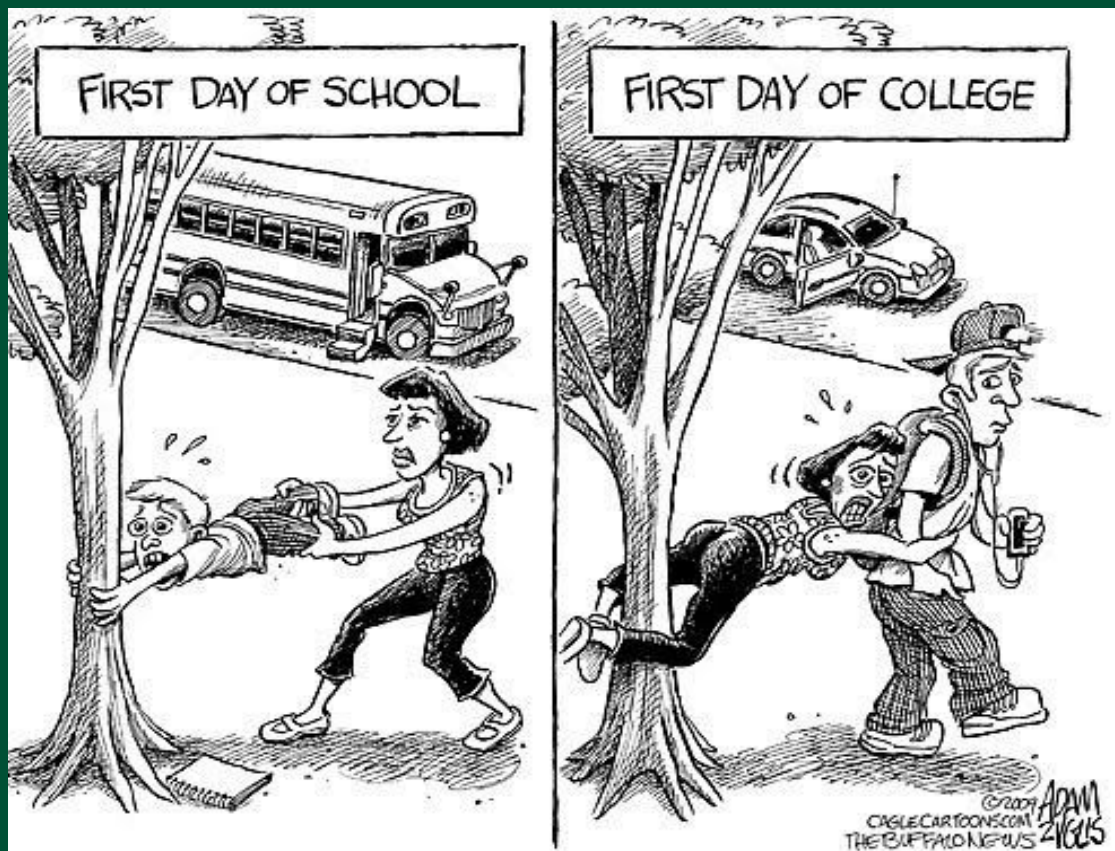
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Was this your
student?



Is this
your
future?

A **transition** is a time of change when your student moves from one college experience to another. Even though they've been in college before, transferring brings new routines, new people, and a new environment to **adjust to**. It's a chance to learn, grow, and find a fresh start.





NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

	Before UNC Charlotte	At UNC Charlotte
Academics	Students may have followed a structured curriculum or had flexibility depending on the institution.	Transfer students must evaluate how previous credits apply to their new major. Academic advising is key to course planning and timely graduation.
Grades	Academic performance may have been shared more openly, especially at smaller institutions or with family support.	Student records, including grades, are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Parents/family members are not privy to their student's grades without their written consent.
Textbooks	Textbook policies vary. Some institutions may provide them, others require purchase/rental.	Students must purchase/rent textbooks for their classes.
Attendance	Attendance policies may have been closely monitored, especially at smaller schools or in developmental courses.	Attendance policies vary and not every professor will take attendance. Parents/family members will not be notified if students don't attend class.
Class Size	Class sizes could vary, often smaller at community colleges or larger at some universities.	Charlotte classes range widely in size. Transfer students may encounter both large lectures and intimate seminars depending on their program.
Time Management & Prioritizing	Time may have been structured by advisors, professors, or family. External responsibilities may have varied.	Transfer students must manage their time independently while adjusting to a new campus culture and expectations. Prioritization is critical to success.

In one word, how do you think your student is feeling about transferring to UNC Charlotte?



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Empowering vs. Rescuing

Rescuing (Disempowering)

"I'll email your professor for you."

"Come home this weekend so you can take a break."

"You shouldn't join that club... Focus on school."

"I'll handle your financial aid concern."



Empowering (Supportive & Growth-Oriented)

"Have you reached out to your professor yet? I can help you think through what to say."

"It's okay to feel overwhelmed. What can you do on campus to recharge this weekend?"

"It sounds like that club excites you. How do you think it fits into your schedule and goals?"

"Let's look at the financial aid website together. Do you want help making a list of questions to ask when you call?"

Get Connected to Charlotte's Resources

Academic Support

- University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE)
- Writing Resources Center (WRC)

Health & Wellness

- Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Student Health Center
- University Recreation

Staying Involved

- Student Involvement
- Leadership & Community Engagement

First-Generation Families

"I Am a First-Gen Niner"

International Families

International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO)

Veteran & Military Affiliated Families

Military & Veteran Services (MVS)



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Strategies for Staying Connected

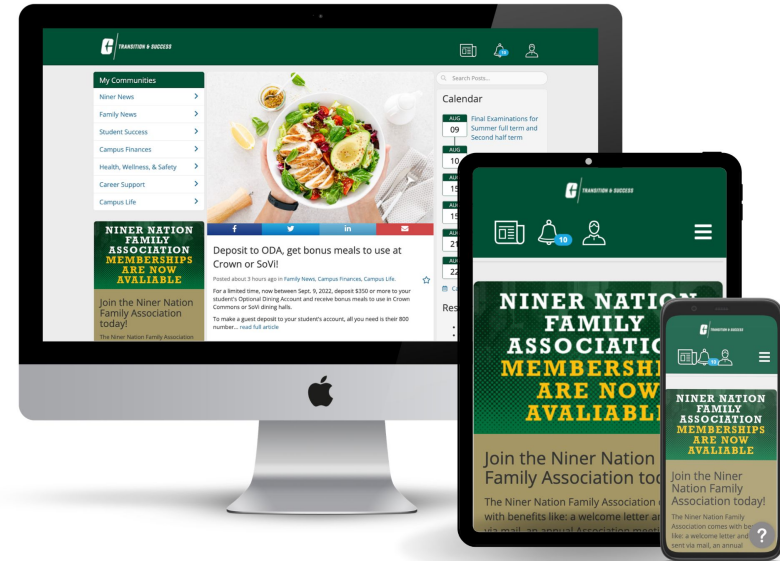
- Regular Communication
- Encouraging Independence
- Participating in Campus Events
 - **Gold Rush** is coming!
 - *August 15-August 29*
- Utilizing Campus Resources



STAYING INFORMED & INVOLVED

The 49er Family Hub

- Free platform for engagement and communities
- Access to important campus news
- Learn about campus resources
- Register for major events



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Niner Nation Family Association

- Access to our annual publications
- Exclusive Content - 49er Family Hub
- Priority registration for Fall Family Weekend, and more!
- Registration opens every summer



Family Council

- Supports impactful engagement opportunities
- Provides family perspectives, and
- Promotes family philanthropic initiatives.
 - Involvement with the Family Council Student Scholarship

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Navigating the Niner Way: Family Guide

- Comprehensive navigation guide made specifically for families and student supporters
- Covers a wide range of topics
 - Engagement, wellness, financial & career development, etc.

Save the Date

FALL FAMILY WEEKEND

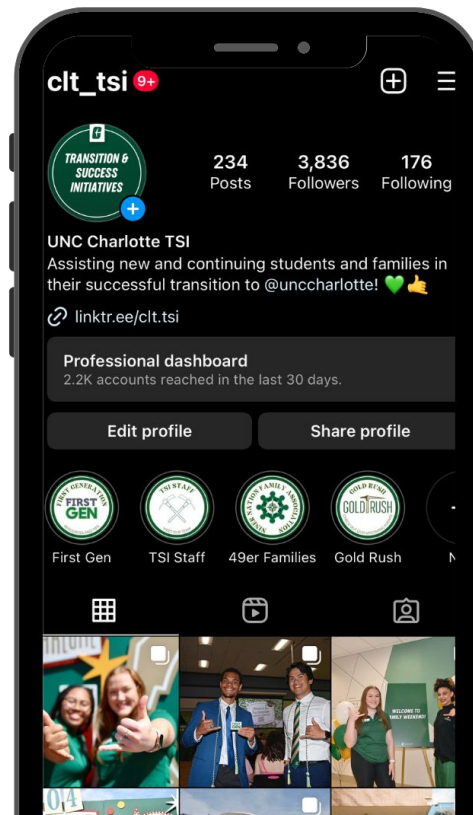
September 12-14, 2025





YOUR TOOLKIT FOR STAYING CONNECTED

- **Attend Family Events**
 - Family Weekend
 - Monthly virtual Lunch and Learns
- **Show Your Niner Pride**
 - Wear Green Wednesdays
- **Visit our Website**
 - family.charlotte.edu
- **Follow us on Instagram!**
 - [@clt_family](https://www.instagram.com/clt_family)
- **Email us**
 - family@charlotte.edu







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THANK YOU!

