



Grogan College Newsletter

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Greetings Grogan College! This spring semester has been filled with lots of events and outings and exciting new beginnings in Grogan! In these pages you will find a sampling of our great programs and accomplishments!

Grogan at Destination UNCG



On Saturday March 25 and again on Saturday, April 8, Groganites volunteered at Destination UNCG to greet new UNCG students and represent their residential college! Meet a few of our new Grogan students who are excited to join our community and get involved in our programs and activities. We're so excited to meet all our new companions and show them the campus. August will soon be here!



2nd Year Students Complete New Capstone

Grogan College launched a new course this semester for second years looking to further themselves as professionals, RCO-390: Grogan Capstone. Two versions were made available, a one-credit, independent study course, and a 3-credit, writing intensive, speaking intensive, seminar-style class. The class follows a series of mini-projects and assignments designed to give students a better idea of their values, goals, and the career path they will find most fulfilling both professionally and personally. The class culminates in a presentation of a portfolio in the form of a website that is meant to showcase to employers, graduate schools, and peers the things the student is most proud of in their academic life while encompassing the skills they've developed and personal ties to their career. The class heavily focuses on identifying meaningful work for each student and what personally resonates with them about the career they have chosen.

Meet the New CAs!

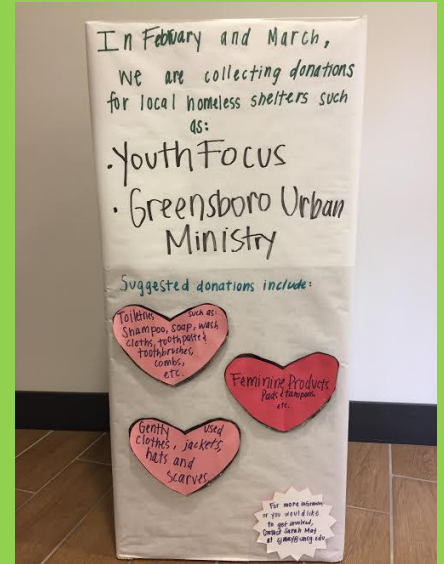


Incoming Community Ambassadors for 2017-2018. Top row from left to right: Megan Chinn, Dakota Chester, Alex Amaya, Carlee Crawford, Grant Fuller and Janna White. Bottom row: Hannah Smith, Liz Robinson, Rebecca Stasiak, Kelly Jones and Yophi Bost.

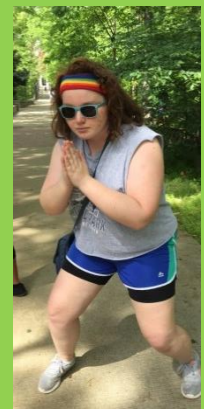
Grogan Homeless Shelter Drive



During this spring semester, our own Groganite Sarah May began collecting donations for local homeless shelters. Groganites contributed everything from personal hygiene items to clothes in an effort to help aid the growing homelessness population in Greensboro as well as a local battered women's shelter.



Residence Hall Color Run



On April 21st Hall Councils from Grogan, Reynolds, Cone, Mary Foust & Guilford hosted the fifth annual Color Me Fun Run on campus. Hall council members were stationed along the short route to dust runners with colored powder. This was not only a fun run, but a fundraiser for the Spartan Open Pantry, which helps feed homeless Spartans, or fellow students in need of some assistance. Rainbow socks, sweatbands and sunglasses were sold for \$1, or exchanged for 2 canned goods.

International Civil Rights Center & Museum



Greensboro's Woolworth Sit-ins are celebrated for their role in helping to advance the Civil Rights Movement and end legalized segregation. On February 1st, 1960, four African American students from NCA&T State University sat down at the "whites only" counter of Woolworths, a retail store with a place that served lunch, but only white patrons were allowed to eat sitting down. African Americans could receive take-out service only. When asked to leave, the four protesters stayed seated and over the next several days were joined by hundreds more in a quiet, peaceful protest for equal treatment. This spurred a series of similar lunch counter demonstrations across the nation. This spring Groganites went to visit the Woolworths-store-turned-museum to learn about the history of human rights struggles internationally.

RISE Network Luncheon

The acronym "RISE" stands for "Research in STEM Education". On Wednesday, March 29th, a RISE network luncheon was held to discuss Gender Equality in STEM with guest speaker Dr. Laura McCullough. A professor of Physics at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. McCullough has authored numerous papers on gender equality in the classroom. Grogan students Rebecca Stasiak, Maggie Batta and Tabitha Garrett participated in the interactive discussion along with our own Dr. Colonna, Meg Horton, and John Sopper. Participants were invited to discuss how women are treated differently in academia, particularly in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. They also explored practical steps that can be taken to make the college classroom more supportive of women entering STEM fields.



Grogan's Valentine's Day Masquerade Ball



One of Grogan's most beloved traditions, the Valentine's Day Masquerade Ball was a smashing success this year, with nearly 200 people in attendance on February 10th. For the second year in a row Grogan raffled off a large stuffed bear – one that was 4 feet tall, along with two smaller ones. Groganites were invited to attend in their mask of choice and best “dress to impress” outfit with a guest of their choosing. The event was held in the Alumni House, with the main activities being held in the Virginia Dare room. Between dancing, raffling off stuffed bears and socializing, a catered buffet was also prepared that included spanakopita bites and polenta bites with tomato jam and a large cake as a sweet finish.

Theatre Delta, an interactive theatre troupe that deals with issues that are difficult to talk about came to UNCG on March 9th under the sponsorship of the Residential Colleges' *Debra Turner Bailey Lecture Series on Global Citizenship*. The troupe role played typical social interactions revolving around race and class relations, especially in the context of the college campus. At pivotal moments in each scene, the actors break to engage the audience in sharing and discussing their reactions. Groganites participated along with students from Ashby, Strong and the Honors College all aiming to be better allies and advocates for justice within our communities.



Asian and Pacific American Exhibit

The Greensboro Historical Museum recently hosted a traveling Smithsonian exhibit on Asian and Pacific Americans' History and Heritage that was toured by Grogan students on Friday, February 17, 2017. The exhibit is titled "I want the wide American Earth" after a poem written by Filipino immigrant, poet and labor activist Carlos Bulosan. The national exhibit from the Smithsonian was supplemented with a locally curated exhibit centered on the large immigrant community in Greensboro. The Greensboro Historical Museum website states: "This local display, supplementing the banners of *I Want the Wide American Earth*, brings forward the stories of our neighbors. Visitors will see family treasures, photographs, oral history and interviews as well as an original film that features interviews with local citizens with ties to Asian Pacific nations and cultures including Montagnard, Malaysian and Japanese." Groganites who went on this educational field trip learned more about the rich and diverse cultures present in Greensboro and the role of Asian Americans in United States history.

JOIN GROGAN COLLEGE
On Friday, February 17th
1:00 pm -4:00 pm
For a Special Guided Tour of the Exhibition

*I Want the Wide American Earth:
An Asian Pacific American Story*



Sign up required: email John Sopper, jsopper@uncg.edu

Learn about the story of diverse Asian-American communities
in the USA and Greensboro



Grogan's Tribute to Women's History Month



RCO 215 Fall 2016 Student work included in this project:

Caroline Smith, Hannah Smith, Makeda Smallwood
Matthew Hannon, Mariah Graham, Jessica Hasty
Sandrena Trowers, Patrick Wichowski, Steve Williams
Elizabeth Nava-Plata, Hannah Melton, Aaron Moffitt
Carlee Crawford, McLellan Corum, Micaela Fox
Christina Seo, Katie Sands, Madeline Saintsing
Elisabeth Latten, Joshua Kraus, Melanie King
Shemiyah McKnight, Megan Lykins, Kaitlyn Morgan
Ashley Cipriano, Karl Barksdale, Jeremiah Bobbitt



In honor of March being Women's History Month, Grogan students in Dr. Sarah Colonna's RCO 215 class on Global Social Issues wrote short biographies and 3 poems each about some of UNCG's female faculty and prominent alumna. These were displayed in the Office of Intercultural Engagement for the month, and have recently moved to the library for further viewing. We are so very proud to have work by Groganites featured for everyone to see!

Groganites Recognized for Excellence

Grant Fuller is a freshman in Grogan College and a rising Community Ambassador for 2017-18. He has several achievements to bolster his resume already! Grant recently presented at the Undergraduate Research and Creativity Expo at UNCG on “The meaning of Education”. He also started the “Red Nose Society” at UNCG, which raises money for Brenner Children's Hospital and he recently won the UNCG Emerging Leader Award. The award is presented to an outstanding first year student who has made noticeable contributions to student life on campus.

Grant Fuller



Thomas Reginald Sander Scott



Thomas Reginald Sander Scott, better known to friends and colleagues as “Sander” is a second year Grogan College student, a CA, an upcoming RA, a Spartan Tour Guide and now a recipient of UNCG’s Spartan Leadership Award. The award is presented every May to ten UNCG students who demonstrate outstanding spirit, leadership and service. Sander exemplifies these qualities and has made an effort to constantly go above and beyond for his fellow students. We’re so proud Sander! Keep it up!

The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is a service of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Inc. (NACURH). It is designed to give local, regional, and national recognition to students making outstanding contributions to their residence halls. In the recent NRHH award ceremony, Grogan Hall students or programs won 4 out of the 7 awards: President of the Year, Member of the Year, Program of the Year, and Advocacy Event of the Year. We are very proud to announce that the Executive Board for NRHH next year at UNCG will be completely comprised of either former Grogan residents or current Grogan residents!



Grogan at a Glance



Grogan at a Glance is one of Grogan College's award winning traditions that occurs every year just before finals to mark the end of the academic year and to enjoy one last community gathering. Filled with food, games, and a photo booth to take silly pictures with your best friends for life, it's a last hurrah before 24 hour quiet hours set in and everyone closes their door to study for their last exams and eventually the building empties for summer. On April 19th, pizza, cake, and photo ops with plenty of lively conversation were present in spades and after some time to eat and enjoy the relaxed environment; Grogan Superlatives were announced and handed out.