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Students participate in the Holi Moli event on campus

It’s tradition for students to participate in the 49,000 water balloon fight!
SUMMER ORIENTATION

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A concurrent program is held for parents and family members, so they may also become familiar with UNC Charlotte. Separate social activities are planned in the evening for family members and students. More information is available at soar.uncc.edu.

FINANCIAL AID: There are many different types of financial aid available to students: federal grants, state grants, student loans, part-time jobs, and work-study employment. Only one application is required to apply for all of these types of financial aid. It is commonly referred to as the "FAFSA" or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to complete your application at fafsa.gov as soon as possible to determine any assistance which may be available. Please be sure to include our school code (002975) on the FAFSA so that we will receive your FAFSA information. If you submitted your FAFSA by the March 1 priority deadline, you can view and accept your financial aid award beginning in April. To do so, log in to My UNC Charlotte, the official UNC Charlotte student web portal, at my.uncc.edu.

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Q. Should I bring my own computer?
A. Many students choose to bring their own computers but it’s not essential that you do so unless you are an Architecture or Engineering major. There are many computer labs around campus including some that are available 24/7. For more information, visit labs.uncc.edu. If you are planning to buy a computer, the NinerTech Computer Store, located in the Student Union, offers discounts – even to newly admitted students – on computers, software and accessories. Take a look at ninterch.uncc.edu.

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