



THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO

Beyond Academics



A Public/Private Partnership in Higher Education for Young Adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

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Mission and Commitment To Students

- ▶ Diversity
- ▶ Inclusion
- ▶ Educational Access
- ▶ Transformation and Preparation
- ▶ Outcomes: Employment, Personal Growth, Engaged Citizenship for a Lifetime



Beyond Academics at UNCG is a Pathway for Self Reliance

North Carolina's first and only 4-year university certificate program of study for young adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities, *Integrative Community Studies (ICS)*

Curriculum Structure and Student Support Services promote significant outcomes for graduates:

- Employment/Career
- Living Independently
- Interdependence-Network of Friends, Colleagues, Family
- Engaged Citizen



Partnership of UNCG and Non-Profit Agency

- ❖ UNCG provides the Integrative Community Studies Certificate Program of Study- an academic offering for students who meet admission criteria
- ❖ Beyond Academics is a private-non-profit organization (NPO) specifically developed to partner with UNCG
 - provides supplemental academic support, life skills instruction for independent living and coordination for employment opportunities
- ❖ Shared Instructional capacity for the ICS program of study
 - provided by UNCG faculty or through affiliate/adjunct staff provided by the NPO
- ❖ Natural Supports are drawn from the university community and the community at large
- ❖ Braided Funding through the university and NPO



Parents' Perspective-Haley's Journey to UNCG

Meet Tom and Kelly Parker – Denver, NC

