



**Academic Affairs Committee**  
**April 1, 2025**

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**Discussion Item**

AAC – 2      School of Health & Human Sciences (HHS) Leadership Program (Mattacola)

**Background Information**

Dean of the School of Health & Human Sciences (HHS), Carl Mattacola, will be joined by three students and two HHS staff members to present on the HHS Student Leadership Program. This course-based program is designed to equip HHS undergraduate students with the leadership skills, professional development, and networking opportunities needed for success after graduation. Launched as a pilot this year with eight students, the program offers one credit per semester in both the Fall and Spring. Participants engage in student-led projects and contribute to School and University service events as part of their coursework.

Attachment:

AAC-2.1- Student Leadership Program PowerPoint

AAC-2.2- Student Leadership Program Recruitment Handout

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J. Alan Boyette  
Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor



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# School of Health and Human Sciences Student Leadership Program

- Program overview:
  - Dean Carl Mattacola
  - Dr. Joi Bulls,  
Larissa Witmer
  - Malachi Ward
- Student perspectives:
  - A'myah Wilson
  - Lah "Swee" Paw



# Program Overview

- Purpose

Prepare undergraduate students from the School of Health and Human Sciences (HHS) for success after graduation through:

- Leadership, professional development, and networking experiences, and
- Opportunities to build communication, project management, and collaboration skills

- Pilot year vision

- Students without extensive leadership experience (untapped potential)
- Program structure
- Key milestones, skills, and accomplishments
- Integration with UNCG community

# Program Overview

- Student perspective: Malachi Ward
  - Junior, Human Health Sciences
- Reflections and most impactful experiences



# Student Experiences: Networking Mixer

- Event designed to provide students the opportunity to practice networking skills with HHS alumni and friends
- A'myah Wilson  
Sophomore,  
Public Health  
Education



A'myah Wilson

Public Health, Pre-PA, Student at UNC Greensboro | Co-founder of Melanin In Me...  
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The Health and Human Sciences Leadership Program at UNCG has truly been a door-opener for me. Through this program, I've had the opportunity to have dinner at the Chancellor's home, volunteer at the Alumni Awards, attend exclusive networking mixers, and tour the MedCenter for Women's Health—an experience I was able to share with my e-board.

Beyond just being in the room, I've connected with and learned from incredible leaders like [Michelle Schneider, MPA, CAP®](#) from Cone Health, Dean [Carl Mattacola](#) Chancellor Gilliam, and Dr. [Robert Strack](#). And what's even more valuable is that this program didn't just place me in these spaces—it thoroughly prepared me for them. I've gained the confidence, knowledge, and skills to fully engage in these experiences and make the most of every opportunity.

I'm grateful for the lessons, the connections, and the doors that continue to open because of this program.

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# Student Experiences: Spring Project

- Student-led project designed to meet personal and HHS strategic goals
- Lah “Swee” Paw Junior, Human Development and Family Studies (Early Childhood Development and Education)



# School of Health and Human Sciences Student Leadership Program

- Students: Key takeaways
- Next steps
- Questions





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# STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**2025-2026**

Preparing undergraduate students from the School of Health and Human Sciences (HHS) for success after graduation through a variety of leadership, professional development, and networking experiences

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Undergraduate students (one from each HHS department)
- Nominated by their departments
- Rising sophomore (exceptions may be considered on case by case basis)
- Minimum GPA of 2.7
- Able to participate in-person for the entire academic year (fall 2025, spring 2026), including attending Friday morning classes

## WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Earn 1 credit each semester
- Practice professional communication, project management, and collaboration skills in real-life contexts
- Learn alongside a small cohort of peers
- Serve as an ambassador of the School at events like Homecoming and SOAR

## WHY PARTICIPATE?

### Networking and mentoring

Formal and informal mentoring; Events where you will connect with alumni, community partners, and others from UNCG

### Learn who you are as a leader

Participate in workshops and assignments to help you better understand your strengths

### Prepare for life after UNCG

Feel comfortable “working the room”, talking about your professional goals, and making decisions about next steps after graduation

## NEXT STEPS

1. Talk to your department chair or Director of Undergraduate Studies
2. Submit interest form by Feb. 21 (link provided by Director of Undergraduate Studies)
3. Attend info session on March 28, then confirm your intent to participate