UNCG CHANCE: Collaborating with a Multi-Departmental College Readiness Program

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Library Involvement
- The University Libraries was one of several partners in the program and planned and coordinated directly with University Admissions and campus staff.
- The First Year Instruction and Diversity Resident librarians conducted ice-breaker and introduction activities with the students.
- Instruction librarians taught students how to evaluate sources and fake news by debunking myths.
- The College Fair was held in the Library’s main reading room.
- Students worked on their digital projects with the Libraries’ Digital Media Commons team.
- The DMC staff showed students how to design and create their digital projects using video editing software.
- Students participated in a mini workshop on video making using the DMC’s VIA (Video Imaging and Audio) lab.

What is CHANCE?
CHANCE (Campamento Hispano Abriendo Nuestro Camino a la Educación) “Hispanic Camp Opening the Path to Education” is a three-day, intensive college readiness experience focusing on rising high school juniors and seniors. CHANCE is funded through the Gates Foundation and is part of the Frontier Set, a new model of partnership and best practices for student success in higher education at UNC Greensboro.

In July 2017 CHANCE offered 61 Latino identifying students across the state to engage in the ultimate college experience at UNC Greensboro from staying in the dorms to eating at the cafeteria to hanging out at the recreation center. Students also experienced life as a college student, learning from UNCG staff, faculty, and librarians in mock college level courses.

Activities and Projects
- Mock College Sessions included:
  - Information literacy: Debunking claims with Instruction librarians
  - Philosophy discussions
  - Nursing classes: exploring medical simulations
  - Languages and Cultures discussions
- College Fair
  - Students visit with admissions, career services, and learn more about financial aid and college admission process.
- Digital Projects
  - Students created and presented a digital PhotoVoice video chronicling their experience with assistance from the Libraries’ Digital Media Commons.

Future Opportunities
- CHANCE is an annual program that hopes to attract more Latino high school juniors and seniors from across North Carolina.
- In first pilot year, 61 students were enrolled. Next year, the program hopes to enroll 125 students.
- UNCG Libraries will continue to work with University Enrollment and Admissions to plan next year’s event.
- Planning is already underway to plan next summer’s program for 2018.
- CHANCE students = Future UNCG Spartans! Since the program, several students submitted applications to enroll at UNCG!
- Assessment by Office of Enrollment Management

Campus Partners
- Office of Undergraduate Admissions
- Office of Enrollment Management
- Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Office of Intercultural Engagement
- University Libraries

References
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Resources
UNCG Chance information: https://newsandfeatures.uncg.edu/college-readiness-camp-latino-students/

UNCG Undergraduate Admissions
https://admissions.uncg.edu