FROM THE PRESIDENT: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

The University of North Georgia is a leading regional university with an economical and educational focus on two highly competitive scholarship recipients: the University of North Georgia has more than 18,000 students across its five campuses and online.

One of the nation's leading military colleges in the country, UNG holds designations as a State Leadership Institution and The Military College of Georgia. The signature emphasis on academic and military service is mirrored by the national recognition UNG has received for academic quality and affordability, including being named one of only three public universities in Georgia on Kiplinger's national list of the “Best College Values” and as one of “America's Top Colleges” by Forbes Magazine.

As one of the first consolidated universities in Georgia, UNG is expanding opportunities to make students regionally and globally competitive, and as a result, the value of a UNG degree increases. Student success is measured in more than 100 programs of study, preparing students for careers in STEM, business, education, and other fields.

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Our culture of academic excellence is grounded in a student-focused environment where world-class faculty and staff are scholars and mentors who inspire service, inquiry and creativity. As such, UNG attracts extraordinarily talented students. In fact, our entering freshmen consistently have an academic core GPA average above 3.5 and an SAT average above 1100.

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EXCELLENCE AFFIRMED
EARNING NATIONAL RECOGNITION

With an already strong reputation for outstanding academic programs and leadership development, UNG continues to gain momentum and recognition as one of the region’s top public universities.

“Our increasing national recognition reflects the quality of our educational experience and increases the value of a degree from the University of North Georgia.”

Bonita Jacobs
President

Home to the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students
One of “America’s Top Colleges” Forbes Magazine
One of only three public universities in Georgia on Kiplinger’s national list of the “Best College Values” for 2017
One of the best public regional universities in the South U.S. News & World Report

A National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense
Earned the national Tree Campus USA designation for effective campus forest management and conservation goals

The only ROTC-Designated Chinese Language Flagship Program in the nation
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The first university in Georgia to receive the National Exemplary Educator Certificate in Teaching and Learning
Three national Leader Excellence and Development Awards earned by the Division of Professional and Continuing Education
UNG has long demonstrated its commitment to public service, continuing education, and economic development activities that support this region. As northeast Georgia increases in complexity, high-demand career opportunities, and international business partnerships, UNG is growing in parallel ways to expand opportunities for students and strengthen our communities.

"Located in one of the most vibrant and dynamic areas in the southeast, UNG has a significant impact on the region’s economy and a vital role in its future as we prepare globally competitive graduates.”

TOM ORMOND
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
LEVERAGING SUCCESS

Our commitment to academic excellence and student success is a UNG hallmark. Across our wide-ranging academic opportunities—from certificates to doctoral programs—UNG faculty and staff mentor students to fulfill their potential.

"UNG is lucky to not only have fantastic students, but also such committed faculty and staff supporting them.”

ANASTASIA LIN,
ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Top Talent

For three consecutive years, UNG students have earned prestigious scholarships from the National Institutes of Health.

3 NIH Winners

Our incoming freshmen boast an average GPA of 3.6 and they have among the top SAT scores in the state.

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**MILITARY MERIT**

**PRODUCING LEADERS**

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17 cadets were selected for prestigious Project Global Officer scholarships to study a critical language overseas.

Two UNG alumni — Retired LT Gen. Burton Patrick and Bob Mathews — were named to the inaugural class of the U.S. Army ROTC Hall of Fame in 2016.

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*Our university and Corps of Cadets produce motivated graduates who are well prepared to lead with character; who are agile and adaptive; who solve problems with innovative solutions; and who will win in a complex world.*

RETIRED LT. COL. KEITH ANTONIA,
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR MILITARY PROGRAMS

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UNG is engaging a growing number of corporations, foundations, government agencies, and private donors in support of research and program funding. These projects—aligned with our mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices—help us mentor and encourage students to become better leaders and engaged scholars.

ANDY NOVOBILSKI, ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR RESEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT

$3.2 Million
Research expenditures in 2016

$2.1 Million
from the U.S. Department of Education to establish a College Assistance Migrant Program to increase college attendance and graduation among migrant youth

$200,000
from the National Science Foundation to support STEM initiatives

$1.2 Million
from the Defense Language National Security Education Office to fund UNG’s Chinese Language Flagship

$126,494
from the federal Mathematics and Science Partnership to strengthen student achievement in science in K-12 schools

$400,000
from the Japan Foundation to introduce a concentration in Japanese studies and educate students in the languages, cultures, histories, politics, and the arts of China, Japan and Korea

$800,000
from UNG Presidential Initiative Awards in support of professional development, research and innovation for faculty and staff since 2013

$700,000
from the National Science Foundation to support STEM initiatives

$186,000
from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to UNG’s Environmental Leadership Center to support watershed restoration activities

UNG’s new MakerBot Innovation Center, the first in Georgia, encourages students to conceptualize, create and produce new projects and products using 3D printers.
ATHLETIC ACCOLADES
LEADING ON AND OFF THE FIELD

A member of NCAA Division II and the Peach Belt Athletic Conference, UNG fosters the academic and athletic development of more than 200 student-athletes who compete in baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, rifle, soccer, softball, tennis, and track and field.

- NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient (2015-16)
- 11 Academic All-Americans (2015-16)
- 4 All-Americans (2015-16)
- 2 NCAA team appearances (2015-16)
- 2 Coaches of the Year (2015-16)
- 6 All-Conference players (2015-16)
- 2017 Southern Conference Rifle Championship
- 2017 NCAA DII National Award of Excellence
- Raised $34,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in 2015-16, more than any other NCAA DII school
- Athletics Director Lindsay Reeves was one of four Athletic Directors of the Year in NCAA DII
- UNG athletics facilities are among some of the best in NCAA DII, including FieldTurf playing surfaces, the recently opened Coleman Field House and a new Convocation Center scheduled to open in 2018

"Our athletes, coaches and fans have an unstoppable championship spirit and determination that drive our success.

LINDSAY REEVES
ATHLETICS DIRECTOR
UNG’s alumni and community partners have responded to the need for student scholarships with remarkable generosity and contributions that are life-changing for our students. UNG is further committed to improving affordability through institutional initiatives.

$1.7 Million
Support for student scholarships awarded by the UNG Foundation in 2016

$50 Million
UNG’s endowment surpasses most other Georgia public universities

$300,000
Savings for UNG students over the next two years thanks to the development of free, open access textbooks

“Scholarship support helps our students realize their full potential and become successful leaders.”

BONITA JACOBS  PRESIDENT
“One of the reasons our graduates are so successful is that we offer strong educational opportunities that position them for success in today’s global marketplace.”

TOM ORMOND, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

UNG uniquely allows multiple pathways for degree completion and career preparation, including certificates, associate degrees, bachelor’s degrees, and graduate programs.

2,897 degrees conferred in 2015-16

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Center for Cyber Operations Education
BB&T Center for Ethical Leadership
Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Center for Global Engagement
Center for Language Education
Center for Teaching, Learning & Leadership
Center for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities
Environmental Leadership Center
Institute for Leadership & Strategic Studies
National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students

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College of Health Sciences & Professions
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OUR MISSION
The University of North Georgia, a regional multi-campus institution and premier senior military college, provides a culture of academic excellence in a student-focused environment that includes quality education, service, inquiry, and creativity. This is accomplished through broad access to comprehensive academic and co-curricular programs that develop students into leaders for a diverse and global society. The University of North Georgia is a University System of Georgia leadership institution and is The Military College of Georgia®.

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