Newspaper welcomes new traditions

By Kelly Mayo

Featured speaker Dr. Meridith Storms and other members of UNCP’s faculty and administration stressed the importance of hard work, involvement and perseverance to the class of 2015 in the annual Convocation on August 19. This year’s freshman class begins Chancellor Carter’s tradition of crossing over the Alicia and Whitney Jones Bridge going north as freshmen and crossing over south as seniors for graduation.

“I urge each of you to be a brave turtle and ignite your inner fire,” said Dr. Storms. “Difficulties will present themselves, who must stick their head in the sand or go face them with a strong head and accepting support from family.”

Dr. Storms told students that when fear and worst-case scenarios took over her heart, she was himself breakdancing and accepting support from family.

“You’re about to enter a new phase of your life, and we want you to know that you are welcome to be a part of this university,” Dr. Carter said.

More advice

Faculty Senate Pro Tem Chair Paul Flowers discussed the importance of perseverance in his address to the crowd.

“Once inside, Dr. Carter told students that their work has marked the beginning of a new tradition at UNCP. Students were told to focus on those 36, 400 seconds of every day they live, balanced on campus and off, between having fun and getting work done.”

“Once someone engages with us, it will impact your entire life,” she said. Dr. Storms told students not to be intimidated when she said that one in three freshmen would not be at UNCP at the end of the year.

“Don’t think about who will fail but about who will succeed.”

A new tradition

Chancellor Kyle Carpenter opened this ceremony by bringing the Alicia and Whitney Jones Bridge going north as freshmen and crossing over south as seniors for graduation.

Towel. He urged the crowd of freshmen to acquaint themselves with their new home.

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“He challenged them to work hard and take advantage of opportunities offered to them.

“By the way, freshmen, you are not alone,” said Dr. Carter.

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