The purpose of the UNCW Communication Studies Society is to prepare members for a clear understanding of the communication field and to provide networking opportunities with peers and professionals in communication related fields.

Show a little love for the kids in the pediatric care unit at the New Hanover Regional Medical Center! We will be creating care packages for patients age 17 and under. Donations of crossword puzzles, word searches, stuffed animals, crayons, coloring books, and anything Valentine’s themed are needed. (Try to avoid candy donations, though.) Earn points based on the amount of your donation. Drop off donations to the bin outside of Leutze 238. Don’t forget to include your name and e-mail address with your donation. The deadline for donations is Tues., Feb. 10th. Contact Taylor (ctb8397@uncw.edu) for more info or if you want to go to the hospital on Fri., Feb. 13th to drop off the packages.

CSS will host its annual media panel, “ALL ACCESS: From Backstage to Front Page” on Wed., Feb. 11th at 7:00 pm in Leutze Hall 143. The topic of the panel is transitions—hear from both print and TV journalists about how they made the transition from college to their current positions and the transitions facing their respective mediums. Panelists scheduled to appear include Meghan Packer, reporter and anchor for WWAY-TV3, Amy Hotz, staff writer for the Star-News, Chris Wilkerson, editor for Greater Wilmington Business Journal, and UNCW and CSS alum Al Inman, media editor for WRAL. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to network and learn from the pros! The event is open and free to the public.

Check out our official CSS website! You can access newsletters, photos, and meeting minutes to see what you missed and to learn about point opportunities at: http://student.uncw.edu/org/css.

CSS Website

The CSS Point The deadline for spring semester dues is Wednesday, February 11th! Dues are $10 for members who reached active status last fall, and $20 for new or non-active members. Benefits of active membership include attending events and functions (ex: COM Studies Banquet and NC State PR Day) at a reduced cost, priority placement in the Project Protégé mentoring program, and ½ off future membership fees. If you haven’t filled out a member info sheet, download one at our website under “Club Info.”

Bake Sale

Tap into your inner Martha Stewart or Rachael Ray and help CSS raise funds with our Valentine’s bake sale. Earn points by working a shift in the CSS booth in the library from 9:00-2:00 on Thurs., Feb. 12th or bake goods for us to sell at the event. Contact Brent at abk1465@uncw.edu for more information.
**Committees**

Don’t simply join CSS—get involved! Consider joining one of our committees:

**Community Outreach:** If you are interested in a career working for nonprofit organizations, or if you just want to have fun while making a difference in our community, this is the committee for you! Contact Taylor Bailey (ctb8397@uncw.edu) for more information.

**Fundraising:** We put the “fun” in fundraiser. Everybody can use a little extra cash every now and then, and so can CSS. Creative and outgoing people wanted. If you have any creative and fun ideas, please let us know. For more information, contact Brent Kight (abk1465@uncw.edu).

**Publicity:** Are you creative? Are you skilled at design? If so, this committee is for you. This committee promotes club meetings and events through flyers, chalking, and announcements. Contact Hayley Lovitt (hl5926@uncw.edu) for more information.

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**Alumni Brunch Thanks**

Thank you to all of our members who volunteered to help at the COM Studies Alumni Brunch on January 31st! We couldn’t have done it without you! Congratulations to student coordinator Amanda Frasca on the event’s success!

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**Need Points?**

Contact Sean (som3281@uncw.edu) about bringing food and refreshments to meetings and events. It’s easy as pie! Or lend Kelly (kjp2745@uncw.edu) a hand with securing door prizes for our meeting raffles.

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**Important Dates**

February 10………..Donations for Care Packages
4:00 pm, LH 238

February 11 .................. Media Panel
7:00 pm, LH 143;
Deadline to Pay Dues

February 12…………….Bake Sale
9:00-2:00 pm, Library

February 13………..Care Packages
3:00 pm, NHRMC

February 25………….CSS Meeting                                      7:00 pm, LH 143

March 4…………….……MMOM
7:00 pm, LH 143