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.

**Dues**

After you’re done buying your textbooks, don’t forget to pay your fall semester dues! Dues are $10 for members who reached active status last spring, and $20 for new or non-active members. Benefits of active membership include attending events and functions (i.e., 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. The deadline to pay dues is Tuesday, September 22nd. Download a member info sheet at our website under “Club Info” and submit with your payment.

**Project Protégé**

Think you know what career you want after graduation? Project Protégé can help you decide if you are on the right path! Project Protégé is a mentoring program that gives students an opportunity to network with a local professional while learning more about communication-related careers. If you are considering a career in public relations, marketing, event planning, sales, real estate, or journalism, this program is for YOU. For more information or an application, contact Jennifer Chin (chinj@uncw.edu). Applications are available on our website at http://student.uncw.edu/org/css. Click on “Project Protégé—Fall 2009” for more details. The deadline for completed applications is Thursday, September 10th at 12 noon. Drop off applications at LH 238. Don’t miss out on this opportunity! There is no fee to participate in the program, but space is limited, so apply today! Priority will be given to active CSS members.

**Points System**

The CSS Point System was established to ensure that our members take full advantage of their membership. To achieve active member status, members earn 10 points each semester. Earning points is easy—attend meetings, bring food to meetings, or participate in service projects. Thirty-nine members earned active status in Spring 2009. Contact secretary Sara Teeter (slt8934@uncw.edu) to check your point status.

**CSS Website**

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

**Coming Soon**

Make the Most of Your Major—October
Rock for the Cure—October 23
Halloween Carnival—October
Panel Discussion—November
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 Nishtha Sharma (ns6770@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 Arielle Williams (atw7251@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 Allison Day (amd2049@uncw.edu) for more information.

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### Congratulations

- **Amanda Frasca** won the 2009 Department of COM Studies Academic Achievement Award on April 16th.
- **Katie White** was honored as the recipient of the 2009 Department of COM Studies Outstanding Leadership Award.

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### Important Dates

- **September 7** ………….. Labor Day Holiday
- **September 8** ………….. CSS Meeting  
  7:00 pm, LH 143
- **September 10**……….Protégé Deadline  
  12:00 pm, LH 238
- **September 22**………..CSS Meeting  
  7:00 pm, LH 143