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How could community help us weather the impact of climate change? How might Charlotte's ever-evolving housing market impact local schools? What does it mean to truly mend the harms of systemic racism?

Those are just a few of the questions that UNC Charlotte faculty members will work to answer as part of the fifth cohort of the Gambrell Faculty Fellows. The fellows will tackle subjects from computer science to COVID aid, addressing a broad variety of challenges that have continued to shape conversations about equity and economic mobility in Charlotte.

"This year's new cohort of Gambrell Faculty Fellows demonstrates, once again, the relevance of economic mobility to the many and varied aspects of our community and our lives."





What Feeds the Pollinators Feeds Us By Ruth Ann Grissom

A concrete walkway bisects my small front yard. I grow herbs and vegetables on one side and an assortment of native grasses and perennials on the other. In my mind, they've always been two distinct entities. One side feeds us, and the other feeds wildlife. I've recently had to reconsider that rigid dichotomy. The line between the two is more porous than the hardscape might suggest.

When the skies finally cleared after all those days of heavy rain in late August, I headed out to my vegetable garden to stake the pepper-laden poblanos that had toppled during the storms. A motion in my peripheral vision stopped me in my tracks. The nearby patch of garlic chives was buzzing with activity. There were literally hundreds of gnat-sized bees zipping around the clusters of white, star-shaped flowers.

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