The purpose of the EXSS AWAY initiative is to provide EXSS students with the opportunity to interact and learn from world-renowned faculty in the areas of exercise physiology, sports administration, and sports medicine. The program is held via on-line instruction since the COVID-19 pandemic prevents international students as well as non-Chapel Hill resident students from meeting our faculty in person. This also allows for maximum flexibility for attendance from a students and guests. The EXSS faculty who will participate as guest speakers throughout the semester will discuss their research, courses they teach, what lead them to pursue a career in the academy, and issues associated with work-life balance. Other EXSS faculty will assist in interviewing these guest faculty speakers and leading engaging conversations with our students. Furthermore, the EXSS AWAY initiative has also been designed to provide students with mentorship and support for the exploration of their interests and ideas in order to direct them to specific classes, faculty members, and research laboratories. This is a wonderful opportunity for EXSS students to interact and ask questions to EXSS faculty in a relaxing, intellectual stimulating, and non-threatening environment conducive to learning and the development of relationships.

**Program Upcoming Events:**

**Thursday, Sept. 9th from 3:00pm – 4:00pm**  
Guest Faculty: Dr. J.D. DeFreese (Sport Psychology)  
[https://unc.zoom.us/j/92247267312](https://unc.zoom.us/j/92247267312)

**Thursday, October 28th from 3:00pm – 4:00pm**  
Guest Faculty: Dr. Erianne Weight (Sport Administration)  
[https://unc.zoom.us/j/92901100383](https://unc.zoom.us/j/92901100383)