



# Endowment & Stewardship Report

JULY 1, 2019–JUNE 30, 2020



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## Commitment to Community

The phrase, “Once a Bear, Always a Bear,” has never meant more than it has in the last year. Members of our UNC community have proven their resilience in the face of uncertainty, and together we have demonstrated our strength, resolve, and commitment to our mission of educating the next generation of Bears. Today’s students will ultimately leave UNC to become nurses, teachers, scientists, entrepreneurs, artists and musicians who serve the communities of Colorado and the nation. The need for higher education is more important now than ever, both for individuals and for our society. Your philanthropy is critical to ensuring the pathways to a college education and degree are available to all.

The collective effort of our community of donors has ensured that our students have access to the education and support they require to find success at UNC and beyond. There are countless examples of how each of you has risen to the occasion to help a Bear in need, and to invest in something far bigger than yourself. Enclosed within this report are a few of these stories.

There are no words that can adequately express my gratitude for your support and dedication to the University of Northern Colorado and our students. As I reflect on the past year, I am humbled by all that you have given, the investment that you have made in the long-term success of UNC, and the lives you have influenced. For this, and for all that you do for the University of Northern Colorado, I thank you.

Rowing, Not Drifting,



Andy Feinstein  
President

## Commitment to Investment

Endowment support plays a uniquely critical role in the long-term success of UNC and ensures we can provide the very best educational environment even during times of uncertainty. Support from our dedicated donors strengthens the endowment and aids in safeguarding the university’s future. It also means that UNC can continue to uphold our commitment to putting students first and provide access to a college education, long into the future.

While fiscal year 2020 was not without challenges; the entire UNC community has united to ensure we continue to deliver on our mission and provide access to opportunities for our students while simultaneously preserving the health and safety of our campus community. Time and again, UNC donors have provided the support that enables the University to deliver on its commitment to current and future generations of students. This same support ensures that we are able to respond to the emergent needs of our students during the coronavirus pandemic.

Enclosed within this report are the stories of our Bear Family throughout the last year; a year that has demonstrated how resilient and committed our community is. You, our donors, have encouraged us to set the bar of excellence higher and to continue our mission to transform lives through education. Thank you for your unyielding support.

You are an integral and valued member of the UNC community. Though our delivery might look different, I encourage you to remain engaged with UNC and involved with those whose lives you’ve impacted through your philanthropy.



Allie Steg Haskett '03  
Vice President for  
University Advancement



“To get such a generous stipend through Stryker, along with a laptop, that was a really big deal and helped me significantly to accomplish my schoolwork at UNC. I’m just very grateful to Ronda Stryker. I think what she’s been able to do for — I don’t even know how many women at this point, but hundreds, I’m sure — that’s a pretty incredible legacy. I’m just grateful for her for setting this up for the women of UNC.”

–Jenaya McGowan '08, Stryker Institute for Leadership Development Scholar, McNair Scholar

“By awarding me the Glen D. Beebe Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, allowing me to focus on the most important aspect of school — learning. I hope to one day help others in need and give back to my community. Thank you for your willingness to help me achieve my goals.”

–Selena Perez '21, Glen D. Beebe Scholarship Recipient, Graphic Design with a minor in Business Administration

“Thanks to generous donors, I will have the resources I need to continue my education and eventually fulfill my dream of becoming a teacher! This generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to my community. I hope one day that I will be able to help students achieve their goals, just like these donors have helped me.”

–Nathan Carlson '22, Brian Phelps Family Scholarship Recipient, Nina Stulp Memorial Scholarship for Science Education Recipient, Greeley Woodmen Association Scholarship recipient, Mathematics with a minor in Economics



“I feel extremely blessed to receive this scholarship. Because of this scholarship I will finally be graduating. I promise I will pay this forward one day.”

–Nancy Ochoa, '20 Business Administration, with concentrations in Accounting and Finance, Stryker Institute for Leadership Development Scholar, Hummel Family Scholar



“The Bear Pantry at UNC has had a tremendous impact on my life. The Bear Pantry not only provides food and some toiletries, but also a sense of belonging that a lot of students need when they leave home. While I was busy trying to figure out where and how we would have somewhere to live, I knew that my daughter would never suffer an empty belly, because I have the Bear Pantry on our side!”

–Danielle Ananea '20, Anthropology



“I’m not sure if I’d have had the ambition to look forward to graduate school just because of how much debt I would have accrued. I probably would have just graduated and moved forward and worked in a lab somewhere. Scholarships gave me a scope that I can move forward without having to take on debt, but still be able to reach my goals.”

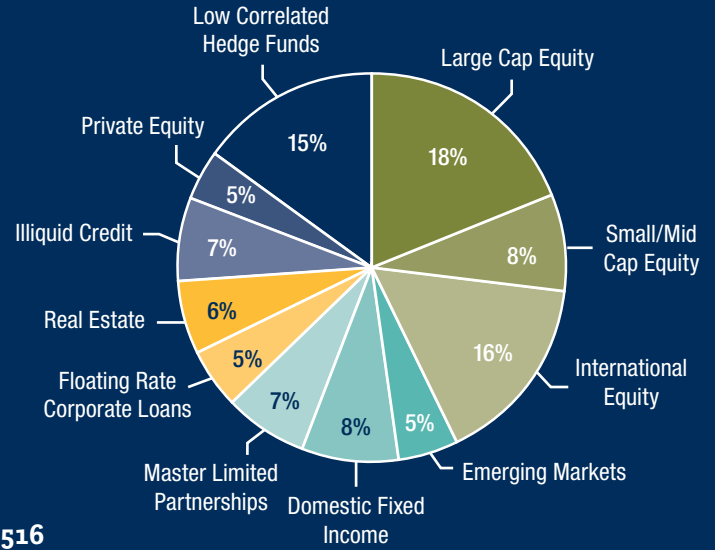
–Brandon Selz '20, Biology, with minors in Chemistry and Psychology, Doctoral student at University of California-Davis, Reisher Scholar, McNair Scholar

“I was raised in the foster care system. When I was 17, I found myself on my own, with only a 7th grade education. Being a single mother and the sole provider for my daughter, I work as much as possible to provide a stable life for us. However, without this generous donation, I would not be graduating with my license in Education. This scholarship has enabled me to attend the University of Northern Colorado and earn a degree that will not only make a difference in my life, but will impact countless others, such as my daughter and future students.”

–Mistyrose Gonzales '20, Major in Elementary Education and a minor in Special Education, Stryker Institute for Leadership Development Scholar, Walter S. Rosenberry III Cumbres Scholarship recipient, Cumbres Scholar

# Strategic Allocation and Investment Performance

The investment management mission of the University of Northern Colorado Foundation is to support and augment University programs by responsible stewardship of the funds donated to the Foundation and endeavor to achieve growth of the funds while accepting a prudent level of risk. While the pandemic and resulting market downturn in March 2020 was unexpected, the Foundation's investment strategy plans for such risks to occur and seeks to optimize returns during recovery. The fiscal year 2020 investment return of **-0.5 percent** reflects both risks and recovery that is inherent in investment portfolio management.



Total Endowment Assets as of June 30, 2020 | **\$88,101,516**

Total Endowment Assets as of June 30, 2019 | **\$89,775,496**

UNCF Total Return	One Year	Three Year	Five Year	Ten Year
	-0.5%	3.7%	4%	6.7%

**1,868**  
Donor Funded Scholarships  
awarded in fiscal year 2020



**-0.5%**  
Annualized Investment  
Return on the Endowment

Donor Funded  
Scholarships provided

**\$5,992,903**



in financial aid to students during  
fiscal year 2020

**3,786**  
donors made gifts to



**439**  
different foundation funds  
in fiscal year 2020



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