

# *IMPACT* UNC

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The *Campaign* for **UNC**





# We're Thankful for You

As this year comes to a close we have much to celebrate as a community. We've made inspiring progress toward the Campaign for UNC goal, and in my first semester as President, I've personally observed a tremendous outpouring of pride and support for this institution.

Thanks to your generosity, there is no better time to be a Bear than today. UNC's future is bright, in large part because of individuals like you.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

In 2018 alone, gifts of every size from donors like you helped increase access and ensure affordability for students by funding scholarships and supporting programmatic needs.

Our students are flourishing because of your support. In fact, statistics show scholarship recipients are 14% more likely to continue their studies uninterrupted through to graduation, and in a shorter amount of time, than students who do not receive scholarships.

The long-term impact of that is immense.

## THANK YOU FOR CREATING A LASTING LEGACY AT UNC

As I stated in my first State of the University Address, advancing UNC will demand the best of all of us. I have already convened a President's Leadership Council with broad campus representation to formulate a vision for continued growth and success far into the future.

With your continued help and support I know we can achieve so much more for Bears near and far. The collective impact of donors like you can move our university toward a brighter future and I look forward to getting there together.



Andy Feinstein  
President



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Attendees joined together to sign and wave the beam as it was lifted above the structure in preparation for final installation on December 13, 2017.

## Building Success: Campus Commons Update

This time last year, the final beam was raised for the Campus Commons building.

That beam, which holds signatures from our UNC donor and alumni community, marked an important milestone in the building's construction.

The excitement from that event has continued throughout 2018 and the Campaign for UNC is closing in on its \$45 million goal. The campaign is set to finish at the calendar year end with an announcement of the total amount raised slated for the grand opening of Campus Commons in April.

In December, Admissions and New Student Orientation staff will begin to occupy Campus Commons. Student services and other student support staff will move in during the spring semester. From the moment new students arrive on campus, the Commons will serve as a vital point of connection and service.

"Student success is a top priority and Campus Commons will serve as a centralized hub where our students will have access to resources that will ultimately help improve our retention and graduation rates," says Andy Feinstein, UNC President. "I look forward to celebrating this exciting advancement of campus resources with you and the entire UNC community this Spring."

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—ANDY FEINSTEIN  
UNC PRESIDENT



## Planned Giving: Patrick Healey's Opportunity for a Second Act

Retired history teacher Patrick Healey has always had a passion for performing arts.

During his 30-year career as a teacher at Pawnee School in Grover, Colo., Healey continually made an effort to bring students to the College of Performing and Visual Arts events at the University of Northern Colorado. After retirement, Healey moved to Greeley so he could attend UNC performances and events even more frequently.

In 2005, Healey attended a UNC performance at the Union Colony Dinner Theater in Greeley and says he will never forget the conversation he had with a student named Jonathan.

"I learned that there aren't as many scholarships for people in theater," Healey says.

It was at that point Healey decided to help, so he started the Patrick E. Healey Musical Theatre Scholarship to encourage students to pursue performing arts and help relieve their financial stress.

Since the scholarship was established in 2006, Healey has stayed in touch with many of his recipients, always offering encouragement. He says, understandably, many out of state families cannot attend every student performance, so he happily serves as a stand-in and has become accustomed to hearing, "You come, as my family can't."

"There are so many talented students and faculty — it's a pleasure for me to get to know so many," Healey says. Healey looks forward to supporting students well into the future and he even hopes to increase the impact of his philanthropy. That's why, this past summer, Healey decided to include UNC in his estate plans with a planned gift.

"Pat's support over the years has changed the lives for a number of students, not just financially but also emotionally," says Ben Barnhart, Assistant Vice President of Development. "Hearing him share stories about his connection with past scholarship students and how they still stay in touch is truly remarkable."

As Healey reflects on those relationships and the impact he's had on these students, he can't help but smile.

Healey looks forward to many more UNC productions to come, and as he watches those students on stage, he sees a bright second act that he's proud to play a part in.



Pat Healey, a long-time supporter of the College of Performing and Visual Arts, is pleased to help dozens of UNC students achieve their dreams with the help of his planned gift.





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—TASHA WESTHOFF '19

## Meet a Student Impacted by Donor Support

The Don V. and Dwylia R. Felt Scholarship Endowment was established in 2011 with the intent to help students overcome financial barriers.

Don and Dwylia Felt moved to Greeley shortly after their marriage in 1947, when Dwylia began teaching first grade at Washington Elementary School. At that time, Dwylia also continued her education at the University of Northern Colorado earning both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree in Education.

Although Don passed away in 2006 and Dwylia passed in 2009, their legacy and impact continues today because of the estate gift that established an endowed scholarship in both of their names.

Tasha Westhoff is a recipient of the Don V. and Dwylia R. Felt Scholarship for the 2018-19 academic year. Westhoff is a senior from Glenwood Springs, Colo. studying Special Education. She plans to graduate this May and start graduate school next fall. Eventually she hopes to work on a college campus.

Westhoff says the decision to enroll at UNC was an easy one, because she likes how the UNC Special

Education Program allows students to get classroom experience early in the program. She is extremely appreciative of the scholarship and says the financial support has enabled her to get more involved on campus.

"I'm in awe," says Westhoff when asked about donor support. "I'm in awe that they're willing to give back to people and students they don't even know — like me."

Westhoff is a member of the Residence Life staff and a new student orientation leader here at UNC. As a member of the Residence Life staff, she has always wanted to attend a residence hall community conference, but she didn't have the funds to pay for the conference herself.

"Having donor support allowed me to attend the conference," says Westhoff, and now she is putting the skills and knowledge she learned at that conference to work, helping other Bears every day.

➤ Support a UNC Bear today, visit [unco.edu/give](https://unco.edu/give).



## Faculty and Staff Team Up to Support UNC

Every fall, faculty, staff and faculty emeriti have an opportunity to make a contribution to their favorite area of campus through a giving campaign known as Team UNC.

Thanks to the support of a generous donor this year, new gifts made through Team UNC were matched 1:1, doubling the impact on the university.

Each year, hundreds of employees step up to make gifts during the Team UNC campaign, adding to the support that they already provide to UNC students through their roles as educators and administrators. This year, 359 faculty, staff and faculty emeriti made gifts through the Team UNC campaign. Together, they gave more than \$100,000 to the university, making this the most successful Team UNC campaign yet!

“I think it is important to give back to the community that made such a difference for me. I started my philanthropy during a Team UNC campaign using the 1:1 gift match, knowing that my gift would be doubled,” says Career Counselor Elizabeth Mahoney. “I give my Team UNC donation to the Bear Pantry because I want to make sure that our students don’t have to worry about where they are going to get their next meal.”

UNC employees are proud to give back and support the important work that occurs on campus every day.

“As an educator, I want my commitment to student well-being to encompass their life outside of the classroom as well. Our contributions, however big or small, create a support structure for our current students, as well as encouraging prospective students to pursue their academic journey at UNC,” says Assistant Professor Ather Zia.

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—ATHER ZIA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,  
GENDER STUDIES AND ANTHROPOLOGY





# #BearTuesday

Support a Bear November 27th

## Help a fellow Bear on Bear Tuesday

Bear Tuesday, UNC's community-driven day of giving, is right around the corner!



In a single record-breaking day **150 donors** contributed more than **\$18,000** to **21 different campus causes** on Bear Tuesday 2017.

The Bear Pantry received the largest number of gifts from supporters on Bear Tuesday last year, and since has provided meals and other essential items for hundreds of students facing food insecurity. Thanks to Bear Tuesday donors, Performing and Visual Arts students were able to travel to Los Angeles for a Musical Theater Showcase. Generous UNC donors stepped up to contribute to these and other programs and opportunities during 2017's Bear Tuesday campaign.

UNC means something special to each of us, and our choice to support a particular area of campus is personal, reflecting our passion and commitment to this great university. Bear Tuesday gives us the opportunity to come together on one day to champion and support our favorite part of UNC.

Join the UNC community on **Tuesday, November 27, 2018** in making a gift to the area of campus that you're most passionate about. The 24-hour day of giving is an opportunity for Bears around the country to support a campus cause and show the power of the Bear network.

When we all give a little together, a lot of good can be accomplished.

➤ Find out how you can get involved at [unco.edu/bear-tuesday](http://unco.edu/bear-tuesday).



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bear Tuesday Day of Giving**  
November 27

**Winter Commencement**  
December 7-8

**Final day to make a 2018 gift**  
December 31

**Campaign for UNC Celebration,  
Presidential Investiture and Campus  
Commons Open House**  
April 12-13

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