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You are part of an incredible community. One that makes UNC what it is, and more importantly, what it is capable of becoming. *Impact UNC* is your inside look at the impact of philanthropy on campus and beyond.

As a giving society member and cherished member of the UNC donor community, you can expect to receive *Impact UNC* quarterly. The stories that we will bring to you are your stories — the evidence of success made possible through your philanthropy and The Campaign for UNC.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE UNC STORY.

People have long been at the heart of UNC. The university attracts incredible students, faculty, staff and donors. As UNC continues to develop and grow, the people who make this university special remain central to our vision. That vision takes shape with you, because your philanthropic legacy changes lives today and far into the future.

THANK YOU FOR CREATING YOUR LEGACY AT UNC.

It is my pleasure to share these inspiring stories and to say thank you with each issue of *Impact UNC* that we send. Today, we have a great deal to share, because your impact is taking shape right now! Campus Commons construction is well under way; we celebrated an impactful gift to the Honors Program; and we welcomed Shawn Tebben as the new Allen McConnell Endowed Chair in Accounting.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AS WE REACH FOR NEW LEVELS OF SUCCESS, STABILITY, CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION.

As you read *Impact UNC*, please reach out if you would like to know more about philanthropy on campus, if you have questions, or if you would like to arrange a special campus visit. I would love to hear from you, and I always welcome your connection.

With gratitude,

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Campus Commons construction is well under way.

Campaign for UNC: Update

With the Campaign for UNC in full swing, momentum is building in support of student success and other university priorities thanks to the generous donors who made contributions during the 2016-2017 year.



Total Campaign dollars to date:
\$30,216,291 from **7,262 donors**

“While we are pleased to report strong progress, the story we’re most excited to share is the one about opportunity made possible by UNC’s most generous donors,” said Vice President for Development & Alumni Relations Allie Steg Haskett ’03. “UNC donors continue to demonstrate, through their philanthropy, an inspiring commitment to our students, faculty and programs.”

UNC donors are increasing access and affordability by funding scholarships and supporting programmatic needs, helping to offset the cost of tuition and fees for students. By funding scholarships, they’re also helping ensure Bears succeed through to graduation. In fact, 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.

Enrollment this fall grew to nearly 13,000 students—the highest number of Bears enrolled at UNC in over a decade. That’s how many lives UNC donors will be changing this year and for many years to come with their generosity.

“UNC’s future is bright, in large part because individuals continue to believe in and support this outstanding institution and our students,” said Steg Haskett. “I’m proud to say with confidence, that there is no better time to be a Bear than today.”



Vice President of Development
and Alumni Relations
Allie Steg Haskett '03

First UNC Honors Alum Gives Back to Future Educators

A gift from alumnus Paul Heidger '63, along with a matching grant from the Colorado Department of Higher Education, will provide \$113,000 for UNC's Honors Program.



First Honors Program Alumnus
Paul Heidger '63

Heidger recently established the **Barbara Heidger Opportunity Scholarship** in honor of his late wife, Barbara (Hyslop) Heidger '63. The two met as honor students at UNC, then Colorado State College, when the program was first created in 1959.

"I sincerely hope this scholarship bearing Barbara's name, together with knowledge of her life story and accomplishments in education, in promotion of global awareness and peace, and in self-giving service to others may assist similarly inspired young women and men at UNC to reach their life goals and full potential," Paul said.

At Paul and Barbara's wedding, fellow Honors classmate, Bill Hayes, served as best man and classmate Sharon Wilson (now a UNC Professor Emerita) was one of Barbara's attendants. Dr. Eugene Koplitz, UNC professor and first Honors Program director, and Honors Professor Dr. Forrest Frease and their families were honored guests.

Dedication to their passions led Barbara and Paul to accomplished paths of service to their professions, their students, and, especially for Barbara, to members of the international community. Barbara's family, students, colleagues, and many friends from around the world were saddened by her premature death in 1994, at the height of her personal and professional life. She was a devoted wife and mother to her and Paul's daughters, Julie and Lisa.

Paul recently retired from the University of Iowa, where he was a professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology. He eventually remarried and currently enjoys an expanded family of their shared children and grandchildren.

THE UNC HONORS PROGRAM

Few data exist from the Honors Program's first years, but student numbers have grown from a small class in 1959 to over 200 participating students from multiple disciplines last year. The program's percentage of first-generation students surpasses that of UNC, with nearly 39% of current honors students being the first in their family to attend college.

"The generous gift from Paul and his family will provide support for years to come. These scholarships help UNC to recruit the best and the brightest into our Honors Program, which seeks to develop tomorrow's problem solvers," said UNC Director for Honors and Scholars Loree Crow. "Scholarship support of these motivated students is essential to building the strongest cohorts and is invaluable to the individual students who often need just a little extra to help them to succeed at their highest potential."

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—LOREE CROW, UNC DIRECTOR
FOR HONORS AND SCHOLARS



Heidger and Hyslop as student members of the United Campus Christian Fellowship.

The Barbara Heidger Honors Opportunity Scholarship

Established by her family and friends to honor the memory of Barbara Jane (Hyslop) Heidger '63, this scholarship will provide financial assistance to outstanding first-year students at UNC in need and who have been accepted into the Honors Program.



Paul's total gift of \$60,000 to establish a scholarship endowment matched by the State of Colorado through a Colorado Department of Higher Education Grant, called the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI), will create a total impact of over \$113,000 to the Honors Program.



The Honors Program plans to use these funds to create scholarships for exceptional incoming freshmen. In honor of Barbara's passion for International Studies, preference will be given to students who have an interest in international relations and education. Heidger plans to establish an additional Honors Program scholarship for students interested in science.

CONSIDERING YOUR END OF YEAR GIVING PLANS?

Contact us for important deadlines and tax wise ways in which you can benefit students.



Honors student Cayla Carey '19 is majoring in International Affairs.

Get to Know a UNC Honors Student

Cayla Carey '19, International Affairs – Africa and the Middle East

WHY UNC?

UNC offered a great political science program with amazing internship and study abroad opportunities at a very reasonable price.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A BEAR?

It means that I am part of a community, and I represent that community everywhere I go. It also means that I have a connection to Bears all over the world!

FUTURE PLANS?

I would love to work for the United States Department of State as a foreign affairs advisor.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY TO THOSE WHO ARE SUPPORTING YOUR EDUCATION BY GIVING TO UNC?

Thank you so much! I appreciate people like you who support my journey through college and allow me to focus on my studies and extracurricular clubs and activities instead of my financial status and stress.



MEET MORE HONORS STUDENTS!

The Honors Program will be hosting:

Honors Research Night

Date: Monday, October 30

Time: 4 to 7 pm

Location: South Hall Lower Level Lounge

The event is free and open to the public.



Allen McConnell Endowed Chair in Accounting Shawn Tebben

Tebben Named Inaugural Allen McConnell Endowed Chair

Shawn Tebben has joined the Accounting faculty this fall as the inaugural Allen McConnell Endowed Chair in Accounting for the Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business. Her 10-year life goal to teach college realized, Tebben kicks off her time at UNC with gratitude to Professor Allen McConnell and UNC's generous donors.

"I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the amazing generosity of the donors to the Allen McConnell Distinguished Chair in Accounting," Tebben said. "I'm excited to bring 30+ years of accounting, auditing and risk management experience into the classroom in a way that helps our students connect theory and concepts to the real world and become lifelong learners."

Through this professorship, Tebben looks to expand and deepen relationships with leaders in the business community, including public accounting firms, accounting and audit consulting firms, Colorado-based businesses, UNC alumni and other professional organizations to ensure UNC accounting students have the best opportunities to launch successful, rewarding and impactful careers.

Tebben was welcomed by Dean Bobrowski, Professor McConnell and the UNC community at a celebratory reception on September 19.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Giving Societies Reception

October 12

Homecoming Weekend

October 20-21

Bear Tuesday Day of Giving

November 28

Winter Commencement

December 8-9

Campus Closed for the Holidays

December 25-January 1



JOIN US AT HOMECOMING

UNC Past, Present and Future

Friday, October 20, 10:30 a.m.

Panorama Room, University Center

Alumni, students and administrators will discuss UNC's history and traditions and how they inform UNC's future.

Leaving Your Legacy

Friday, October 20, 3 p.m.

3000, Gunter Hall

Learn the impact and financial benefits of leaving a gift to UNC in your will.

Bears Fan Fest Tailgate

Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m.-Noon

Nottingham Field

Join the Alumni Association for a tailgate prior to kickoff.

➤ Visit unco.edu/homecoming to learn more and register for events.



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