NC State was founded with a purpose: to create economic, societal, and intellectual prosperity for the people of North Carolina and the country. We began as a land-grant institution grounded in agriculture and engineering. Today, we’re a preeminent research enterprise that excels across disciplines. Our students, faculty, and staff forge powerful partnerships with government, industry, nonprofits, and academia to remake our world for the better. Our more than 36,000 undergraduate and graduate students learn by doing through research, internships, co-ops, and world-changing service. Our 9,000 faculty and staff are world leaders in their fields, bridging the divides between academic disciplines and training high-caliber students to meet tomorrow’s challenges.

PARK SCHOLAR INITIATIVES

- The Krispy Kreme Challenge, founded and led by Park Scholars, is a charity race that’s best described by the numbers: 5 miles, 12 donuts, 60 minutes or less. Now in its 18th year, the race has raised more than $1.9 million for UNC Children’s Hospital, which opened the NC State Park Scholars Children’s Specialty Care Program in January 2020.
- Service Raleigh, created and coordinated by Park Scholars and other NC State student leaders, is an annual day of service. Since 1998, the event has convened up to 2,000 volunteers from NC State and the surrounding community to provide aid to more than 70 local organizations.
- Park Under-Resourced Assistance (PURA), initiated by Park Scholars in fall 2020, provides a direct outlet of support for under-resourced applicants to NC State University and the Park Scholarships program. Park Scholars volunteer as editors and aid prospective students by reviewing applications, providing feedback, and offering interview advice.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates must apply for admission to NC State and must also complete the Park Scholarships application by November 1 of their senior year. To access the Park Scholarships application, candidates must either be endorsed by their high schools by October 15 or must self-endorse. To be eligible for a Park Scholarship, a candidate must be a United States citizen, permanent resident, or graduating from a high school within the United States (regardless of citizenship status). Students must also be applying for fall, first-year admission into a baccalaureate program at NC State. For additional information, visit park.ncsu.edu.

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THE PARK EXPERIENCE

Throughout their four years, Park Scholars participate in a series of activities designed to advance their personal and professional development in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character:

• Freshman Seminar: Weekly seminar during the first year featuring outstanding NC State faculty and other distinguished guests
• Team building retreats: Opportunities to strengthen connections and reflect at transitional points in Park Scholars’ college experiences
• Learning Laboratories: Unique field experiences designed by each class to study leadership in the context of state and national issues, traditionally involving travel within North Carolina during the first year and to Washington, D.C. in the second year
• Leadership Academy: A comprehensive, four-year program to develop Park Scholars’ leadership potential
• Civic Engagement Initiatives: Year-long projects with community organizations to design and implement solutions for issues facing the populations they serve

THE PARK SCHOLAR ACHIEVEMENTS

AT NC STATE...

• Recipients of national scholarships, including the Boren, Churchill, Fulbright, Gates-Cambridge, Marshall, Michel, Pellegrino, Truman, and Udall awards, and National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships
• Internships and co-ops with Apple, Adidas, Bank of America, CNN, General Electric Aviation, Google, Habitat for Humanity, Lenovo, NASA, N.C. Department of Public Health, Sanita National Laboratories, Tesla, U.S. Congress, U.S. embassies, and Wake County Animal Center
• Research, study, and service abroad to countries including Australia, Belize, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Iceland, Italy, Kenya, Morocco, Nepal, Spain, and South Africa
• Admission to top graduate and professional schools, including Cambridge, Columbia, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York University, Oxford, Stanford, and Yale
• Employment with leading corporations, including Amazon, Apple, Cisco Systems, Deloitte, Exxon Mobil, Google, McKinsey & Company, Merck, Patagonia, Proctor & Gamble, SAS Institute, and Tesla
• Successful entrepreneurial ventures in diverse fields, as well as careers in the nonprofit and government sector with organizations including the American Red Cross, Environmental Defense Fund, National Wildlife Federation, Peace Corps, Teach for America, U.S. Senate, and World Health Organization

AND BEYOND...

• Civic Engagement Initiatives: Year-long projects with community organizations to design and implement solutions for issues facing the populations they serve

PARK ALUMNI SNAPSHOTs

Alumni support the Park Scholarships program by serving on various advisory committees and Regional Selection Committees. They also mentor current scholars and give generously to Park Scholarships funds. More broadly, Park alumni continue to make valuable professional and personal contributions to society through their individual industries and endeavors. Here are a few examples of their recent achievements:

Lindsey Wrege '21 studied business administration with a concentration in entrepreneurship and believes in the power of business for social impact. She is the co-founder and CEO of 321 Coffee, a coffee shop and roaster in Raleigh, NC, that employs individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). She started the company in college alongside other Park Scholars and it now employs more than 20 adults with IDD.

Lindsey Wrege '21

Joyner enjoys providing health care to people of all ages as a family primary care practitioner at Riverside Eastern Shore Family Medicine in Nassawadox, VA. As a physician, he mentors current scholars and gives generously to Park Scholarships funds. More broadly, Park alumni continue to make valuable professional and personal contributions to society through their individual industries and endeavors. Here are a few examples of their recent achievements:

Linwood Joyner II '13 studied biological sciences with a focus on neurodiversity, specifically autism, and other forms of neurodiversity, and graduated with a B.A. in neurosciences from Duke University in 2013. He is now in his first year of practice as a family primary care practitioner at Riverside Eastern Shore Family Medicine in Nassawadox, VA. As a physician, Joyner enjoys providing health care to people of all ages and has a special interest in using transcranial magnetic stimulation to treat degenerative joint disease.

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Nguyen Van Ly '01 studied textiles engineering and minor in German at NC State. He was awarded the National Science Foundation Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training Fellowship (IGERT), and two patents for his Ph.D. work in bionanoelectronics.

Nguyen Van Ly '01

Karli Moore '16, a member of the Lumbee Tribe, studied chemistry and agricultural business management at NC State before earning master’s degrees at the University of Arkansas and Ghent University. While working at the Native American Agriculture Fund, she was recently named a Knight-Hennessy Scholar at Stanford University and will pursue a Ph.D. in environment and resources. Moore aspires to advance food sovereignty and economic development for Indigenous communities through climate-smart agriculture.

Karli Moore '16

Allison Stolte '18, a Park Scholar at NC State, is a model of inclusion for other companies to follow. She started an e-commerce business that exclusively hires adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). She named the company in college alongside other Park Scholars and it now employs more than 20 adults with IDD. Her growing business, featuring products with Down syndrome, autism, and other forms of neurodiversity, is a model of inclusion for other companies to follow.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Park Scholarships program, now in its 26th year, brings outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, and professional schools, and national scholarships.

• Four-year scholarship valued at $116,000 for North Carolina residents and $208,000 for out-of-state students, including:
  • Tuition and fees
  • Room and board
  • Books and personal expenses
  • Educational trips, retreats, and seminars
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• Research, study, and service abroad to countries including Australia, Belize, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Iceland, Italy, Kenya, Morocco, Nepal, Spain, and South Africa
• Admission to top graduate and professional schools, including Cambridge, Columbia, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York University, Oxford, Stanford, and Yale
• Employment with leading corporations, including Amazon, Apple, Cisco Systems, Deloitte, Exxon Mobil, Google, McKinsey & Company, Merck, Patagonia, Proctor & Gamble, SAS Institute, and Tesla
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THE BENEFITS

• Supports Park Scholars in these areas, preparing them for lifelong leadership, service, and character. The program develops and funds study abroad, research projects, educational trips, retreats, and seminars, books and personal expenses, room and board, tuition and fees.

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