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Bringing Students Back to Campus

The UNC community – from faculty and staff to local businesses and organizations – is so excited to welcome students back to campus this fall for our traditional on-campus experience. Classes start on August 23, and we are ready to welcome Bears home (many with yard signs proclaiming, “This is Bear Country!”). Move-in day is August 19.

The university anticipates nearly 12,000 students will be arriving on Greeley, Loveland, and Loveland campuses.

UNC's Extended Campus this fall, with some 82% of undergraduate students receiving some form of financial aid. UNC remains the most affordable research university in Colorado, and as we continue to focus our efforts on being a student's first university, our generous scholarship donors – like retired educators and UNC alumni Robert '62, '81 and Sharon (Widdifield) Baldwin '79, Ed.D. '84 – help make UNC's quality education accessible and attainable.

The couple impacts the lives of Colorado students with the Robert C. and Sharon L. Baldwin Math and Science Scholarship for female students from rural Colorado majoring in math or science at UNC. (Read more about the Baldwins this fall in *UNC Magazine*.)

"We both really enjoyed our years at UNC," says Rob. "We aren't that wealthy, but we've been successful, and we just wanted a way to give back."

The Baldwins contribute to the scholarship fund each year with an IRA charitable rollover, which allows donors 65 years and older to exclude the rollover from their adjusted gross income as a qualified charitable distribution gifted to the University and to count toward their annual minimum required distribution.

Whether donors are supporting existing scholarship funds or establishing a legacy gift through estate planning, the students who receive these scholarships express the very real difference those scholarships make in their lives.

UNC alumna Grace Tucker '21 is one of more than 20 students who received the Baldwins' scholarship.

"This scholarship made an incredible impact on my education as I finished school at UNC," Tucker says. "I am incredibly grateful for this scholarship and the opportunities it will help me to pursue."

For academic year 2020-2021, more than \$4.1 million in donor-funded scholarships were awarded to UNC students like Tucker.

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