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Dear friends:

It was with great excitement that I assumed the role of chair of the NCSSM Foundation Board of Directors. As I have served on the board, my enthusiasm for the work of the foundation has grown, and I see the present moment as uniquely exciting and historic. With the Foundation in existence for 40 years raising private philanthropic support to augment the considerable public investment in North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics — and the school itself nearing its 40th anniversary milestone at the beginning of the 2020-21 academic year — we have an abundant legacy of success to celebrate. We also have a formidable community of more than 11,000 alumni who have launched from NCSSM — literally, in the case of Christina Hammock Koch ’97, who recently returned to Earth after serving as a NASA astronaut and flight engineer aboard the International Space Station — and who have come into their own professionally in spectacular ways.

As we have become more intentional as a foundation board and fundraising organization, we have invested in needed professional staff. As a result, we have been able to stay in closer touch with more alumni. What they tell is significant: The often emotional stories of personal and academic transformation during their time at NCSSM inspire me and our Foundation Board. Their willingness and ability to “give back” has become even more evident. This culture of giving is and will be the lifeblood of NCSSM.

We are proud to recognize a transformational lead gift this year. The NCSSM Foundation received the largest single private gift in our history: $5 million from Carolinas HealthCare System Blue Ridge, a gift supporting NCSSM Morganton construction that conveys the naming rights to the student wellness and activity center to be built there. The school held an inspiring groundbreaking ceremony on the new campus in June 2019 and celebrated this and other significant gifts toward the Morganton project, which enjoys both regional and statewide support.

We are committed as a board and as a foundation to keeping our alumni close to the school and inviting them to give back, and we are also reaching out to other foundations, corporations, and friends of STEM education. Our fiscal 2018-2019 fundraising totals detailed later in this report are impressive.

Over the next several years, we will do even more to support the launch of NCSSM Morganton, to upgrade the Durham campus, and to fuel a number of signature academic programs that provide students with experiences unavailable anywhere else.

Finally and importantly, we thank retiring Foundation President Katie Wagstaff for her 26 years of service to NCSSM. We are enthusiastic about the opportunity to welcome a new leader to build on Katie’s legacy and help propel us into another even more exciting year in the history of NCSSM.

Very best wishes,

Phil Breitfeld
2019-2021 Chair of the Foundation
The Fund for the Advancement of Science and Mathematics Education in North Carolina, which would later become the NCSSM Foundation, is created to support the school, and the generosity of donors enhances school programming, extracurriculars, and professional development. Norton F. Tennille is president of the Fund.

“The founding of the NCSSM Foundation pre-dated the opening of North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics itself. That shows how our founders viewed private philanthropy as a vital catalyst in the mission and work of this extraordinary public high school. We are thankful for their vision, given that today private support through the NCSSM Foundation makes up nearly ten percent of our annual operating budget. We are so grateful for the many friends and supporters who help us achieve our mission to serve students from across North Carolina and help advance public education in our great state.”

— Todd Roberts, Ed.D.
NCSSM Chancellor and Interim Foundation President
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Murray Abramson ‘83
Murray Abramson received his M.D. from Duke University School of Medicine. After completing his house staff training, fellowship and chief residency, he was appointed as a faculty member at Duke. In 1999, he transitioned to the pharmaceutical industry and spent 12+ years within the divisions of Merck Research Laboratories and U.S./Worldwide Human Health & Medicine. For the past eight years, Dr. Abramson has served as the Head of Global Clinical Operations for Biogen where he leads a 170-person team responsible for the strategic planning and operational execution of all Biogen clinical trials. Throughout his career, Dr. Abramson has authored several publications including articles published in The Lancet and The New England Journal of Medicine.

Brian Bailey ‘84
Brian Bailey is a co-founder and managing partner of Carmichael Partners, a Charlotte-based private investment firm. Prior to forming Carmichael, he worked in private equity at the Carlyle Group, Forstmann Little, and Carousel Capital. Additionally, he previously served in government at the Office of the White House Chief of Staff and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Brian holds a bachelor’s from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Richmond Baker
Richmond Baker is a senior consultant/architect at Microsoft Corporation in Charlotte. He has also held a number of other positions at Microsoft including program manager, engineer, public sector platforms technology lead, and premier field engineer. Additionally, he has worked as a network engineer for both US West and the U.S. Air Force and as a consultant for Credence Automation. He holds a bachelor’s in computer science from Colorado Technical University.

Phil Breitfeld
Chair 2019–2020
Phil Breitfeld is the chief strategy and innovation officer at Champions Oncology, Inc. Prior to joining Champions, Phil was the global vice president at Quintiles, responsible for the Therapeutic Centers of Excellence. He has also led the Oncology Center of Excellence at Quintiles, held senior clinical development positions at Merck KGaA (EMD Serono in the U.S.), and was the associate chief medical officer at BioCryst. Prior to his career in the pharmaceutical industry, Phil held academic positions at Harvard, University of Massachusetts, Indiana University, and Duke University. He was trained in pediatric hematology/oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and received an M.D. from the University of Rochester and a bachelor’s in chemistry from Princeton University.

Taylor Brockman ‘99
Taylor Brockman likes to invent usable software products and win offshore sailboat races. His professional roles include Chief Technology Officer at Magic Number, Inc., a patent informatics firm in Durham, and Brain Power Software, a data exchange firm in Charleston, S.C. With the assistance of NCSSM physics instructors and campus service students, Taylor maintains Interactive Web Physics, an open-source physics animation software package. Each academic year, the Bowman-Brockman Endowment at NCSSM awards student teams direct funding for entrepreneurship and advanced research projects. Taylor started serving on the NCSSM Foundation Board in 2018 and actively gives back to NCSSM with time and resources.

Kim Donica
Kim Donica is Vice President of Software Quality Assurance for MetLife Insurance. She has over 15 years of information technology experience including management and technology consulting, as well as an extensive background leading strategic initiatives for global organizations. Kim holds a bachelor’s from Emory University and an M.B.A. from Georgia State University.

Sean Fahey ‘89
Sean Fahey is a founding member and co-chief investment officer of Compass Rose Asset Management. In his role as co-CIO, Sean is responsible for oversight of the global investment team. Prior to the founding of Compass Rose in 2018, he was founding member and co-chief investment officer of Claren Road. Sean was previously a managing director at Citigroup; as head of global emerging markets external debt trading, he was responsible for sovereign and corporate debt. During his career at Salomon Brothers/Citigroup, Sean held several roles across global credit trading. He joined Salomon Brothers in 1993 in the Liability Management Group before entering the Salomon Sales & Trading training program in 1995. Sean holds a bachelor’s in economics from Duke University.
Louis Gordon ’83
Louis Gordon is president of L. Gordon Iron and Metal Company in Statesville, N.C., and former co-owner of SMR Worldwide in Charlotte. He has served on the boards for Iredell Health Systems, Recycling Association of North Carolina, Iredell Museums, Inc., Statesville-area Wells Fargo, Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence, and Hospice of Iredell County. Louis holds a bachelor’s in electrical engineering from Duke University and an M.B.A. from Tulane University.

Debra Ives
Debra Ives is the Executive Director of The Walking Classroom Institute, an educational nonprofit in Chapel Hill, where she has been for eight years. Previously, Debra worked in development at the Emily Kryzewski Center in Durham. Prior to her nonprofit career, Debra worked in banking in New York and Charlotte. Debra was the organizer for the first ever NC STEM Hall of Fame Gala fundraising event for NCSSM. Debra holds a bachelor’s in mineral economics from Penn State University, an M.B.A. in finance from George Washington University, and a certificate in nonprofit management from Duke University.

Henry Kuo ’82
Henry Kuo is a financial services consultant with AXA Advisors, LLC, where he has worked since 1995 helping clients establish sound financial strategies and goals. He holds a bachelor’s in electrical engineering from N.C. State University and an M.B.A. from Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business. He has chaired NCSSM’s Board of Trustees, the NCSSM Foundation Board of Directors, and the NCSSM Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Karen LeVert
Chair 2018–2019
Karen LeVert is CEO of Southeast TechInventures and Ag TechInventures, Inc., both of which she co-founded as technology innovation labs. Karen has over 25 years of successful leadership experience in startups, technology commercialization, and executive management. She holds a bachelor’s in information technology from Eastern Michigan University and an M.B.A. from the University of Dayton.

Stanford Lin ’87
Stanford Lin is Head of Strategy & Business Development for Nestlé Greater China Region, based in Beijing, China. Prior to joining Nestlé, Stanford worked at Visa China as Head of Products, responsible for Visa’s consumer and commercial cards, and as chief operating officer. Prior to Visa, Stanford worked at Walmart China in a variety of executive roles, including Head of Strategy and Head of Financial Services. Earlier in his career, Stanford was a management consultant with McKinsey & Company. Stanford holds a bachelor’s from Duke University, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and an M.B.A. from MIT Sloan.

Thomas Looney
Ex-officio, NCSSM Board of Trustees Chair 2018–2019 (and 2019–2020)
Tom Looney is the Chief Revenue Officer at Trill A.I. He was previously the vice president and general manager of Lenovo North America after working for IBM for more than 30 years. Tom is also chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wake Technical Community College. He also serves on the boards of the NC Coastal Federation and Trill A.I. He was instrumental in creating and then served on the board of the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC). He holds a bachelor’s in commerce from Niagara University and an M.B.A. from Xavier University’s Williams College of Business.

Bob Lynch
Bob Lynch is a technology entrepreneur having been with companies in Boston, RTP, North Carolina, and Silicon Valley. Bob is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Chemical Society. He holds a bachelor’s and an Executive M.B.A. from Babson College. He is currently retired and resides in Chapel Hill.

Katherine G. Manuel
Katherine Manuel is an operating partner with IDEA Fund Partners. She began her career with Thomson Reuters in 2005 as a management associate and remained with the corporation for 13 years, holding three vice president positions, and most recently, as Senior Vice President of Innovation. Katherine holds a bachelor’s in history with a minor in economics from Davidson College. She received an M.B.A. from Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business in 2004 and serves as an advisor to its Center for Entrepreneurship.
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Randy Myer
Randy Myer teaches in the M.B.A. and undergraduate business programs at UNC-Chapel Hill. He is also Managing Director of the Carolina Angel Network, a UNC alumni group that invests in early stage UNC ventures. He is also a board member of the Carolina Research Venture Fund at UNC. He received a bachelor’s from UNC-Chapel Hill and an M.B.A. from Harvard University.

Steven Norton ’08
Ex-officio, Alumni Association Board of Directors President 2018-2019
Steven Norton is co-head of executive networks, research, and media at Metis Strategy, a management consulting firm that advises Fortune 500 technology executives. He previously was a reporter at The Wall Street Journal, where he covered business and technology with a focus on enterprise IT. Prior to joining WSJ, he helped launch a community for financial professionals at Thomson Reuters and completed business journalism internships at Bloomberg News and The Charlotte Observer. Based in New York, Steven served as president of the NCSSM Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2017 to 2019. He received a bachelor’s from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Rohan Paul
Rohan Paul is employed by Deloitte Services LP in Charlotte and is an active volunteer, serving as a Board Adviser for Visions Global Empowerment, a Parent Adviser for Echo Foundation, and Board Adviser for Queen City Robotics Alliance. Rohan began his career at JP Morgan in 1984, rising to Managing Director, providing investment banking coverage for metals companies for 17 years. He went on to work for Wells Fargo Securities also as a Managing Director, providing banking coverage for metals and chemical companies. Rohan attended the American School in London for high school and holds a bachelor’s from Princeton University and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Margaret “Meg” Powell ’94
Meg Powell has over 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry including assignments at McKinsey, Eli Lilly, and GlaxoSmithKline. In 2012, she turned her efforts to emerging life science firms and has served in operating and consulting roles for Aerial Bio, KemPharm, and Qura Therapeutics. She is currently the CEO of 501 Ventures, a life science incubator that she founded. She also serves as Chair of TARGET PharmaSolutions, a real world evidence solutions company that she founded and served as CEO until the sale to Norwest Venture Partners in 2018. She is a board member for Carolina Research Ventures and Emergo Therapeutics. Meg holds a Pharm.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill and an M.B.A. from Stanford University.

Todd Roberts
Ex-officio, Chancellor
Todd Roberts is chancellor of NCSSM and an ex officio member of the Foundation Board. He began his education career as a Durham Public Schools teacher and principal. Most recently, he served as superintendent of Ann Arbor Public Schools in Michigan before returning to Durham in 2010 to become NCSSM’s fourth chancellor. He holds a bachelor’s in English from Duke University and a master’s and doctorate in education from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Michelle Lowe Solér
Michelle Lowe Solér is the research and development lead for competency-based education and assessment for the UNC System Office. She is also project lead for the system-wide Math Pathways Project, done in close alignment with the NC Community College System to coordinate the placement, transfer, advising, and teaching of UNC system students in gateway and entry level mathematics and statistics courses. She manages the UNC System Assessment Council, UNC System CBE Council, UNC System Advising Council, and facilitates academic project innovation across campuses. Dr. Solér holds a bachelor’s from the Hussman School of Journalism and Media at UNC-Chapel Hill, an M.B.A. from Wake Forest University School of Business, and the Ph.D. in Education and Cultural Studies from UNC-Greensboro.

With a gift from the RJR Nabisco Foundation, NCSSM establishes a pilot distance education program called “Down-to-Earth Digital Learning.”

Rita Ware appointed Executive Director of the NCSSM Foundation.

NCSSM offers its first distance education classes, broadcasting on public TV channels.
Charles “Rick” F. Stone, III
Chair Emeritus
Rick Stone is chair emeritus of the Foundation Board, having served as a board member, board chair, and chair of the NCSSM Odyssey Capital Campaign. He currently serves as chair of the Paul Taylor Dance Company in New York, as chair of the Council for the Arts at MIT, and as a board member of The MacDowell Colony. Prior to his retirement, Rick was an investment banker in New York City after having taught English literature at Boston University. After retiring, he studied and taught biblical literature, earning an M.T.S. from Duke University Divinity School and an M.T. from Harvard University Divinity School. Rick received a bachelor’s from Princeton University, a master’s in finance from MIT Sloan School of Management, and a doctorate in English literature from Cornell University.

Charlie Stone ’03
Charlie Stone is a co-founder and partner of Alfreton Capital, an investment fund based in London. Prior to living in London, he was at Praxient Capital and DUMAC, the endowment manager for Duke University. Charlie graduated from NCSSM in 2003 and was a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2009 to 2017, serving as its president from 2012 to 2015. Charlie holds a bachelor’s from Princeton University and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Sara Lou Succop
Sara Lou Succop is a shareholder in American Roller Bearing Company. She is a philanthropist and an active community volunteer, serving on a variety of boards and councils such as the Burke County Public Schools Foundation, Burke County Public Schools Student Health Advisory Council, and the Hospice of Burke County, and as a Girl Scout volunteer since 2011. Sara Lou holds a bachelor’s from UNC-Chapel Hill and an associate’s in nursing from Western Piedmont Community College.

Tina C. Wang-Fulford
Ex-officio, Parent Association Chair 2018–2019
Tina Wang-Fulford served as the 2018-2019 NCSSM Parent Association Chair. Tina is an active community volunteer and is pursuing her new passion of teaching for the North Carolina Virtual Public Schools. Tina previously worked in the high tech industry for 18 years. She holds a master’s in information management.

Brock Winslow ’86
Ex-officio
Brock Winslow is NCSSM’s vice chancellor for institutional advancement. Brock works with the school community as well as other stakeholders to ensure and expand the NCSSM opportunity for North Carolina’s students. His division is primarily responsible for the school’s communications, constituent and legislative relations, and fundraising activities. He holds a bachelor’s from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Staff Officers

Leah Englebright
Assistant Treasurer
Leah Englebright is a Certified Public Accountant and is the director of budget and finance at NCSSM, where she oversees the financial reporting of the school. Prior to joining NCSSM, Leah spent seven years in public accounting before becoming the controller at Vance-Granville Community College. Leah holds a bachelor’s from Meredith College and a master’s from N.C. State University.

Katie T. Wagstaff
Foundation President and Assistant Secretary
Katie Wagstaff retired on June 30, 2019 after more than 26 years of service to NCSSM and the NCSSM Foundation, most recently as president of the Foundation. A southern Virginia transplant who has embraced Durham as her home, Katie’s career in education and the nonprofit world included stints at the UNC School of Dentistry and UNC Physicians and Associates. She joined the NCSSM Foundation in 1992. Katie holds a bachelor’s in business management from Virginia Tech.
NCSSM breaks ground in Morganton and welcomes a major gift from local supporter

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics is multiplying its benefits to the state by creating a second campus in western North Carolina, scheduled to enroll its first class of residential students in 2022. The campus, incorporating new and renovated historic buildings, is situated on a ridgeline in Morganton near I-40, about 2.5 hours west of Durham and within an hour of Asheville, Hickory, and Boone. Overlooking the South Mountains, the views from the new campus are beautiful and inspiring. The additional campus will increase by half the number of high school juniors and seniors from across the state who can be accepted each year for our residential experience.

NCSSM is actively engaged in raising $10 million in private donations to support the Morganton construction. To date, the NCSSM Foundation has recorded more than 250 gifts for the project that total more than $7 million.

On June 21, 2019, at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new campus, NCSSM received a $5 million gift from Carolinas HealthCare System Blue Ridge—the largest gift in the 40-year history of NCSSM. The gift conveys naming rights for a state-of-the-art comprehensive student wellness and activities center at NCSSM-Morganton.

CHS Blue Ridge, a community healthcare system with hospitals in Morganton and Valdese, has been serving families in the community for nearly 113 years and sees this gift as a way to support the future prosperity and well-being of the region.

“The new school represents a significant investment in our community,” said Kathy C. Bailey, President and CEO of CHS Blue Ridge. “We feel the school will bring new families and jobs to the area, which will enhance the quality of life for those in our community, including our own employees.”

“The board felt very strongly about this donation, and we worked hard to make it happen,” said Mike Bridges, Chairman of the CHS Blue Ridge Board of Directors. “We are committed to improving health, of course, and economics plays a large part of that. We want to make this a successful venture for Burke County.”

NCSSM Chancellor Todd Roberts was honored to accept the gift on behalf of NCSSM-Morganton. “We are extremely grateful to CHS Blue Ridge for its investment in our new campus and steadfast commitment to the Unifour region,” Roberts said. “This extraordinary gift represents the largest private donation in our school’s
NCSSM-Morganton promises academically talented students from anywhere in North Carolina the opportunity to study advanced classes with top instructors and mentors in science, technology, engineering, and math. Recognizing the contributions NCSSM has made in its four decades of educating business leaders, entrepreneurs, and even an astronaut, stakeholders from across the state see NCSSM-Morganton as a catalyst for economic development. The school is forging innovative partnerships in the western part of the state that are helping to develop the campus and curriculum through monetary donations.

“With the advent of NCSSM-Morganton, our university system reaches into new territory by adding a campus in the Unifour region,” said Dr. Bill Roper, Interim President of the University of North Carolina System. “NCSSM is known nationally and internationally as a world-class teaching institution, and this new campus will further our mission to bring transformative results for our entire state and its citizens—empowering students, spurring innovation, and enriching the surrounding communities.”

NCSSM Chancellor Todd Roberts accepts the gift from CHS Blue Ridge Board of Directors Chairman Mike Bridges, as CHS Blue Ridge President and CEO Kathy C. Bailey and Alisa McDonald, Chair of the NCSSM Board of Trustees’ Institutional Advancement Committee, look on. Opposite: NCSSM faculty and staff attended the groundbreaking for the new campus.

The groundbreaking ceremony for NCSSM-Morganton provided the perfect backdrop against which to celebrate this leadership gift among the many others that have made a major impact on the fundraising goal. Many other corporations, civic groups, and individuals have stepped up to contribute to the new campus, including generous gifts from:

- BB&T
- Burroughs Wellcome Fund
- Case Farms
- GoldenLEAF Foundation
- The Goodnight Educational Foundation
- Huffman-Cornwell Foundation
- Leviton Manufacturing
- Molded Fiber Glass Companies
- Rotary Club of Morganton
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Jud Bowman ’99 and Taylor Brockman ’99 establish an endowment to support students in exceptional endeavors in advanced research, entrepreneurship, and academic competition.


NCSSM-Morganton Donors
Contributors for capital, programmatic and operating support for the 2018-2019 year

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A partner in STEM education

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics has had perhaps no better corporate or foundation friend than the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. From its critical role in building out the school’s early distance learning infrastructure to its establishment of an endowment that solidified NCSSM’s position as a national leader in research, mentorship and innovation at the high school level, the Fund has provided crucial support for programs that have reached students and teachers throughout the state for nearly 30 years.

In 2018, BWF once again stepped forward at a pivotal moment, this time with a pledge of $250,000 in support of NCSSM-Morganton, the second residential campus being constructed in Western North Carolina.

“We believe the best method for engaging students in science is to allow students to immerse themselves in the scientific process and let them do what comes naturally—ask questions,” said Dr. John Burris, BWF President. “NCSSM-Morganton will give more North Carolina students the chance to participate in hands-on, cutting-edge experiments in partnership with local industries, better preparing them for the future.”

At the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the Burroughs Wellcome Fund stood as the single largest cumulative donor to the school, with total giving nearing the $3 million mark. Sixteen years of consecutive giving also distinguish BWF as NCSSM’s most consistent corporate or foundation donor.

Behind every success story, be it a student or an organization, stand a number of others who have contributed to that success. In the history of NCSSM, none stand taller than the Burroughs Wellcome Fund.
For supporters of North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics—and STEM education in North Carolina—there was excitement in the air, and truly much to celebrate: the contributions of the evening’s honorees, the dedication of the NCSSM community, and the promise of current students across the state.

Some 250 supporters gathered for the school’s second gala, held March 30, 2019, at The Carolina Club on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill. It was an evening to celebrate and honor the remarkable contributions of three pillars of the North Carolina STEM education community with their inductions into the NC STEM Hall of Fame.

After cocktails and dinner, NCSSM seniors Abdul-Rakeem Yakubu, Navami Jain, and Jack Healy greeted guests before emcee Steve Daniels, ABC11 anchor, opened the gala’s award presentations.

“I want you to know: our honorees this evening are the kind of people who make our region and state a truly special place on this earth,” said Daniels. “So I am delighted that we have gathered here tonight to give them their rightful recognition—and to hold them up as models to inspire others.”

Each honoree was introduced by a dear friend and featured in a short video profile. (Visit ncsm.edu/honorees2019 for links to the videos.) First up, Tom Williams introduced honoree Sam Houston, Jr., president and chief executive officer of the North Carolina Science, Mathematics and Technology Education Center. Eastern North Carolina STEM was the second honoree, with former ENC STEM student Jessica Towns welcoming co-directors Elaina Sabatine and Grayson Cooper ’08 to the stage to accept their award. And finally, honoree Shirley Frye, former NCSSM Board of Trustees chair, was introduced by Marilyn Foote-Hudson, Executive Director of the North Carolina Science, Mathematics and Technology Education Center. Eastern North Carolina STEM was the second honoree, with former ENC STEM student Jessica Towns welcoming co-directors Elaina Sabatine and Grayson Cooper ’08 to the stage to accept their award. And finally, honoree Shirley Frye, former NCSSM Board of Trustees chair, was introduced by Marilyn Foote-Hudson, Executive Director of the North Carolina Science, Mathematics and Technology Education Center.

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund makes their second $1 million donation to the Foundation to establish an endowment in support of advanced student research and mentorship opportunities, making real-world learning experiences possible for even more NCSSM students.
NC STEM Hall of Fame

2019 Honorees
- Eastern North Carolina STEM
- Shirley Frye
- Samuel H. Houston, Jr.

2017 Honorees
- Maya Ajmera ’85
- Burroughs Wellcome Fund
- Joseph DeSimone, Ph.D.
- Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.

NCSSM established the NC STEM Hall of Fame in 2017 to recognize individuals and institutions throughout the state who have made remarkable contributions to our statewide community in science, math, engineering, and technology, as well as ethics of service reflective of NCSSM’s mission.

GlaxoSmithKline Foundation, where Mrs. Frye serves on the Foundation Board of Directors.

In his closing remarks, Chancellor Todd Roberts said, “Just look what is possible when people of great capability and goodwill come together in common cause. Look what we’ve accomplished together for our state in these nearly 40 years. By directly serving individual students well, and by partnering with local educators across North Carolina, we shape our state, as Steve so eloquently said, as a great place to live, raise a family, and launch a business, a place with economic opportunity and a quality of life and a society to rival any place in the world. Each one of you here is a crucial part of that, and I hope you go home with renewed pride.”

The Peter T. Haughton Fabrication and Innovation Lab opens thanks to a unique combination of support in memory of Haughton, member of the Class of 1989. The lab took shape from an existing space on campus, renovation with funds from the state, and outfitted with high-end machinery and equipment thanks to the generosity of Haughton’s family and friends, led by classmate Carl Ryden ’89 and Haughton’s mother, Kristina Haughton, among others.

Clockwise from top-right: Chancellor Todd Roberts with honoree ENC STEM co-directors Grayson Cooper ’08 and Elaina Sabatine; Chancellor Roberts with honoree Shirley Frye; NCSSM Foundation Board of Directors Chair Karen LeVert; (center) Chancellor Roberts with honoree Sam Houston, Jr.; and NCSSM Class of 2019 seniors.
In 2013, four NCSSM alumni came together on behalf of underrepresented minority students at NCSSM to establish the Dr. Joan Barber Endowment to Support URM Student Success. The endowment was created to honor the work of faculty emerita Joan Barber, who for more than 25 years dedicated herself to the cultivation of NCSSM’s students.

While Dr. Barber’s warmth, generosity, and compassion for children extended to all in her care, her unique position as an African American woman in a STEM leadership role endeared her especially to many of NCSSM’s underrepresented minority students. They saw in her a professional and personal role model, someone who rose from very humble beginnings in rural Mississippi to achieve remarkable success as a teacher and administrator in a field rarely pursued by women of color.

Dr. Barber’s leadership and genuine enthusiasm for all students at NCSSM created the foundation for a cross-cultural dialogue that has helped shaped student life at NCSSM. From cultural events and diversity training to nurturing underrepresented minority (URM) student and cultural groups including the Colours gospel choir, her influence can still be seen, felt, and heard throughout the school. NCSSM continues each day to reach out to all of its students in ways that foster the same ideals of equality, understanding, and hope that inspired Dr. Barber in her own service to the school.

“It is an honor to follow Dr. Barber’s footsteps and I am grateful for her wisdom, perspective, and guidance through the years,” says Dr. Terry Lynch, who succeeded Dr. Barber as NCSSM’s Vice Chancellor for Student Life. “I am also grateful to the alumni who established the URM endowment in Dr. Barber’s honor as well as the donors who have contributed to the endowment through the years.”

Thanks to the continued generosity of the students she inspired, the fund established in Dr. Barber’s honor in 2013 is now fully endowed, having more than doubled in size from its original principal. The creation of the endowment has also inspired giving to an expendable fund to immediately respond to needs unique to NCSSM’s underrepresented minority community.

For more than two decades, Dr. Barber’s advocacy inspired innumerable students. The endowment in her name cements that legacy, and will, just as Dr. Barber did for those in her care, advance opportunity and celebrate student success for decades to come.
Class of 1988 endowment celebrates retiring faculty and staff

Ask current NCSSM students what they think of the teachers and staff at NCSSM, and they’ll be sure to list their favorite ones, the funniest ones, the ones with the warmest smile or those who write the best college recommendation letters.

Ask alumni that same question years later, and they will tell you this: the faculty and staff at NCSSM helped shape the path their life has taken. At various random moments in their life, they realize they’re leaning on something someone at NCSSM taught them. Spirited intellectual exchanges and words of encouragement after an especially difficult day in class return to them, along with the lesson learned. Kind words in the hall from a staff member remain long after graduation has passed. Decades beyond NCSSM, there are still “aha” moments when, during a challenging time of their own, an alumnus suddenly realizes the true meaning of something a teacher shared with them so many years before.

There’s a bond among students, faculty and staff that lasts long after graduation charts new paths for each. That bond is exactly what the **Class of 1988 Endowment** is all about. Created to recognize faculty and staff retiring from NCSSM, as well as to recruit new employees of the school, the endowment—which has increased in value nearly 80 percent since its creation—each spring sponsors an employee retirement reception for retiring faculty and staff. The endowment pays for a small gift for each retiree—in the past few years, a framed print by founding art instructor and faculty emeritus Joe Liles.

Not only do those teachers and staff members illuminate equations, formulas, and poetic forms, they also pass along traits like confidence, compassion, creativity, and curiosity that can’t be quantified. They help our students open up their hearts and minds to the world around them and encourage them to look within themselves for solutions to challenges they face beyond the classroom. And with mom and dad often hours away, they offer themselves as surrogate parents, comforting hearts and calming fears.

If NCSSM’s students are its heart, then its faculty and staff are its soul. The Class of 1988 Endowment stands as a firm testament to the former’s appreciation of the latter.
ENDOWMENTS

2018-2019 Named NCSSM Foundation Endowments

Aldrich Music Endowment
Supports NCSSM’s Fine Arts program, with an emphasis on the performing arts

Dr. Joan Barber Endowment to Support URM Student Success
Supports Colours gospel choir, student groups with a majority underrepresented minority membership, and other programming/activities that support the success of URM students at NCSSM

Bowman-Brockman Endowment for Entrepreneurship and Advanced Research
Provides a funding source for students to pursue research projects and start-up ventures, and supports some travel to academic competitions

Allen K. Briggs Memorial Scholarship
Established in the memory of Allen Kenneth Briggs ’88 to assist middle or high school students with financial need to attend one of the NCSSM Summer Accelerator programs

Joe Freeman and Marylyn L. Britt Endowment
Supports electronics and physics projects

Branson Brown Athletics Endowment
Supports athletic activities at NCSSM to include NCHSAA-recognized school teams as well as intramural activities

Broyhill Foundation Endowment
Supports the Broyhill Leadership Series, which brings to campus speakers/professionals noted for their business leadership in the fields of science and technology

Joseph M. Bryan, Sr. Endowment Fund
Unrestricted endowment

Burroughs Wellcome Fund Endowment
Supports faculty professional development

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund Endowment for Student Research, Mentorship, and Innovation
Supports advanced research, mentorship, and innovation

Class of 1983 Academic Endowment
Funds academic programs

Class of 1988 Endowment
Supports employee recruitment and retirement recognition

The Fagan Fund for Faculty Excellence
Supports faculty professional development

The CAR Foundation Fund for Faculty Excellence
Supports faculty professional development

General Endowment
Supports ongoing needs of the school and the NCSSM Foundation

Glaxo Foundation Endowment for Student Research
Supports students’ independent scientific research in biology

Peter T. Haughton Fabrication and Innovation Endowment
Supports the Peter T. Haughton Fabrication and Innovation Lab

Hurd Memorial Residential Endowment
Supports Student Services and Student Life programs

Ives Academic and Club Competition and Conferences Endowment
Supports residential students of NCSSM’s Durham campus who are participating in academic and club competitions and conferences

Geun-ho Kim Scholarship
For a graduating senior whose parents or parent immigrated to the United States

Kuo Family Endowment
Supports the Science and Mathematics departments of NCSSM’s Durham campus

NCSSM Foundation launches the Ignite + Transform campaign, receiving a record $2 million gift from Carl Ryden ’89 and his wife, Ashley, to launch the Ryden Program for Innovation and Leadership in Artificial Intelligence at NCSSM.
Joe Liles Fine Arts Endowment
Provides continuous funding to enhance student development in instrumental, voice, drama, dance, and visual arts

George E. & Etta Lou Loftin Endowment
Supports students with financial needs

Mace Library Endowment
Supports efforts to bring speakers to campus

Jon Miller Endowment for the Humanities
Supports the Humanities Department’s unmet needs

NCSSM Alumni Scholarship Endowment
Provides college scholarships to selected graduating seniors

NCSSM Challenge Endowment
Supports programs that inspire NCSSM students to donate while still enrolled in the school

NCSSM Faculty Continuing Professional Development and Curriculum Development Fund
Supports faculty professional development as well as the development of curriculum on the Durham campus

Prabhu Endowment for the Sciences
Supports the school’s technology infrastructure, especially involving the teaching of science

Quarter Century Unrestricted Endowment
Supports the student body, faculty, and general community

Robotics Engineering Endowment
Supports the engineering component of the robotics program at NCSSM

Christy Shaffer Endowment
Provides a scholarship to young women attending UNC-Chapel Hill in underrepresented fields such as business or STEM

Steffee Endowment for Student Research and Creativity
Encourages independent research and student-driven academic projects

Troan Endowment for Technology
Supports unmet technology needs

Unrestricted Endowment
Supports the Foundation and the school and funds many of the needs of the school’s student body, faculty, and general community

Wachovia Unrestricted Endowment
Supports ongoing needs of the school and the NCSSM Foundation

Engineering Endowment
Supports the Engineering Department’s unmet needs

Humanities Endowment
Supports the Humanities Department’s unmet needs

Mathematics Endowment
Supports the Mathematics Department’s unmet needs

Science Endowment
Supports the Science Department’s unmet needs

Technology Endowment
Supports NCSSM’s unmet technology needs

Virginia S. Wilson Scholarship
Provides a graduating NCSSM student with a scholarship to attend Duke University

Women With Wings Endowment
Supports programs in aviation and aeronautics for young women

NCSSM Foundation President Katie Wagstaff retires after 26 years of service to the NCSSM Foundation.

At the groundbreaking ceremony for NCSSM-Morganton, NCSSM announces a record $5 million gift from Carolinas HealthCare System Blue Ridge, conveying naming rights for a comprehensive student wellness and activities center at the western campus.
2018-2019 NCSSM FOUNDATION
FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Expenditures 2018-2019

- ADMINISTRATION $135,780 (7%)
- INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT $317,262 (15%)
- FOUNDATION $284,944 (13%)
- ACADEMIC PROGRAMS $1,035,782 (47%)
- CAMPAIGN $241,020 (11%)
- STUDENT LIFE $166,821 (8%)

Total $2,181,609

Total Funding Sources 2018-2019

- ENDOWMENT DRAW $541,222 (6%)
- SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS $75,274 (1%)
- RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS $6,662,596 (78%)
- RESERVES $53,607 (1%)
- UNRESTRICTED ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS $1,192,779 (14%)
- TOTAL $8,525,478
### NCSSM Foundation by the Numbers — FY 2018-2019

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- The 2A Foundation
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$25,000-$99,999

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In June 2019, NCSSM bid “happy retirement” to
Katie Wagstaff, who served NCSSM and the NCSSM
Foundation for more than 26 years.

Katie began her tenure at NCSSM in the fall of 1992 as
a part-time accounting technician. In 1997 she
assumed leadership of the NCSSM Foundation and
remained in that role until her retirement as president
of the Foundation.

Throughout her career, Katie remained a warm,
welcoming, and informed presence as she provided
guidance on securing funds for programs and projects
of all stripes. She grew the NCSSM Foundation’s
endowment, made sure it passed audits with flying
colors, and—most impressively—gently persuaded
those who managed programs to adhere to funding
guidelines and submit reports on time. And she did it all
with a genuine smile.

Katie and her husband, Hunter, have two daughters,
Hillary and Jessica. Jessica is a 2002 graduate of NCSSM.

We thank Katie for her dedicated service to NCSSM
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— Ashwin Rao ’19

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NCSSM Trustee Vimal Kolappa, one of the event organizers, observed: “Our Indian American community is thankful for the many opportunities available to us in this country, and most especially for the educational opportunities available to our children. For our first charity fundraiser, we thought it especially fitting that we support the work of NCSSM, which offers advanced educational opportunities and support services to students, teachers and schools in every corner of North Carolina.”
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