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A STORYBOOK

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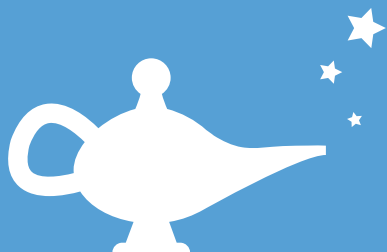
By now you know what the Morehead-Cain offers. Four years, fully funded. A top-notch liberal arts education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Life-altering summer experiences. Amazing Discovery Fund opportunities. A close-knit community of scholars on campus and an extensive network of alumni mentors around the world.

While those are all wonderful aspects of the Morehead-Cain, you may be ready to find out more about what it's really like to be at Carolina and to be a Morehead-Cain Scholar.

If so, this storybook is for **you**.

These are Morehead-Cain stories, told by scholars and alumni. Some short, some long. Some that offer advice and others that share fond memories. Stories shared by members of the Morehead-Cain family—a community of thinkers, doers, dreamers, and adventurers. People who love to learn, but want to be defined by more than a test score. People who try their best to make a difference. Who always want to give more than they expect to get. People who enjoy exploring, discovering new things, being challenged.

People like you, perhaps.



UNIVERSITY *of* NORTH CAROLINA
at CHAPEL HILL



One of the best things about the Morehead-Cain is the fact that it brings you to UNC for your undergraduate years.

Carolina is a place of rich heritage, relaxed beauty, and profound scholastic heft. It's Nobel Prize-winning professors and a stunning campus. It's too many student organizations to name, too many majors and minors to list. It's the basketball team and cutting-edge research labs. It's steeped in tradition and at the forefront of innovation.

But for all of its amazing parts, Carolina is more than that. **It is an experience.**

It's all the best of what college should be: diverse, rigorous, engaging, inspiring, and—we'll just say it—a **little bit magical.**

JAMES

When I first started at Carolina, I could not have imagined traveling on behalf of one of my professors to conduct interviews in South Africa and Ghana. I could not have imagined brainstorming one-on-one with my favorite Asian Studies professor about the syllabus for a course I was preparing to teach. I could not have imagined drilling practice questions with my favorite economics lecturer about monetary policy before the national finals of the college Fed Challenge. I could not have imagined rehearsing a stand-up comedy routine in Mandarin with a Chinese professor before taking the stage in a national Chinese speaking competition. But, four years later, these opportunities had formed the bedrock of my educational journey in college—and they were enabled because Carolina professors trusted me to take on extra responsibility, to go the extra mile, and to form a partnership with them.

JAMES WILLIAMS '16

Brooks School, Andover, MA

Marshall Scholar and Master's Candidate in the Politics of China, SOAS, University of London

SARAH

The combination of the first-rate academics at Carolina and the resources and support system of Morehead-Cain helped me to take control of my education, to ask difficult questions and creatively find solutions. In my freshman year I remember vividly seeing upperclassmen doing amazing research and analysis. I never imagined I would engage in academic work at that level as an undergrad. But thanks to my courses, travels, research, and relationships with professors, I realized I could undertake much more than I thought possible. My courses were consistently interesting and challenging, from modeling volcanic eruptions in the Pacific Rim to debating international implications of nuclear energy policy. I worked closely with dedicated professors and graduate students conducting exciting, complex research. The academic and other opportunities I have today were made possible by my experiences at Carolina. Attending UNC as a Morehead-Cain Scholar has enriched my life immeasurably.

SARAH COOLEY '15

St. Paul's School, Concord, NH

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CLAY

Being a Morehead-Cain at Carolina taught me to explore and embrace those seemingly disjointed sides of myself I'd always struggled to define. At Carolina, I was able to immerse myself in a dataset all morning and then spend the evening painting myself blue and going to a basketball game. It was a place where I could be intellectual, but also artistic, empathetic, and funny. And in this way, the Morehead-Cain was a challenge. It challenged me to view the world from the tallest peaks and through the strongest magnifying glasses; to connect these disparate viewpoints; and, in doing all of that, to delve into who I am and what I believe.

CLAY HACKNEY '15

Highland School of Technology, Gastonia, NC
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The best thing about the Morehead-Cain Program at Carolina is that you have the best of both worlds. You have a tremendous research university where you have all the richness of that experience, but you also have a very tight-knit group of very smart, wonderful classmates that you identify with. So you get to have both.

CHRISTIAN CHARNAUX '99

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MOREHEAD - CAIN
EXPERIENCE



First, the nuts and bolts. The Morehead-Cain provides a full, four-year scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

It includes:

- ★ An annual stipend that covers full tuition and other costs, including student fees, housing, meals, books and a laptop, supplies, and miscellaneous expenses
- ★ A full, four-year Summer Enrichment Program made up of diverse, customized experiences that begin the summer between high school graduation and the first year at Carolina with Outdoor Leadership, followed by Public Service, Inquiry and Exploration, and Private Enterprise
- ★ Discovery Fund grants to be used for serendipitous educational opportunities
- ★ Advising and support from an experienced staff of Morehead-Cain advisors
- ★ A connected community of motivated, funny, interesting peers, as well as accomplished and eager mentors: the 3,000 Morehead-Cain Alumni around the world

SHILPI

The Morehead-Cain gives you the opportunity to really stretch and grow. If I look back now on the experiences and the moments that have been the most meaningful to me or that have changed the course of my life in the biggest way, they happened when I either followed my passion—even if it was impractical or obscure—or when I was out of my comfort zone.

So those are the two questions I would encourage you to ask yourself as you go into the next three, four, five years of your life, when you're going to be making choice after choice: What are you passionate about? And what causes you discomfort? And it may seem like those are two opposing ideas, but I think they are really about stretching yourself to make choices that are not always safe.

Safe choices only take you so far in life, and if you really want to be truly successful and fulfilled, you have to go beyond that. There are a couple of ways the Morehead-Cain helps you do that.

The first and most obvious way is that you're shipped off every summer to a place you've never been with a bunch of people you've probably never experienced life with before. In my case it was a police department in Minneapolis, and the next summer it was a bunch of bankers at Goldman Sachs, and the next summer it was an orphanage in India. I mean, it was head-spinning. So I was out of my comfort zone every single summer. And every one was a life-changing experience for me.

The other way, which is a little subtler, is you're on this incredible campus with tens of thousands of students from all walks of life, and no matter who you are when you come to Carolina, you're going to bump up against people every single day that are different than you. They have different political beliefs, different religious backgrounds, different socioeconomic backgrounds. They might be right-brained thinkers and you're a left-brained thinker.

So I think one of the great advantages of the Morehead-Cain is that it brings you to this incredible, diverse university where you can expose yourself to so many new things. This is the place where you get to attend a religious service that you've never been to before or sit down with somebody who's a Republican when you're

a Democrat and have a meaningful conversation and try to understand their point of view and hone your own point of view. So those are things that I think are maybe a little bit subtler, but they happen every single day. The opportunity for them exists every single day that you're on campus.

SHILPI SOMAYA GOWDA '92

York Mills Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Ontario
New York Times Bestselling Novelist, Rancho Santa Fe, CA

ALEX

For me, and for other out-of-state and international scholars, the opportunity to have a family within the larger Carolina community was a significant attraction. Furthermore, I think that the quality of peers in our Morehead-Cain class drives us all to do more and to strive for greater heights. Extraordinary things are made to seem ordinary.

ALEX CLAYTON '17

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DAVID

There's no single dorm where all the Morehead-Cains live. There's no club or secret handshake. You're as much a part of Carolina as any Carolina student. So one thing that you shouldn't expect is that your on-campus life is in any way privileged or that you're given anything beyond just the check that gets you going and the support and encouragement of the staff. The rest is up to you. I also do want to make sure I put in a plug for Honors Carolina. Because in the same way that the Morehead-Cain has kept leveling up here—I'm a videogamer so leveling up means a lot to me—I mean, we're at like Level 35 for the Morehead-Cain and we were probably at Level 8 when I was coming through. Same thing is true of Honors Carolina, which gets you access to smaller classes, the best professors, and an incredibly high-SAT-like environment on campus. It just keeps getting better and better.

DAVID GARDNER '88

St. Mark's School, Southborough, MA

Founder and Chairman, The Motley Fool, Washington, DC

The Morehead-Cain gives you the chance to explore and experience the real world up close. Now. You don't have to wait until after you graduate. The Foundation provides a kind of home base, with a warm, knowledgeable staff to help guide and encourage you through your college journey. There's also the network of brilliant and accomplished alumni who offer advice and mentorship (and internships and sometimes even jobs!). And, after graduation, the Morehead-Cain is a lifetime of belonging to an extraordinary family.

SAFIYAH ISMAIL '15

Cary Senior High School, Morrisville, NC

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NAIMUL'S STORY



We'll end with our longest story. It's actually the end of a story told by Naimul Huq, a Morehead-Cain Scholar in the class of 2008.

Naimul first told this story to the Morehead-Cain finalists in 2014, and they liked it so much, we thought we should share some of it with you.

I don't really remember much from high school, but I actually get to use the skills I developed at Carolina on a daily basis. I got an incredible liberal arts education, and had enough exposure to science that I'm dangerous in my kitchen laboratory.

The strength of my schooling made it easy for me to get a job at a Fortune 100 Innovation Center with freedom to explore public health from the perspective of gaming, robotics, and social media. A job that grew into an even more diverse opportunity at a global marketing organization with the best clients in the world.

My career requires insights into different industries every day. I might start the morning figuring out how to convince women aged 60+ that they should try viscosupplements for their knee osteoarthritis and end the day inviting a girl who runs a Harry Potter forum with enough fan fiction to fill the Library of Congress to a special premiere.

The world of communication and data science is constantly evolving with every new product from Google and every new app that launches out of a garage. People have found ways to predict the outcomes of elections and sports with astounding accuracy, and businesses are using the same mathematics to revolutionize our entertainment, our food, our relationships, and our homes.



The foundation of knowledge I accrued at Carolina enables me to keep up, and engendered in me a love of learning and critical thinking that keeps me there.

The Morehead-Cain Program innovates. Every day I spend hours trying to convince giant companies that the world changes. Sometimes I get nowhere.

Morehead-Cain is one of the few organizations I know that recognizes change and adapts to meet it. They operate like a 70-year-old startup accelerator, propelling talent into this world armed with intangibles and unburdened by debt.

The introspection of this family is what earns its premier status. The lack of hubris in its members is their only notable shortcoming. As innovators, they constantly reassess their position relative to you, and the classes yet to come.

You've changed. You exchange information at a rate that borders on telepathy. Fifty-five million Instagram pictures a day? Five hundred million tweets a day?

The amount of data that was created in 2009 is more than was created in the entire history of humankind preceding it.

You naturally collaborate and grow together in ways that I couldn't imagine when I was your age. And I'm not that much older than you.

Yet, the hallmark of my generation is that we find a better way to share pictures from last night. You will take us to Mars.

Morehead-Cain evolves because you evolve. Their story grows with every sentence you write, from the day you decided to start working hard to the lifetime you spend as alumni.

For Morehead-Cain Scholars and Alumni, the path less traveled is too well traveled.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, believer in the magnitude of human potential and the humanistic promise of purposeful activity, said:

"Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."



Morehead-Cains open paths in the pursuit of purpose. When walking on roads, they orient toward blind, unpaved alleys. They create eddies in the world's current. The wake of their journey cascades and sustains. Its source is shrouded in humility, but strong, bright, and true.

We are a family.

We teach, we wonder, we learn, and we share. We dream and we achieve. We cheer and we dance. We hark the sound of Tar Heel voices. We endure. We do this together. We are a community.

The scholar connects. To peers, to ideas, to novelty and gravity. He or she seeks serendipity in adventure, and predictability in achievement. The world is a many happy and a many sad place, and through it runs roads that have yet to meet roads and bridges that sprout from inspired endeavor.

Beyond an untouched place is an untouched place, and to that place are trails unmade.

Go open paths. Go pursue your purpose.

NAIMUL HUQ '08

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WE HOPE THIS STORYBOOK HAS HELPED YOU DEEPEN
YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOREHEAD-CAIN PROGRAM
AND LIFE AT CAROLINA.

IF YOU WANT TO LEARN EVEN MORE, YOU CAN SEE AND HEAR
THESE AND OTHER MOREHEAD-CAIN STORIES AT
[YOUTUBE.COM/MOREHEADCAIN](https://www.youtube.com/moreheadcain).

YOU CAN ALSO TAKE A PEEK INTO THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF
MOREHEAD-CAIN SCHOLARS EVERY TUESDAY ON INSTAGRAM.
#MOREHEADCAIN #TAKEOVERTUESDAY

*When my counselor told me I had been
nominated for the Morehead-Cain, I said,
“No, thanks.”*

He said, “Just take a look at it.”

I did.

*It was like cold water being dumped on me.
Like an awakening.*

*Looking at what the Morehead-Cain was,
what it offered, I immediately shifted from
“no thanks” to: “If I’m lucky enough to get this,
I HAVE to take it.”*

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