

Annual Report 2018-2019



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present Morehead's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2019. This past year was filled with milestones amid transitions. May 10, 2019 marked the 70th anniversary of the grand opening of Morehead Planetarium. Ironically, we were closed on that day due to our building renovation project. However, I cannot think of a better way to celebrate 70 years of service than by reinvigorating the building that has served as our home. We are excited about the new opportunities an updated facility will provide as we look forward to a grand reopening of the entire building in the fall of 2020.

Challenges often inspire creativity, and this is certainly the case with how we approached the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11. Faced with the uncertainty of construction timelines, the Morehead team elected to celebrate early with a speaker series dedicated to the space program in February, March and April. The series featured Astronaut Charlie Duke, Astronaut Mae Jemison, and Apollo engineer Jerry Trachtman.

We also leveraged and built new relationships with partners across the state to better serve North Carolinians, including collaborating with museums for the year-long LiftOffNC initiative to celebrate Apollo 11; and expanding summer camp programs to support Robeson county after Hurricane Florence.

As you read through this, I hope you are as excited about the present and are looking forward to the future as I am. It would be impossible to do this work without your support. Thank you for the many ways you assist Morehead Planetarium and Science Center in serving North Carolina and beyond.

Yours Sincerely,

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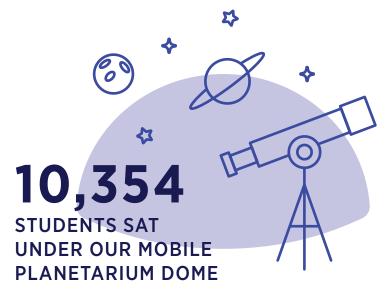
By the Numbers



100 NC COUNTIES SERVED











Lift Off NC: Apollo + Beyond

2019 kicked off Lift Off NC: Apollo + Beyond, a year-long, joint campaign with museums in NC formed to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 and humankind's first lunar landing. The celestial space celebration featured festivals, exhibits, lunar- and star-gazing parties, feature films and documentaries, model rockets, space camps, astronomy days, musical performances, educational programming and fun activities.

Honoring Heroes

Charlie Duke, one of 12 astronauts to walk on the Moon, and Mae Jemison, the first black woman to travel to space, visited North Carolina last spring thanks to support from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund and NC Space Grant.





Apollo 11 Exhibit Installation

Although Morehead was partially closed during 2019, visitors have been able to enjoy a newly installed, life-sized exhibit that commemorates the historic Apollo 11 mission, and highlights the impact of the race to space. The exhibit is available for public viewing in the lower level hallway of the building.

SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS

More than 700 bright-eyed science explorers participated in 2019 summer science camps on campus at Morehead.
Camp topics included drones, LEGO engineering, and animal exploration.



CAROLINA SCIENCE CAFÉ

Morehead's Carolina Science Café hosted 13 sessions for adults in 2019. This series hosts monthly conversations with local scientists and subject-matter experts. In partnership with TOPO Back Bar and Sigma Xi.

HIDDEN NO MORE

Morehead wrapped up the "Hidden No More: STEM Women of Color" tour which featured live public talks with prominent women of color working in STEM fields. Ann Vaughan Hammond and Peggy Vaughan (daughter and daughter in law of Dorothy Vaughan, African American mathematician and "human computer" who worked at NASA on missions including Apollo 11) pictured.





There's more in store

First opened in 1949, Morehead Planetarium & Science Center is looking froward to the next 70 years of service to North Carolina.

EXPANDING PROGRAMS

We added two new vehicles to our fleet of mobile lab vans thanks to the generous contributions of Kenan Charitable Trust. These vans will increase our ability to serve the entire state and will provide enrichment learning opportunities for North Carolina schools and community organizations with limited resources to travel to Chapel Hill.

Schools and community organizations will benefit from a variety of grade-appropriate biology, physics, and chemistry activities that are aligned with NC educational standards.



REIMAGINING OUR BUILDING

Since its creation, Morehead Planetarium & Science Center has not had any major renovation to the building. The planetarium dome was completely updated with brand new seats, carpet and paint in Spring 2019 and is currently open to the public.

We are excited to unveil the new spaces in Fall 2020 which will include:

- + A new entrance to the building on the west side grand entrance steps and a new box office
- A new maker space which will be open to the public
- + Updated classrooms and Science Stage
- + An ADA accessible elevator
- + New retail space
- Expanded exhibit spaces (5000 sqft) with specific focuses on the history of Morehead, as well as cutting edge science at UNC including marine biology, physics research, and artificial intelligence.









NOTICED ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT US?

In early 2019, Morehead revamped its brand identity with a new logo and assets. The new logo features a sleek design that is closely tied to our astronomy roots, but embodies the direction of the organization as a leading planetarium and science center.

To continue our transformation, we updated our website with the help of the award-winning Rivers Agency. The site features a complete redesign with accessible and mobile-friendly webpages. Visitors will also enjoy:

- + A clean, unified visual design.
- + Easy-to-access information.
- + A simplified site architecture to help users find what they need.
- + More content discovery throughout site.



Science for all

Everyone should be able to enjoy the wonder of science. Through partnerships and supporters like you, we are able to help people all across the state of North Carolina engage with science in meaningful ways.

GSK PARTNERSHIP

In July 2019, Morehead
Planetarium & Science Center
partnered with GSK to
provide a one-week, full-day
summer enrichment camp at
Pembroke Elementary School.
The opportunity for students
followed Robeson County's
recovery efforts after suffering
the devastation caused by
Hurricane Florence and
Hurricane



UNC SCIENCE EXPO

The UNC Science Expo is an annual opportunity for students and faculty at UNC – as well as our partners from around the triangle – to share their research with families via hands-on science demonstrations and activities. This free event allows visitors to engage with scientists and researchers from a wide variety of backgrounds, including chemistry, physics, marine sciences, archeology, and over 30 other organizations at UNC Chapel Hill. With over 125 tents, 7 stage performances, and 25 tours of 11 different labs, the 2019 UNC Science Expo offered 10,000 visitors of all ages and backgrounds opportunities to pursue their passion for STEM.





North Carolina Science Festival is a statewide, month-long celebration of STEM—science, technology, engineering and mathematics—with community-based events hosted by museums, science centers, colleges, universities, businesses, parks, libraries, and other sites. Founded in 2010 by Morehead Planetarium and Science Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the NCSciFest has served more than 2 million participants of all ages since its inception.

ENGAGING HISPANIC AND LATINX FAMILIES

Thanks to the support of the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation, we were able to work with UNC Greensboro and our marketing partners to promote the UNC Greensboro Science Everywhere expo to Hispanic and Latinx audiences. As a result, the diversity among participants more closely reflected the population of the region.

Other events, like the Museum of Life and Science's iCelebremos las ciencias! allowed visitors from the greater Durham community to interact with scientists who speak Spanish and English.

MAKING STEM ACCESSIBLE

Events like ChangeMakers at UNC Wilmington provided opportunities for children with special needs to get hands-on with maker technology.





You make a difference

Morehead Planetarium & Science Center would like to thank our donors and supporters. Because of you, we can share the wonder of science with thousands of students from across North Carolina. Your support means science for all.

26 Scholarships Granted

\$85,725

Pollars Raised



2019 JUPITER BALL HONOREE: CHANCELLOR MOESER

Morehead Planetarium & Science Center honored Chancellor Emeritus James Moeser with the Jupiter Award at the 2019 Jupiter Ball. During his time at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chancellor Moeser oversaw a campus-wide genomics initiative that grew into an unprecedented physical transformation of the campus: the expansion of genome research, the University's most successful private fundraising campaign and record-setting faculty research funding. Currently, he chairs the board of the North Carolina Science Festival, an initiative of Morehead. Chancellor Moeser, as a longtime support of Morehead Planetarium and Science Center and champion of science education, was poised to receive the Jupiter Award.

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In Memoriam: Joan Huntley,

a dear friend to Morehead, the University and the Chapel Hill community, passed in August of 2019. Then-Interim and now Chancellor Kevin M. Guskiewicz's commemoration reflected all our thoughts here at Morehead:

"Joan Huntley's commitment to Carolina, from the Ackland to public health, medicine and beyond, was extraordinary. For many, she was a gateway to the university, welcoming them to this incredible place and making them feel at home. Her passion for educating our students, encouraging collaboration, and taking care of people in Chapel Hill was inspiring. The impact of Joan's generosity, support and love for this university will be felt for decades to come."

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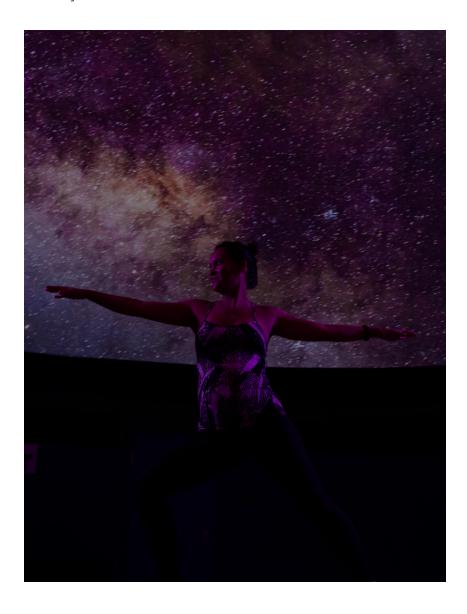
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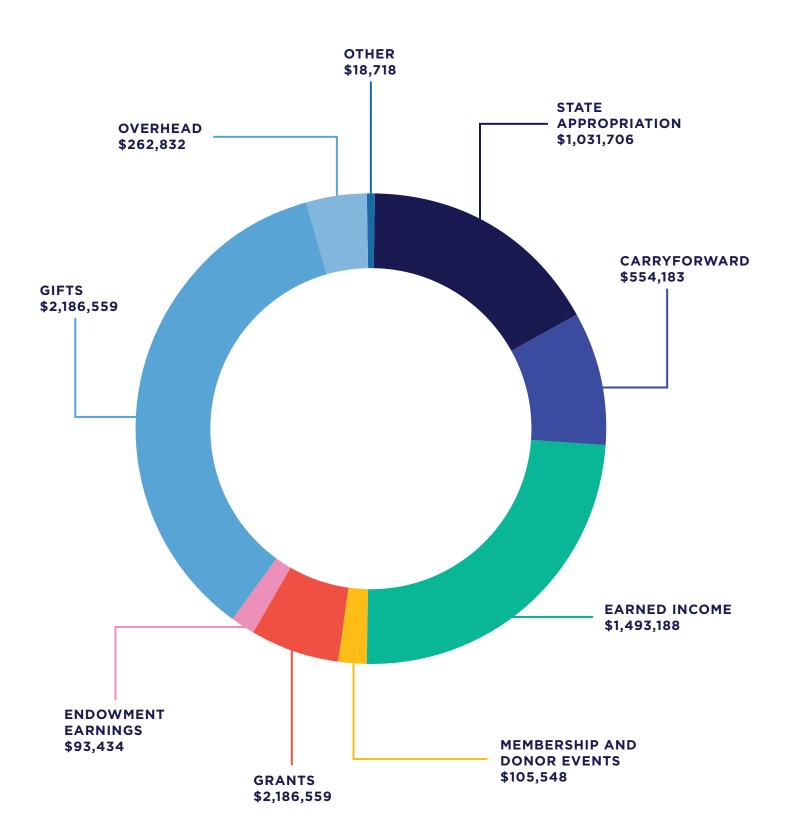
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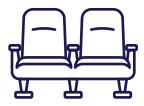
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Become a part of Morehead's legacy by reserving a Skyview Seat in our newly renovated GSK Fulldome Theater. For \$5,000, each Skyview Seat will have its own plaque affixed to the armrest and engraved with the donor's name. This giving option makes a great graduation or holiday gift, as well as in-memoriam gifts.

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