MISSION

The Goodnight Scholars Program invests in students from low- and middle-income families in North Carolina studying in STEM or STEM education disciplines. The Program empowers Goodnight Scholars to “pay it forward” as transformational leaders at NC State, in North Carolina and in the world.
NC STATE UNIVERSITY

A global leader in education, research and innovation, located in one of the fastest-growing cities in America.

THE GOODNIGHT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

A premier scholarship program valued at $21,000 per year for outstanding students from North Carolina high schools and community colleges majoring in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and education disciplines.

Our students enjoy the best of both worlds. They have access to the vast array of resources available at a large research university coupled with a small, supportive community of scholars. This dynamic combination fosters an environment thriving with intellectual discovery, collaboration and creativity.
A LIFELONG COMMUNITY

A Ph.D. researcher and Chancellor’s Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley. A high school math teacher in Raleigh. A veterinary medicine student at NC State University. Engineers at Google, Cisco Systems and Lockheed Martin.

What do they have in common? They are Goodnight Scholars Program alumni.

MEET THE GOODNIGHTS

The Goodnight Scholars Program was founded in 2008 by NC State alumni Dr. Jim and Mrs. Ann Goodnight.

Dr. Goodnight ‘65 earned his Ph.D. in statistics and speaks internationally on leadership, education and innovation. Since he co-founded SAS in 1976, Dr. Goodnight has served as the company’s chief executive officer. Mrs. Goodnight ‘68 is director of community relations at SAS. She serves on the NC State Board of Trustees and is a member of the National Advisory Board for the William and Ida Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at NC State.

BY THE NUMBERS

407 program alumni
219 alumni continuing school
280 alumni continuing school/work in NC

Alumni Employment by Industry

- ENGINEERING: 27%
- GRADUATE SCHOOL: 24%
- DATA SCIENCE / RESEARCH: 10%
- COMPUTER SCIENCE: 9%
- MEDICINE: 7%
- OTHER: 8%
- AGRICULTURE / ENVIRONMENT: 7%
- EDUCATION: 7%
- ANIMAL SCIENCE / DVM: 2%
- BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: 3%
- OTHER: 8%
The Goodnight Scholars Program offers high-impact learning opportunities that develop the critical skills necessary for achievement in STEM and education fields. These learning opportunities connect students with local, national and international leaders in STEM education, research and industry. Scholars can expect to participate in an assortment of thought-provoking and unique programs, including:

- Professional and cultural immersion trips to Boston, San Francisco, Toronto and Vancouver
- Exposure to cutting-edge research from NC State’s renowned faculty
- Discussions with world-class educators, practitioners and entrepreneurs
- Mentorship from NC State faculty and local industry professionals
- Professional development workshops
- Leadership opportunities that promote personal development and allow scholars to give back to our community
- Enrichment grant funding to support travel, research, internships and entrepreneurial activities
PAY IT FORWARD

“Pay It Forward.” It is an important mantra in the Goodnight Scholars Program. Goodnight Scholars have an innate desire to use their talents to improve communities in North Carolina and beyond. Through collaboration with campus partners, K-12 schools and nonprofit organizations, Goodnight Scholars apply their talents and skills in service activities that lead to meaningful outcomes. Outreach and volunteer opportunities include:

- International service-learning trip to Trinidad and Tobago to advocate for environmental conservation and sustainability
- Domestic service-learning trip from North Carolina’s mountains to coast to promote STEM education
- Goodnight Scholars LEGO Brick Build service event with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County
- Volunteer opportunities with Science Olympiad STEM Nights at local elementary schools
- Participation in major community service organizations including Service Raleigh, Habitat for Humanity and the Kramden Institute
TWO WAYS TO BECOME A GOODNIGHT SCHOLAR

REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESHMEN APPLICANTS:
- Adjusted Gross Income less than or equal to $110,000
- North Carolina residents, including undocumented and DACA recipients
- Majoring in STEM or STEM Education

REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER APPLICANTS:
- Adjusted Gross Income less than or equal to $110,000
- North Carolina residents, including undocumented and DACA recipients
- Majoring in STEM or STEM Education
- Obtain A.A., A.S. or A.E. degree by the fall semester of your first year at NC State

For more information about our criteria and selection process, please visit goodnight.ncsu.edu/apply.