



MOREHEAD
PLANETARIUM+
SCIENCE CENTER

Saunders Science Scholars Program

WHERE ARE WE AND WHAT IS TO COME

CRYSTAL HARDEN, DIRECTOR OF
PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES





What Happened?

AUGUST 2018 – OCTOBER 2018

- + Selection committee meetings for application design, application review, and interviews
- + 36 applications submitted
- + 20 applicants interviewed
- + 12 selected with a waitlist
- + Committee members: Mr. Coley, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Boone, Mr. Saunders, Ms. Robinson, and Ms. Harden

SSS Events





SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 – TRIBUTE TO MR. BENJAMIN SAUNDERS, SR.



SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 – UNC SCIENCE TAILGATE - GCHS

First Meeting

OCTOBER 27, 2018

- + Rocket building
- + Rocket launching
- + Group photos
- + Swag giveaways



Morehead Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 9, 2018

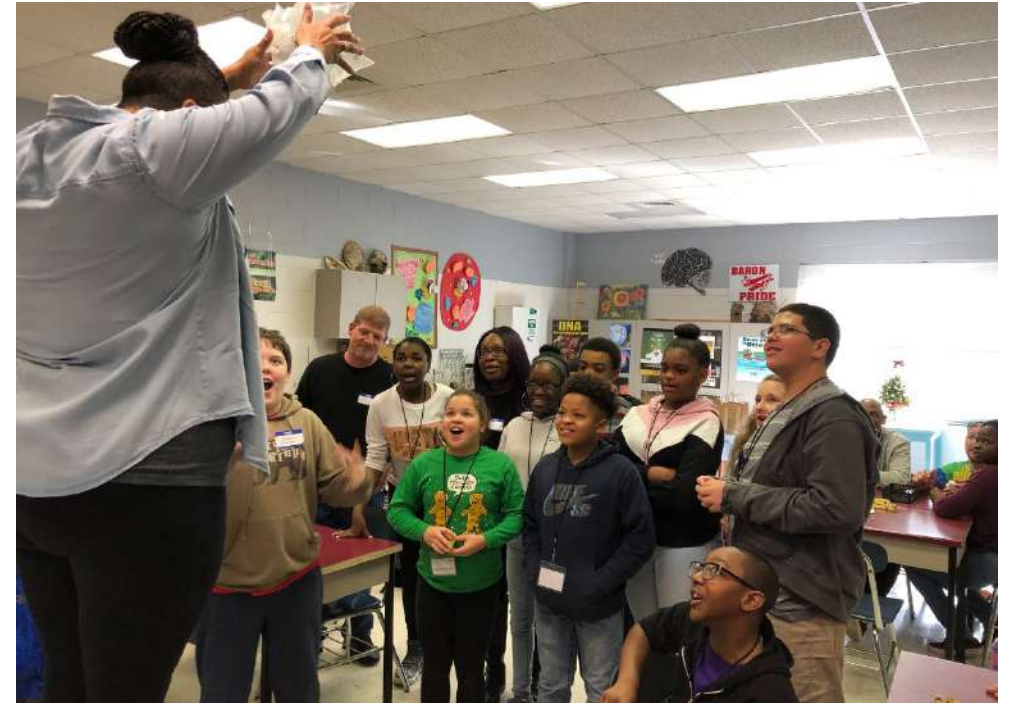
- + Presentation to the board and interview with UNC Communications
- + Additional funding secured for three Saunders Science Scholars
- + Tuition scholarships secured for NC School of Science and Mathematics Early Accelerator
- + Gates County Community Partnership announcement



Monthly Meetings

NOVEMBER 2018 – MARCH 2019

- + Coding
- + Pasta car building and races
- + Egg drop challenges
- + Crime scene mystery solving
- + Chemistry experiments



Other Morehead Events



Outreach Programs in Gates County Schools

SEPTEMBER 2018 – MARCH 2019

- + Mobile Planetarium: 7 visits
- + Science on Your Street: 3 visits
- + Classroom and Educator: 10 visits
- + Science on Stage: 4 visits
- + Duke Energy Family Science Nights: 3 visits
- + STEMville Science Symposium: 1 visit
- + Teacher training workshops: 2 visits in addition to GCS teachers in Chapel Hill



Program Financials



Program Investment

CURRENT TOTAL: \$329,000

- + \$43,000 annually for 5 years:
(Steven Butts)
- + \$2,000 annually for 5 years:
(Cynthia Saunders Cheatham and Benjamin Saunders, Jr.)
- + \$14,000 annually for 5 years: (Morehead outreach programs with funding from private sources)
- + \$12,000 NCSSM tuition assistance
- + \$22,000 Morehead salary in-kind



Program Successes



Program Accomplishments

LOOK AT WHAT THEY ARE DOING!

- + Google's Gravity Games
- + NCSSM Early Accelerator
- + NASA space camp (NC A&T) – Huntsville, AL
- + National Beta competition – Oklahoma
- + Central Middle School coding class
- + GCS elementary schools' spheros purchase and teacher training



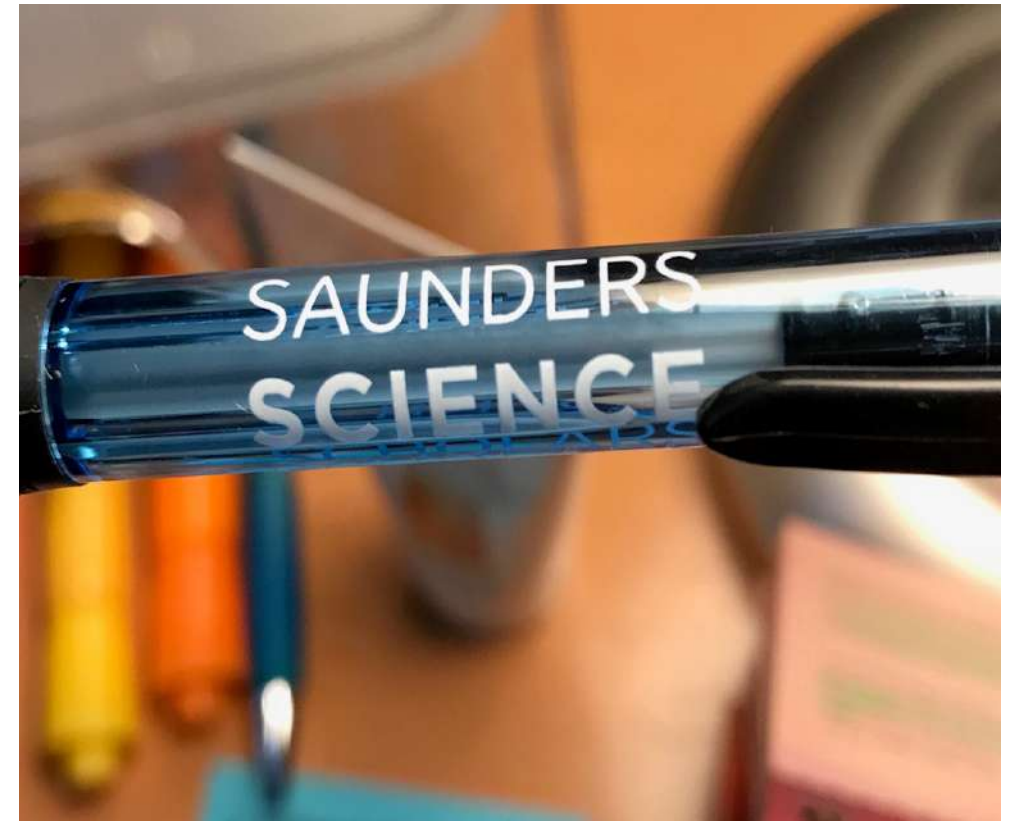
Program Plans



Program Future

WHAT TO LOOK FOR NEXT

- + Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 12 noon: Program Showcase with Steven Butts (all school leaders and school board members invited)
- + June 17, 2019: SSS summer camp week in Gates County
- + July – August 2019: Evaluation report on the first year of the program



Any questions?

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