

With support from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, C-STEP guarantees transfer admission to students who earn an associate degree and successfully complete the program at one of the partner community colleges:

- Alamance Community College
- Carteret Community College
- Durham Technical Community College
- Fayetteville Technical Community College
- Wake Technical Community College

#### AM I ELIGIBLE?

C-STEP focuses on community-college students whose household incomes fall at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (around \$66,150 for a family of four). You must also be enrolled (or plan to enroll) at a partner community college in a course of study that will lead to the Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Sciences (AS) degree, and you must earn the degree with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. We review candidates holistically and consider, among other criteria, demonstrated ability to overcome obstacles, first-generation college status, diversity, employment history, and family responsibilities.

#### WILL I BE ABLE TO AFFORD C-STEP?

Carolina meets 100 percent of demonstrated need through grants, scholarships, and loans for all students who are eligible to receive federal aid. Eligible students may qualify for the Carolina Covenant and graduate debt-free.

#### WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED OF ME?

C-STEP students must successfully complete an AA or AS degree at one of the five partner community colleges in no fewer than five semesters, including summers. You must also complete at least three semesters of college-level foreign language before enrolling at Carolina. Additionally, students must participate fully in C-STEP activities—at their home college and later at Carolina.

#### HOW DO I APPLY?

The interest form is available at [www.admissions.unc.edu/CSTEP](http://www.admissions.unc.edu/CSTEP). Community college students should apply by October 1, and high school students entering one of the partner community colleges should apply by April 1. Representatives at UNC and two advisors from each partner college review applications and confirm students' acceptance into the program by early fall.



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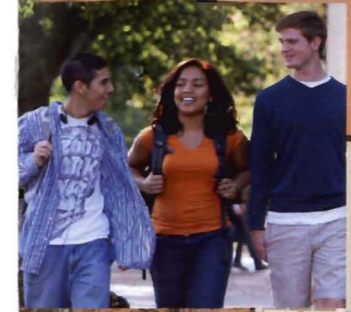
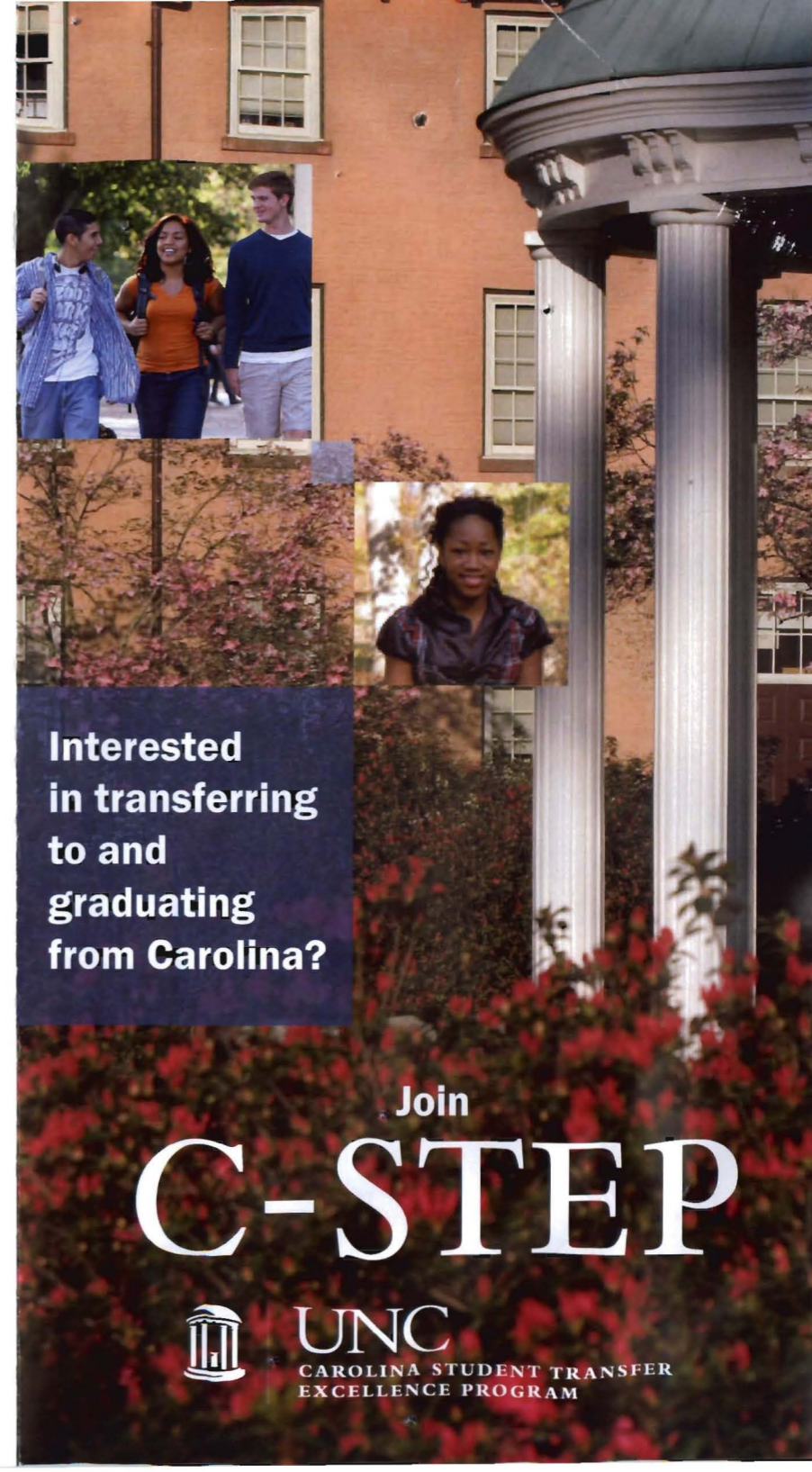
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**“I knew that Carolina had a lot of opportunities for students like me. C-STEP helped me get here. It inspired me to seek a degree at Carolina, and helped me adjust to the new campus environment.”**

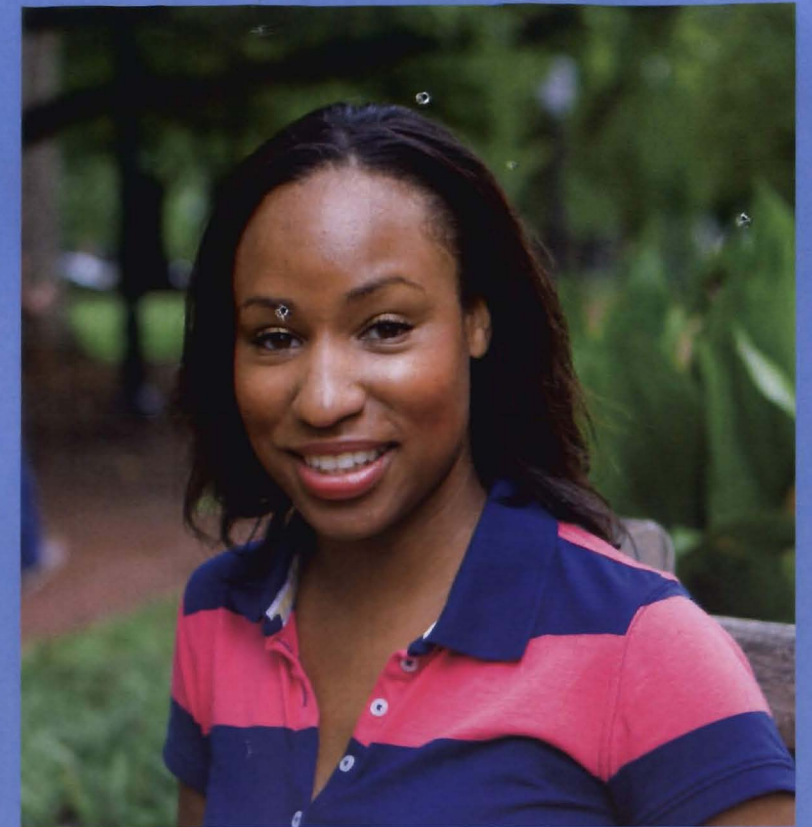
Brian Woodard, '09

Brian is from Smoke Camp, N.C. He spent three years studying at Alamance Community College before transferring to Carolina through the C-STEP program. Through the Carolina Covenant, a need-based aid program that helps low-income students pay for college, Brian graduated from Carolina debt-free in 2009. Since graduation, he's been helping other students find their way to college by working as a college adviser with the Carolina College Advising Corps.

**“Transferring from a community college to UNC was challenging, but C-STEP was by my side every step of the way. The program provided me with a network of C-STEP students, some of who had already spent a year at UNC. The opportunity to ask them for advice was tremendously helpful as I made my own transition.”**

Olga Makarenko, '11

Olga is originally from Stavropol, Russia and attended Wake Technical Community College before transferring to Carolina through C-STEP. A psychology major in the Honors program, Olga has conducted original research as an undergraduate and plans to pursue a job in the field of industrial-organization psychology after graduation.



**“I actually met my best friend here on the first day of class. We both were in Social Psychology and we were both transfer students. We studied together and were each others' backbone throughout the semester. We both ended up making Dean's List!”**

LaChaun Anderson, '10

After transferring from Wake Technical Community College, LaChaun majored in international studies at Carolina and attended the Chinese University of Hong Kong with a Phillips Ambassador Scholarship. After graduation, she landed a job with an aerospace company where she creates international markets.