



Duke University

Duke University was created in 1924 by James Buchanan Duke as a memorial to his father, Washington Duke. The Dukes, a Durham family who built a worldwide financial empire in the manufacture of tobacco and developed the production of electricity in the two Carolinas, had long been interested in Trinity College. Trinity traced its roots to 1838 in nearby Randolph County when local Methodist and Quaker communities joined forces to support a permanent school, which they named Union Institute. After a brief period as Normal College (1851-59), the school changed its name to Trinity College in 1859 and affiliated with the Methodist Church.

The college moved to Durham in 1892 with financial assistance from Washington Duke and the donation of land by Julian S. Carr. In December 1924, the school's trustees gratefully accepted the provisions of James B. Duke's indenture creating the family philanthropic foundation, The Duke Endowment, which provided, in part, for the expansion of Trinity College into Duke University.

As a result of the Duke gift, Trinity underwent both physical and academic expansion. The original Durham Campus became known as East Campus when it was rebuilt in stately Georgian architecture. West Campus, Gothic in style and dominated by the soaring 210-foot tower of Duke Chapel, opened in 1930. Academic expansion of the university included the establishment of new graduate and professional schools.

Modern times have seen Duke realize its founder's aspirations to become a major center of learning. The Duke University Medical Center has achieved international prominence, and many Duke schools and departments are consistently ranked among the nation's best.





Durham, North Carolina

In 2002, Employment Reveiw Magazine ranked "The Triangle" region of Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill as the No. 1 place in America to live and work. Money Magazine made the same selection in 1994.

The average temperature in Durham is 59 degrees and snowfall totals less than eight inches per year. A temperate climate and unique blend of big-city activity with an unfrenzied pace make Durham a great place to call home.

The Durham Bulls (below, left) are Tampa Bay's AAA baseball affiliate, while Brightleaf Square in downtown Durham is a turn-of-the-century tobacco warehouse renovated as a unique shopping, dining and entertainment district.



Located in the heart of North Carolina's rolling Piedmont region, Durham stands out as a gem among southern cities. Through the years, the city has evolved from a tobacco and textile town into an international center for medicine, scholarship, biotechnology and electronics.

Founded in 1853, Durham is widely recognized for its diversity. Originally a manufacturing center, the city now is known for excellence in medicine, education, research and industry. The wide range of activities available in the area lends the city a multifaceted appeal that strikes even first-time visitors.

Durham has a natural appeal as well, characterized by 98,000 acres of hardwood and evergreen forests including the only remaining old growth Piedmont bottomland forests and 7,800 acres of cropland. Hills and dales, meandering rivers and streams, several lakes, 26 rare plant species and several rare species of birds and animals can also be found here.

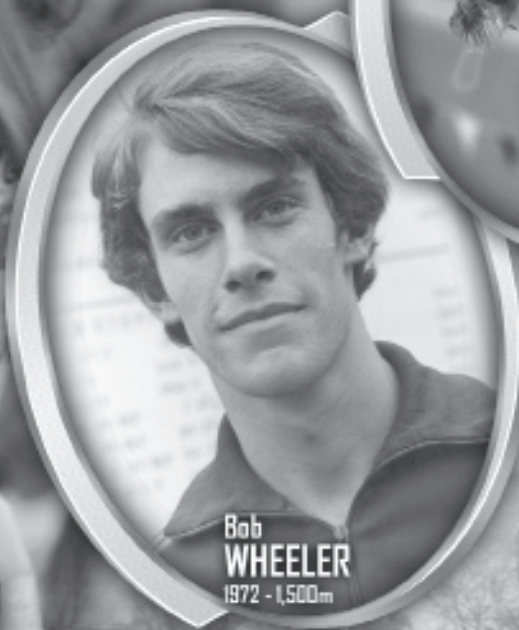
With 187,000 residents in the one-city county, Durham is the fourth-largest city in North Carolina. It is ideally located on the large and small scale. Within the immediate area it stands as the pinnacle of the "Triangle" region of North Carolina, a metropolitan population of 1 million people that includes Chapel Hill to the south and west and Raleigh, the state capital, to the south and east. On a regional level, this area is the primary center of culture, sports, education and government between Washington, D.C., and Atlanta.

With excellent sports and cultural activities in the area, Durham is a fun place to be. People from all walks of life — academic, industrial, professional, agricultural — blend to provide a warm, rich sense of hospitality and diversity.

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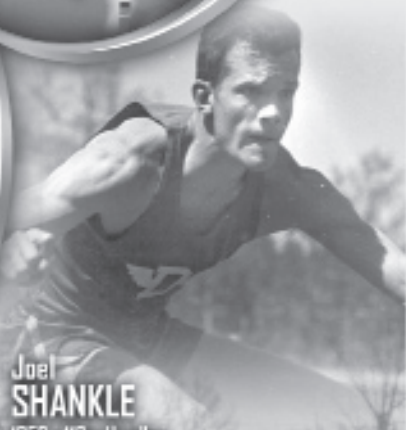
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ROWBURY
2003 - 1,500m



Bob
WHEELER
1972 - 1,500m



Jillian
SCHWARTZ
2004 - Pole Vault



Joel
SHANKLE
1956 - 110m Hurdles



Dave
SIME
1960 - 100m



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