

Geni Eng Community Equity Award and Lecture

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As you may know, Geni Eng, DrPH, professor of health behavior, will be retiring from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health in July 2022. As someone who has worked closely with Geni, you know the difference she has made — in the lives of UNC students and in communities across the United States and around the world. Her career-spanning work to achieve health equity through community-based participatory research demonstrates a deep commitment to social justice. Her devotion to her students, community partners and professional colleagues has left a profound impact on all who have been lucky enough to work with her.

Geni recognizes and champions the power of communities, and her lifelong goal has been to ensure her students learned how to work respectfully and successfully with communities. We are so excited to announce a new endowment in Geni's name that will honor her legacy by continuing her community-focused work and her dedication to teaching and mentorship. This award and lecture will honor deserving students while recognizing the important role of community partners.

The Geni Eng Community Equity Award and Lecture endowment fund shall support students and their community partners who have demonstrated equitable collaboration and enhanced understanding of the actions required to achieve health equity, especially those students with a history of conducting community-based participatory research and working to effect systems change. Both the student awardee and community partner will present on their partnership and successes at The Geni Eng Community Equity Lecture, where the community partner will receive support through an honorarium.

We are reaching out to you today to ask you for your support and to ask you to [make a gift in Geni's honor](#) as we work to grow this award and new endowment. Your contribution will support our students and community partners and will honor Geni's commitment to invest in our public health leaders for the next generation. Geni's contributions as a teacher, mentor, scholar and friend have been truly inspirational. This is our turn to honor her and ensure that her commitment to communities and students continues.

Join us! If you are able, please make your gift online <https://go.unc.edu/GeniEngEndowment>, or you can reach out to [Sara Wajda](#) in UNC Gillings Advancement to learn about others ways of giving.

Thank you for your gift and thank you for your support as we honor our friend and colleague, and her incredible career, while continuing to support our students and community partners.

Warmest regards to each of you,

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