SPARK

What is Spark?

The mission of the Spark program is to assist undergraduate women identifying with underrepresented and historically marginalized racial/ethnic backgrounds in their transitions into and through Carolina, and to enhance the overall success of women of color on campus by creating a supportive community and providing opportunities for leadership and self-discovery. In the fall semester, women who would like to be a part of Spark attend an immersive overnight retreat off-campus, and throughout the Spring semester, build on their connections and relationships to define their leadership journey at UNC.

The SPARK program learning outcomes aim to assist women of color in coping with their transition to UNC. As a result of participating in the SPARK program, participants will be able to:

- Explore a variety of educational and career paths through exposure to campus and community resources
- Build a personal and professional support network of peers, UNC alumni, faculty, and staff
- Identify strategies to assist in their transition into and through Carolina specifically as women of color
- Demonstrate healthy and sustainable relationships with other women of color
across campus.

- Navigate and cope with the challenges and stressors associated with being a woman of color at a Predominately White Institution and the larger world beyond Carolina

The 2021 SPARK Retreat took place on October 9-10, 2021. Applications for the 2022 SPARK Retreat will open in the Fall.

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