



“Someone has been giving to me throughout my life.

When people make a gift, I want them to know what an impact it has.”

- MARY REID ERVIN T'06

Mary Reid Ervin's great grandfather opened the first barbershop at Duke, and her grandfather and father are both alumni. Growing up in Norfolk, Virginia, she always wanted to attend Duke and thought she could afford to pay for it with a college trust established by her grandfather from the estate of a family friend. But once Mary Reid was diagnosed with dyslexia, she began drawing down the trust to cover private schools and tutoring.



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At Duke, Mary Reid has thrived academically and done extensive volunteer work. Once her trust ran out, she applied for financial aid. Now, the Charles N. Allen Scholarship is allowing her to complete her psychology major and prepare for a career helping children with learning disabilities. In gratitude for this opportunity, Mary Reid volunteered to co-chair the Student Advisory Council for Duke's Financial Aid Initiative.