



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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DORIS DUKE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

John A. Sneden Endowed Award for Excellence

The Sneden Award was established in 2004 to honor the founding dean of UNCSCA's School of Design and Production, **John A. Sneden**. Because of Dean Sneden's leadership, the School of Design and Production is treated as its own art form with its own specialized curriculum, at the same time complementing the other schools because of its service to them. The recipient of the Sneden Award is a student in their final year of study in the undergraduate or graduate Design and Production program, who most embodies the standards of excellence in artistic achievement and academic accomplishment valued by John Sneden. Consideration is also given to leadership, collaboration, passion, generosity of integrity and artistic spirit.

This scholarship is a component of the **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Endowment Fund**, created through the Talented Students in the Arts Initiative, a collaboration of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Surdna Foundation. Established in 2001-2005, this fund and its matching components support scholarships for students in the five arts schools of UNCSCA, a faculty sabbatical program, and the Career Services program.

The mission of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation is to improve the quality of people's lives by nurturing the arts, protecting and restoring the environment, seeking cures for diseases, and helping to protect children from abuse and neglect. The Surdna Foundation, a national family foundation established by John E. Andrus in 1917, focuses its grantmaking in five program areas: Environment, Community Revitalization, Effective Citizenry, the Nonprofit Sector, and Arts. Its Arts program themes, aim, in various ways, to improve the artistic compatibility of teens.