

Dave and Lin Brown: An Encore Performance

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After completing their professional careers committed to higher education and community service, Lin and Dave returned to Asheville seeking to make a lasting and meaningful contribution. They wanted to fund a UNC Asheville endowment that would be a catalyst for new ideas designed to positively impact the community's future growth and prosperity. Lin observes, "We are excited to be involved in shaping this series...it is a growing thing and we need time to mold it."

Dave and Lin readily admit this concept is inspired by their experiences with organizations like the renowned Chautauqua Institute in New York State and the Women for Women Giving Circle in Asheville. Both organizations successfully use their platforms and resources to stimulate fresh thinking within their communities while also drawing national attention to critical issues and to their sponsoring institutions.

Just as the launch of UNC Asheville's lifelong learning center brought national attention to both the University and the community, Dave and Lin believe the Visionary Lecture Series embodies the potential to engage all facets of our community through bold and stimulating conversations.

David Brooks writes for The New York Times, appears on NBC's "Meet the Press" and NPR's "All Things Considered." His Asheville appearance is a highlight of UNC Asheville Founders' Day celebration, and is supported by The David and Lin Brown Visionary Lecture Series and The Van Winkle Law Firm Public Policy Lectures.

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