

## What is Durham like? Are there things to do off campus?

*We received several different answers, which we've included below, because we thought the different perspectives were very valuable.*

- ❖ Durham is a small city that seems to complement the Duke campus well. My daughter often goes off campus to eat out, shop, or go some place to socialize. She participated in the Project Build orientation program and was able to learn more about Durham through a variety of community service activities. Also, Durham is close to Raleigh and Chapel Hill and thousands of other college students and activities.
- ❖ The Duke campus is busy and very social, so it really isn't necessary for students to head into Durham in search of entertainment. On campus there is always an athletic or cultural event, a club meeting, a study group, a chance to work out at one of the well-equipped facilities, a hike through Duke Forest's trails, a quiet walk through the Sarah P. Duke Gardens, or a chance simply to "hang out" with friends. Often the issue is not finding something to do on or off campus, but rather, orchestrating the time to do as much as possible. Duke is a great place and offers its students the opportunity for a vibrant and rewarding life style.
- ❖ Restaurants, shopping, and banks in Durham are within walking distance of East Campus, and shopping malls and movie theaters are within a five-minute drive. Down the road about ten to fifteen minutes by car is Chapel Hill and all its college-town offerings. But the truth is, students find almost all they need on campus; wandering off campus is usually reserved for a weekend date or shopping trip. Areas in Durham such as Brightleaf Square, Ninth Street (just off East Campus), the newly renovated American Tobacco Campus area (across from the legendary Durham Bulls stadium), and downtown Durham are fun and extremely safe places for students.
- ❖ Durham is historically an industrial city, which is currently being revitalized and transformed into many new shopping and dining locations. Students frequently visit Brightleaf Square, one such area within walking distance of East Campus.