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Vandana Shiva has spent 30 years teaching environmental awareness and social justice, spending much of her time at UNC Asheville in the presence of students and community members.

Taking the stage at the auditorium, Shiva thanked the faculty who made her visit possible and alluded to her experience upon arriving at the university.

"It is an amazing and wonderful city. It's very different from a classroom in India," Shiva said. "I want to create abundance here."

Shiva holds a Ph.D. in environmental studies and is dedicated to promoting biodiversity through organic farming. She is a member of the National Board of Organic Agriculture and a recipient of the National Organic Award, known as the National Organic Label Prize and has authored several books.

Throughout her career, Shiva has brought attention to the importance of biodiversity within the current food production system. She emphasizes that seeds farmers plant are the seeds that determine what food grows in the field.

Saving seeds and promoting biodiversity are important steps that university organizations take to support local food systems and soil, benefitting the community and farmers.

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Shiva has devoted her life to
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