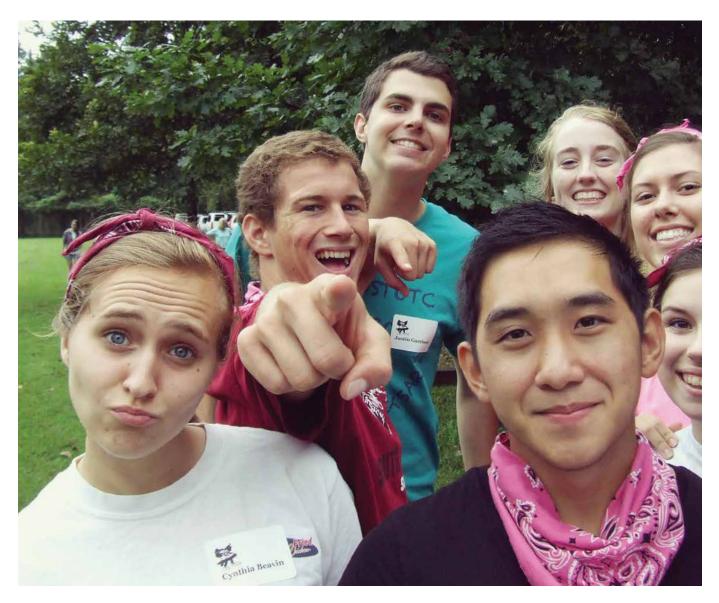


## **TOP SCHOLARS**

2013-2014 Annual Report of Stamps Carolina, Carolina, McNair, Hamilton and Horseshoe Scholars



#### ON THE COVER:

*The freshman scholars — affectionately* known as first-year scholars — always enjoy their daylong adventure on the ropes course at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School.



class education.

They have journeyed to China and Peru, Turkey and Russia; learned from people in Greece and Romania; and honed their language skills in Ecuador and France. As they become citizens of the world, they embrace the accompanying responsibilities. Steeped in USC's holistic approach, they graduate as emerging and enthusiastic leaders in medicine, research, business, media postproduction, education, law and more. They join the ever-growing pool of successful alumni who are building and shaping a new world.

To our donors, our sincere thanks. You follow in the footsteps of patrons throughout history who have nurtured, valued and encouraged discovery in every arena. Through your enthusiastic support, and the determination of our scholars, success is inevitable.

Harris Pastides, President, University of South Carolina Michael D. Amiridis, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Helen I. Doerpinghaus, Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

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these extraordinary Carolina, Stamps and McNair scholars, hailing from both in state and out of state, were tapped for scholarships based on their outstanding academic talent, exemplary character and remarkable leadership skills. As you will see in this edition of Top Scholars, they flawlessly corroborated Ralph Waldo Emerson's observation that "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

As is the tradition with this community of scholars, each pursued his or her own path energetically and stamped it with both a singular and collective personality. Mentored by members of Carolina's exceptional faculty and staff; supported by community and business leaders, alumni and donors; inspired by their peers; and touched by the needs of communities both here and abroad, they discovered the value and force of a world-





## THE CAROLINA AND **MCNAIR SCHOLARS**

The University of South Carolina developed the Carolina Scholars Program in 1969 to celebrate the virtues of a world-class education. Through generous private support, we have expanded the program from nine students in its first year to more than 85 scholars on campus during fall 2013. Since its inception, 751 scholars have participated in the program, which has been an integral factor in keeping many of the state's most academically talented students in South Carolina.

Established in spring 1998 as part of the university's Bicentennial Campaign, the McNair Scholars Program is an exciting scholarship fund for out-of-state students supported by generous gifts of \$30 million from university alumnus Robert C. McNair and his wife, Janice. The McNair Scholars Program is the counterpart to Carolina's prestigious Carolina Scholars Program for gifted in-state students. The university welcomed the 16th class of McNair Scholars this year. This year's McNair Scholars represent 19 states and are among the nation's brightest students.

Distinguished by their extraordinary academic talent, exemplary character and remarkable leadership skills, the Carolina and McNair Scholars are outstanding students whose ideas and abilities will shape the world of tomorrow. These young scholars personify not only the ideals Ralph Waldo Emerson spoke of when he said, "Character is higher than intellect," but also the university's own motto: "Learning humanizes character and does not permit it to be cruel." As this report chronicles, these scholars have significantly enhanced the reputation of the university.

A continuing goal of both programs is to create a community of scholars with a united and visible identity. First-year scholars participate in a leadership retreat, creating bonds and developing skills that will last a lifetime. Through the generosity of the university's donors, these prestigious scholarship programs will continue to improve and grow. This top scholars report is offered as a testament to the successes of the programs that you have made possible.

A partnership was formed in 2013 to transform the Carolina Scholars program five new Carolina Scholars were recruited with the help of a gift from the Stamps Charitable Foundation. The university will add up to five new Stamps Carolina Scholars each year for a peak enrollment of 20.

The variety of activities and programs for our scholars runs the gamut — from formal dinners to outdoor education. Our students eniov shaqqinq and contra dancing as well as lectures and colloquia: Their involvements are as diverse as they are.



## **THE SELECTION PROCESS**

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions coordinates the selection process for Carolina and McNair Scholars. To be considered, students are required to submit an application for admission as well as the Honors/Top Scholars application supplement. The application generally asks students to include school and community activities and accomplishments, independent research and readings, goals for the future, an essay and teacher recommendations. Each applicant is carefully reviewed by faculty and staff members and evaluated in areas such as academic preparation, intellectual curiosity, leadership potential, recommendations, interest in the university and outstanding talents and accomplishments.

Each year, 50 Carolina Scholar candidates and 41 McNair Scholar candidates are selected to attend an interview weekend held in late February or early March. During this visit, candidates tour campus, view residence halls, meet with many

In addition to the cash stipend, Carolina and McNair Scholars participate in activities during the school year that complement their academic experience. First-year scholars build community starting with their retreat, and they are also paired with university faculty members who serve as mentors during the year. Sophomores receive one-on-one advisement to assist with academic and cocurricular planning. All scholars have a full schedule of programs each semester, which includes socials, formal dinners, lectures and invitations to special campus events.



prominent University of South Carolina faculty and staff members and senior administrators and attend sample classes. The campus visit is an opportunity for students to learn about the services and programs Carolina affords elite scholars and for students to experience the campus culture and community.

This year, 20 Carolina Scholars, five Stamps Carolina Scholars and 20 McNair Scholars were named from the group of 91 finalists. In addition to the monetary award, scholars enjoy many benefits, including preferred freshman housing and parking privileges and a laptop computer.

Our current and incoming Carolina and McNair Scholars are representatives of the best our nation has to offer and are an integral part of what makes the university a "faithful index to the ambitions and fortunes of the state."

## THE AWARDS

The Carolina Scholar and McNair Scholar Awards are the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships at the University of South Carolina. Students

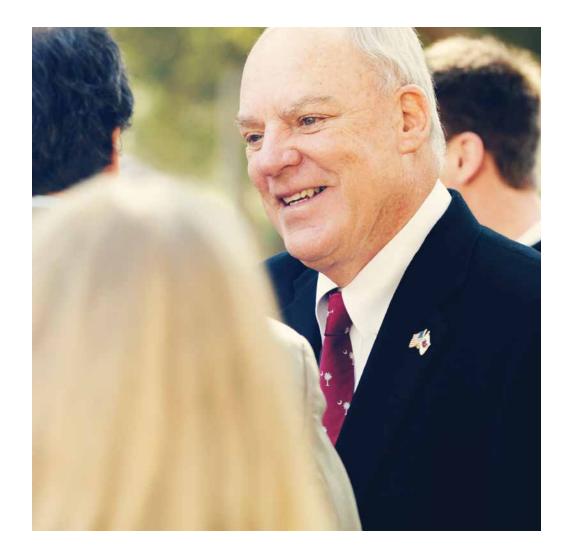
who accept the scholarships receive automatic entrance into the South Carolina Honors College. Each Carolina and McNair Scholar Award provides an annual stipend, which helps cover costs such as tuition, fees, books, and room and board. The stipends are renewable annually to support the scholars through four years of undergraduate study at the university.



## STAMPS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

The university has partnered with the Stamps Charitable Foundation to recruit and educate five new Carolina Scholars annually over the course of four years, to a cap of 20 scholars. Called Stamps Carolina Scholars, these students are supported through the Top Scholars Program locally but receive support and networking opportunities regionally and nationally. With all the perks of a Carolina Scholar award, these students receive an additional \$8,000 for high-impact activities and enrichment, enabling these talented South Carolinians to pursue additional opportunities in research, study and travel abroad, community service, career development and more. Sydney Poskevich of Spartanburg, S.C., says, "I have been told so many times to 'follow your dreams' wherever they may lead; however, the Stamps Scholarship was the biggest push toward my dreams I have received yet, and it has brought me much more than I expected." These scholars meet for weekly coffees with various members of the Carolina community to discuss furthering their dreams, and a national Stamps convention is held every two years, allowing for friendships to develop nationwide.

The inaugural class of Stamps Carolina Scholars consists of Judith Lin, Ellen Gardiner, Daniel Clements, Sydney Poskevich and Alix Tuel.



## **ROBERT C. MCNAIR MCNAIR SCHOLAR BENEFACTOR AND FRIEND OF THE UNIVERSITY**

Janice and Robert C. McNair have been champions of philanthropy for more than 50 years, giving generously to many deserving causes while making education and medical research the cornerstones of their philanthropic giving. They are founders of the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation, the Houston Texans Foundation and the Robert and Janice McNair Education Foundation in Forest City, N.C.

Robert McNair, the founder, chairman and chief executive officer of the Houston Texans, is best known in the business community as the founder of Cogen Technologies, which was the largest privately owned cogeneration company in the world when it was sold in 1999. He serves as chairman of The McNair Group and owns Palmetto Partners Ltd. and RCM Financial Services L.P., private invest-

ment entities. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he served as student body president. McNair was named Entrepreneur of the Decade by the Houston Technology Center and was awarded the James A. Baker III Prize for Excellence in Leadership by the Baker Institute at Rice University. He was inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, the Texas Business Hall of Fame and the Houston Hall of Fame and was presented honorary doctorates of humanities from Baylor College of Medicine and the University of South Carolina.

Committed to bringing a National Football League team to Houston, McNair formed Houston NFL Holdings in 1998. On Oct. 6, 1999, the NFL awarded the 32nd NFL franchise to McNair, returning football to Houston in 2002. McNair's efforts brought Super Bowl XXXVIII to Reliant Stadium in 2004. In the 2011 postseason, the Houston Texans won their first NFL playoff game with a 31-10 win against Cincinnati in the Wild Card round on Jan. 7, 2012. The Texans claimed their second consecutive AFC South title in 2012, finished the regular season 12-4 and matched the most regular-season wins in Houston's NFL history. The team once again defeated Cincinnati in the Wild Card round, marking the first time in the city's history that its NFL team won home playoff games in consecutive seasons. The NFL announced in May 2013 that Houston had been selected to host Super Bowl LI in 2017.

McNair is actively involved in NFL affairs, serving as chairman of the Finance Committee, and is a member of the Audit Committee. As founder and chairman emeritus of the Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas, McNair revived Houston's collegiate bowl game on Dec. 28, 2006. McNair was honored by the bowl as a Gridiron Legend in 2011 for his impact on football at all levels in Houston.

Janice McNair, a graduate of Columbia College, shares her husband's vision and passion for helping the underserved. She was honored by the Salvation Army in April 2014, by Child Advocates at their 2009 Angels of Hope luncheon and by the Girl Scouts at their 2005 Urban Campout Gala. Together, the McNairs have established major McNair Scholars Programs at the University of South Carolina, Columbia College, Baylor College of Medicine, M.D. Anderson, Menninger Clinic, Texas Children's Hospital and Texas Heart Institute. In 2007, the McNairs gave a transformational gift to Baylor College of Medicine to recruit top physicians/scientists in the fields of juvenile diabetes, breast and pancreatic cancer and the neurosciences.

The McNairs gave major gifts to the Janice and Robert McNair Hall at Rice University, the Janice Suber McNair Asian Elephant Habitat at the Houston Zoo, the McNair Hall at Houston Baptist University and McNair Baseball Field in Forest City, N.C. For 2014, they are chairing the Hope Lodge Capital Campaign for the American Cancer Society.

# **E. ROE STAMPS IV** STAMPS SCHOLAR BENEFACTOR AND FRIEND OF THE UNIVERSITY

E. Roe Stamps IV of Coconut Grove, Fla., private investor and co-founder of the Boston-based private investment company Summit Partners, is a former lieutenant in the United States Navy Reserve, an industrial engineering graduate of Georgia Tech, and an M.B.A. graduate of Harvard Business School.

Tropical Garden, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, Community Partnership for the Homeless, Ransom Everglades School, Breakthrough Miami and a number of other charities throughout the region.

Through the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation, formed by Penny and Roe 20 years ago, they have shown their deep 199 commitment to education, supporting projects and scholarships at 35 universities nationwide. And with its Stamps Scholars initiative, the foundation has created innovative scholarship programs currently supporting more than 425 students.

Roe is a trustee emeritus of the Georgia Tech Foundation and a trustee at the University of Miami, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and several other distinguished organizations. At Georgia Tech, Roe served the foundation for more than 16 years. He has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering and the Joseph Mayo Pettit Alumni Distinguished Service Award, the highest award conferred by the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. He was inducted into Georgia Tech's Engineering Hall of Fame in 2001.

In 2010, Roe was honored by the American Red Cross South Florida Region as the Humanitarian of the Year. In 2012, he was honored by Harvard Business School, receiving its most prestigious award, the Alumni Achievement Award.

Roe now dedicates his time to his personal interests, which include fly-fishing, bird hunting, flying, boating, cycling, jazz piano and spending time with his family: son, Will; daughter, Annie; and newborn grandson, Hunter. In addition he also takes time to enjoy his black Labrador retriever, Ella, and their family's more than 14 stray and pedigreed cats.

Since his relocation to South Florida in 1993, Roe and his wife, Penny, have devoted significant time and resources to philanthropic causes in the community. Their interest in South Florida is deeply rooted as they have been longtime supporters of the University of Miami, the Grayvik Animal Care Center, Fairchild



(top left) Carolina Scholar Riley Chambers enjoys meeting first lady Patricia Moore-Pastides at the spring Carolina Scholar donor dinner. Riley was a featured vocalist during a performance by Cockapella that evening. (bottom left) Joanie Haley of the McNair Foundation and her husband, Don, attend the McNair Scholar spring dinner and are warmly welcomed by the students.





## **CAROLINA SCHOLAR AWARD DONORS**

Carolina Scholar Awards are made possible by the contributions of individuals, corporations and foundations. The University Development Office cultivates and maintains relationships with donors of Carolina Scholar Awards. Private support of this and other programs enables the University of South Carolina to attract academically talented students and to provide the margin of excellence in all academic programs.

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(right) Jim Guignard is a Carolina Scholar donor who supports Samruddhi Somani. Sam was a senior this spring. (below) Michael Hood and Vice Provost and Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt also attended the dinner.



(right) McNair Scholars made a beeline to have their photo made with President Harris Pastides.





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Two gatherings are organized yearly: a fall reception, where most scholars meet their mentors for the first time, and a breakfast in January, where the pairs reconnect in the new year.

Each year, Carolina and McNair Scholar freshmen are paired with a faculty mentor. These faculty members are generous with their time and talents, helping scholars transition to the collegiate academic climate.



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Chance Cockrell, a senior, wrote of his mentor for four years, Lucille Mould: "I am honored to have known Mrs. Mould for the past four years, and we plan to keep in touch for years to come. Always eager to help but never overbearing, she has been a crucial component of my academic success and my growth as a young adult, as she has gone well beyond the duties of a faculty mentor. It is with the utmost respect and eternal gratitude that I call her a lifelong friend."



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left, Charlotte Eckmann; right, Connor Bain



above, Brendan Croom; right, Leila Heidari





## NATIONAL WINNERS

National fellowship winners bring distinction to themselves and the university, and Carolina and McNair Scholars who earn prestigious fellowships are significant contributors to this honor. Here are a few highlights among this year's winners.

Scholars were a key component to USC's most successful year of producing Hollings Scholars yet. McNair Scholars Riley Brady and Charlotte Eckmann were both awarded these scholarships, which will provide them with a summer internship at a NOAA facility and networking opportunities unique to Hollings Scholars.

Our scholars continue to excel in the STEM fields. Connor Bain is a recipient of the 2014 Goldwater Scholarship for research in computer science and is a Carolina Scholar. Brendan Croom, a McNair Scholar, will use his National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to pursue further studies in mechanical engineering.

International travel continues to appeal to scholars and takes them abroad during summer breaks for research and learning opportunities. McNair Scholar Andrew Kovtun will travel to Amsterdam as a Humanity in Action American Fellow to learn about issues of discrimination and injustice. He was also selected as a Pamela Harriman Foreign Service Fellow, which will support his summer internship at the OECD. Rachel Smoak will conduct chemical engineering research as a DAAD Rise Scholar. At USC she is a McNair Scholar.

For the second year in a row, at least one scholar has been nominated for a Rotary Global Grant. Leila Heidari was recognized as a Rotary Scholar for study in the United Kingdom, which she has declined in order to study at Emory University.

# **SENIOR SCHOLARS**

To introduce you to our senior scholars is to introduce you to the world — they find themselves in places their predecessors only dreamed of, traveling the globe to get immersed in other cultures or conduct groundbreaking field research. On these pages you will see photographs of our senior Carolina and McNair Scholars in their own element, a location of their choosing. For some of them, the choice was easy and obvious, but for others, more thought was employed. The photos, accompanied by the students' reflective and insightful words, provide glimpses into their time as Carolinians.



Tim will travel to an offshore oil production platform off the coast of Santa Barbara, Calif., as part of an engineering co-op experience. Later, he hopes to return to Houston and pursue a career in the energy industry.



# TIM BARNHILL

CYPRESS WOODS HIGH SCHOOL, CYPRESS, TEXAS

It was the evening of Jan. 26, 2010, and I sat at my desk attempting to study for an AP Chemistry test the next day. It was a tremendous struggle to stay focused as the USC men's basketball team was taking on top-ranked, undefeated Kentucky in Colonial Life Arena. Once again, there I was watching the Gamecocks from far away at my home in Houston, Texas. With a USC alumnus for a father, I grew up a Gamecock away from South Carolina. Especially once both of my older brothers had left to begin their lives at USC, I yearned for the day I would get to start my college career and finally be a part of it all at Carolina. Until then, the best I could do was cheer on the Gamecocks from my bedroom. With just under seven minutes left in the game, I had completely forgotten about the impending test, as the Gamecocks were running neck-and-neck with the top team in the country. After a thrilling and seemingly eternal last few minutes of the game, the final buzzer rang throughout the arena and

Gamecock students and fans stormed the court, celebrating a hard-fought victory. Back home, I jumped and cheered with my parents, while wishing there was some way I could actually be in Columbia with the Gamecock nation.

After being consumed by postgame coverage, interviews and pride for USC, we finally went downstairs to turn off everything for the night. I still couldn't believe it all happened as I walked to the front door to turn off the porch light. Before flipping the switch, I saw a small Fed-Ex envelope addressed to me leaning against the door. I stepped outside to pick up the envelope and tore it open to find a red palmetto tree between the Horseshoe gates, and beneath it a letter from USC inviting me to Columbia to interview for the McNair Scholar Award. On top of a dramatic Gamecock victory, I found out that my dream of finally going to USC and joining the Gamecock family was going to come true.

Tim will intern in Houston with ConocoPhillips this summer before graduating in December. He hopes to return to Houston to pursue a career in the energy industry. He has already completed internships with National Oilwell Varco and ExxonMobil.

scholars won eight national fellowships or scholarships

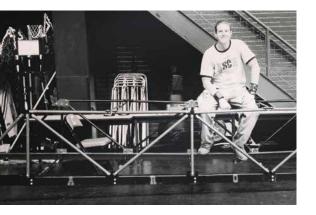
this year.

SCHOLARS

**BY THE NUMBERS** 



Strong enough to support 2,500 pounds, the steel bridge did a fine job holding up Matt.



MCNAIRSCHOLAR MATT BARRAGAN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING TERRY SANFORD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

What if I told you that a concrete boat could float? Or that fried chicken grease could power your truck? Or that you could build a bridge that supports a dozen or more people in about twenty minutes? How did I do these things? In a word: engineering. My years at South Carolina have given me a lot. I have learned necessary engineering skills, created functional engineering projects and gained an invaluable engineering mindset. That last part is key. In order to be successful in the path I have chosen, one must have a certain way of thinking. I am a structural engineer. I want to build houses, bridges, skyscrapers and maybe a pyramid or two. You may laugh at the last notion, but why? Egyptian engineers of old obviously knew something that modern ones do not. Their structures are still around thousands of years after they died; the ones we design today are lucky to merely outlast our lifetimes. To me this proves that we have much left to learn, engineers and all others alike. And if we ask the right questions, we can make the impossible and the improbable imaginable and impeccable. Let's make it happen.

Matt is interviewing with a number of engineering companies. He is also waiting to hear confirmation of a potential graduate-level project, which he would complete with his current research mentor while seeking a master's degree in engineering.



Runjhun (front row, third from left) poses with friends at the first GlobeMed leadership retreat, a day when a group of passionate, kind and fun people built the friendships that have been the foundation of the organization.





**G.G. DOWLING SCHOLARSHIP** *RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, GREER, S.C.* 

I sat up straight up in bed, feeling like a bolt of lightning had just shot through my spine in the darkness. The fear of uncertainty, the excitement and the disbelief hit me like a brick wall. I scrambled for my computer, flicking open the lid a little too hard, and started typing, " ... two nights ago is when it really hit me. That in a little over a week, I would be in rural India." Those words became part of the first post on my blog, which documented the summer after my junior year. I had the amazing and humbling opportunity to travel to rural Orissa to build a stronger relationship with the partner organization our GlobeMed chapter had worked so hard to raise funds for. This experience is only one of many that have paved my passage through Carolina; through classes, research, conferences, internships and even starting the first global health organization on campus, I have come to realize that health is an intricate cross-section of all aspects of human life. I have gained a lifelong passion for learning, research, ethics and activism that will help me contribute to a world of healthier human beings.

The attitude and perspective I have gained here have shaped the kind of human being I want to become. In these four years, the most valuable lesson I've learned, however, is that relationships are powerful: because they make people meaningful to each other, relationships can drive lasting change in the world.

Runjhun will attend medical school in the fall at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. She hopes to become a physician who serves her patients in a clinical setting but is also able to affect the wider socioeconomic factors that affect her patients through public health research that is driven by a partnership with the community.



## LAWTON BURKHALTER CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

DAVID W. ROBINSON SCHOLARSHIP CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL, CHAPIN, S.C.

"Goooooo Dawgs! Sic 'em!" was the one and only chant associated with football allowed in my house growing up. At Chapin High School, I was THE Georgia Bulldog fan. Knowing my aspirations concerned engineering, I always knew that I would not be attending that college that dominates Athens, but rather figured myself destined for bigger and better (in my mind at least) things at more "prestigious" universities: MIT, Duke, Georgia Tech. These were the institutions where my future awaited. Or so I thought. Again and again life shows us that we do not know nearly as much as we think we do. It was with an invitation to Carolina Scholar Weekend that the betrayal of 17 long years of devotion was begun. As the magnitude of the scholarship became clear, uncertainty began to weave its way inside of my steadfast hatred of all things garnet and black. After a marvelous weekend of courting and wining (figuratively of course) and dining, the seed had been planted. It was with a heavy heart that my dad informed me that not only would it be okay, said through gritted teeth, but that it would be in my best interest to go to the University of South Carolina. However, a betrayal that began for love of money has blossomed into a full-blown love for this university. Time after time, the people here in Columbia have surprised and humbled me with their generosity, friendship and support. From the ease with which two hours can go by simply talking to a professor to the strength of fraternal bonds forged, the list of facts that continue to confirm that this is where I belong is unending. There is no doubt these four years trump all that came before them. I am a Gamecock.

Lawton will be moving to Houston to take a job in the petrochemical industry working for Enterprise Products.

Lawton overlooks the view provided by the magnificent Great Wall of China. That's a serious drop-off.

SCHOLARS **BY THE** NUMBERS

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: 10 of the 94 GLD seniors are scholars.





**SALEM CARRIKER** ANTHROPOLOGY NORTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL. HUNTERSVILLE. N.C.

My arrival in Mexico was punctuated by a heavy storm and a sense that I was in way over my head. Having studied Spanish for less than a year, trying to understand my host mother's rapid speech was more than my exhausted brain could handle. That night I lay awake, wondering how I was going to survive this study abroad trip. Over the next few weeks the support I felt from my host family, professors and fellow classmates allowed me to forget my fears and embrace this new adventure. I boarded my return flight with a mixture of sorrow and joy. I was sorry to leave this new country I had come to love, but delighted that I had been able to overcome my fears. Before my time at Carolina, I never would have believed my journey over the past four years was possible. My classrooms have ranged from the Horseshoe to the White House, from a Civil War POW camp to a rural Mayan village. These experiences, along with the encouragement I have received from my family at home and at school, have given me the confidence to believe in myself and know that all things are possible.

Salem plans to serve in AmeriCorps, focusing on promoting health care for the underserved. She will also apply to medical school to become a family physician.



During her study abroad trip to Mexico, Salem explored many archaeological sites, including the ancient Mayan city of Uxmal, shown here. It was exciting to see her anthropology classes come to life, and she can't wait to continue discovering the world around her.



**ALICE CHANG INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (IBCE) AND ECONOMICS** CLYDE C. RICE SCHOLARSHIP S.C. GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS. SUMMERVILLE. S.C.

Two days each week, I took the train into the city and marched into the bloodstained and smoky stairwells of the Chungking Mansions, Hong Kong's infamous hub for black market electronics, illicit drug sales, prostitution and, incidentally, the refugee service NGO where I ended up spending all my free time volunteering. If you'd told me four years ago that pursuing an international business degree would lead me to practice my rusty French with Congolese asylum seekers, hold Somali babies in my arms, help translate a book written by an Iranian refugee and teach a social enterprise class for women, I'd have probably thought you were insane. My university experience has not been filled with Horseshoe lounging and sunny football games. Instead, it has taken me across the world to Hong Kong and China, where I studied, worked and researched for more than two years and learned that a true education isn't necessarily about picking a major, getting an internship or two and following a checklist to success. Rather, it's about learning how to take risks, wrench yourself off the beaten path and seek knowledge beyond the boundaries of institutions. Learning can be done anywhere and everywhere, LOOMING IN HOSTILE TERRITORIES and I'm grateful to USC for having given me the means to realize that.

After graduation, Alice will be working as an analyst in a financial firm in Philadelphia to gain some private-sector experience before furthering her studies in development economics. She hopes to one day take her finance/economics knowledge to the civil society sector and pursue a career in NGO development.

Apart from classes and volunteer work during her two years in Hong Kong, Alice enjoyed spending free afternoons indulging in two of her favorite things: the mountains and catching up on current events.

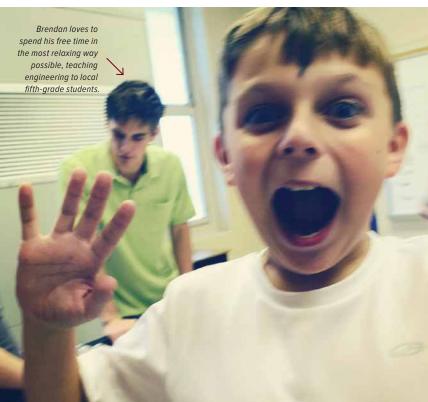


DOUGLAS SOUTHALL FREEMAN HIGH SCHOOL, RICHMOND, VA.

Four short years ago, I'd never traveled outside of the United States. This wasn't because of a lack of interest — I'd known for a long time that I wanted to study international politics. I knew that I wanted to study internationally. These were ambitions that I couldn't fulfill before college, so I did what I could to live them vicariously. When I decided to study at Carolina, they were still at the front of my mind. I spread my four years between four continents: one summer in Jordan, another in France, a semester in Morocco and the remainder right here in Columbia. One experience has been universal for me. New places always rework you with a strange, subtle power if you're open to it. Over time, almost imperceptibly, your nervous excitement fades into familiarity. This is easy to take for granted at first. As the time to leave comes nearer, the feeling changes again. You realize how quickly you've grown roots, what an important part of you the place has become and how strange it will seem when you're no longer there. This also fades. You're finally left with an abiding appreciation for everything that you've learned.

Cameron will be looking for work related to international relations after graduation. He plans on returning to school soon to pursue a master's degree in Middle Eastern studies.





MCNAIR SCHOLAR

Top Scholars were recognized

this year at the university's annual spring Awards Day.

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**BRENDAN CROOM** MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

DUPONT MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL, LOUISVILLE, KY.

For two years I have mentored Lego robotics teams at Columbia elementary schools. I was supposed to teach the fifth-grade students about engineering, but instead they taught me something much more valuable: it is (occasionally) acceptable to live life spontaneously, like sugar-buzzed pre-adolescents on a Friday afternoon. I learned to accept their irrationality, to embrace their inattentiveness, to let them run around and scream and take blurry pictures. The students never strayed from their goals and always made progress on their robots. They had fun while becoming better scientists. I carry this lesson with me into graduate school, the traditional haunt of no-nonsense academics, where I hope to share this valuable lesson. Just like the fifth graders demonstrated with their robots, exuberant engineers develop the most creative solutions.

Brendan Croom will pursue a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering to study high-temperature aerospace materials at the University of Virginia.



During Tina's study abroad trip in Europe, she was able to explore the Alcazar de Segovia, a stone castle in the old part of the city of Segovia in central Spain.

CAROLINA SCHOLAR



Opportunity is a hard word to define as it means something different to everyone, but my time at USC has been an endless string of opportunities. I came into college with big dreams, but I have accomplished and seen more than I ever could have imagined since then. I never could choose just one interest, so my time at Carolina has been split between completing not only a major in biomedical engineering but minors in biology, Spanish and neuroscience as well. The opportunity to pursue such a diverse series of courses has prepared me for my next big step, a dual M.D./Ph.D. degree. But when I rave about the university, it is not the academics that really touch my heart but the opportunities beyond the classroom. I have flown over jumps on horseback, mastered the waltz and hit the bull's eye on the archery range from 10 different poses.

I have been certified as an open water scuba diver, swimming among manatees and sharks and all manner of sea creatures, and I joined the Flying Gamecocks club in skydives from 13,500 feet in the air. I have been to eight countries on amazing study abroad trips, climbing Mayan temples and marveling at centuries-old architectural wonders. I have mentored middle and high school kids and volunteered in hospitals and medical clinics. I participated in bacteriophage genetics research, a neuroscience independent study in electroencephalography and a senior thesis in CT-based 3D printing to improve osteotomies. I have lost count of the beautiful memories made and the extraordinary people met during my time as a Carolina Scholar, and with an education from USC I could be headed anywhere in the world. My time here has been a striking lesson in taking advantage of opportunity.

Tina is on the wait list at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and if not accepted she will attend the Medical University of South Carolina.



## MCNAIR SCHOLAR **MEGAN EARLY** ACCOUNTING

Since Megan worked on campus throughout her four years at Carolina, she spent plenty of quality time on the Horseshoe.

MYERS PARK HIGH SCHOOL. CHARLOTTE. N.C.

"TRI DELTA BA DOOM BA DOOM." It was all I could hear, and the cheering flooded my ears. It was my last sorority bid day at Carolina. I can still vividly remember my first, and how I was completely overcome by fear, but also unbelievable excitement. Four years later, with the Horseshoe filled with screaming girls in neon and face paint, I am just as excited. Looking back, I am thankful for the many things USC has offered me: a top-notch faculty, transformative leadership experiences, professional development and, most of all, a sisterhood I could have never imagined. Tri Delta has given me stories that will always make me laugh, moments where I learned what it means to be challenged and friends that I could not live without. I was lucky enough to serve my chapter and the Greek community on Sorority Council, and I was able to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. However, the most valuable thing this organization gave me is the confidence to face whatever may come my way and to never be scared to take on an opportunity headfirst. As I move forward to the next adventure, I feel safe knowing I have hundreds of sisters behind me.

Megan will intern with Deloitte in Charlotte, N.C., before heading to the University of Virginia to pursue a master's degree in accounting

# SARAH ELLIS PRINT INIRNALISM

WEST FORSYTH HIGH SCHOOL, CLEMMONS, N.C.

OK, so I like to sleep. It's really a well-honed skill at this point, maybe even resume-worthy. But, luckily, I've done my fair share of not sleeping the past four years, too. And that's a good thing; there's too much you miss out on with the world hidden behind your eyelids. Not for a few extra hours in bed would I have traded the honors dorm shenanigans that went down on the 2CA hall my freshman and sophomore years. Because, of course, the best time for acoustic sing-alongs, wrestling matches, Netflix binges, homework sessions and life chats is within a few hours of your alarm clock urging you to go to class (assuming you make it there). Even a Sunday nap couldn't compare to weekend road trips and hiking adventures. I've met people and seen parts of South Carolina - waterfalls and Lowcountry marshes and concerts and small towns with the best ice cream and barbeque you've ever tasted - that my sleepy dreams could never compare to. Nor would I for a second have given up the late-night grind of working at The Daily Gamecock ... although if you'd asked me on a few nights, I might've thought otherwise. The satisfaction of opening up the newspaper box in the morning and seeing my name on the front page was always worth the stress and, yes, bleary-eyed merriment of the long night that came before it. As they say, I'll sleep when I'm dead. Or maybe when I graduate.

Sarah has accepted a full-time job at The State newspaper in Columbia. Starting in May, she will be a general assignment metro reporter.





MCNAIR SCHOLAR **ELIZABETH FARMER** 

**SPANISH** ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL. CINCINNATI. OHIO

scholars won Magellan Scholar Awards

for undergraduate research

this academic year.

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Rose Kennedy once said, "Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments." My time at the University of South Carolina has been a rich tapestry of moments – moments of growth, moments of friendship, moments of fellowship and scholarship. Moments of anchoring myself, exploring my passions and defining my future. It's been a time defined by extraordinary mentors. Working in the Language Development Lab of Dr. Denise Finneran has allowed me to ascertain that my career path is right for me. It's led to greater faith in myself as a professional and as a person. It's led to the experience of successfully applying for a grant to fund my research, and it's planted a seed in my mind and heart regarding a career in academia. It's been a time defined by acting on my passions and contributing to my community. My travels have taken me to San José, Costa Rica, to live with a host family, take Spanish classes and witness the beauty of national

Elizabeth will attend a graduate institution to earn her master's degree in speech-language pathology.

Elizabeth (third from right) at a McNair Scholar dinner with President Pastides (middle). For her, the connections with others are a hallmark of her college career.

landmarks such as Manuel Antonio National Park. I've used my Spanish ability to serve as fundraising committee chair to Amigos del Buen Samaritano, the student organization that contributes to two free medical clinics in Columbia, and to teach English to native Spanish speakers at a local church. But most especially, it's been a time defined by incredible friends. Here, I've gone Shag dancing at Jillian's and contra dancing at Lake Murray. I've attended football games, traveled to Charleston, S.C., and completed 5Ks, mud runs and half marathons. I've thrown surprise parties and stayed up long past midnight having conversations about politics, relationships, careers and life. USC and the McNairs have given me the courage to pursue my goals and convictions, and for that I will always be grateful. Now, about to graduate and filled with unquantifiable emotions. I realize that this is not the end. It is the beautiful beginning.



**RACHAEL FOUST INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, MARKETING AND FINANCE** OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, OAK RIDGE, TENN.

## "Now everybody look here, on the count of three.

Un ... deux ... trois!" Here I am, sitting in the middle of a dusty couch in a dimly lit room, one of three, in a house surrounded by poverty and desert, in Senegal, Africa. The conditions might seem bleak, but, sitting in this room at this moment, I would not trade this experience for the world. Life is by no means easy for these individuals, yet here they are, standing around me smiling from ear to ear because they know that they can count on each other for help, love and support no matter what. They are a family. The photographer makes arrangements for the delivery of the new family portrait, and I realize I have just become the family's newest member. My journey to Senegal lasted two weeks. My journey here at USC has been four amazing years. The greatest defining factor of my time here is not what I've accomplished, but who has been here to support and guide me and help me reach my goals. The University of South Carolina community is truly a family — a family that stretches across the country, over seas and boarders, even all the way to a living room in Bambey, Senegal, where Cocky sits on the mantelpiece and a roomful of people can chant our fight song on command. So, when I graduate, I will be smiling from ear to ear because I know I can always count on my USC family for help, love and support no matter where life takes me.

Rachael will attend law school in the fall to study corporate law and mergers and acquisitions.

Rachael studied abroad, and expanded the USC family, in Istanbul, Turkey.





Brad takes his defender to the cage in a match versus Florida State.

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MCNAIR SCHOLAR



WORCESTER PREPARATORY SCHOOL, REHOBOTH BEACH, DEL.

There were 12 seconds left in the game, and we were down by one. The USC Club Lacrosse team had lost in close games to Virginia Tech every year, and it looked like it was going to be another one of those years. I walked to the sideline for the face-off knowing that it would take some strange miracle to pull out a victory. The whistle blows, and the ball comes right to me; I scoop it and begin to run. Ten seconds. Sprinting. The first defender greets me with a check, but I give him the slip to the right. Seven seconds. Another defender comes; same story. Five seconds left, and my eyes grow wide, the goal is close. My entire reality is this ball, my feet, and a 6-by-6 orange lacrosse net. It's time. I take my shot, getting hit simultaneously. Two seconds left, but what just happened? The cheers begin, and I know I did it. A fire had been lit in my team that could not be extinguished, and overtime was easy work. I will forever be the hero of Virginia Tech. It is memories like this that have defined my USC experience. I have experienced so much that I will remember for my entire life. Each experience has changed me and defined me, and USC will forever be a part of who I am.

Brad has accepted a job with a small oil and gas consulting company called Pinnacle AIS in Houston. He plans on going back to school to get his M.B.A. after three or four years of work experience.



**LEILA HEIDARI** BACCALAUREUS ARTIUM ET SCIENTIAE **CLASS OF 1939 REUNION FUND SCHOLARSHIP** CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL, COLUMBIA, S.C.

"To learn how to be healthier through gardening!" When I hear this response from the group of thirdfifth graders, I know that we are making a difference through this after-school program. Such enthusiastic replies reaffirm the goal of my honors thesis project, which I created as a way to give back to my hometown of Columbia, and in these moments, I know that the program will continue to be successful even after I've graduated. We've planted seeds, done experiments and taste tests and made compost, but these students have taught me even more than I've taught them: they've helped me to make concrete and personal the abstract concept of the "public" in public health. I've combined my interests in nutrition and environmental science in this project, as well as in my academic path, which has allowed me to explore and connect a variety of disciplines. I could not have done this and found what I am passionate about without the Honors College and the opportunity to pursue the Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae degree. I've learned about the value of community by partnering with and learning from Sustainable Carolina, the Richland Conservation Department and Joseph Keels Elementary School. Before I begin my graduate studies, which will take me to different parts of the country and world, I'm so glad I've been able to rediscover my hometown.

Leila will pursue a Master's in Public Health in Environmental Health at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in the fall.

## **MICHAEL HOOD BACCALAURFUS ARTIUM ET SCIENTIAF**

CLASS OF 1938 SCHOLARSHIP AND CLASSES OF 1936, 1937 AND 1966 SCHOLARSHIP IRMO HIGH SCHOOL, COLUMBIA, S.C.

We were students who loved to play music, learning how to teach others to share in that passion. I sat with my guitar on a school gym floor, surrounded by a dozen eager kids clamoring to learn how to play a chord. Other volunteers around me - one with a tuba, another with a keyboard, another with pots and pans - had similar groups of enthusiastic kids making music. We were Communities in Harmony, a new volunteer initiative whose goal is to bring music to young people in underprivileged areas of Columbia. During the last two years of my undergraduate career, it has been exciting for me to help start and guide an organization in which like-minded students could merge their musical dedication with the desire to help others. In our weekly sessions, our goal would be to expose the kids to music in any way we could, be it through rhythm games, music lessons or rewriting funny lyrics to songs. Few experiences are as rewarding as seeing a child become keenly interested in what you're showing them.

USC has offered me countless opportunities to get involved outside the classroom - from community service programs to research in cochlear implants, from studying abroad in Leeds, UK, to helping establish the inaugural state chapter of a medical fraternity — but none has been as meaningful or enjoyable as my time in Communities in Harmony. Hopefully, through our efforts, we will have planted the seeds for lifelong music appreciation in at least a few of the children who might not have otherwise had the exposure.

"It's over, guys," the school counselor yelled to the kids. "You do want to go home, right?" The answer from the kids was unanimous. "No-o-o-o-o!"

Michael will attend medical school next year at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Greenville.





members of Freshman Council

are scholars.

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**BY THE NUMBERS** 



I woke up on my 21st birthday to the smell of food wafting into my room. I turned over, hoping to grab a few more minutes of sleep before my host mom came and knocked on the door. Then I remembered that I was at a friend's place, and I leapt out of bed and walked into the living room. My jaw dropped as I surveyed the table in front of me. Pastries of all sorts, bread and cheese, and multiple juices were set up on the table, but, more importantly, six of my closest friends were also seated. I was deliriously happy with this little surprise, but little did I know that they had set up a full day of surprises for me that

Priyanka has accepted a job at Bank of America for their operations management associate program. It's a two-year rotational program, and she will be at corporate headquarters in Charlotte, N.C.

Riding a camel on the beautiful beaches of Tangier, Morocco, was one of the many memorable experiences from Priyanka's study abroad.

included riding a six-person bike around Parque de María Luisa, taking a paddle boat on the Guadlquivir River, drinks at a rooftop bar with a view of the Seville Cathedral and finally ending back at the river for a surprise party. The day left me in tears. I had only met these girls a few short months ago, but I knew without a trace of doubt in my mind that I had made lifelong friends. It's the people that you meet that make the experiences treasurable. This memory and all the rest are what truly made studying abroad in Seville, Spain, the best six months of my life.

Jessica stands with Dr. Joseph Leland McElveen, retired medical oncologist at South Carolina Oncology Associates and KershawHealth. Jessica had the honor of interviewing McElveen for her honors senior thesis project, "The Future of Healthcare Delivery." Jessica will pursue an M.D. degree in fall 2014 and wishes to undertake a lifelong career as a physician leader.



## JESSICA KACZMAREK CHEMISTRY

**KIT AND JAMES T. PEARCE SR. SCHOLARSHIP** NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL, NORTH AUGUSTA, S.C.

"Don't graduate from this university without taking advantage of every possible opportunity here." I heard this sentence as a freshman at orientation, and it stuck in my mind and never went away. Like a true scientist, I thought of my classes, leadership experiences and medical activities at USC all as one big experiment to see how far I could challenge myself intellectually and as a person. Indeed, I have emerged from my whirlwind adventure more open-minded and progressive than before. My favorite insight is that spontaneity of ideas can lead to rewarding, big projects. I was watching a CNN report on the approval of the health reform bill, and that inspired me right then to make a health reform video for my honors senior thesis. What makes Carolina so special is how the faculty, Honors College advisers, Office of Undergraduate Research and Columbia physicians came together to support my project. I could not have carried my idea to fruition without such positive support. University of South Carolina, it has been my pleasure to be educated, challenged and supported here. Thank you.

Jessica will attend Vanderbilt University for medical school.





MCNAIR SCHOLAR

SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Sunsets bring beautiful dawns. If I have learned anything throughout my collegiate career, it is the truth of that statement. My time at Carolina has been made up of a series of splendid sunsets: a sunset at the end of the world in Portugal; sunsets over the Alhambra in Granada, Spain; a sunset view from the top of the Horizon Garage watching many days come to an end in Columbia; sunsets from San Antonio, Texas; and the last splendid sunsets in my hometown. Endings used to scare me, and sunsets may seem to represent a pretty finite ending; however, I have since begun to see them as an opportunity for true beginnings. I cannot say that college was perfect; it was a beautiful experience, but not perfect. It had ups and downs and all-arounds, but it was real. I learned about true friendship that

Kathryn's love for the Spanish language and pursuit of a Spanish minor allowed her to travel out of the country for the first time to Granada, Spain. During her time there, she embarked upon many excursions - one to Lagos, Portugal, and a point that was thought to be the end of the world before Columbus sailed to the Americas. She was able to watch a sunset there.

transcends distance and time, about the beauty of being a servant and about relving on Jesus more than anything. It was a time of exploration and figuring out my path as well, but walking into San Antonio Military Medical Center every day for 10 weeks truly laid upon my heart the purpose for my life – medical research. I was scared, and sometimes I am still scared, but I know that with each passing day there will be more sunsets, and sunrises, which signify that I have accomplished something that will hopefully change someone's life.

Kathryn plans to attend graduate school at the University of Virginia. She will pursue a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering with a focus in drug delivery for cancer chemotherapy. She hopes to work in the R&D pharmaceutical industry or within a governmental organization and eventually teach.

## MCNAIR SCHOLAR



"Gerry ... I have something to show you!" exclaimed my scholar mentor, Melissa Moss, undergraduate director of biomedical engineering, during our biweekly lunch. She handed me an article about Michael Yost, director of surgical research at USC's School of Medicine. The closing phrase of the article was "engineering skeletal muscle for facial reconstruction." Moss knew of my goal to become a pediatric craniofacial surgeon, inspired by the Smile Train charity that performs cleft lip and palate surgeries in third-world countries. My tissue engineering research is just one of the opportunities at Carolina that has nurtured and magnified that goal. The Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs persistently encouraged and crucially assisted me to obtain the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. The passionate and creative fellow students whom I have met and worked with as an officer in the Biomedical Engineering Society and McNair Scholars Association, and as a McNair scholar buddy, have inspired new motivations and ways to embrace Mr. McNair's entreaty to "pay it forward" through service and mentorship. Finally, my devoted, engaging professors have instilled a love for engineering that motivates me to integrate this discipline into my lifelong aspiration of a career in medicine through an M.D./Ph.D.

Gerry will pursue an M.D./Ph.D. in bioengineering from the Baylor College of Medicine/ Rice University Medical Scientist Training Program, to apply the problem-solving skills of engineering to the development of products and optimization of techniques for craniofacial surgery.







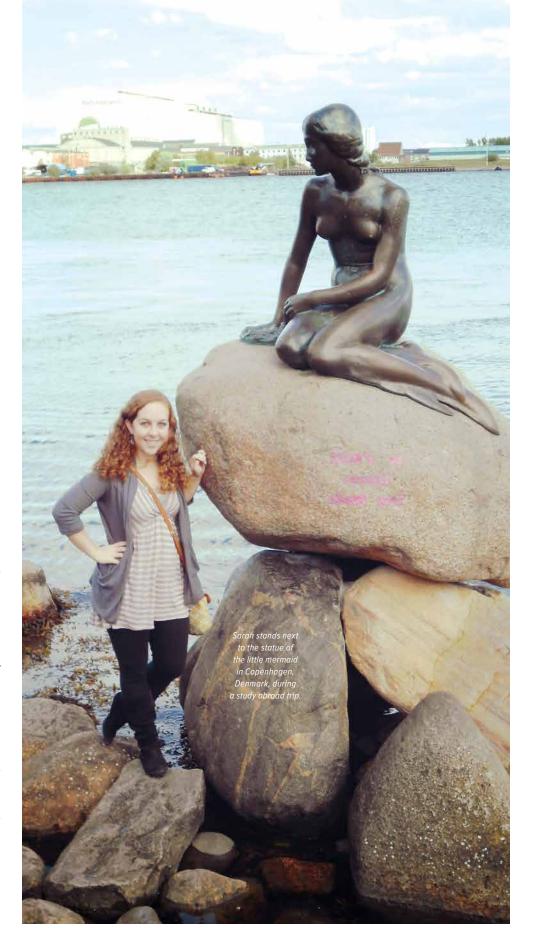


SARAH LAW PUBLIC HEALTH CAROLINA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP HEATHWOOD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL ELGIN. S.C.

I never thought I would attend USC when I was a high school senior. Born and raised in Columbia, I had little desire to stay in my hometown; however, when I came for my scholar recruitment weekend, I realized that USC - with its Honors College and Carolina Scholars Program - could be something really special. The incredible experiences I have had here leave me no doubt that I made the right choice. The honors dorm is where I met all of my best friends, including some who would become my sisters in Omega Phi Alpha and others who I would work with in GlobeMed. I had the opportunity to travel to Copenhagen, Denmark, to study medicine and health care delivery, and I spent another six weeks interning with an NGO in rural Orissa, India.

What I learned from these and all of the other amazing experiences I had here at USC is that home is where your heart is, and you take that with you everywhere you travel. I know that sounds cliché, but when you open your heart to new experiences, you can truly grow as a person, and that is what I have done here at USC. Forever to thee!

Sarah will move to Minneapolis to work as an emergency room scribe for a year. During her year off she will apply to medical school for the class entering in 2015.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR CLARA LOGUE MUSIC PERFORMANCE JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL, JEFFERSON, GA.

Look back through my journey at USC, and you will see sitting in the corner of every memory a well-loved cup of coffee. In my first years, this cup was the forgotten mug perched on a practice room piano as I struggled, frustrated and exhilarated, to switch from violin to viola. This was the drink I sipped at every Cool Beans outing as I watched my acquaintances bloom gradually into dear friendships. This was the tumbler I hid under my chair during every opera performance and the red-eye I sloshed down my front in my mad dash to orchestra rehearsal. Coffee formed the hazy, frantic backdrop of my sleepless first years as I fought to catch up with my peers, and coffee is the sweet comfort I feel as I look back and contemplate how much I've grown.

Now I am looking ahead to the first Dutch espresso I will sip as a student in Amsterdam and to the rich brew of musical experiences I will find there. But even as I walk along a canal, viola and tumbler in hand, I will not soon forget the taste of the complex, delicious blend formed by my memories at USC.

Clara will continue her music study in the Netherlands next year as she prepares for a career combining viola, writing and a healthy sense of adventure.





The sky had already turned navy blue-black, and the lamps on the Horseshoe threw shadows everywhere as I pranced back from my women writers class, beaming. Everything felt connected — everything. Discussing the inseparability of love and pain in Marguerite Duras' "The Lover" had evoked references and memories from other classes and experiences, both pain-filled and joyful. At that moment, though, it didn't matter how my joints ached, that my backpack straps dug into my shoulders or even that the now-melting ice had begun forming little rivulets on the bricks that you had to step over. At that moment, all I knew was the euphoria rising in my chest like a ball of sunshine. Such a familiar sensation as I've left countless classes, astonished and thrilled at the connections that seem to arise out of nowhere, between classes that (you would think) are in no way related. How relevance somehow arises between chance and chosen experiences. Wondering at how the diagonals and zigzags I've taken to pursue my varying interests through college have continued to connect at points and edges, sometimes even face to face. At how love and pain and joy - this is my life. This is life. The swelling wonder and gratitude in my chest just confirms what I've thought constantly these last four years. I am where I am meant to be.

Noël plans to spend a year at home to focus on her health before entering Teach for America's 2015 Baltimore corps to teach early childhood education.



Forever a chaînés-ing ballerina at heart, spinning in circles remains one of Noël's all-time favorite activities.

Kenny poses with his tour guides at the monuments to Kim Jong-il and Kim Il-Sung in Pyongyang, North Korea. MCNAIR SCHOLAR

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# **KENNY MORRIS**

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT CAPE FEAR ACADEMY, WILMINGTON, N.C.

"What can I really learn about different cultures by spending a semester in Europe?" This was the logic I used to justify spending 15 months in Asia studying abroad. While in Asia, I had one of the strangest, amazing, most life-changing experiences by traveling to North Korea. That's not a typo, I meant to say North NOT South Korea. While there, I was able to see how drastically citizens of different nations can live and what a blessing it was to be born in a country that respects human rights and encourages education. However, I also saw how similar people are, regardless of nationality. For example, one of my tour guides and I spent an evening commiserating about how boring it is to grow up an only child, with no siblings to keep us company. Sure, there were very different reasons we were only children, but while abroad I learned that sometimes it's best not to try and change or question others beliefs. Sometimes it's best just to accept them for what they are, to disentangle the people from the politics and to give a shot at being friends with someone from a truly different culture.

Kenny will graduate a year early as a double major in international business and global supply chain and operations management. Currently, he is deciding whether to accept a position in the State Department as a Foreign Service officer or to accept an offer from a pharmaceutical company in the United Kingdom as a logistics consultant.



# EMILY PADGET

**BANK OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP** RICHLAND NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL, COLUMBIA, S.C.

I never thought I'd end up at the University of South Carolina. My parents are both alumni, and I had always been an ardent fan, but it took the Carolina Scholars Program to really open my eyes to the unique opportunities and people who call this campus home. Now, four years later, I consider myself truly lucky to be a Carolina graduate and a lifelong member of this incredible Gamecock family. As an entering freshman, I remember the overwhelming pride and joy I felt watching our baseball team win the 2010 national championship. Watching the entire city come together to celebrate this historic win demonstrated to me the overwhelming passion of the Carolina community. This passion inspired me

to become a University Ambassador, which is one of the highlights of my undergraduate experience. Every day that I stepped out onto the historic Horseshoe to begin a tour, I was filled with a new sense of pride and passion as I explained to prospective students what it really means to be a Gamecock. From studying abroad in Poland to visiting the UN headquarters to cheering in Williams-Brice Stadium, I credit USC and the Carolina Scholars program with shaping me into the adventurous, passionate and curious scholar I have become. Here's a health Carolina, forever to thee!

SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS

University Ambassadors

are scholars.

Emily will take some time off to enter the working world before returning to school to potentially pursue a master's degree in higher education or education policy.



MCNAIRSCHOLAR **DEVIN PASCOE** ADVERTISING STANTON COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

The winter break of my senior year I went to Oman on a vacation with my dad. This was a somewhat random destination, mostly chosen because of its relative proximity to Saudi Arabia, where my dad lives and works. It was a place very out of my element, my love of travel still tested by my anxiety about going to the Middle East for the first time. I had met an Omani international student at USC who had already graduated and returned to Oman, so I reached out to him to let him know I would be traveling to his country. He was extraordinarily hospitable, and so my dad and I went to his home on New Year's Eve, eating a massive traditional Omani dinner with his entire family, as well as my former boss at USC, who also randomly happened to be in Oman at the same time. The world became so small there in Muscat, and I felt so unexpectedly at ease and culturally rewarded in the most foreign place I had ever been, all from that one night.

Fatefully, the only reason I knew him was from interning at the International Student Services office my junior year. I only got that internship because I studied abroad in Brighton, England, the semester before and knew firsthand the experience of being an international student on a foreign campus. And I only studied abroad because I was granted so many incredible opportunities and funds at the University of South Carolina that made it possible. You think about the small moments that haphazardly add up to a greater journey, and it's amazing how it comes together. I am so grateful.

Devin will work in Atlanta as a copywriter after graduation.



Savannah's time in Nashville completing a clinical rotation was pivotal in her understanding of the pharmacy field.



## SAVANNAH POSKEVICH DHADMACV

**CLASS OF 1953 SCHOLARSHIP** DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL. MOORE. S.C.

As I boarded the plane, I took one last look around. If you had told me freshman year that a few years later I would be in Nashville, Tenn., doing my pharmacy rotation, I wouldn't have believed you. But before I knew it, the entire month had gone by, and it was time to come home. In four short years here at the University of South Carolina, I have learned so much and have had countless unforgettable opportunities. From volunteering as a pharmacy intern at the Free Medical Clinic to attending football games with my friends, I have learned that everyone's story is unique and influential in some way. In the meantime, I have also discovered my true passion in the profession of pharmacy. During my time in Nashville, I was not only given the chance to counsel patients on their medications for the first time on my own, but I also formed relationships with the pharmacists and interns I worked with that will last a lifetime. (I also had a little bit of free time to explore the city and attend almost every country music concert there was that month.) I cannot imagine where I would be today without attending Carolina. I came here not really knowing what to expect, but four years later, I realize I couldn't have imagined anything more.

Savannah will transfer to Greenville, S.C., in the fall to complete her final two years of pharmacy school at the Greenville Health System Campus. Most of her experience so far has been in the community retail setting, which she has loved, but she's considering completing a pharmacy residency after graduation, possibly with a focus in ambulatory care. Her four years at USC have flown by, and she's excited to be a student for two more years!

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

# **JAKE ROSS**

WILLIAM H. AND RUTH C. BOND SCHOLARSHIP S.C. GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES, GREENVILLE. S.C.

It was the second semester of my sophomore year when I finally realized that my academic life had to stem from my talents and passions. No one had ever attempted to persuade me otherwise, but I had managed to convince myself that I needed to select a major that could result in official-sounding career prospects, and thus my environmental science major was born. But it didn't feel right, and I wondered if college itself was the problem. After heartfelt discussions with my family and advisers, I became an English major and film minor, and now I can proudly say that, in college, I cracked amazing books and studied wonderful films, almost in spite of myself. That same spirit of pursuing my interests resulted in an editorial internship at a well-respected literary magazine, where I found myself writing film reviews, interviewing Oscar-nominated directors, refining the articles of writers I admired, and co-writing an exposé on fracking. It was my confirmation that my needs as an artist and my career aspirations weren't (and aren't) mutually exclusive. I may not be saving the world, but I have learned how to save myself.

Jake plans to backpack across Europe and grow a long beard this summer, after which he will look for a position in publishing, film production or film journalism. He hopes to work and gain experience in the field for a year or two before returning to school to get an M.F.A. in creative writing.





## MCNAIR SCHOLAR **BAILEY SANFORD RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, N.C.

"In about five minutes we'll begin our descent into Quito." As the pilot hung up the intercom and the flight attendants began preparing the cabin for landing, reality sunk in: This is real. It was my first time traveling abroad, and I had no idea that in 10 short days, this wide-eyed freshman would not be the same person. I spent the week working with students at El Sembrador, a United Methodist school and community in Pastocalle, high in the mountains of Ecuador. My experience that week showed me that the needs of children in the Andes Mountains are not so different from the needs of children in downtown Columbia, S.C., and that I had the gifts and graces to meet some of those needs, if only for a week. Upon returning to Columbia, I began volunteering with the Special Olympics and intend to pursue a Master of Teaching in Special Education after graduating.

Bailey plans to pursue a Master of Teaching in Special Education.

SCHOLARS **BY THE** NUMBERS total number of top scholars for 2013-2014

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## MCNAIR SCHOLAR



Attending school 12 hours from home was not an easy decision, but it was the best decision I have ever made. As a USC women's soccer player, I have memories to cherish forever. I will never forget stepping onto the field for the first time in my Carolina jersey, representing Gamecock Nation in a way no outsider can understand. USC is fortunate to have not only the best stadium in the SEC, but the best fans as well - there's truly no place like home. Beating Clemson three times, winning the SEC conference for the first time in program history, being the first SEC team to win back-to-back games at the University of Florida, experiencing an 11-0 record at USC Stone Stadium and ending my senior season ranked 15th in the country ... I would not trade these moments for anything. It's great to be a Gamecock!

on a full-tuition scholarship.

Elizabeth is thankful that USC has supported her passions both on the field and in the classroom



# ELIZABETH SINCLAIR

## Elizabeth will attend Washington University-St. Louis Law School





Samruddhi loves being so close to the water, especially during the long stretches of beautiful weather in South Carolina.

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

# SAMRUDDHI SOMANI

**ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE CAROLINE AND SUSAN R. GUIGNARD SCHOLARSHIP** NORTHWOOD ACADEMY, SUMMERVILLE, S.C.

The limitless resources to create a unique college experience offered at the University of South Carolina have allowed me to participate in many exciting experiences both within and beyond the classroom. The most transformative of these were my research experiences. While studying which government interventions most affected the stock market and how newspaper language affects content, I learned how to structure and test quantitative models with limited data, how to write and revise a paper for a journal submission and how to create effective presentations across multiple media formats. These experiences have given me strong wings with which to embark on journeys I have yet to imagine, as they open up innumerable possibilities for my future.

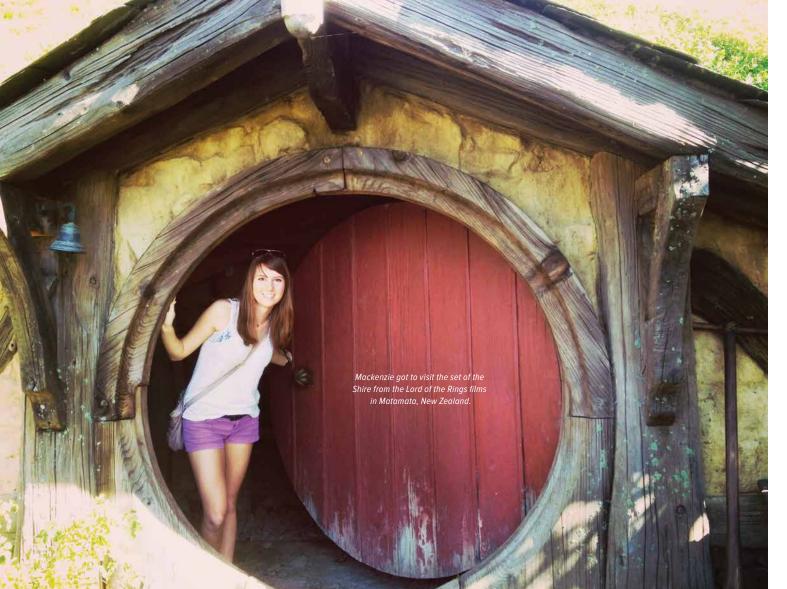
Samruddhi plans to work for several years and then possibly return for a graduate degree in some quantitative field.



**FELICIAN STRATMANN** FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING BANK OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL, IRMO, S.C.

I find that more than anything else at Carolina, my time here was shaped not by the finance classes I took or the organizations I led, but by my involvement in the Euphradian Society. For more than two centuries, the society has been dedicated to the pillars of virtue and tradition at Carolina, and so it has shaped most profoundly my education, my faith and my values. The time I have spent in its great hall alongside my brothers will stay with me forever as our discussions revealed to me the great hope found in the wounding beauty of this world. Illuminated by the art and literature of mankind, I have come to realize that, above all, we must pursue truth in our lives formed by faith, thought and virtue. Indeed, the society gave me what otherwise I would have lacked: an education — a glimpse into the human condition and how to approach it. I graduate this school a Euphradian and step forth into the world with eyes open to beauty and a heart open to truth. The society will stay with me forever and will forever direct me toward the life I should lead.

Felician will move to New York this summer to compromise his soul on Wall Street. Within a few years, he will return home to South Carolina for nobler pursuits.





"When I grow up, I wanna be a veterinarian specializing in herpetology." I first uttered those words as a tiny two-year-old, and I didn't stop until the summer after my 18th birthday, the summer I traveled to Ecuador on a Maymester. Having originally planned to study Galápagos tortoises, I was surprised by my fascination with international health care. But it was only just the beginning. Three years, one honors thesis on HIV in pregnant Latinas, hundreds of hours spent speaking Spanish in La Clínica El Buen Samaritano and two summers researching in Hartford Hospital later, my answer to that question has changed. Now, if you ask me what I want to be when I grow up, I won't talk about frogs. Instead, I'll grin and tell you that I'm going to medical school. I'll be sure to discuss my interest in family medicine and obstetrics, throwing in words like "continuity of care" and "perinatology." And I'll probably talk your ear off about my dream of opening a Spanish-speaking clinic just across the Mexican border. Thanks to (the real) USC, I've changed more than just the letters that will one day follow my name, and I can't imagine where I'd be without these four years at the best university in the world.

Allie will attend medical school at the University of Connecticut as a dual degree M.D./ M.P.H. student. She plans to specialize in either family medicine or obstetrics/gynecology and one day open a free clinic in Juárez, Mexico.



# **MACKENZIE SUNDAY**

**BACCALAUREUS ARTIUM ET SCIENTIAE** R.C. MCENTIRE AND COMPANY INC. SCHOLARSHIP A.C. FLORA HIGH SCHOOL, COLUMBIA, S.C.



I've had so much fun during my time at USC. I've had the chance to visit the Temple of Zeus, ride a donkey to the top of Santorini, Greece, raft down the Ganges, do yoga in an Indian ashram and go caving in New Zealand. Even though I've traveled far, I have truly treasured my time at USC. I'm so grateful to all the amazing faculty and staff members I've worked with and so thankful to be a member of the Carolina Scholars community. If there is one thing I've learned, it is that the Carolina community is truly global, and I am so excited to expand the Gamecock nation even more. I'm so happy to have had all these amazing adventures! Go Gamecocks!

Mackenzie will attend Vanderbilt University's doctoral program in cognitive neuroscience, chain and operations management.



SCHOLARS

**BY THE** NUMBERS

of 136 Honors College students who presented

at Discovery Day were scholars. Twelve of the

27 placed.





## **CLASS ROSTER**

While USC's freshman classes are thousands of students strong each year, our classes of scholars remain small, tightly knit groups. Backgrounds, majors and interests vary widely, but many of our scholars remain close through their college years and beyond. The following pages give you a brief look into who is in each class, where they are from and what they study.

Hamilton Scholar Weber Pike (right) poses for a photograph with his coach, Chad Holbrook. Both men are part of the USC baseball team.

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New for the 2013-2014 academic year, finalists to the Carolina and McNair Scholars programs were renamed Hamilton and Horseshoe Scholars. These two scholar groups celebrated their rebranding with a lunch with first lady Patricia Moore-Pastides and senior vice provost and dean of undergraduate studies Helen Doerpinghaus. They also participate in select activities with Carolina and McNair Scholars to build bonds between the different communities.

## **HAMILTON SCHOLARS**

## **HAMILTON SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2014** RACHEL PRICE Hammond Hiah School Hopkins, S.C.

**HAMILTON SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2015** WILLIAM BROWER

A.C. Flora High School Columbia, S.C. Computer Science

Environmental Science

**EMILY THEUS** Richland Northeast High School Columbia, S.C. Physics and Religious Studies

YUWEI WEI South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Irmo, S.C. International Business (IBCE)

LAUREN WILLIAMS Ben Lippen School Columbia, S.C. Public Health

DANIEL WOOD South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Moore, S.C. **Biological Sciences** 

## **CAMERON REID** Waccamaw High School Murrells Inlet, S.C. Mathematics

DANIEL YOUNG Trinity Collegiate School Florence, S.C. **Biological Sciences** 

## **HAMILTON SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2017 EDWARD DUNTON**

Academic Magnet School Fort Mill High School Fort Mill, S.C. Physics

## DAVID WANG

International School of Basel Florence, S.C. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Silver Bluff High School Beech Island, S.C. Media Arts

Early Childhood Education

**COURTNEY GANTT** 

**HAMILTON SCHOLARS** 

**CLASS OF 2016** 

Aynor High School

**Biological Sciences** 

Dreher High School

Columbia, S.C.

**CREIGHTON BOGGS** 

**CHRISTINA BROWN** 

Goose Creek, S.C.

**Biological Sciences** 

Richland Northeast

LAURA DEAN

High School

Columbia, S.C.

English and Political Science

Aynor, S.C.

**AUSTIN AMBROSE** 

Riverside High School

ANA GIBSON

Greer, S.C. International Business (ISA) and Marketing

WEBER PIKE Beaufort High School

Beaufort, S.C. Biomedical Engineering



## **HORSESHOE SCHOLARS**

## **HORSESHOE SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2014** TYLER ALION

Providence High School Charlotte, N.C. Physics

## AMY YANICAK

Ardrey Kell High School Charlotte, N.C. Pharmacy

## **HORSESHOE SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2015 DANIEL FISCHER**

Stanton College Preparatory School Jacksonville, Fla. Chemical Engineering

## **KIMBERLY GLATZ**

William G. Enloe High School Raleigh, N.C. International Business (IBCE) and Global Supply Chain and **Operations Management** 

## ELEANOR GRAY

William Fremd High School Palatine, III. Marketing and Management

## PATRICK KENNEDY

Riverwood High School Atlanta, Ga. International Business and Global Supply Chain and **Operations Management** 

## HORSESHOE SCHOLARS **CLASS OF 2016** TAYLOR KARLIN

Poolesville High School Gaithersburg, Md. **Biological Sciences** 

#### LEANNA O'BRIEN

Ward Melville High School East Setauket, N.Y. English and Mathematics

## **MICHELLE WILSON**

Crystal Lake Central High School Crystal Lake, III. Chemical Engineering

## **HORSESHOE SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2017**

## **CHRISTOPHER BUCKMAN** Farragut High School

Knoxville, Tenn. Mathematics

## PERRY DAVIS

Newton Conover High School Conover, N.C. Computer Science



## **CAROLINA SCHOLARS**

#### **AVNIKA AMIN**

William B. Douglas Scholarship Heathwood Hall Episcopal School Columbia, S.C. Biomedical Engineering

#### **CONNOR BAIN**

Solomon Blatt Scholarship Irmo High School Columbia, S.C. Computer Science and Mathematics

## **ANNA CATHERINE** CALDWELL

J. Rion McKissick Scholarship Easley High School Easley, S.C. Exercise Science

## **MATT COLEMAN**

Wells Fargo Scholarship Westminster/Catawba High School Rock Hill, S.C. International Business and Finance

#### DREW DIXON

Calhoun Thomas Sr. Scholarship Hammond School Columbia, S.C. Chemistry

#### THOMAS FISHER JR.

Carolyn Holderman and James Holderman Scholarship Ben Lippen School Columbia, S.C. History

## **GEORGIA FROMAN**

Edward R. Ginn III Scholarship Southside Hiah School Simpsonville, S.C. Anthropology

## **DELANEY HOREL**

Joseph Cardinal L. Bernardin Scholarship Dutch Fork High School Irmo, S.C. Mathematics

## NICK LIGER

Louisa Ellerbe and John L.M. Tobias Scholarship St. James High School Myrtle Beach, S.C. Physics

## **HILARY MARTIN**

Mrs. Hubbard H. Harris Scholarship Boiling Springs High School Boiling Springs, S.C. **Biological Science** 

### **THAD MOORE**

Pierce Butler Scholarship Heathwood Hall Episcopal School Columbia, S.C. Political Science

#### **NINA PANVELKER**

Charles Pinckney Scholarship Wilson High School Florence, S.C. Biological Science

#### **DREW PATTERSON**

Terminix Scholarship Blythewood High School Blythewood, S.C. Electrical Engineering

## **MICHAEL PROWSE** Bank of America Scholarship Riverside High School Greer, S.C. Finance. Economics and Insurance and Risk

**NATHAN SAIRAM** 

Management

William H. Duncan Scholarship Lexington High School Lexington, S.C. Mathematics and Physics

#### **TORI SHARPE**

Bill Dukes and Blue Marlin Scholarship Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities Hopkins, S.C. Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae

## **MCNAIR SCHOLARS**

## LYDIA ADAMS

Bearden High School Knoxville, Tenn. International Business and Management

## **EMILY ANDREOLI**

Hopewell High School Huntersville, N.C. Finance and Sport and Entertainment Management

## EMMA DE NEEF

Mallard Creek High School Charlotte, N.C. Biology and Environmental Science

## **CHRISTINA DOOLEY**

Roswell High School Roswell, Ga. International Business and Global Supply Chain and **Operations Management** 

## **ANDREA EGGLESTON**

Millard North High School Omaha, Neb. Biomedical Engineering

## **ELIZABETH GERGEL**

Asheville High School Asheville, N.C. Music Performance

## SAVANNAH GRUNEWALD

Madison Central High School Madison, Miss. International Business

## **MILLER HANE**

McKinley Senior High School Baton Rouge, La. International Business and Finance

## **KATE HAYWORTH**

The Early College at Guilford Summerfield, N.C. English and History

## **SIOBHAN KIBBEY**

Poolesville High School Gaithersburg, Md. Public Health

## VIKI KNAPP

Hinsdale Township High School District 86 Hinsdale, III. Marine Science

## **ANDREW KOVTUN**

Solon High School Solon, Ohio International Business, Marketing and Economics

### **KYLA RISKO**

South Mecklenburg High School Charlotte, N.C. Chemical Engineering

## **TYLER ROBERTS**

Hopewell High School Huntersville, N.C. **Biological Sciences** 

## **KRISTI SUTHERLAND**

Seaholm High School Bloomfield Hills, Mich. International Business and Finance

## **DAVID WHEATON**

Carrboro Hiah School Chapel Hill, N.C. Mathematics and Economics

## **ELISHA ZHANG**

Ardrey Kell High School Charlotte, N.C. International Business (IBCE), Finance and Marketing

Kit and James T. Pearce Sr.

**MASON SMITH** 

Scholarship

Newberry, S.C.

**TYLER SMITH** 

Scholarship

Computer Science

Scholarship

Greenville, S.C.

Scholarship

Psychology

Mt. Pleasant. S.C.

**TAYLOR TREECE** 

North Myrtle Beach

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Political Science

and Psychology

Scholarship

High School

School

History

Irmo, S.C.

A.T. and Frances Chalk

Dutch Fork High School

**THOMAS SPURGEON** 

Mr. and Mrs. Tom B. Pearce

Shannon Forest Christian

**BECKY THOMPSON** 

A.T. and Frances Chalk

Academic Magnet High School

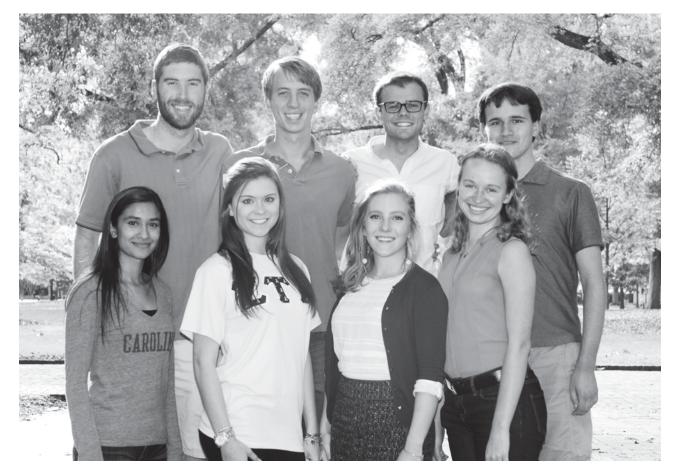
Harrow International School

International Business (IBCE)

**Operations Management** 

and Global Supply Chain and

Kit and James T. Pearce Sr.



## **CAROLINA SCHOLARS**

#### **CATHERINE BUDDIN**

Julia and Spud Spadoni Scholarship St. James High School Murrells Inlet, S.C. Exercise Science

## **RILEY CHAMBERS**

Olin D. Johnston Memorial Scholarship Irmo High School Columbia, S.C. **Biological Science** 

#### SONA CHOWDHARY

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## LINA DAVDA

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#### **JACOB DUSTAN**

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#### HANNAH GREENWAY

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#### **KATY HALLMAN**

USC Athletic Department Scholarship Christ Church Episcopal School Greenville, S.C. Public Health

## **JUSTIN MOORE** Class of 1942 Scholarship

Dutch Fork High School

**GAMBLE OUZTS** 

James A. Morris Scholarship

International Business and

Global Supply Chain and

**Operations Management** 

Irmo, S.C.

Economics

Ashley Hall

Charleston, S.C.

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## **LUKE HAVENS**

**KYLE HARPER** 

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**CONNOR HOFFMAN** 

Scholarship

Columbia, S.C.

**Biological Science** 

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Panhellenic Scholarship

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School for Science and

Mathematics

Greenwood, S.C.

Chemical Engineering

**CHRISTIAN KLOOT** 

Student Government

Dreher High School

Scholarship

Columbia, S.C.

Exercise Science

**DAVID LEGGETT** 

Wando High School

Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Science

Economics and Political

**ELIZABETH MOORE** 

Biomedical Engineering

Saint Josephs Catholic School

Pepsi-Cola Company

Scholarship

Greer, S.C.

Henry Laurens Scholarship

School

Blair Standridge Memorial

Heathwood Hall Episcopal

## LAHAREE PARIKH

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## **AUSTIN WILLIAMS**

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### MING WONG

J. Randolph Johnson Scholarship Spring Valley High School Columbia, S.C. Computer Science

## **MCNAIR SCHOLARS**

## **PATRICK BARBOUN**

Salesianum School New London, Pa. Chemical Engineering

## **JAMIE BOLLER**

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### **RILEY BRADY**

Cosby High School Leesburg, Va. Marine Science and German

## **CHRISTINA CANTU**

Central Bucks High School South Doylestown, Pa. Psychology

## **ELIZABETH CRUMMY**

Olympia High School Orlando, Fla. Biomedical Engineering

## **KATEE DRISCOLL**

Pensacola Catholic High School Pensacola, Fla. Physics and Mathematics

## **KEENAN DUNKLEY**

Marvin Ridge High School Waxhaw, N.C. **Biological Science** 

## **CHARLOTTE ECKMANN**

Tates Creek Senior High School Lexington, Ky. Marine Science

## **DAVID GALBAN**

Upper Merion Area High School King Of Prussia, Pa. Mathematics and Economics

## **WESTON GROVE**

Cypress Ranch High School Houston, Texas Biomedical Engineering

## **CAMILLE HARRIS**

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## **RACHEL KITCHENS**

Cypress Woods High School Cypress, Texas International Business, Economics, and Global Supply Chain and **Operations Management** 

## **RACHEL LEMALEFANT**

Downingtown East High School Glenmoore, Pa. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

## **NICHOLAS LENZE**

Northern Guilford High School Summerfield, N.C. Biochemistry

## **MORGAN LUNDY**

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## **MATTHEW PRICE**

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duPont Manual Magnet High School Louisville, Ky. International Business, Economics, and Global Supply Chain and **Operations Management** 

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## **CAROLINA SCHOLARS**

#### **CALEB MICHAEL BAGLEY**

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#### **CARSTEN BRYANT**

Grace King Merchant Scholarship Lexington High School Lexington, S.C. Physics

## **BRANDON BYRD**

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## SAMUEL COLLINSWORTH

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#### **JUSTIN GARRISON**

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#### **AUSTIN PAHL**

Scholarship

Summerville, S.C.

Computer Engineering

John Thomas Langston III

Pinewood Preparatory School

Ralph David Neuman Scholarship Dreher High School Columbia, S.C. **Mathematics** 

**MADELEINE GIESS** 

**ADAM GLENN** 

Conway, S.C.

TIEN HO

Patrick L. Tomlin Scholarship

Carolina Forest High School

J. Willis Cantey Scholarship

Blythewood High School

**BLAKELEY HOFFMAN** 

Joseph Land Scholarship

Dutch Fork High School

Computer Engineering

SUPRIYA JUNEJA

Dutch Fork High School

Biomedical Engineering

Penelope W. and E. Roe

Stamps IV Carolina

Riverside High School

International Business

POOJA MALHOTRA

Class of 1965 Reunion Fund

Scholarship

JUDITH LIN

Scholarship

Scholarship

Irmo High School

**Biological Sciences** 

Columbia, S.C.

Greer, S.C.

Irmo, S.C.

Class of 1964 Reunion Fund

Blythewood, S.C.

Mathematics

Irmo, S.C.

Chemical Engineering

## **SYDNEY POSKEVICH**

Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps IV Carolina Scholarship Paul M. Dorman High School Moore, S.C. Chemical Engineering

## SARAH ROOF

Duke Energy Scholarship Chapin High School Chapin, S.C. Exercise Science

## **RANA SOBEIH**

Clos Fisher Carolina Scholar Annual Scholarship Fund Spring Valley High School Columbia, S.C. Biomedical Engineering

#### JULIA STROUT

S.C. State Fair Scholarship Palmetto Christian Academy Mount Pleasant, S.C. Computer Science

## **ALESSANDRA TUEL**

Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps IV Carolina Scholarship Dreher High School Columbia, S.C. Mechanical Engineering

## BENJAMIN

YOUNGBLOOD Eleanor V. and Nicholas K. Moore Scholarship McBee High School

Hartsville, S.C.

Rusiness

**COLMAN MOORE** Class of 1967 Scholarship South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Greenwood, S.C. Biomedical Engineering

## **KELSEY MURRELL**

Kit and James T. Pearce Sr. Scholarship Irmo High School Columbia, S.C. International Business

## **MCNAIR SCHOLARS**

## **KEVIN ANNEKEN**

Roger Bacon High School Cincinnati, Ohio International Business

## **CYNTHIA BEAVIN**

Academy of Our Lady of Mercy Louisville, Ky. Spanish

## **VICTORIA BELCHER**

Weddington High School Matthews, N.C. Economics

## **CAROLINE BLOUNT**

Metea Valley High School Naperville, III. German

## **ANDREW FREIX**

## for Science and Technology Centreville, Va. Computer Science

Thomas Jefferson High School

## **ASHLEY GRIFFITH**

Maryville High School Maryville, Tenn. Finance and Management

## JONATHAN KEEFE

Ravenwood High School Brentwood, Tenn. Biochemistry

## **KELLY KOPCHAK**

Ursuline Academy Cincinnati, Ohio Chemical Engineering

## **ANGIE KORABIK**

Saint Ignatius College Prep Brookfield, III. **Biological Science** 

## **NICHOLAS LOLLI**

Phoenixville Area High School Phoenixville, Pa. International Business

## **NATALIE PITA**

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies Moseley, Va. International Business

## **AMIE SESSOMS**

East Rutherford High School Forest City, N.C. Middle Level Education

## **ABRAHIM SHARAF**

Robert L. Paschal High School Fort Worth, Texas Biological Sciences

## SAMANTHA STEWART

Maryvale Preparatory School Manchester, Md. Biomedical Engineering

## **SEAN THOMAS**

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School Winston Salem, N.C. Biomedical Engineering

## **ELIZABETH UTSET**

Stanton College Prep School Atlantic Beach. Fla. International Studies

## **ANNIE WACKER**

Lake Travis High School Lakeway, Texas Biomedical Engineering

## **AUSTIN WARD**

Pinecrest Academy John's Creek, Ga. International Business

## **BRETT WILLIAMS**

McNair Scholar St. Stephens and St. Agnes School Annandale, Va. Broadcast Journalism

## **KRISTEN YOUNG**

McNair Scholar Chelmsford High School Chelmsford, Mass. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology



At this year's McNair Scholar donor dinner, guests were treated to a special performance by campus a capella group The Gents.

# ALUMNI

## **CLASS OF 1972**

Betty Anne Williams

## **CLASS OF 1973**

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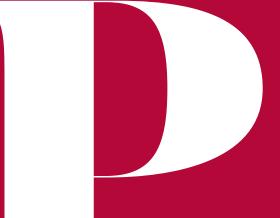
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