**Top Scholar Stories: Issue – December 2015**

*News of our Top Scholars and Alumni: Stamps Carolina, Carolina, McNair, Hamilton and Horseshoe Scholars*

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**McNair Scholar alumni wins at The Proving Ground**

. . . . Each category had a first-place winner, with three first-place winners in all. The winner of the Fluor Social Impact Category was Koios, created by USC alumnus **Trey Gordner**. His business idea is a browser extension that searches the public library database when you are searching for a book in any search engine. Gordner won $17,500 to launch his idea.  

**First McNair Scholar in the School of Nursing**

. . . . **Megan Scharner**, a freshman from Cincinnati, Ohio, joined the College of Nursing family this fall as its first McNair Scholar.  

**McNair Scholar alumni is recognized as a national teaching scholar**

. . . . These are good days for **Patrick Kelly**. Not just because he won a prestigious national teaching fellowship this year or was named Richland District 2’s Teacher of the Year in 2014.  
[http://schc.sc.edu/node/1026](http://schc.sc.edu/node/1026)

**Scholars featured in Carolina’s Promise video**

. . . . Alumni Hamilton Scholar **Emily Theus**, alumni McNair Scholar **Andrew Kovtun**, and current Carolina Scholar **Joanne Wu** are featured in this video.  
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