these extraordinary Carolina and McAlary 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 True Scholar, they hit the ground running, immediately amplifying Henry David Thoreau’s admonition to “go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

What a life each imagined! As is the tradition with this community of scholars, each pursued his or her own path. Mentored by members of the University of South 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 both individual and collective effort.

These scholars have journeyed to China and Chile, India and Ghana; learned from people in Denmark and Jordan; and honed their language skills in Argentina and France. As both Gamecocks and citizens of the world, their sense of discovery has no limits. Steeped in USC’s holistic approach, they graduate as emerging leaders in medicine, research, biomedical engineering, business, music composition, education, law and more. They join the ever-growing pool of successful alumni who are not only living the life they imagined but also 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 the promise of these scholars, and your generous support, a Renaissance begins anew.

Harris Pastides, President, University of South Carolina
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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 80 scholars on campus during fall 2012. Since its inception, 727 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 of Carolina’s prestigious Carolina Scholars Program for gifted in-state students. The university welcomed the 15th class of McNair Scholars this year. This year’s McNair Scholars represent 21 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 Carolina and McNair Scholars report is offered as a testament to the successes of the programs that you have made possible.

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 an additional application for the top scholar awards. 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 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 finalists and 41 McNair Scholar finalists are selected to attend an interview weekend held in February. During this visit, candidates tour campus, view residence halls, meet with many prominent University of South Carolina faculty, staff 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, 25 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.

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 and community members who serve as mentors during the year. Sophomores receive one-on-one advisement to assist with academic and curricular planning. All scholars have a full schedule of programs each semester, which includes socials, formal dinners, lectures and invitations to special campus events.

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The variety of activities and programs for our scholars runs the gamut—from formal dinners to outdoor education. Our students enjoy shagging and contra dancing as well as lectures and colloquia. Their involvements are as diverse as they are.
Carolina Scholar awards 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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Above: Ashley and Kevin Lindler meet their new Carolina Scholar Lisa Lynn Schexnayder, a first year student.
Left: Anne Gregg meets up with her Carolina Scholars at the spring dinner. From left are Larahee Parikh, Nina Panvelkar and David Leggett.

Left: Carolina Scholar Savannah Postewich enjoys getting to know her donors, Seline and Carl Elsworth, over the past four years.

Below: This year, a new gift was celebrated at the Carolina Scholar spring dinner from donors, Jeanette and Marshall Winn, both university graduates. From left: alumna and donor Charles and Anita Hood, Jeanette Winn, President Pastides, Ralph Winn and Marshall Winn.

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Left: Joanie and Don Haley attended the McNair Scholars spring dinner. Mrs. Haley is executive director of the McNair Foundation.
Below: The Greens have been longtime Carolina Scholar donors, Kyle Napier of Columbia, is their current scholar.
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 Audit, Stadium and Expansion committees. 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 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 2013, they are chairing the Hope Lodge Gala. Together, the McNairs have established major awards at the university. This year marked the 21st consecutive year that one or more Carolina students have been awarded a Goldwater Scholarship. Only four university students can be nominated for this competition. And this year Mackenzie Sunday was named a 2013 Goldwater Scholar. At USC, she is a Carolina Scholar.

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To introduce you to our senior scholars means an introduction to the world — they find themselves in places their predecessors only dreamed of: from traveling continents to tutoring children. 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 a glimpse into their time as a Carolinian.

**ARTEM ALESHIN**

“My experience at the South Carolina Honors College at the University of South Carolina was a very interesting one. I got an opportunity to take several diverse honors classes that expanded my worldview and personal growth. In addition to that, I was able to do research in mathematics and learn a great deal about mechanical engineering. There was a period of time during which I played in a band with some of my fellow Honors College students. We recorded an EP, played on the radio and performed all over town. I played guitar, and the name of the band was Foreign Citizen. At one point we taught one of our friends who would go to all of the shows to play bass, and now he plays bass in a band. It was unforgettable, and I hope one day we will do a reunion show. I also played in other bands, one of which I also recorded with and went on tour with, which was quite an adventure because we spent several days in Tropical Storm Debby in Florida. One of the most memorable shows I had was playing my first show with Sons of Young; I’d just learned all of the songs and ended up smashing a cheap guitar to pieces at the end of the set. I don’t think anyone in the audience forgot it either.

Overall, the University of South Carolina was a great learning experience, both inside and outside the classroom, and I look forward to graduating in spring 2014.”

Artem will work on his undergraduate degrees for another year and then either enter graduate school or work in the engineering industry.

To accompany his photo, Artem recalled a quote by Plato: “You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.”
GREER BAXTER

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Paulina is seated in the press box at Carolina Stadium before covering a Gamecock baseball game.

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Paulina will continue her work as a Pharm.D. student at the South Carolina College of Pharmacy over the next two years.

Megan is currently working as a program assistant for the AMAR International Charitable Foundation in Washington, D.C., while studying economics at George Mason University. Eventually, she hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in international education, health and economic policy.

PAULINA BERKOVICH

“No light but the narrow beam of a flashlight, not a sound but hard breathing and footsteps, nothing but stairs that went up and up and up. There were 12 of us from eight different countries, and it was our fourth day on the road. Four days ago they were strangers, but now they were family. After hours of talk about everything and anything — universities in Switzerland, politics in Australia, sports in England — I knew my outlook on the world had changed and broadened. Now, on the final day of our trek, we were going to Machu Picchu, but first we had to scale the steps, 1,800 of them. We left the hotel at 4:30 a.m. and walked into a pitch-black morning that promised to be the backdrop for a colorful adventure. The light crept up so gradually we hardly noticed the moment when we no longer needed to illuminate our way. Then the steps stopped. We stood among mountains and waited for the doors to open, letting us into one of the Seven Wonders of the World, a monument to a culture centuries old, to explore with new friends.”

Paulina is looking forward to a summer at home with her family before she enters the Integrated Marketing Communications program in the fall at Northwestern University in Chicago.
PUrva ChoUdhari

“I’ve always loved to learn, which is why it has meant so much to me to have professors at the University of South Carolina who are so dedicated to teaching. I came here to understand their dedication. Their passion motivated me to share my joy of learning with others, and I became a math tutor in the Academic Centers for Excellence. It was gratifying making calculus make a little more sense to students. But as I helped my peers, they taught me as well. When I tutored a student who also worked full time, it revealed the perseverance some people have to earn a college degree. And I was honored to facilitate that student’s understanding of calculus. Before I joined USC, I had never been so sure that I wanted to teach at some point in my career as I am now. Whether as a doctor sharing information with patients, or in an academic setting like college or in the community, I know someday I will teach. I’m grateful that the university helped me discover this desire.”

Purva will attend the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in the fall.

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

Class of 1964 Raymond Friend Scholarship

Bonner Preparatory School

Orangeburg, S.C.

Chemical Engineering

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

Castle High School

Newburgh, Ind.

Biomedical Engineering and English

“Neon-colored flyers, witty koozies and mini candy bars were being thrust into my arms by hundreds of different student organizations trying to market themselves. It was the first time I had experienced the Student Organization Fair, and I made it my goal to pick up a flyer from any organization that sounded interesting. An hour and almost 30 flyers later, I walked quickly back to my room to get a closer look at the goods filling my arms. The desk could not accommodate the insane amount of flyers, so they were spread across my floor. My heart was pounding as I gazed over the unique and dedicated organizations that sounded exciting and inspiring. The decision felt as monumental as my final college decision, but I finally had an idea which organizations I wanted to serve. Two weeks later, I had two large families of organizations that I wanted to join. More than any class, the students and advisers of these organizations have defined my college experience as they have given me the confidence and support to be my best and to reach out to opportunities beyond. Now they are encouraging me onto my next big adventure, but thanks to them, I will always be home at Carolina.”

Brooke will take a gap year to travel to Tanzania on a medical mission trip and apply to medical school. Afterward, she plans to attend medical school and become a surgeon.
“Early one cold and rainy morning, I was sitting in a cozy café in Edinburgh, Scotland, enjoying a worn paperback novel. I was so engrossed in my book that I barely noticed when a student of the University of Edinburgh walked into the café, noticed my school sweatshirt and said loudly in a thick Scottish accent, “Oh, you’re one of those Carolina students!” Startled, I acknowledged that, yes, I was in fact a USC student. “Well, good on you,” he replied cheerfully. “I’ve been looking into your business school, myself.” As I listened to a Scottish student halfway across the world wax poetic about USC, I felt a very surreal sense of not only pride, but also empowerment. I was a student of the University of South Carolina, and no matter where I was in the world, that was something worth bragging about. If I could describe my years at the University of South Carolina in one word, it would be just that: empowering.

Four years ago, if you had told me that I would complete two majors and two minors with the help of USC advisers, I would have been dubious. If you told me that I would not only complete these degrees, but also climb the Great Wall of China, dance flamenco in Salamanca, Spain, or ride a double-decker bus through London, I would have called you crazy. But here I am, four years later, having done all these things and much more.”

Rachel Despres

Carolina Scholar

Chris Valladay Scholarship
Ben Lippen School
Columbia, S.C.
International Studies and Spanish

Rachel plans to receive a master’s degree in international relations from King’s College in London using her Rotary Global Grant. Eventually, she hopes to work for the State Department as a foreign service officer.

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Tom Finch

Mcnair Scholar

J.M. Atherton High School
Huntersville, N.C.

“I’ve had many opportunities over the past few years to talk to people why I came to South Carolina. It was easy to come up with answers: the food, the people, the weather, the football, etc. Now when I’m asked, I tell them it doesn’t matter why I came, it matters why I’m staying. The past four years have been such a series of life-altering events that I can’t imagine being anywhere else. The fall semester will start just as the past eight have: full of Gamecock pride. The only difference will be the perks of graduate student parking and registration times. I wish I could point to one person, one place or one specific experience that has brought me to the point where I leave seems like sacrilege. But it isn’t one thing; it’s the aggregate. Life is more than just the sum of disparate experiences, just like life at Carolina is more than just the professor who gave me his umbrella on a rainy day, or the summer spent interning for the attorney general (and floating the river every weekend), or the numerous Saturdays in fall when being at the fairgrounds to tailgate at 8 a.m. seems so much easier than making an 8 a.m. class. But let’s be real, who am I kidding? I just want to live here when we beat Clemson five straight for the first time, well, ever.”

Tom will pursue a master’s in computer science at USC, and, later, a law degree. His plans to practice software patent law in the Southeast.

In addition to exploring the wonders of science in the laboratory, Kali also enjoys hiking outdoors and admiring the beautiful flora of South Carolina.

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Tom is pictured with Dennis Pruitt and Alisa Liggett upon his receipt of the Carolinian Creed Champion Award this spring.

By the numbers

Total Scholars for the 2012-2013 School Year

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“In 2009, my fellow freshmen and I stepped into our first unsupervised and untrue ScholAr univerSity of South cArolinA Cole franks guided stage of life, a transition as shocking as exiting the womb. Southside high School William B. douglas Scholarship mathematics and physics Greenville, S. c. walk and talk.’ Though he was referring to my improvement as a mathematician since my first class with him, in some sense I did arrive at the University of South Carolina as an infant. Like the other freshmen, I had to learn what I could and could not put in my mouth and who would be my friend. Only after I mastered the basics could I proceed to the natural next step: vector calculus. How I have managed to transcend infancy while constantly playing pickup soccer, tackling complex math problems, studying in the remarkably foreign nation of Hungary and losing my weight in croissants, wandering for days through museums, taking trains around Europe to other cities and even interning in a bakery as a cake decorator. When the day came for me to return to America, I finally realized all of what South Carolina has given me but felt I left some essential part of myself in France. But on that day near the Paris Metro, I caught my breath, gripped my busted suitcase by the handle and headed to find my way home away from home.”

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"My college experience has truly been defined by my involvement in Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity. I pledged DSP my sophomore year, and one of my biggest regrets of my undergraduate experience is that I did not know about this organization from the time I set foot on this campus freshman year. From studying abroad in Dubai and Tanzania with brothers, to organizing recruitment and finding the newest members of my chapter, to visiting my little and best friend in London for Spring Break, to planning our national fundraising event for more than 300 brothers from across the United States and raising almost $9,000, I cannot imagine my years at Carolina without being a part of Delta Sigma Pi. Perhaps the most incredible moment occurred in the airport in Johannesburg, South Africa, when I unexpectedly met a brother from another chapter. She saw my DSP T-shirt and immediately approached me to offer the grip known only to brothers of Delta Sigma Pi. The sweetest memories I will take with me as I leave South Carolina will be from my time as a Deltasig, but luckily, the fraternity tells its members that ‘it’s not four years; it’s for life.’"

Katherine plans to attend the University of Chicago Law School in the fall and eventually pursue a career in international development law.

**KATHERINE GAUSE**

**CHRISTOPHER GAUGER**

**MCNAIR SCHOLAR**

L.C. Reynolds High School

Fayetteville, N.C.

International Business and Management

"I distinctly remember the feelings of anxiety that accompanied submitting the change of major form, even though I had become very familiar with it. You see, before the end of my sophomore year, I had explored the possibility of majoring in electrical engineering, math, biomedical engineering, electrical engineering (for a second time) and chemistry. Each time, I would seek the advice of my parents, my friends or anyone who would listen. I asked their opinion as if they might know what would make me happy. And each time, I was greeted by the same words: ‘This is a decision that only you can make.’ To say that I was indecisive is a bit of an understatement. In fall 2011, however, that all changed. As I walked across the stage at the First Baptist Church to sign my affirmation of the Oath of a Pharmacist and don my ceremonial white coat, a great sense of relief washed over me. It was at this point that I realized I had finally found my way to make a mark in the world. And while it was an ever-changing path that led me to this moment, I count myself lucky to be among the men and women who have had the opportunity to try new things, make mistakes and ultimately discover their true calling."

Christopher is currently working toward the completion of a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Upon graduation, he plans to complete a two-year residency program in infectious disease pharmacy.

**TREY GORDNER**

"I woke up this morning, as I do many mornings around the end of a semester — tired, discouraged, behind schedule. The outline of a paper I have yet to write crunches underfoot as I make my way to the closet. I spend minutes I don’t have searching for my keys. I’m going to be late. Another day, another set of classes, more work. But then I walk outside. The air is still and warm, and the birds are singing. People are already laughing out on the Horseshoe. Some of them I know and greet with a smile, my first of the day. I do so again when I walk by the azaleas and spend minutes I don’t have admiring them. Leaves crunch underfoot, and I laugh because South Carolina is the only place I have ever known to experience three seasons at once. Someone further down the brick laughs at me for laughing at nothing, and I look up to wave to a friendly stranger and wish him a good day. As I walk by a tour group, I am exhibit A of a student who has never regretted his decision. Not many days left now. I’m treasuring every one."

Trey has taken a position with Pandoodle, a technology startup located in Columbia, S.C. As a recent alumnus, Trey hopes to remain involved with the Euphradian Society, the Honors College and the rare books library. He will also continue the work he started with his honors thesis, providing nonprofit organizations in the area with pro bono consulting work.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**CURRENT CAROLINA SCHOLARS**

HAIR FROM 32 S.C. CITIES.

**KATHERINE GAUSE**
EMILY GRACZYK
MCNAIR SCHOLAR
East Rowan High School
Salisbury, N.C.
Biomedical Engineering

“Do you want to see me do a cartwheel?” Under normal circumstances, it might be a little unusual to see a 24-year-old man showing off simple acrobatics. But this was extraordinarily unusual because this particular man was a U.S. Army veteran who had lost both legs to an improvised explosive device several years previously and had taught himself to do this maneuver on prostheses. As an intern at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center last summer, I had the opportunity to work with many exceptional patients who, in the midst of great loss, remained optimistic and driven to recover. My experience inspired me to study motor control in graduate school and develop brain-computer interfaces to allow disabled individuals to once again be able to voluntarily control their movements. The McNair Scholarship allowed me to focus on my future by doing research throughout my undergraduate education instead of worrying about finances. My research interests were no doubt influenced by my passion for dance. As a dancer since age four and a ballroom instructor for the USC Carolina Ballroom club, I love sharing the joy of dance with others. I hope that someday this will include individuals who have suffered major limb amputation or spinal cord injury.”

Emily will pursue a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at Case Western Reserve University in the fall. She plans to research sensory integration in motor control and develop brain-computer interfacing devices for disabled people.

ADAM GRIFFITH

“I stood there beside a nearly motionless body covered in dozens of green drapes and was gripped with excitement and a twinge of fear. Even through my double-layered gloves, surgical mask, scrubs and gown, I could feel the heat emanating from the woman on the surgical table. This was only my third day in Romania, and here I was clutching a retractor that was holding the woman’s liver away from the surgeon’s field of view. This was exactly why we had come to Cluj-Napoca, the medical education capital of Romania: to gain hands-on medical experience. The thrill of participating in the operation has never left me and has played a significant part in my aspiration to attend medical school. I am so thankful for the opportunity that I was afforded while studying at the University of South Carolina to pursue and experience my passion for medicine in such a unique and personal way. With the academic and financial support of the Honors College, I was able to have a memorable and impactful experience that has surely shaped my future. I will always look back with fondness at my time spent at the University of South Carolina. But my greatest affection will be held for those people who made my experience possible and so strikingly unforgettable.”

Adam will begin medical school in the fall at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. After medical school, he plans to pursue a career in orthopedics.

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
Sullivan South High School
Kingsport, Tenn.
Chemistry

“By the numbers
21
Current McNair Scholars Represent 21 States.”
4:45 in the afternoon: I finish the last problem and hand my test paper.

Electric Engineering: Isabelle Caldwell Penland

Carolina Scholar

Lexington High School

15 minutes. It’s not a long wait, and I can feel the first Southern spring days when everything feels a little more alive and the sky stretches over the city like a huge, deep blue promise of summer days to come. Mike and I walk up the hill toward my dorm, and he turns to leave by the parking lot. ‘See you tomorrow, man.’ ‘Take it easy.’ I hurry to the entrance and jump up the stairs in the dorm, where most of our gear is already waiting. My band’s playing at New Brookland Tavern to-night. We shake hands. ‘Ready for this?’ I ask. ‘Let’s rock!’ Artem replies. Laughing, we gather up cables and amps, guitars and drums. Steve’s Jeep is waiting downstairs, and we pile most of the gear in. A few things don’t fit, so they get tossed in Artem’s trunk and we’re on our way. It’s a short drive to New Brookland Tavern.

We drag our amps up the steps beside the stage, and there’s a flurry of cables and cymbals stands being thrown around. Somewhere it all gets put together, more or less. ‘Guitar, stage right.’ The soundman’s voice through the monitors at my feet snaps me back to the task at hand. I twist the volume knob on my amp to be a bit louder. We’re out of time though, and I look over my shoulder at my feet. ‘You and me, we come from different worlds, you like to laugh at me when I look at other girls…’ I miss it already.

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**Amy Hill Carroll**

“In golf, you can be told how to execute a shot, but until you get in the dirt and experience it yourself, you really don’t know how. My time at USC hasn’t been about classes, or lab reports, or homework, or watching football. That’s not to say I haven’t done my fair share of all of those things, because I have, but that isn’t what defines my years here. The last four years of my life have been defined by the opportunity to be close to my family. In the last four years, I have watched a one-year-old niece become a five-year-old. I have gained six new nieces and nephews and was able to hold three of them as newborns. I got married. My husband and I got a puppy, and together watched her grow into a dog.

In my time at USC, I’ve gained more than my education. I’ve grown up. I’ve made mistakes, and learned how to fix them. I’ve learned to love, and how to be loved. At the University of South Carolina, I learned how to live.”

Amy will seek employment locally so she and her husband prepare for his entry into the Air Force.

**Katie Rose Higgins**

“In golf, you can be told how to execute a shot, but until you get in the dirt and experience it yourself, you really don’t know how. Likewise, my high school mentor imparted this mantra to me right before my entrance to USC. ‘Live simply. Love generously. Speak kindly.’ The words resonated, but it wasn’t until I attended USC that I could experience their truth for myself. In the simplicity of a 10-by-10 dorm room, I found myself completely content with community and the opportunity to learn and grow. Involvement in clubs like FCA allowed me to volunteer with local youth and the disabled to see the power love has when shared. Finally, being a member of a sports team showed me how vulnerable everyone is, and the necessity of kind words to build others up.

I cherish the opportunities USC has provided for me to grow as a person, and I am thankful for all the passionate, caring faculty members and students who have bettered me along the way.”

Katie Rose will attend Vanderbilt University to pursue a Master’s in Organizational Leadership.

**Hali Kerr**

“I was furious. My face was hot with anger as I walked to my dorm in cold mid-February. I had just left my first political science class and was outraged at the world we had just discussed. The poverty, the pollution, the politics. It was all too much. I was mad, and I realized on this walk home that I was not going to fix any of it by studying waves and sediment. I turned right instead of left and walked straight across the Horseshoe. Frisbee throwers and picnickers glanced up unknowing while I walked straight across the Horseshoe. Frisbee throwers and picnickers glanced up unknowing while I had a revelation. I strode into an office, filled out a brief form, and walked the rest of my way home as a political science minor. A year later I was living in D.C. working for the NOAA chief of staff on marine policy. The following summer I found myself at NOAA again, this time in Maryland, working on issues that affected my own Chesapeake Bay. Three months after that I was working on law school applications. I meandered off my path that early spring day, and I am so thankful. Now when I get angry, I smile knowing that I will change the world one day.”

Hali will take a year off before attending law school. She plans to volunteer for Conservation Voters of South Carolina for part of this summer and then head home to organize her fifth annual summer concert for charity. Come August, she will spend two months touring around Europe. The rest of her year off she will travel with family, play lots of music and take a breath before starting the law school marathon.

**Adam Kess**

“During my senior year of high school, I enrolled in Advanced Placement Spanish in the hopes of becoming fluent in a language I had taken for five years at the time. My class had 10 native speakers from eight different countries, and each had surprisingly different cultures. After deciding to study international business at the Moore School of Business, I challenged myself to travel to the home countries of my former classmates in order to improve my Spanish and learn the nuances between different Latin American countries. After four action-packed years at the University of South Carolina filled with amazing experiences, I am most proud of the breadth of study abroad experiences I had. Through trips sponsored by the Spanish department, the business school and other independent travel, I’ve been able to spend six months in eight different countries: Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay. By living with host families, talking with countless taxi drivers and eating all kinds of food, I can now say that I better understand the homeland of my high school classmates. Servers at South American restaurants in the United States are always surprised when I can correctly identify their chefs’ nationalities based on the type of ceviche they serve! I am confident that the skills I’ve developed through these study abroad experiences, such as learning how to adapt to unfamiliar environments and understanding others from their point of view, will prove beneficial regardless of where life takes me.”

Adam has secured a position with Deloitte Consulting in their Strategy and Operations group in the Atlanta office. He is also a finalist for a Fulbright grant to Ecuador to conduct research on adolescent street vendors. If he wins, Deloitte has agreed to defer his employment for a year.
JENNIFER KNIGHT

“Who wants to cover Nicholas Sparks when he comes to campus?" My eyes darted around the room as I raised my hand, waiting to see if an upperclassman would claim this exclusive opportunity to interview one of the most recognizable names in current fiction. No one did. “OK, Jenni, go for it!" It was spring of my freshman year, and I’d gotten involved with Student Gamecock Television since I’ve always wanted to be a reporter. Working for the station gave me the chance to beef up on my reporting, camera-operating and editing skills long before I learned about any of these in class. As the days led up to Sparks’ arrival at USC, I prepped for the interview by rereading a couple of his books and, of course, watching “The Notebook.” The night of the interview, I met my cameraman at the Koger Center for the Arts. He later told me that I talked his ears off. It must have been the excitement. I wasn’t sure what to expect when I walked into the room where I’d conduct the interview. The man who’d struck a chord in the hearts of readers across America was having a ball! It was so fulfilling to edit the story and share my passion for reporting. USC has given me countless opportunities and unquantifiable support in pursuit of reporting the news, and for that I am incredibly grateful.”

Jenni accepted a position as a news producer at WYFF News 4 in Greenville, S.C.

MCNAR SCHOLAR
E.C. Glass High School
Jeff Skatrud Sr.
Broadcast Journalism

“Are you interested in broadcast journalism, broadcast arts or broadcast technology?" My eyes darted around the room as I raised my hand, waiting to see if an upperclassman would claim this exclusive opportunity to interview one of the most recognizable names in current fiction. No one did. “OK, Jenni, go for it!" It was spring of my freshman year, and I’d gotten involved with Student Gamecock Television since I’ve always wanted to be a reporter. Working for the station gave me the chance to beef up on my reporting, camera-operating and editing skills long before I learned about any of these in class. As the days led up to Sparks’ arrival at USC, I prepped for the interview by rereading a couple of his books and, of course, watching “The Notebook.” The night of the interview, I met my cameraman at the Koger Center for the Arts. He later told me that I talked his ears off. It must have been the excitement. I wasn’t sure what to expect when I walked into the room where I’d conduct the interview. The man who’d struck a chord in the hearts of readers across America was having a ball! It was so fulfilling to edit the story and share my passion for reporting. USC has given me countless opportunities and unquantifiable support in pursuit of reporting the news, and for that I am incredibly grateful.”

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AMIT KUMAR

“I remember an afternoon filled with unfamiliar food, an unfamiliar language and unfamiliar landmarks. I remember a day of amazing sights, overwhelming joy and the best friends around. I remember standing on top of that government building, the highest point in the city, facing the Catalan breezes, listening to “Young Forever” and watching Barcelona’s majestic light and fountain show. I realized at that moment, I needed to make exploring the unfamiliar a constant part of my life. What will I take away from my time here at USC? The answer is clear: my study abroad experiences. Thanks to USC’s Study Abroad Office, I was able to spend a summer in Florence, Italy, and a semester in Seville, Spain. Those experiences changed everything about me, both personally and professionally. I will graduate with a degree in journalism, but at this point in my life I know I need to find any career path that allows me to travel the world. I’ve found my greatest passion is meeting new people and exploring new cultures, and I’m most thankful to the university for allowing me to discover that.”

Amit took time out for a photo with his faculty mentor, Owen Charles Bierbauer, at the journalism school’s 2013 Awards Day. Amit received the school’s Outstanding Electronic Journalism Award for Reporting. Michael enjoys the warm weather at the journalism school’s 2013 Awards Day. Amit received the school’s Outstanding Electronic Journalism Award for Reporting.

MICHAEL LAMBERT

“I step down, and my feet find the cold stone path of the Île de la Cité. I follow the curve of the island until it thins to a point, piercing the Seine’s current like a needle through coarse fabric. Ernest Hemingway, in “A Moveable Feast,” described the island’s point as a favorite fishing spot for locals; he would often catch his own dinner there, contemplating some new masterpiece, no doubt, as the Notre Dame bells clashed not far behind him. I have no masterpieces in mind today, nor do I particularly trust the river. I was never much of a fisherman. This is my second day in Paris, and I am in love — typically, unapologetically infatuated. I have devoted my years at USC to absorbing as much of French language and culture as I can, but the classroom just can’t compare to the real deal. Everything about this city seems to truly shine, from the twisting alleys of the Latin Quarter to the Eiffel Tower herself, covered head to toe in light as if she just stepped into an evening gown. These are truly the happiest days of my life, and I have USC to thank. I turn away from the island’s point, and excuse my way past other tourists. So much more of the city remains to be discovered. I say a quick goodbye to Hemingway. I hastily promise to return — hopefully be brave enough, one day, to cast my lure into those old dark waters and see what takes hold.”

Michael enjoys the warm weather at the journalism school’s 2013 Awards Day. Amit took time out for a photo with his faculty mentor, Owen Charles Bierbauer, at the journalism school’s 2013 Awards Day. Amit received the school’s Outstanding Electronic Journalism Award for Reporting. Amit plans to teach English in Spain for a year or two after graduating. He hopes to then join the U.S. State Department as a foreign service officer and eventually return to a career in journalism, ideally as a foreign correspondent or meteorologist.
Lizzie Mahoney

“I was born and raised a Clemson Tiger. That’s right, I wore bright orange overalls, painted paws on my cheek and spent my weekends in the fall tailgating on grassy hills with my family and friends. Until my senior year of high school, that was where I was convinced that I would go to college. I applied to other schools, but deep down I knew that Clemson was the place for me. That is, until the day a thin FedEx envelope appeared on my front doorstep inviting me to the Carolina Scholar interview weekend and I was prompted to reevaluate my plans and perspective. More than four years have passed since the appearance of that envelope, and I couldn’t be more grateful for that little twist of fate. I am a fully and whole-heartedly converted Gamecock. The experiences that I have gained at USC have been invaluable and full of laughter, learning and love. The educational and financial opportunities that the Carolina Scholarship has afforded me have made all the difference in my college career. I love every bit of this school, from the Horseshoe to Williams-Brice Stadium, and you can be sure that from now on I will spend my fall weekends decked out in garnet and black, rooting for the best school in South Carolina.”

Lizzie is currently searching for a full-time position in the fields of public relations and strategic marketing. She plans to join her fiancé in Corpus Christi, Texas.

LIZZIE MAHONEY
CAROLINA SCHOLAR
J. Willis Cantey Scholarship
Aiken High School
Aiken, S.C.
Public Relations

KYRA MARSIGLIANO

“I left my New York home and made the journey to South Carolina because of the outstanding reputation of the USC Marine Science Program, and after four years I am proud to say it is a reputation that is well deserved. Through the program I have had a bewildering array of experiences that most people only dream of, including working with sea turtles, dolphins and threatened tree frogs, searching for blue-fin tuna eggs using genetic techniques, spending days on boats in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean, and six weeks sailing through equatorial Pacific islands with no land in sight for weeks at a time. Many of these opportunities occurred because I was fortunate enough to be able to work in Dr. Joseph Quattro’s lab, who has been an inspirational adviser and gave me the trust and freedom that allowed me to become a better scientist. It is because of the many dedicated and talented professors like Dr. Quattro that the USC Marine Science Program enjoys the reputation that it does, and so many students go on to achieve success. I hope to continue this tradition through my future endeavors, and as I leave Carolina and return to New York to attend veterinary school, I am certain that the training and guidance that I have been given at USC will be integral to my success.”

Next year, Kyra will attend the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. She will focus her studies on shelter animal and marine wildlife medicine.
Clay Mettens

“Hearing my music played for the first time never fails to be an electrifying experience. It’s a complex mix of excitement at hearing the results of months of hard work and anxiety over the smallest details. In September 2012, 38 of my closest friends in the University of South Carolina Wind Ensemble read my composition “A very hungry butterfly” in a rehearsal. In the moments just before they began to play, I experienced a familiar feeling of powerlessness: I had given more than six months of work to the performers and could only hope that they would do my music justice. It comes to this: we are all people, and we need only love to reach one another.”

Maddie McDowell

“The funny thing about words is sometimes we communicate better without them. As a writer, there are few things that I admire more than a person’s vocabulary. But I am here to admit the fallibility of language. In spring 2011, I decided to spend my break on a service trip to the village of Cruz Verde, Dominican Republic. Only one problem: I only know one phrase in Spanish, ‘Esto es un robo,’ and I figured that one probably would not prove useful. It means ‘This is a robbery.’ I didn’t want this to get in the way, so I shrugged it off as a minor inconvenience. Little did I know, not speaking the language would be a gift.

No words meant no barriers between me and the people of Cruz Verde. I would simply look into the beautiful brown eyes of my seven-year-old host sister, Melissa, and feel them radiate her joy and gratitude. My host mother poured her affection on me in the form of homemade tea every morning. I laughed and danced bachata and gave children my sunglasses. I realized that compassion could transcend any language barrier. It comes to this: we are all people, and we need only love to reach one another.”

Hannah Miller

“My time at South Carolina revolved around close connections in Istanbul. The realization of the extent of my immersion came while walking around campus, texting friends from the summer in Turkish. I looked around, wondering if people could realize the double-life I was living as a Southern girl from Atlanta in my Greek letters and boat shoes but emotionally attached to a country and people 7,000 miles away. My journey started the summer after my freshman year with an internship with Turkish Policy Quarterly as an editorial assistant and evolved into a fully fledged research project examining Turkey’s membership process to join the European Union. The most surprising aspect of my Turkish study had to be the ease with which I negotiated cultural differences; the hospitality of Turks rivals that of South Carolinians, whether answering my directional questions in Istanbul or agreeing to sit with me in Cool Beans and correct my Turkish in Istanbul or answering my directional questions in Istanbul or agreeing to sit with me in Cool Beans and correct my Turkish conversations.

No words meant no barriers, and the way people radiated their love and support for me was incredibly meaningful. Learning Turkish was such an important part of my university life that I look back on it as the most challenging, but rewarding, experience of my entire four years at USC. On my last day in Turkey, I was able to speak Turkish fluently and to have a discussion with my instructor about the language, its history, and the country that it came from. Learning a language is not only about communication, but also about connecting with the people who speak it.

Maddie will begin her career in Dallas this June as a copywriter at The Richards Group (best known for their “Eat Mor Chikin” campaign for Chick-Fil-A).
Danya Nayfeh

“...I remember looking over the course listing for the political science department as a senior in high school dying to be learning and studying in classes with topics so inherently fascinating: Controversies in World Politics, International Relations of the Middle East, Law and Contemporary International Problems ... it was a never-ending list of ideas and knowledge that I knew I had to have. Now, as I’ve come to the end of my four years at the University of South Carolina, I can say with full sincerity that I got both the experience and the knowledge I came here for and more. As I’ve proceeded through POLI this and POLI that, I have discovered why I love my international studies major and realized that my motivation and inspiration are derived from my fierce desire to shape the world into a better place for all people. I believe that international law, and particularly human rights, are among the most impactful and worthy of all principles to which we can ascribe as human beings. I have developed a powerful combination of inspiration and optimism that keeps me up studying longer and harder than caffeine alone ever could. I love USC, and all of the instructors, advisers and faculty who have all had a hand in helping, guiding, teaching and shaping me. I could not imagine a more perfect foundation for such an exciting future.”

Danya will travel back to the West Bank to continue learning Arabic and hopefully start learning Hebrew. She plans to attend law school and focus on international law while pursuing a master’s in international relations or Middle Eastern studies. She plans to use these degrees to start a career working for an intergovernmental or nongovernmental organization in which she will be able to contribute her efforts fully to the struggle for human rights.

Danya spent a semester studying abroad at Birzeit University in Palestine. She purchased this scarf there, holding many memories.

DANCE EYPS

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

Class of 1965 Reunion Fund Scholarship
Lugoff-Elgin High School
Rainbow, SC

International Studies

Danya spent a semester studying abroad at Birzeit University in Palestine. She purchased this scarf there, holding many memories.
Katie Pennington

“My close friends joke that I have two passions: pills and people. While my pharmacy degree curriculum assures that I am well versed in pills, my Carolina experience has allowed me to foster a love for people of all shapes, sizes and backgrounds. The diversity at the University of South Carolina is something that I never quite managed to ‘get over.’ I find myself in awe of all that goes on in a normal day on campus. If you walk down Greene Street on any given day, there are organizations highlighting upcoming events, bake sales and, if you go on Tuesday, the Healthy Carolina Farmer’s Market. If you decide to keep walking, there is even more to see and experience. The great thing about Carolina is that there is something for everyone. Whether you want to work with suicide prevention or service outreach or learn more about culture and diversity, there is something for you. Experiences are always ripe for the taking, and there is never a shortage. What is more incredible is that I have been a part of the living, breathing organism that is campus life. If I had to choose one word to describe my Carolina experience, it would be ‘magical.’ Luckily for me, pharmacy school will ‘keep’ me here for two more years. I can’t wait to live the adventures that these next two years have in store for me. The decision to become a Gamecock was the best one that I have ever made. The scared freshman girl that moved into the honors dorm in August 2009 is but a shadow of the woman I have become. Although I have never been described as ‘shy,’ Carolina has taught me that my influence on the world around me is limitless and that small efforts can compound quickly into a lasting impact. Above all, the past four years have filled me with a sense of pride in my actions and instilled in me the confidence to reach out to those around me.”

Katie is so excited because she will be a Gamecock for two more years while finishing her Pharm.D. After graduation, she hopes to complete a community pharmacy residency, specializing in medication therapy management. Upon completion, she would like to transition into a lifelong career as a community pharmacist, in the hope that she can make an impact on the community around her by bettering the medication profiles and well-being of her patients.

Elise Porter

“My time at Carolina has been made up of moments. Moments of finding that sweet spot that makes me hit the bull’s eye every time. Moments full of black lights and ‘Buttercup’ playing as I dance my feet into a Carolina-shag-induced stress fracture. (Yes, I swear that happened.) Moments marked by the president pausing his phone conversation just to say ‘hi’ as we pass on the Horseshoe. Moments when my freshman students make me cry tears of happiness. Moments with friends I only see in coffee shops. Moments of midnight graveyard strolls and stolen glances in secret gardens. Moments of good food and better fellowship. Moments spent writing a character study of a professor while I meant to take notes. Moments of deep inner searching and moments of ditzy laughter that is a side effect of the Carolina sun. Each of these moments shaped me into the person I am today. They are the moments that left me speechless and made me shout for joy. They will be the moments I look back on with ever-growing nostalgia — the montage of my time here.”

Elise Porter of Columbia will work for the USC University 101 Program before pursuing her master’s. Her scholarship allowed Elise to dabble in pursuits, such as archery, that she might not otherwise have had the chance to experience.
ROSS ROESSLER

“My years at the University of South Carolina have definitely been the best years of my life.

My favorite memories are all the opportunities I received to travel. Through USC, I have had the opportunity to take trips to Taiwan, engage in a research internship in Germany and take a three-week cruise voyage around Central America. It is nearly impossible to pick a favorite experience from traveling. It was a magical feeling to stand atop the Great Wall in China and to go for a hike to hike an active volcano in Guatemala. Equally as stunning, though, was seeing the remnants of the Berlin Wall, and understanding the world-changing events that transpired in Germany. If I had to pick, my favorite parts of traveling would be meeting new people and understanding new cultures. One time, when I was in China, I met a random guy when I was wandering around a park. I think he wanted to get to know me to practice his English, but my Chinese was so bad that I think we each understood about 10 percent of what the other person was saying! Still, though, we had a fantastic time and got to know each other as best we could, with the help of a lot of pictures. He helped me catch a train back to the city we were staying in and ended up taking me out for some local, authentic food. He always went out of his way to help me out and make sure I was having a good time, and that’s an experience I’ll always remember. Another fantastic person I met was my research adviser in Germany. While I was expecting an intimidating, tenured professor speaking scary, harsh German, he turned out to be nothing more than a 26-year-old kid just like me! We went rock climbing together, patted together and had fun just living life to the fullest. But above all, he was generous. He always tried to pay for me, checked that I had plans for the weekend and was making friends, and just made sure I had the best experience in Germany possible. It’s a great feeling to know someone like that, and he inspired me to go out of my way to help people and be more generous myself. I know that we have a friendship for life. Meeting people, sharing new cultures and ideas, trying new things — it’s the little things that change your life that you can only get from traveling. I have been extremely fortunate to travel extensively throughout my college career. I don’t know where I’ll go next, but I do know that USC has inspired me and given me the tools to go wherever I want!”

Ross will move to Seattle to work for Amazon.com. He will be working on software development for the Kindle.

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

ROSS ROESSLER

Worcester Preparatory School
Worcester, RI

Computer Engineering

“On one of the last plays of USA Ultimate’s regional college tournament, I spilled my ankle pretty bad. Soon afterward the time came to take our traditional post-tournament team picture. Due to my ankle, however, it was obvious I wouldn’t be able to stand long enough for a team picture. I told the team to go ahead without me, but this idea was immediately rejected. Without hesitation, one of my teammates grabbed a disc, placed it on the ground above my head and lay down next to me. Before I knew it, girls were clearing away all the surrounding gear and joining us to form a circle. Because of their thoughtfulness and genuine regard for my feelings, I now have not a picture that reminds me of an unfortunate sprain, but instead a photograph that tied together and had fun just living life to the fullest. But above all, he was generous. He always tried to pay for me, checked that I had plans for the weekend and was making friends, and just made sure I had the best experience in Germany possible. It’s a great feeling to know someone like that, and he inspired me to go out of my way to help people and be more generous myself. I know that we have a friendship for life. Meeting people, sharing new cultures and ideas, trying new things — it’s the little things that change your life that you can only get from traveling. I have been extremely fortunate to travel extensively throughout my college career. I don’t know where I’ll go next, but I do know that USC has inspired me and given me the tools to go wherever I want!”

Tori Seigler will attend medical school next year at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. She is considering pediatrics, but keeping her options open.

Tori Seigler

“IT was humid and dim in the small room, the only light coming from the few windows in the plain stone walls. The African doctor stood over a patient, pressing down on her appendix multiple times to teach us its location. The woman, small and frail, weakly protested the first few times, calling out softly in pain. But after a few minutes, she took the sharp pins to her stomach in silence, tears rolling down her face. I wanted to scream “OK! I get it!” but the doctor pressed the tender area a few more times before letting the woman sit up and diagnosing her with chronic appendicitis. I was in the small village of Kibosho, Tanzania. The woman sat, quietly wiping tears off her face, staring at the ground. As the doctor watched, I grabbed a translator and asked her to tell the woman I thought her head was very pretty. She looked up in surprise, took it off and offered it to me, saying she would buy herself another. At that moment, I wanted to cry because this strong, amazing woman so willingly offered me one of her few possessions. My medical mission to Tanzania changed my perspective on life drastically, as did my other experiences abroad. They all taught me more about myself than I could have ever learned here in the States. That woman showed amazing strength and selflessness that I only hope I can one day mimic. The people in Tanzania love life so much, though they have so little. This solidified my desire to go to medical school and clarified the real reason I wanted to go in the first place. The villagers were thankful that we were there for them, even though there was very little we could actually do. It reinvigorated my love for travel and the need to help all of those who can’t help themselves. But, most of all, it renewed my confidence in myself as a person and as a future medical student. And that, to me, is priceless.”

Tori Seigler will attend medical school next year at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Greenville. She is considering pediatrics, but keeping her options open.
“Everyone dreams of a special moment in their life, a moment where they take a deep breath and inhale the excitement of achieving that one seemingly farfetched goal. As a child I dreamed of being a college swimmer and a student at my parents’ alma mater. Many years later, I found myself competing against Clemson at Carolina Natatorium as a freshman on the USC swimming and diving team. I was surrounded by teammates, cheering students and that electric atmosphere that makes Carolina such a special place. I remember the orange and purple clashing with the garnet and black in the pool. With the ‘BEEP’ of every start both teams fought for each point. And after the final touch, I looked to the scoreboard to see that I helped Carolina pull out a win over Clemson. Later, as I took a picture dressed in Gamecock warm-ups and with Cocky at my side, I had my moment. As I reach the stage in my life where I begin to reminisce on my college experience, the research, studying abroad and academic and extracurricular organizations all come to mind. However, I always wander back to that moment of realizing I was a Gamecock student-athlete in the truest sense of the word. I can never repay the university, the Honors College and the different departments for all they have given me.”

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

Mark Taylor

“Doors opened or doors closed? When I came to college I felt the doors open. Sometimes I went running through, sometimes I stumbled and sometimes I crawled (i.e. organic chemistry). But no matter what form the passage or how long the trek, USC was worth it. We all have the abstract foreknowledge that college is going to change us, but when it is all over and this change reified as a new career or a new ideology, we have to ask, do the open doors outweigh the closed ones? For me, yes. I’m not going to fulfill my freshman dream to clone the woolly mammoth, but I’ll get to study an unexpected love: plants! And even as I move to the opposite coast, I know that my friends and family at USC are only an open door away.”

Mark will pursue a Ph.D. in plant biology at the University of California, Davis.
Amy Upshaw

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
South Carolina

International Studies and Economics

"It was a lazy Saturday afternoon in my little colonia in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. My host sister was watching a typically ridiculous telenovela, children were playing out on the dirt street and I was glued to my computer screen. I watched small little figurines move about on an animated football field. Though I couldn’t watch the actual South Carolina versus Alabama football game, I could read the plays that were occurring in real time. When we won, I celebrated in typical fashion by chanting “U-S-C” and laughing in glee while explaining to everyone who would listen why South Carolina is the greatest school in the whole world. I was enthralled with USC after only being there one year. Here I am now after spending four years here, aching at the thought of leaving. Don’t get me wrong, I am excited to try my hand at city life in Chicago. But I grew up in my years at this university. I learned how to be part of a community, not just attend a school. I learned to love Columbia, not just tolerate it. I have a church that is my family. And the people in my life not only have been my best friends but also have played the role of personal stylist, chef, doctor, mother, psychologist and sister. This time in my life has been like no other, and I will forever look back on South Carolina as my alma mater and my home."

Amy will spend a few weeks this summer traveling in Taiwan before beginning law school at the University of Chicago this fall.

Amanda Williams

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
Milton High School

Biomedical Engineering

"The pulse of the music surrounding us makes it easy to count the reps: ‘Two and two. Three and one.’ The weights rise and fall in unison. I yell, ‘One more set! Who’s with me?’ and push the students through the last seconds of this routine. As a group exercise instructor at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, I’ve led multiple classes since my junior year, mainly Bodypump. Not only has instructing been fun and added a change of pace, it has been the perfect tool for teaching me leadership and communication skills. These are skills that I will carry into my future career in the biotechnology industry, hopefully in China. This leads to another USC defining moment. The decision to study Chinese and minor in it was unexpected. But USC helped to foster my passion for the Chinese language and culture. Although no single moment can define my entire time here, these and others, such as College GameDay on the Horseshoe and beating Alabama, are just some of many memories that I will take with me as I embark on an exciting future."

Amanda will serve as a teaching assistant in Taiwan through the Fulbright grant program. After, she will attend Duke University to pursue her master’s degree in biomedical engineering and design. Eventually she plans to enter the business side of the biotechnology industry, potentially doing work in China.
Our freshman scholars have bright futures in front of them, taking advantage of all the university offers. Below middle, Carolina Finalist and senior Hayley Elia is honored as UofSC’s Woman of the Year, and junior Jordan Kaczmarek (on right), senior Caroline Scholar, was a finalist.

First-Year Scholars enjoy a variety of activities in their first year. From spending a day on the ropes course to meeting with faculty mentors, the goal of their programming is to help connect them to the University, and to each other.
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