NOT LONG AGO, 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-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.

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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 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.

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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, recommenda-

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 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 scholar-

ships 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 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.
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, Eleri Gardiner, Daniel Dietven, Sydney Poskevich and Alix Tuel.
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 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 board of directors of the Robert C. McNair Foundation in Forest City, N.C. For 2014, they are chairing the Hope Lodge Capital Campaign for the American Cancer Society.

McNair takes time to enjoy his black Labrador retriever, Ella, and their family’s more than 14 stray and pedigreed cats. In addition he also enjoys 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 enjoys bird hunting, flying, boating, cycling, jazz piano and spending time with his family: son, Will; daughter, Annie; and newborn grandson, Hunter.

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(right) Jim Guignard is a Carolina Scholar donor who supports Samruddhi Somani. Sam was a senior this spring. (bottom right) Connor Hoffman and Caroline Bryant share a laugh between pair after a dinner.

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

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First-Year Scholar Mentors

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.

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.

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Dr. Lee Walker, Associate Professor, Political Science

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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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.

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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 FedEx 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.
I sat up straight 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.

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. 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.
“Goaaaaa 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 winning (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.

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.
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, 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.
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.

The experience is one that I will carry well into graduate school, the classroom. I have flown over jumps on horseback, temples and marveling at centuries-old architectural wonders. 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 the old part of the city of Segovia in central Spain. 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.

Tina 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. 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.

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
DUPONT MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL, LOUISVILLE, KY.

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It was all I could hear, and the cheering “TRI DELTA BA DOOM BA DOOM.” It was my last sorority bid day at Carolina. I can still vividly remember excitement. Four years later, with the Horseshoe filled with screaming girls 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 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 are a testament of moments — moments of growth, 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 Finnegan 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 landmarks such as Manuel Antonio National Park.

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

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 Finnegan 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 landmarks such as Manuel Antonio National Park. I’ve used my Spanish ability to serve as a 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.

Elizabeth will attend a graduate institution to earn her master’s degree in speech-language pathology.
“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 studied abroad, and expanded the USC family, in Istanbul, Turkey.

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

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.
MICHAEL HOOD

BACCALAUREUS ARTIUM ET SCIENTIAE
CLASS OF 1936 SCHOLARSHIP AND CLASSES OF 1932, 1937 AND 1966 SCHOLARSHIP

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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 Communities in Harmony. Hopefully, through our efforts, we will have planted 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!”

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

PRIYANKA JUNEJA

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCE
BANK OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP

Dutch Fork High School, Irmo, S.C.

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 deliciously happy with this little surprise, but little did I know that they had set up a full day of surprises for me that included riding a six-person bike around Parque de María Luisa, taking a paddle boat on the Guadalquivir 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.

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.
“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 stands with Dr. Joseph Leland McElveen, retired medical oncologist at South Carolina Oncology Associates and first-classmate. Jessica had the honor of interviewing McElven 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 will attend Vanderbilt University for medical school.
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.

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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.

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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.
"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.
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 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.
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 passed. I couldn’t have imagined anything more.

I arrived in Nashville with a little bit of free time to explore the city and attend almost every country music concert there was that month. (I also had a little bit of free time to attend 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 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 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 expose 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 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.
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.

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**Allie Turgeon**

**Biological Sciences and Spanish**

**Rhame High School, Andover, Conn.**

“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 Clinica 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.
### Hamilton Scholars

**CLASS OF 2014**
- **Rachel Price**
  - Hammond High School
  - Hopkins, S.C.
  - Environmental Science

**CLASS OF 2015**
- **William Brower**
  - A.C. Flora High School
  - Columbia, S.C.
  - Computer 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

**CLASS OF 2016**
- **Austin Ambrose**
  - Aiken High School
  - Aiken, S.C.
  - Biological Sciences
- **Creighton Boggs**
  - Blythe High School
  - Columbia, S.C.
  - English and Political Science
- **Christina Brown**
  - Academy Magnet School
  - Goose Creek, S.C.
  - Biological Sciences
- **Laura Dean**
  - Richland Northeast High School
  - Columbia, S.C.
  - Early Childhood Education
- **Courtney Gantt**
  - Silver Bluff High School
  - Beech Island, S.C.
  - Media Arts
- **Ana Gibson**
  - Bluffton High School
  - Bluffton, S.C.
  - International Business (IBCE)
  - and Marketing
- **Weber Pike**
  - Beaufort High School
  - Beaufort, S.C.
  - Biomedical Engineering

**CLASS OF 2017**
- **Cameron Reid**
  - Wrennaw High School
  - Mauldin, S.C.
  - Mathematics
- **Daniel Young**
  - Trinity College
  - Orangeburg, S.C.
  - Biological Sciences
- **Edward Dunton**
  - Fort Mill High School
  - Fort Mill, S.C.
  - Physics
- **David Wang**
  - International School of Basel
  - Florence, S.C.
  - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

### Horseshoe Scholars

**CLASS OF 2014**
- **Tyler Alston**
  - Providence High School
  - Charlotte, N.C.
  - Chemistry
- **Amy Yanickar**
  - Ashley High School
  - Charlotte, N.C.
  - Pharmacy

**CLASS OF 2015**
- **Daniel Fischer**
  - Stanton College Prep
  - Jacksonville, Fla.
  - Chemical Engineering
- **Kimberly Glatz**
  - Wilson High School
  - Raleigh, N.C.
  - International Business (IBCE)
  - and Global Supply Chain and Operations Management
- **Eleanor Gray**
  - Wilson High School
  - Raleigh, N.C.
  - Molecular Biology

**CLASS OF 2016**
- **Taylor Karlin**
  - Poolesville High School
  - Gaithersburg, Md.
  - Biological Sciences
- **Leanna O’Brien**
  - Westside High School
  - East Syracuse, N.Y.
  - English and Mathematics

**CLASS OF 2017**
- **Christopher Buckman**
  - Farragut High School
  - Knoxville, Tenn.
  - Mathematics
- **Perry Davis**
  - Winnetonka High School
  - Overland Park, Kan.
  - Marketing and Management

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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.
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Psychology

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Computer Science

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Physics and Mathematics

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