Case: McNair Scholar Viki Knapp enjoyed bathing an elephant in Jaipur, India. It was just one of many stops she made during her Semester at Sea voyage. Along with several hundred other students from around the country, Viki circumnavigated the globe and visited 14 countries, all while taking a full semester of classes.

Each August, exceptional Carolina, Stamps Carolina, McNair, Hamilton and Horseshoe scholars converge upon the University of South Carolina’s historic campus to begin the academic year anew. They come from the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts, from America’s heartland and right next door. They have earned these highly competitive scholarships based on outstanding academic talent, exemplary character and remarkable leadership skills.

It’s not unusual for our first-year scholars to experience some anxiety as they move from comfort to self-exploration. This is as it should be. Philosopher Soren Kierkegaard wrote, “It is in our anxiety that we come to understand feelingly that we are free, that the possibilities are endless.” In this edition of Top Scholars it’s clear, as the years move forward, these students experience an exhilarating freedom as they seek out and explore each new possibility.

Mentored by members of Carolina’s experienced 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, our top scholars become global citizens. Their exploration has found them among the people of Chile, Turkey, Spain and Italy. They’ve experienced the sunrise in Argentina, England, Australia and Africa. And they’ve practiced their language skills in Ecuador, Japan and Germany.

These scholars are steeped in such diverse studies as anthropology, chemical engineering, music performance, accounting, international studies, pharmacy, political science and public health. And they graduate knowing that, as Gamecocks, the future holds no limits.

Aristotle believed that “Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom.” We salute our generous donors for providing this adventurous beginning that has led our scholars toward greater wisdom and a role in shaping a new world.

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 10 students in its first year to more than 83 scholars on campus during fall 2014. Since its inception, 767 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 17th class of McNair Scholars this year, a group of the nation’s brightest students, representing 18 states.

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

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

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

THE SELECTION PROCESS

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

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

Each year, approximately 20 Carolina Scholars, five Stamps Carolina Scholars and 20 McNair Scholars are 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 were 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 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. Called Stamps Carolina Scholars, these students are supported through the Top Scholar 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. Elizabeth Anne Matthews of Columbia, S.C., says, “the network of Stamps Scholars is truly incredible, and it is so exciting to be part of such a talented and inspiring community.” These scholars meet for monthly coffees with various members of the Carolina community, including the vice president for student affairs and the dean of the Honors College, to discuss furthering their goals. This year, the scholars traveled to the biannual Stamps Scholars National Convention in Atlanta, where they met with professionals in their field of interest and made connections with other Stamps Scholars from around the nation.

Top row, left to right: Philip Richardson, Sydney Poskevich, Daniel Clements, Ellen Gardiner and Clayton Buckaloo.
Bottom row, left to right: Habiba Fayyaz, Alix Tuel, E.A. Matthews, Sarah Greene and Judith Lin.
Robert C. and Janice McNair have been champions of philanthropy, giving generously to deserving causes while making education and medical research the cornerstone of their philanthropic giving. Robert chairs the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation, the Robert and Janice McNair Educational Foundation in Forest City, N.C., and the Houston Texans Foundation.

The founder, chairman and chief executive officer of the Houston Texans, Robert McNair is best known in the business community as the founder of Cogen Technologies (sold in 1999), the largest privately held cogeneration company in the world, with an aggregate capacity of 1.4 million megawatts. He serves as chairman of The McNair Group, headquartered in Houston, where he oversees an investment portfolio that includes interests in two cogeneration plants in the eastern United States. Also among The McNair Group’s holdings are Palmetto Partners Ltd. and RCM Financial Services L.P., both private investment entities that manage the McNair’s private and public equity investments.

McNair is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he served as student body president. He was named Entrepreneur of the Decade by the Houston Technology Center and a Man of Distinction by the Museum of Fine Arts Houston and was awarded the James A. Baker III Prize for Excellence in Leadership by the Baker Institute at Rice University. He was inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, the Texas Business Hall of Fame and the Houston Hall of Fame and was presented with an honorary doctorate of humanities from Baylor University, the Janice Suber McNair Asian Elephant Habitat at the Houston Zoo, the McNair Hall and McNair Plaza at Houston Baptist University, Houston’s A.D. Players, McNair Baseball Field in Forest City, N.C., and McNair Campus at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

In 2015, Robert and Janice McNair turned their focus toward entrepreneurship and began establishing McNair Centers for Entrepreneurism at six colleges and universities in Houston, Texas, Columbia, S.C., and Midland, Mich.

The McNairs have given major gifts to the Janice and Robert McNair Hall at Rice University’s Jones Graduate School of Business, the Janice Suber McNair Asian Elephant Habitat at the Houston Zoo, the McNair Hall and McNair Plaza at Houston Baptist University, Houston’s A.D. Players, McNair Baseball Field in Forest City, N.C., and the McNair Campus at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

The McNairs’ passion for helping others has impacted individuals from Houston to South Carolina and beyond. In 2014, they received the Crystal Eagle Award from the Houston Community College Foundation, the inaugural Margaret Alkek Williams Humanitarian Award from UNICEF and the President’s Award from Houston Baptist University, and they were honored by the Houston Zoo. They are presently chairing the Hope Lodge Houston Capital Campaign for the American Cancer Society.

Robert and Janice McNair are the proud parents of four grown children and 15 grandchildren, and they reside in Houston, Texas.
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above left: Carolina Scholar donor Frank Ellerbe chats with Austin Williams and Matt Coleman at the spring dinner.
above right: Donors Drs. Anita and Charles Hood are happy to meet their first Carolina Scholar, Jovanne Wu.
left: Carolina Scholars Supriya Ganap and Alix Stroud welcome the Statons – Wayne and Gini – to the spring dinner.
above: The Pastides enjoy the spring dinner honoring these Carolina Scholars (left to right): Delaney Horel, Thomas Spurgeon, Anna Cat Caldwell and Katy Hallman.
left: Stamps Carolina Scholars Sarah Greene, Daniel Clements and Sydney Pinkowski pose with the university flag at the Stamps Scholar Convention held in Atlanta, Ga., this spring. More than 500 scholars from the all over the country gathered for a weekend in April, hosted by the Stamps Charitable Foundation.
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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SENIOR SCHOLARS

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

Andrew Kovtun
Angie Korabik
Elizabeth Moore
Riley Brady
Connor Bain and Andrew Patterson
Viki Knapp

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP WINNERS

Top Scholars have led the way at Carolina as national fellowship recipients, including awards such as Marshall, Udall, Truman, Fulbright and Goldwater Scholars. This year was no exception as 10 were recognized nationally.

The University of South Carolina was once again named a top producer of Hollings Scholars in the country. McNair Scholar Angie Korabik is one of nine winners from Carolina this year. The award will provide her with a stipend, a summer internship at a NOAA facility and networking opportunities unique to Hollings Scholars.

Our scholars continue to excel in the STEM fields. McNair Scholar Riley Brady was awarded the 2015 Goldwater Scholarship for research in marine science while Elizabeth Moore, a Carolina Scholar, was named honorable mention. Moore was also USC’s Truman Finalist this year. Connor Bain, who won a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship this year, will use his scholarship to pursue further studies in computer science. In addition, Andrew Patterson was named an NSF honorable mention.

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Avnika was thrilled to see "Titus Andronicus" at the rebuilt Globe Theatre in London.

Indulging in some nonscientific enjoyment, Avnika will attend Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health to study vaccine-preventable diseases and infectious disease epidemiology. Her long-term goal is to obtain her Ph.D. for a research and teaching career in disease transmission dynamics.

Emily Andreoli
Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, Columbia, S.C.

Music has been a part of my life since I was six years old, when on somewhat of a whim I started taking piano lessons. In the 15 years since, it has grown from a chore to a hobby to a true passion. Writing music is my channel: my channel to make sense of the world and express my emotions in song, and my channel to connect with others through those songs. Music has provided some great experiences in college. I was able to represent Delta Sigma Pi in the 2014 Homecoming Showcase, become USC Idol 2013 and play many events around campus with the wonderful people at Carolina Productions. But most of all, it has provided me with an identity and a purpose. College has been full of fulfilling experiences, and I have absolutely loved my involvement with my business fraternity, senior thesis project, internships and study abroad experiences. However, there is just nothing like playing a song you wrote in front of a crowd (whether it is a crowd of two or of hundreds) and feeling that your words, energy and message connect with them on some level.

Emily will move to Nashville to complete her final internship for sport and entertainment management before becoming a full-time musician and pursuing a career as a singer-songwriter.

Connor Bain
Irmo High School, Columbia, S.C.

I came to USC as a student who was afraid to be "out of the box." I wasn’t sure what I wanted to study, and I was afraid that I would be forced along a single track. After all, how do you combine interests in teaching, computing, music, math and sustainability? I couldn’t have been proven any more wrong. USC allowed me to do what I wanted to do: to study with incredible professors, take a math class with my brother, take a music theory class from my dad, help our campus become more sustainable, play in a collegiate percussion ensemble, accompany an opera and so much more. These experiences have allowed me to discover myself in a way I never thought possible. Through Carolina Science Outreach, I saw that teaching has always been what has driven me. I want to show others the beauty of science — to show others the importance of protecting our environment. Learning and teaching have always and will always be me.

Connor plans to pursue Ph.D. in learning sciences and computer science at Northwestern University and eventually become a professor focused on teaching.
People have been asking me, “If you could start all over, would you choose USC again?” The answer to this question is absolutely YES. And this is coming from a girl who, four years ago, couldn’t wait to get out of this state to go to college. My years here have been more than just school; they’ve been “bucket list years.” This university has provided me with the opportunity to cross more off of my bucket list than I ever thought imaginable. I’ve walked through the walls of Machu Picchu; I’ve studied with a favorite SCHC professor at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, where Nicolaus Copernicus discovered that the Earth revolves around the Sun; I’ve seen Gamecock sports history be made; I’ve swum with piranhas in the Amazon; I’ve attended a Seth Meyers stand-up show in person, thanks to Carolina Productions; and I’ve high-fived President Pastides on my way to class. Coming in as a pre-med student studying exercise science and Spanish, I was told that boring old studying would take up most of my time, but that’s not what college is about. I found ways to explore my opportunities and have awesome experiences, and proved those people wrong.

Anna will take a year off to apply for physician assistant school.

ANNA CATHERINE CALDWELL
J. RION MCKISSICK SCHOLARSHIP
EASLEY HIGH SCHOOL, EASLEY, S.C.
EXERCISE SCIENCE

During her four years at USC, Anna Cat was able to cross off No. 1 on her bucket list by visiting Machu Picchu in Cusco, Peru.
MATT COLEMAN
WELLS FARGO SCHOLARSHIP
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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCE

It was July 1, 2012, the anniversary of Hong Kong’s handover from Britain to China. My fellow South Carolinians and I had been in the city for a month and went to find some dinner. On our way to Pizza Hut (really embracing the local culture, I know) we saw a line of police monitoring a procession of demonstrators, but it wasn’t a particularly large group … at least that is what we thought at the time. After dinner, the protestors were still passing by. It was clearly a bigger protest than it first appeared. I decided to follow along with the protestors for what turned into many hours. Observing the demonstrations was thrilling, but it was also not my fight. When a protestor invited me to clobber an effigy of the city’s pro-China chief executive, I politely declined. After nightfall, the protesters amassed around the central government offices. Immediately ahead were fireworks celebrating the handover. The crowd booed at every explosion, but reserved their loudest boos and rudest gestures for the red fireworks. Every day on the news we see popular uprisings, but it takes seeing one in person to truly understand the demonstrations’ power and energy.

This summer, Matt and his fiancée, Louise, will move to a very cozy shoebox in New York City. Matt will work for Barclays Investment Bank in credit risk and experience what terrifies him most: a Northern winter.

WILL CULP
CHARLES COTSWORTH PINCKNEY SCHOLARSHIP
CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, GREENVILLE, S.C.
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING

“American, yes?” an elderly man asked me as I closely watched him. He was gracefully writing out intricate Chinese symbols while strolling through the Summer Palace without missing a beat. I looked at him and nodded, and he turned and smiled, and after another step and another couple symbols he looked back at me and said, “That says ‘mei guo.’ It means a beautiful country. That is United States in my language.” He welcomed me to China, and he went back to doing his calligraphy. Looking back on that moment, I had never felt more the connectedness of the world in which we live in today. I remember thinking that here is someone that had lived through Mao Zedong’s Cultural Revolution and who had been brought up learning that Americans were foreign imperialists and warmongers, but all he saw that day was a fellow traveler in life. Even though I was more than 7,000 miles from the University of South Carolina, I still felt at home in a strange land. I think it is being a Carolina Scholar that has allowed me to be not just a Columbia local but also a citizen of the world. When I heard I was going to be a Carolina Scholar, I knew I had been handed an incredible gift and opportunity, but along with that gift came many expectations. We were ambassadors and advocates for the University of South Carolina not only on campus but throughout the country and the rest of the world. I took it upon myself to use this gift to see as much of the world as I could, and along the way I met incredible people both from my alma mater and from all corners of the globe. I think the most valuable lesson I have learned from travel is that we all are not nearly as different as we might think. Whether you find yourself in a madrassa in India, a canal in Venice or a rice paddy field in China, there will always be someone there to lend you a helping hand and a friendly smile. Being a Carolina Scholar has opened up so many avenues for me in life and has allowed me to see the world in a much different light than I once did. I will always be grateful for these adventures and am overjoyed to be an ambassador for the University of South Carolina and future scholars wherever I might be in the world.

Will is a risk assurance associate with PwC in Charlotte, N.C., specializing in international business consulting and accounting.
When I came to college, I had no idea what I wanted to study or pursue a career in. What I did know, however, was that I wanted to study abroad. Having now studied in South Africa, Ecuador and Mexico, I’d say USC did a fair job at helping me achieve my goals. Not only did I get to travel to my heart’s content, but I also discovered my passion for conservation and research through experiences hiking in the Amazon rainforest, snorkeling with penguins and sea lions in the Galápagos Islands, cage diving with great white sharks and conducting research on endangered sea turtles. Looking back, I never would have expected that I could do all that in four years at college and get a degree while I was at it, but Carolina gave me all the opportunities I could ask for and more. I have so many great memories of my time at USC, and I’ll always be grateful to Carolina for preparing me for the next step of the adventure.

Emma will spend her summer in Antigua working with a hawksbill nesting project and will see how her future develops afterward.
I was destined to be a Gamecock. Having grown up in Columbia and regularly attending USC sporting events, I have been a die-hard Gamecock fan since birth. When Marcus Lattimore told me, “Drew, USC needs you!,” I knew I could not let him down. However, in my time at Carolina, I have learned it was not USC that needed me, but I that needed USC. This university has provided me countless opportunities to grow and strengthen myself personally and professionally. I conquered fears by sky diving with the Flying Gamecocks, expanded my horizons through participating in a medical trip to Guatemala and worked with amazing individuals both in the president’s office here and as a resident mentor at Bates House. None of these rewarding experiences could have happened without the help of this university. And for that I say, “Here’s a health, Drew will continue working as a medical assistant while he finishes up his Carolina experience, and he expects to graduate in December.

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I think I was standing under the Arch of Constantine when I realized how much I had been limiting myself. This was last October. I was studying abroad in France. A friend and I planned a trip through Italy, Austria and Germany during our weekend fall break. Rome was our first stop. With the Colosseum behind me and the ruins of the Roman Forum stretched out before me, it occurred to me that I was in this incredible place because I had decided to be there — because I marshaled my resources and I went. I remembered a quote that I had read in my French Lit class the week before — “Man is nothing else but what he makes of himself!” Here at the end of my undergraduate career, I knew I wanted to make a difference — maybe do research as a medical anthropologist or work for a nonprofit advocating for women’s rights — but I realized in that moment that I had been waiting for someone else to tell me what I could be. In that moment, I saw that I am the only one who can decide to limit my ambitions, decide how I engage with the world, decide how hard I fight for the things I care about. I decided to go abroad, and, in deciding, I made it happen. Now back at USC, I remember another great quote: “As a Gamecock, I have no limits.” With my passion and my education to back me up, is there anything I can’t decide to do?

After graduation, Georgia hopes to spend a year in France as an English teaching assistant in the French government’s Teaching Assistant Program in France. After that, she plans to apply to graduate school in anthropology. Georgia wants to focus on women’s health or nutritional anthropology, or both, and she’d like to find a way to put her language skills to use by working in the French-speaking world. "That one is ... luka tuka stop stop!" “Exactly, nice job,” I say. A typical activity in the Suzuki Strings at USC pre-twinkle cello group class is identifying named rhythms printed on a large die. Few things are more rewarding than seeing a three-year-old learn complex rhythmic patterns. Having grown up in the Suzuki world, I knew I wanted to give back to the rich culture I experienced as a young child. I have had the incredible opportunity to work in the USC Suzuki Strings program for the past three years, first as an assistant teacher and now teaching my own group classes. The central mantra of the Suzuki Method is “Every Child Can.” I truly believe that this philosophy can broadly translate to the fact that almost anything is possible with the right recipe of motivation and perseverance. It is a beautiful thing to recognize that everyone has potential, and I learned throughout my college career to dream big, strive for success and never give up, especially not on teaching three-year-olds to play the cello!

Elizabeth will accept a Graduate Teaching Fellowship at the University of Oregon to pursue a master’s degree in cello performance.
I was in New Orleans waiting for the Krewe of Tucks parade to start when my phone rang. I had just gotten home from a weekend in Columbia a couple of days before and was not-so-patiently awaiting notification of whether I had been selected as a McNair Scholar. I already knew I was going to USC; even being considered for the scholarship was already more than I could have imagined, and something I envisioned only in my wildest dreams. I answered the phone, and it was my brother at home, who said that President Pastides was calling and wanted to talk to me. All I remember of the next three minutes is a lot of jubilant shouting, the parade starting, and the overwhelming realization that my dream had come true. I was pretty excited that day, but that feeling pales in comparison to everything I have been able to experience in my time at USC as a result of that one little phone call that started the greatest journey of my life.

Miller will be starting his career as a risk consultant with Deloitte in Charlotte in July.

Kyle’s favorite aspect of the scholar community is the incredible friendships formed. One of his most memorable adventures was spring break with a group of fellow scholars.

Kyle will leave at the end of June to go on the World Race, an 11-month, 11-country mission trip around the world. He will be working with different ministries (orphanages, churches and safe houses) in Central America, Southern Africa and Southeast Asia. He will go with a team of six to eight people, bringing nothing with him except a backpack or a tent. He will return in May 2016 with hopes of going into ministry or working in the nonprofit sector.

On a cold night a week after I had arrived in London, my new friends and I emerged from the Underground station across the street from Big Ben. As we stood in the golden glow of the famous clock tower, it finally began to sink in that my longtime dream of studying in England had become a reality. The next few months contained a whirlwind of thrilling experiences: touring palaces, getting lost in Venice, standing at the edge of Loch Ness, sitting in on a House of Lords session and many others. The day before it was time for me to return home, I took my last exam and then rejoined the friends who had been my fellow adventurers these past months. Once again, we passed Big Ben before walking along the Thames. We paused across the street from the Globe Theatre to wave at actors going on and off the stage during a torch-lit performance. It was time to go back to campus and pack up for the next day, but as I slowly crossed the Millennium Bridge in the shadow of St. Paul’s Cathedral, I knew I would dream about London for years to come.

In the fall, Kate plans to pursue her master’s degree in higher education and student affairs at Florida State University. Her graduate assistantship will be in the Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement.

It was the summer after my sophomore year. I walked through the humid bunkroom onto the back porch. The air felt different in Trinidad. It was steamy, but welcoming. Uncomfortable, but inviting. I slumped back against the wall, listening to the chickens clucking below, holding my Bible in my hand, falling in love. I knew then that I was made for more. Those two weeks in Trinidad showed me that there was more than financial stability and climbing the corporate ladder. I saw my own excess and the world’s need. I faced a harsh reality looking into the eyes of hungry children in the arms of hopeless mothers. I realized my inadequacy to do anything about it on my own. It made me realize how desperate the world is for hope. Many people spend four years of college attempting to find a suitable object for their hopes and aspirations. I found mine in the man of Jesus Christ. The USC crest is inscribed with the Latin for “Learning humanizes character and does not permit it to be cruel.” Truly it would be a cruelty to have received as fine an education as I have at USC and spend it on myself. More than anything, it has prepared me to be a light in the darkness and solace to the hurting. For that, thank you, Carolina. Forever to thee.
SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS

11 scholars won Magellan Scholar Awards for undergraduate research this academic year.

33 scholars won 49 awards at the university’s Awards Day.

1 scholar, Connor Bain, won the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, the university’s highest undergraduate honor.

$3,077 were raised by Scholars United for Relay for Life this spring.

DELANEY HOREL

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JOSEPH CARDINAL L. BERNARDIN SCHOLARSHIP
DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL, IRMO, S.C.
MATHEMATICS

I remember leaving the SEC room feeling like I just destroyed any chance I had of being named a Carolina Scholar. I regretted everything I said in my interview and prepared myself for rejection. The little hope I had waited anxiously for that phone call from President P — two weeks passed, and it never came. So I started making plans to visit elsewhere. Just before I confirmed a tour at that other state school that must not be named, I got a letter in the mail that changed my life forever. Somehow, against all my intuitions, I was chosen as a Carolina Scholar. With other offers and friends going everywhere except USC, I was reluctant about the choice. But four years later, I know, without a doubt, it was the best decision I have ever made. From being a part of the first Tri Delta chapter to raise more than $100,000 for St. Jude, to serving as a resident mentor in the Honors Residence, to spending three months in Uganda teaching math on an island with no running water or electricity, the experiences USC offered me are irreplaceable, and I will always owe who I am to the Carolina community. Forever to thee.

Upon graduation, Delaney will be moving to New York City to teach at an inner-city school with Teach For America and has plans to work in public policy on behalf of urban education one day.

SIOBHAN KIBBEY

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POOLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, GAITHERSBURG, MD.
PUBLIC HEALTH

My first semester at USC, I decided to rush an organization that I first heard about at my scholar weekend more than four years ago: Omega Phi Alpha, national service sorority. Now in my last semester at USC, I am reflecting on the best decision I made in college, saying goodbye to wonderful friends and sisters and passing off duties as service director and almost three years as an executive board member. Being a scholar at USC gave me the flexibility to spend hundreds of hours outside the classroom learning about and serving my new home in soup cellars, transitional homes, medical facilities, sustainable farms and campus initiatives. This time left me with a quirky assemblage of skills, including how to wrap a sandwich in three seconds flat, steer a double-wide wheelchair and Magic Eraser an entire living room. More importantly, though, it was the perfect way to become acquainted with Columbia’s stories from a cross-section of souls, to maintain perspective and motivation throughout my studies as a public health major and to eventually discover my desire to pursue a clinical career with the underserved.

Siobhan will pursue primary care at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS

64 scholars studied abroad this year, from May 2014 to spring 2015, and in 23 different countries.

1 scholar, Connor Bain, was the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, the university’s highest undergraduate honor.
As a University Ambassador and campus tour guide, I have had the opportunity to interact with prospective students and their families on a regular basis. While we are on the Horseshoe, I always talk about the study abroad office. I tell them, “The best thing you can do is come to college and then leave!” Visitors then seem a bit stunned when I tell them that I circumnavigated the globe on a ship, visited 14 different countries, AND took a full semester of classes. My favorite moment to share with them is when I bumped into a University of South Carolina alumnus in Hong Kong. I was halfway around the world, and yet we were discussing Carolina football. I believe the Gamecock to be a unique mascot, but, therefore, special. I knew that wherever I go in life, I will always be a part of the Gamecock family. Being a student at Carolina has been an incredible experience, more than I could have ever dreamed of. For four years, I have concluded every tour with, “I hope you choose to become a Gamecock for life because it was the best decision I ever made.”

Viki will attend the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science at the University of Miami to complete a Master of Professional Science in Weather, Climate and Society.

Viki enjoyed bathing an elephant in Jaipur, India, one of the many memorable experiences during her Semester at Sea voyage.
Nicholas spent a lot of time holed up in the depths of the library, but he still found time to play with his animal friends. Nicholas spent a lot of time holed up in the depths of the library, but he still found time to play with his animal friends. Nicholas spent a lot of time holed up in the depths of the library, but he still found time to play with his animal friends. Nicholas spent a lot of time holed up in the depths of the library, but he still found time to play with his animal friends. Nicholas spent a lot of time holed up in the depths of the library, but he still found time to play with his animal friends. Nicholas spent a lot of time holed up in the depths of the library, but he still found time to play with his animal friends.
My time at USC hasn’t taken me to extraordinary places, but ordinary ones. It’s taken me places like suburban Georgia, where a veteran told me how he’d planned his surprise homecoming at Williams-Brice Stadium. Or a horse ranch near Boulder, Colo., where a rancher told me how a disease outbreak was hurting business. Even Five Points, where restaurant workers told me about life on the night shift. That’s what reporting news is mostly about: writing about ordinary places and the out-of-the-ordinary things that happen there. I’m lucky to have had editors, professors and friends at The Daily Gamecock who have taught me to be skeptical, persistent and cognizant of how people might be affected — to pay attention to both the 10,000-foot perspective and the ground-level view. And, in that latter group, I’ve been lucky that they were willing to pull all-nighters with me as we scrambled to put out a paper each day, did the work we’d put off for too long and convinced ourselves that we’d make it to our classes the next morning. Over the last four years, that’s what’s made USC extraordinary.

Thad will intern on the business desk of The Washington Post.
NINA PANVELKER
CHARLES PINGREY SCHOLARSHIP
WILSON HIGH SCHOOL, FLORENCE, S.C.
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

As a high school senior, I had no idea what my future would hold, but I knew USC would offer opportunities to figure it out. From engaging in service work with the diverse sisterhood of Omega Phi Alpha to researching with GlobeMed in rural India to living in a Spanish-speaking country for a semester, my experiences these past four years have not disappointed. USC offered countless opportunities to challenge myself and discover where my passions lie, both inside and outside the classroom. A number of these experiences took me outside of South Carolina, but looking back, I never felt far from home. I have found that the Gamecock spirit truly has no limits or geographic boundaries, and I look forward to carrying it with me through my next adventure.

Nina will attend dental school at the University of Pennsylvania.

ANDREW PATTERSON
TERMINIX SCHOLARSHIP
BLYTHEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, BLYTHEWOOD, S.C.
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

I was working with a friend on a group project one night, and he invited me to dinner with a student organization he was a part of—they were having a celebration and orientation for new members. The event started with tea and coffee, and as we sat down to eat, I saw the main dish being brought around. It is, after all, hard to miss a goat head being carried on a silver platter right past your place on a floor mat. My friend, Mohammed, is a leader in the Saudi Arabian student organization, and he had graciously invited me to join him, introducing me to part of his culture. It was an experience I never would have expected. In my time here at the University of South Carolina I have had the opportunity to meet and befriend students from around the globe: Brazil, Asia, Africa and Europe. These friends have enriched my life and are constantly teaching me new things about myself by providing a unique perspective.

Andrew plans to attend graduate school for engineering and specialize in aerospace control systems.

MICHAEL PROWSE
BANK OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP
RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, GREER, S.C.
FINANCE, ECONOMICS AND INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

As I reflect upon my undergraduate career at South Carolina, I could not have hoped for a better experience, nor could I be more content with my decision to come here. I am extraordinarily grateful to this university for consistently providing me with the resources to succeed and immensely appreciative to Bank of America and the Carolina Scholar Program for supporting me in my academic endeavors. From my studies of finance in the Darla Moore School of Business to my involvement in Greek Life, to my experiences studying abroad, my years here have been richly filled. I've been fortunate enough to work with a Wealth Management team with Merrill Lynch since my sophomore year and count that experience as being extremely influential in preparing for a career after graduation. I know that the past four years have prepared me for whatever the future holds.

Michael will be pursuing a career in the financial services industry after graduation. He hopes to obtain his C.F.A.
I've always enjoyed understanding how systems and objects work. When I was younger, I took apart the home telephone and repaired it by cleaning the corroded contacts. As I grew up, I continued to love science and engineering, and my high school's Project Lead the Way program prepared me to major in chemical engineering at the University of South Carolina. The South Carolina Honors College and USC have provided me with exceptional academic opportunities, allowing me to thrive in my field of study while obtaining incredible experiences. As a result of interviews established through the College of Engineering and Computing Career Center, I was a paid intern at ExxonMobil in Beaumont, Texas, for the past two summers, first in the refining and then in the chemical plant, gaining firsthand experience on the finer details of how petroleum, plastics and oils are processed. Between those two summers, the Maymaster engineering course Energy and Sustainability in Europe enabled me to travel through Germany for two weeks to study alternative and sustainable energy sources to protect our environment, including solar panels, methane collection farming, wind turbines and nuclear fusion. I have a passion for learning, and the University of South Carolina has provided me with every opportunity possible while helping shape my leadership and fellowship development. I couldn't have asked for a better educational experience anywhere. Thank you, South Carolina!

Kyla will attend the Penn Law program at the University of Pennsylvania in August to earn her J.D., after which she plans to practice patent, environmental and intellectual property law.
Arriving at USC, I was a consummate sage, friend and saint. Indeed, I thought I was pretty much the best thing ever. I was quite wrong about that. More than anything else, my time at USC was humbling, as I encountered people who actually were sages, friends and saints. In the Euphradian Society, I met individuals whose knowledge and rhetorical skill far outstripped my own, but who were still unpretentious and eager in their quest for truth. In the honors dorm, I met friends who were fun to be with. They were good for beach trips, video games and rubber band fights, but also cared about me enough to call me out lovingly when I was being pompous (which was a large percentage of the time). In my roommates and suitemates, I found men who pursued the divine not out of posture and pretension, but out of a true desire to live upright lives. Spending four years with these people, along with the classical works my classes exposed me to, showed me that, unlike my perceived freshman self, I still have many ideals to pursue and qualities to cultivate. I am not already a complete or even particularly impressive person. Yet I know wisdom, love and goodness are to be pursued, not out of legalistic obligation, but rather as a search for true life, unhindered by vanity.

Thomas plans on pursuing a master’s degree in teaching at USC. He will then begin work as a history and Latin teacher in an S.C. high school.

**KRISTI SUTHERLAND**

Seabrook High School, Bluffton, S.C.

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

During my time at USC, I learned to embrace stepping outside of my comfort zone. When I arrived in 2013, I left everything I knew, everything I was comfortable with, behind. I was starting over. And although there were plenty of tears when my parents dropped me off for the first time, I embraced the challenge. I chose international business as my major, which required study abroad. I attended the University of St. Gallen, in a town where I could not understand the language. Although it was difficult at first, I learned to love the sound of Swiss German. Once again, the university pushed me out of my comfort zone, and I grew tremendously as a result. During my senior year, I was chosen to participate in the John Molson Undergraduate Case Competition. Once again, I was pushed outside of my comfort zone, and I learned more in a week than I could ever have anticipated. Our team ended up placing second, a huge accomplishment. Moving to Charlotte this summer, I am once again stepping out of my comfort zone. If USC has taught me anything, it has taught me that I must embrace wholeheartedly every new challenge that comes my way.

Next fall, Kristi will begin work as a financial consultant for EY in Charlotte, N.C.

**BECKY THOMPSON**

A.T. and Frances Chalk Scholarship

Academic Magnet High School, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

**PSYCHOLOGY AND ENGLISH**

I have loved books and reading for as long as I can remember. As a kid, I remember forcing my favorite books into the hands of my friends, offering unsolicited book recommendations. I even made a card catalog in my bedroom. But it never occurred to me to become a librarian. Luckily that changed. I attended the National Council of Teachers of English annual convention with my dad and younger brother in November 2014. It was not my first time attending a convention, but it was the first time that my brother had come along, too. The experience blew me away. I met (and “fangirled” over) more than a dozen of my favorite authors. I talked to publicists, editors, teachers and librarians. I listened to some fantastic panels on the young adult literature industry. And through the whole thing, I had my 16-year-old brother beside me, asking for my book recommendations and using me as his gateway to the books and authors we encountered. My brother, who had not voluntarily read a book in more than a year, devoured a novel I picked up for him on the flight home. He’s been texting me about his reading habits ever since. And then it hit me. This could be my job. This experience confirmed my desire to put books in the hands of teenagers. I have found my passion, and I could not be happier.

Becky will remain at USC in the fall to start work on her Master of Library and Information Science with a focus on children and young adult services. She hopes to eventually become a young adult librarian in a public library and work with community outreach and collection diversification.

**TAYLOR TREECE**

Kit and James T. Pearce Sr. Scholarship

North Myrtle Beach High School, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY**

What do you like to do for fun on the weekends? Most people would answer that question by saying hanging out with friends, seeing a show or playing sports. My hobby? Well, it’s kind of like that. Except my friends and I like to hang out in courtrooms. We like to be the ones putting on the show, dressed up in suits or in wacky witness costumes. And our sport? Mock Trial, a competitive program that teaches public speaking and trial advocacy skills by simulating trial court proceedings. I knew coming to college that, if I did nothing else, I wanted to join the team here at Carolina. Four years and two terms as president later, Carolina Mock Trial has given me some of the most challenging, but rewarding, years of my life. As bitter-sweet as it will be to leave this team after graduation, I am proud of the legacy I am leaving behind and the knowledge that this program will continue to thrive on a national level. Carolina Mock Trial has left a lasting impression on me, and I know that, no matter where I end up, I’ll still be shouting, “three cheers for USC!”

Next year, Taylor plans to attend law school at the College of William & Mary. She hopes to become a litigator and to continue her work integrating psychology and law.
When I first decided to attend Carolina, I had never seriously considered living abroad. Thanks to the resources available from the USC Study Abroad Office, I soon decided to take the plunge and spent a summer in Bangalore, India. This turned out to be a great decision because I loved India from the start, and soon felt totally at home in Bangalore. The culture and food provided wonderful new experiences. I loved the cultural immersion so much that, the following year, I decided to spend more time abroad. I wanted to go even further off the beaten path, so I studied for a full semester in Taoyuan, Taiwan, where I was the only native English-speaking exchange student on campus. Although this was challenging at first, it ended up being another fantastic experience. I made friends from all over the world and traveled across Taiwan with them. I also spent the following summer in Nepal, which was another interesting learning experience. My time abroad has taught me that I am capable of adapting to almost any situation, which gives me more confidence to move on to the next step in my life.

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I have always tackled problems backward, in a top-down process. When it came to solving the problem of my paralyzing phobia of heights, it was the exact same procedure. When I say paralyzing phobia, I mean a panic-attack-inducing, hyperventilating, tunnel vision and wide-eyed fear. Arriving at USC, I intended to tackle my fear head-on, so that first year, I accomplished the first step of my four-year, four-step plan. I slept in a lofted bed for my entire freshman year in the honors dorm. My second year brought me to Hong Kong through IBCE. A natural and logical progression, at least in the hedge maze of my mind, was to head off to a scenic, humid, cultural antithesis to America, Thailand, to conquer moving heights by riding an elephant. So I steered myself mentally and booked a flight. I spent the day with a whole family of Thai elephants, riding them, bathing them, feeding them, scooping up their poop... Admittedly the last bit of that was not as pleasant, but worth it, because in the end we all received kisses as reward for caring for these wrinkled, wise-looking creatures. So with great aplomb, our new grey-trunked friends gave us suction-y, smile-inducing kisses on our necks and faces. Weary and worn, and smelling of the sun, my friends and I headed back to our hostel to scrub and sleep off the day, and as the next morning broke, I was shaken awake by my anxious friend, asking me to take a look at something. Now, I had seen the symptoms before, but never like this. The bruising was uncanny, and the circular shape unmistakable. I recalled the endearing cause of this unusual affliction and everything leading up to this wound. If time travel were possible and the current version of myself could go back to my first-year-of-university version, I know I’d have scoffed at the ridiculous notion of the elephant hickey that was so glaringly sitting in my sights at this moment. “This is surely a worthy addition to the medical journals” was the first thing to pop into my head, but that would not help my stricken-faced friend, so I gathered my wits, found a pharmacy, mimed my way through a conversation and successfully obtained a bruise-healing balm. The ludicrous stories I can now share because of the opportunities provided through USC and the McNair scholarship have given me a perspective on life and unconventional communication skills that I will carry with me through my career post-graduation.

Elisha received the honor of being named one of two IB Oxford Scholars and will continue her education for a fifth year at Oxford University through USC.
While USC’s freshman classes are thousands of students strong each year, our classes of scholars remain small, tightly knit groups. Backgrounds, majors and interests vary widely, but many of our scholars remain close through their college years and beyond. The following pages give you a brief look into who is in each class, where they are from and what they study.

HAMILTON SCHOLARS

CLASS OF 2015

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

EMILY TIEBUS
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
Aynor High School
Aynor, S.C.
Public Health

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

CHRISTINA-LIN BROWN
Academic Magnet High School
Grove Creek, S.C.
Biological Sciences

LAURA DEAN
Richland Northeast High School
Columbia, S.C.
Early Childhood Education

COURTNEY GABBY
Silver Bluff High School
Beaufort Island, S.C.

AMIA GIBSON
Riverdale High School
Grass, S.C.
International Business (IBA) and Marketing

WEBER PIKE
Broward High School
Broward, S.C.
Biomedical Engineering

CAMERON REID
McKannan High School
McKannan, S.C.
Middle Level Education

DANIEL WANG
International School of Beaufort
Florence, S.C.
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

CLASS OF 2017

EDWARD DUNTON
Streator Preparatory School
Jacksonville, Fla.
Chemical Engineering

KIMBERLY GLATZ
William G. Enloe High School
Raleigh, N.C.
International Business and Global Supply Chain and Operations Management

ELEANOR GRAY
William Friend High School
Palmetto, S.C.
Marketing and Management

MICHELLE WILSON
Crystal Lake Central High School
Crystal Lake, Ill.
Chemical Engineering

HORSESHOE SCHOLARS

CLASS OF 2015

CHRISTOPHER BUCKMAN
Farragut High School
Knoxville, Tenn.
Mathematics and Statistics

PATRICK KENNEDY
Beargrass High School
Atlanta, Ga.
International Business

LEANNA O’BRIEN
Ward Melville High School
East Setauket, N.Y.
English and Mathematics

EDWARD DUNTON
Streator Preparatory School
Jacksonville, Fla.
Chemical Engineering

WEBER PIKE
Broward High School
Broward, S.C.
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TAYLOR KARLIN
Poolesville High School
Colorado Springs, Colo.
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

PERRY DAVIS
Newton Conover High School
Conover, N.C.
Marketing and Global Supply Chain and Operations Management

LEAHANA O’BRIEN
Ward Melville High School
East Setauket, N.Y.
English and Mathematics

MICHELLE WILSON
Crystal Lake Central High School
Crystal Lake, Ill.
Chemical Engineering

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MICHELLE WILSON
Crystal Lake Central High School
Crystal Lake, Ill.
Chemical Engineering
CATHARINE BUDDIN
John and Spud Spavet Scholarship
St. James High School
Scholars Academy
Marshall Invest, S.C.
Exercise Science and Religious Studies

RILEY CHAMBERS
Oko D. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Irmo High School
Columbia, S.C.
Biological Science

SONA CHOWDHARY
Ada E. Thomas Scholarship and the Mary B. M. Pearce Johnstone & James F. Pearce Jr. Scholarship
South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics
Florence, S.C.
Biological Science

JACOB DUSTAN
John Strothers Memorial Scholarship
Greer, S.C.
Biomedical Engineering

KYLE HAPKEN
Mary-Moore and Michael J. Manor Scholarship
South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics
Florence, S.C.
Biological Science

LUKE HAVENS
Mary-Moore and Michael J. Manor Scholarship
South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics
Florence, S.C.
Biological Science

CONNOR HOFFMAN
John Robinson Scholarship
Needmore Hall Episcopal School
Columbia, S.C.
Biological Science

JOHN ISENHOWER
International Council
Partnership Scholarship
South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics
Greenville, S.C.
Chemical Engineering

JUSTIN MOORE
Class of 1955 Freeman Scholarship
Richard Montgomery High School
Baltimore, Md.
Chemical Engineering

GABRIEL JUETS
James A. Morgan Scholarship
Ashley Hall
Charleston, S.C.
International Business and Global Supply Chain and Operations Management

LHAREE PARIKH
John Rankin Scholarship
Irmo High School
Columbia, S.C.
Biological Science

ANNA RIDENOUR
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Walker Scholarship
South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics
Summerville, S.C.
Anthropology and History

LISA LYNN SCHEMBRY
PNC Bank Corporation Scholarship
Myrtle Beach High School
Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Economics and Finance

AUSTIN WILLIAMS
Carolyn Schuler General Endowment Fund Scholarship
Dutch Fork High School
Irmo, S.C.
Economics and Political Science

KATE DRISCOLL
Petersen Catholic High School
Petersburg, Pa.
Physics and Mathematics

KEEAN DUNKLEY
Marine Science
North Carolina State University
Waxhaw, N.C.
Physics and Mathematics

MATTHEW PRICE
T.C. Roberson High School
Cary, N.C.
Political Science

NICHOLAS LENZE
Northern Guilford High School
Summerville, N.C.
Biochemistry

JACOB SIMS
LePestel Mercel Magnet High School
Louisville, Ky.
Economics, Engineering, and Global Supply Chain and Operations Management

RACHEL SMOAK
William J. Doar Magnet High School
Cary, N.C.
Chemical Engineering and Chemistry

Catherine Scholars

McNair Scholars

KYLE HAPKEN
Jane V. Gragg Scholarship
Richard Montgomery High School
Baltimore, Md.
Business Management and Marketing

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