At the University of South Carolina, we are determined to attract the nation’s best scholars, and we have cultivated a culture of excellence in academics and research where students and faculty work together for the sake of innovation and discovery.

As a result, our Carolina, 1801, Horseshoe, McNair and Stamps scholars hail from across the nation, exhibiting a rare kind of intellectual ambition. Their exceptional potential is magnified through friendships, collaborations, interaction with faculty and the resources provided to them as Top Scholars.

At South Carolina, they have the opportunity to pursue a rich academic experience filled with inquiry and challenge, and in turn, our university is shaped by their minds and voices that lend fresh perspectives to our campus life.

Mentored by experienced faculty and staff, supported by community and business leaders, alumni and donors, inspired by their peers and called to action by communities in need both here and abroad, our Top Scholars have studied around the globe and embraced a wide range of majors — from chemistry to political science, biomedical engineering, music, nursing, international business and more.

We are appreciative of our generous donors who believe in our pursuit of discovery through collaboration and cross-disciplinary exploration. Our Top Scholars are self-motivated students whose academic and world-changing potential is outstanding, and when that potential is nurtured and supported by our donors and faculty, these students will be prepared to make significant contributions as they step forward to lead and shape a new generation.

Steven Lynn
Dean, Louise Fry Scudder Professor
South Carolina Honors College
Distinguished by their extraordinary academic talent, exemplary character and remarkable leadership skills, Top Scholars are outstanding students whose ideas and abilities will shape the world of tomorrow. They are the university’s most distinguished merit scholarship recipients, and they currently represent 36 cities in South Carolina and 18 states nationally. These young scholars personify not only the ideals Ralph Waldo Emerson espoused 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 these programs is to create a community of scholars with a united and visible identity. The Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs serves as the home base for Top Scholars, offering them four years of extensive programming. They receive one-on-one advisement for academic goals and co-curricular plans such as national fellowship preparation, internships, undergraduate research, graduate school preparation and employment. All Top Scholars have a full schedule of programs each semester, which includes socials, formal dinners, lectures and invitations to special campus events. In addition, first-year scholars participate in a leadership retreat, creating bonds and developing skills that will last a lifetime. Even more, Top Scholars benefit from automatic admission to the South Carolina Honors College, preferred access to freshman housing and parking.

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 donors have made possible.

Carolina Scholars

The University of South Carolina developed the Carolina Scholars program in 1969 for gifted students from the state of South Carolina to celebrate the virtues of a world-class education. The program has expanded from 10 students in its first year to more than 70 scholars on campus during fall 2018. Since its inception, more than 800 scholars have participated in the program, which has been an integral factor in keeping many of the state’s most gifted students in South Carolina.

McNair Scholars

Established in spring 1998 as part of the university’s Bicentennial Campaign, the McNair Scholars program is a scholarship fund for out-of-state students supported by generous gifts totaling $30 million from university alumnus Robert C. McNair and his wife, Janice. The McNair Scholars program is the counterpart of Carolina’s prestigious Carolina Scholars program. This year, the university welcomed the 21st class of McNair Scholars — a group of the nation’s brightest students, representing 18 states.
**Stamps Scholars**

A partnership was formed in 2013 with the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation to recruit and educate five in-state Stamps Scholars. In 2017, the Stamps program was enhanced to support five in-state and our first five out-of-state scholars. This year, the university welcomed its sixth class of Stamps Scholars, with 10 new first-year students entering the Top Scholar community in August. In addition to all of the Carolina and McNair Scholar perks, these students receive support and networking opportunities regionally and nationally with partner schools and the foundation. Stamps Scholars are offered an extra $10,000 for high-impact activities such as research, study and travel abroad, community service, career development and more.

**1801 and Horseshoe Scholars**

The university also welcomes up to 25 in-state 1801 Scholars and 20 out-of-state Horseshoe Scholars each year. As a part of the larger scholar community, these students equally contribute to the exceptional academic talent on campus. 1801 and Horseshoe Scholars excel alongside their Carolina, McNair and Stamps peers to create a strong, unified community of Top Scholars at the University of South Carolina.

**The Selection and Awarding Process**

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions coordinates the selection process for Top Scholar Awards. To be considered, students are first required to submit an application for freshman admission. They next complete an Honors College/Top Scholars supplement that contains three essays and an uploaded resume. These prompts ask students to discuss their intellectual pursuits as well as meaningful leadership and service activities at their high schools and in their communities. Two recommendation letters are also required. University faculty and staff carefully evaluate each applicant in areas such as academic preparation, intellectual curiosity, leadership potential, recommendations, genuine interest in the university as well as outstanding talents and accomplishments. More than 4,500 applications were received for the 2018 cohort.

Each year, 50 in-state students and 45 out-of-state students are selected to attend a Top Scholar Candidate Weekend in late February or early March. During these visits, candidates tour campus, view residence halls, meet with many prominent university 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 to experience campus culture. Each candidate’s visit ends with a scholarship interview conducted by university faculty.

All students who attend the Top Scholar Candidate Weekend will receive a generous scholarship renewable for up to four years of study. After these weekends, five in-state Stamps Scholars, five out-of-state Stamps Scholars, 20 Carolina Scholars, 20 McNair Scholars, 25 1801 Scholars, and 20 Horseshoe Scholars are named from the original group of 95 candidates.

Our current and incoming Top 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.”
Janice McNair and Robert C. McNair have been champions of philanthropy for decades, giving generously to deserving causes while making education and medical research the cornerstones of their charitable giving. Contributions are made through The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation, the Houston Texans Foundation and The Robert and Janice McNair Educational Foundation in Forest City, North Carolina. To date, they have contributed more than a half billion dollars to charity.

Robert McNair, the founder, senior chairman and chief executive officer of the NFL’s Houston Texans, is best known in the business community as the founder of Cogen Technologies, which was the largest privately owned cogeneration company in the world when it was sold in 1999. He served as senior chairman of McNair Interests and owned Palmetto Partners Ltd. and RCM Financial Services LP, private investment entities.

He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and met his wife, then Janice Suber, while she was attending nearby Columbia College.

He was named Entrepreneur of the Decade by the Houston Technology Center and was awarded the James A. Baker III Prize for Excellence in Leadership by the Baker Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. McNair has been inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, the Texas Business Hall of Fame and the Houston Hall of Fame. In 2018, McNair became the sixth recipient of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame’s Lamar Hunt Lifetime Achievement Award, and was named a 2019 Laureate by the South Carolina Business Hall of Fame.

Committed to bringing an NFL team to Houston, McNair was awarded the 32nd NFL franchise in 1999, and the Houston Texans debuted in 2002. McNair’s leadership brought two Super Bowls to Houston’s NRG Stadium: Super Bowl XXXVIII in 2004 and Super Bowl LI in 2017.

Janice McNair shares her late husband’s vision and passion for helping others. She has been honored by numerous nonprofit organizations, including the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council in 2005, Houston Independent School District in 2008, Child Advocates in 2009, the Salvation Army in 2014 and the Prayer Institute in 2019. She serves as co-founder and senior chair of the Houston Texans and is senior chair of McNair Interests.

Together, the McNairs established McNair Scholars programs to recruit the best and brightest students and faculty to the University of South Carolina, Columbia College, Rice University, Baylor College of Medicine, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, The Menninger Clinic, Texas Children’s Hospital and the Texas Heart Institute.

In 2015, the McNairs began establishing McNair Centers for Entrepreneurism and Free Enterprise at Rice University, the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Houston Baptist University, the University of South Carolina and Northwood University in Michigan.

The McNair Foundation’s gifts helped build McNair Field in Forest City, North Carolina, and created a memorial for Mother Emanuel Nine at Charleston. Their love of community is evident throughout Houston, including McNair Hall at Rice University, McNair Foundation Jogging Trail, McNair Asian Elephant Habitat and the addition of the African Forest at the Houston Zoo, United Way’s 2-1-1 Center, McNair Gallery and Education Court at the Museum Fine Arts Houston, Houston Parks Bayou Greenways 2020, Houston Baptist University’s McNair Hall and McNair Plaza and Pro-Vision’s McNair Urban Farm and McNair Football and Track Field. When Hurricane Harvey hit the Houston area in 2017, the McNairs gave $3 million to the United Way of Greater Houston for relief efforts and helped restore the Houston Grand Opera.

The McNairs chaired the American Cancer Society’s “Hope Lodge Houston” capital campaign and co-chaired Texas Children’s Hospital’s “Promise Campaign.” Bob and Janice McNair’s generosity hasn’t gone unnoticed. In 2015, Bob was named a “Living Legend” by M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. In 2014, they were presented UNICEF’s inaugural Margaret Alkek Williams Humanitarian Award and Houston Baptist University’s President’s Award, followed by the “Lombardi Honors Humanitarians of the Year” Award in 2017. In 2018, they received Houston Baptist University’s Founders Medal.

The McNairs have called Houston home since 1960. They have four children, 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
E. Roe Stamps IV of Coconut Grove, Florida, is a private investor and co-founder of the Boston-based private investment company Summit Partners. He is a former lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve, an industrial engineering graduate of Georgia Tech and an MBA graduate from Harvard Business School.

Roe and his late wife Penny moved to South Florida in 1993 and devoted significant time and resources to philanthropic causes in the area. Their deeply rooted commitment to bettering the community led them to become longtime supporters of the University of Miami, the Grayvik Animal Care Center, Fairchild Tropical Garden, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, Community Partnership for the Homeless, Ransom Everglades School, Breakthrough Miami and a number of other charities throughout the region.

This spirit of philanthropy may be best reflected in the formation of the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation by Roe and Penny in 1986. Created with the intent of helping exceptional students become meaningful leaders throughout society, the foundation supports scholarships for approximately 900 students attending more than 40 universities nationwide. Though Penny passed away in December 2018, her generosity, passion for education and dedication to bettering the lives of others lives on through these remarkable students.

Roe is a trustee emeritus of the Georgia Tech Foundation and a trustee at the University of Miami, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and several other distinguished organizations. At Georgia Tech, Roe served the foundation for over 16 years. He has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering and the Joseph Mayo Pettit Alumni Distinguished Service Award, the highest award conferred by the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. He was inducted into Georgia Tech’s Engineering Hall of Fame in 2001 and received an honorary Doctor of Philosophy in 2014.

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

Roe now dedicates his time to his personal interests, which include fly-fishing, bird hunting, flying, boating, jazz piano and spending time with his family: son, Will; daughter, Annie; grandson, Hunter; and granddaughter, Winnie. In addition, he takes time to enjoy his black Labrador retriever, Ella; his two French bulldogs, Nacho and Lola; and the family’s miscellaneous stray cats.
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Joanna Meekins and Catherine Millender, with Meekins Carolina Scholar Macy Cope, middle, at the spring Top Scholar Donor Dinner.

Freshman Carolina Scholar Julia Williams meets her donor, former University President John Palms.
Madhura Pande, Katie Heins, Will Rivers, Andrew Re, Casey Brayton, K. Lee Graham and Neha Malhotra celebrate the seniors at the Top Scholar Spring Donor Dinner.

Donor Roe Stamps with several of the UofSC Stamps Scholars who attended the 2019 National Stamps Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

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In the spring of 2018, Bob and Janice McNair had a chance to reflect on 20 years of the McNair Scholars Program at the University of South Carolina. Their landmark $20 million gift in 1998 established a generous scholarship fund that attracts the best out-of-state students and makes South Carolina competitive among top-tier institutions in recruiting academic talent.

In two decades, McNair Scholarships have benefited more than 400 students whose academic, leadership and personal standards help raise the quality and reputation of South Carolina.

In March 2019 (several months after Bob McNair’s death), The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation made a new $18 million commitment to secure the future of the program. This donation will increase the value of McNair Scholars awards from $15,000 to $22,000 per year and add $12,000 in academic-enrichment funds for each scholar.

“The gift is designed to maintain the value of McNair Scholars awards in relation to the cost of attendance and ensure South Carolina remains competitive in attracting the nation’s high-caliber students. The academic-enrichment funds allow McNair Scholars to pursue out-of-classroom educational experiences, such as McNair Signature Experiences for travel-immersion learning,” says Dennis Pruitt, the university’s vice president for Student Affairs and vice provost for academic support. “Their investments in our students and our university set in motion a transformation of our student body and of the programs and services we provide our students. We’re deeply grateful for their generosity.”

In its mission to provide a challenging and supportive educational environment, the McNair Scholars Program helped develop and inspire a multitude of learning enhancements at South Carolina that benefit other students as well. The program has provided opportunities in undergraduate research, study abroad, global learning, leadership and service learning and internships.

The scholarship is administered by the office of National Fellowships and Scholar Programs, which operates out of the South Carolina Honors College and serves as home base for McNair scholarship recipients.
PRESIDENT PASTIDES’ LAST LECTURE

by Jan Smoak, National Fellowships and Scholar Programs

When Last Lecture coordinator Madison Baker learned that university President Harris Pastides had the evening of April 3 open, the decision about whom to book for the spring event was an easy one.

Baker asked the president to share his Last Lecture, a tradition in which faculty members reflect on what matters most to them and share their advice and wisdom. The lecture series, hosted by the Top Scholars community, spans two decades at the university.

With Pastides’ retirement in summer 2019, he was a natural choice for this year’s event, which was the first Last Lecture given by a UofSC president. After 21 years on campus – 11 as president – Pastides is known for his connection with students and began by sharing his appreciation for the memories they have provided.

“I have learned a lot from you. You have made me not only a better president, but a better person,” he told the large crowd that filled Russell House Theatre. “I’m most proud of the fact that every decision I’ve made, and every action I’ve taken over the last 3,898 days (but who’s counting?) has been about preparing you with the tools, skills and attitude needed to build the future of your dreams.”

Throughout the lecture, Pastides shared his advice for a successful and rewarding life and career, which included setting goals, thinking critically and developing resilience.

As he concluded, Pastides reminded students that they are the heart of the university. “You have served as our compass ... on this incredible path of impact and consequence we have traveled. Because of you, we know that not only is Carolina’s future bright, so is the nation’s. Now go forth and have your own very bright future. Forever to thee.”

PASTIDES’ LIFE LESSONS

1. Keep a specific set of goals, set the bar high and give yourself a time frame: “Being happy is not a goal. Achieving something that will make you happy is.”

2. Be an independent, critical thinker, and respect the diversity of ideas by listening to others and to opinions different from your own. “Finding common ground with others doesn’t mean changing your beliefs or opinions, but in the face of even significant disagreement, it’s about finding some area of agreement even if tiny.”

3. Develop resilience and keep a positive attitude. Acknowledge that disappointments and change are inevitable and strive to “keep an equilibrium, an attitude that lets you roll with the punches and deal effectively with what life brings.”
Noemi Glaeser, a McNair Scholar senior, won the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. She is pictured here with Dr. Mike Matthews.

Of the four winners of the Critical Languages Scholarship this year, three of them are Top Scholars. From left McNair Scholars Kylee Yturralde and Madison Bradley; Nicholas Ferguson and last on right Stamps Scholar Avery Kral.

Senior Horseshoe Scholar Liz Grace won a Tau Beta Pi Scholarship.
Six Top Scholars and two alumni have won prestigious awards this academic year that will allow them to travel abroad, learn languages, continue their academic studies and pursue research. These competitive awards bring distinction to Top Scholars and to the university.

The Critical Languages Scholarship is one of the most interesting experiences that national fellowships afford. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the program is an intensive, overseas language and cultural immersion. CLS scholars gain critical language and cultural skills that enable them to contribute to U.S. economic competitiveness and national security. Three of the university’s four winners are sophomore Top Scholars: Stamps Scholar Avery Kral, McNair Scholar Kylee Yturralde and McNair Scholar Madison Bradley, who declined the award. Kral is majoring in classics, philosophy and global studies and will study Arabic this summer. Yturralde is pursuing a Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae-MD degree with a focus in biology. She will study Indonesian.

Senior Patrick McKenzie, a Stamps Scholar and NOAA Hollings Scholar, will spend a year studying Arabic in Jordan on a Boren Scholarship. The Boren Scholarship is awarded to students seeking to improve skills in less commonly taught languages.

Recipients study abroad in countries outside of Western Europe. McKenzie will graduate with degrees in biology and geography and a minor in Spanish.

Horseshoe Scholar Elizabeth Grace, a senior in chemical engineering, won the Tau Beta Pi Scholarship. Tau Beta Pi, the world’s largest engineering honor society, selects award recipients based on scholarship, campus leadership and service and promise of future contributions to the engineering profession.

STEM fields at the university continue to attract Top Scholars, especially those who plan to be researchers. This year, senior McNair Scholar Noemi Glaeser won two major graduate fellowships. She accepted the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and therefore had to decline the Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowship. She is finishing her collegiate career with dual degrees in mathematics and computer science with a minor in music. Also winning the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship are two alumni both studying biomedical engineering: Carolina Scholar Colman Moore (currently at UC San Diego) and McNair Scholar Samm Stewart (studying at the University of Maryland).
SENIOR SCHOLARS

To introduce you to our seniors 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 Top 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.
JACKLYN ABERNATHY

McNAIR SCHOLAR

Battle Ground Academy
Franklin, Tennessee
Global Studies, Political Science and Spanish

Little did I know, as a freshman, just what I would learn when I took the final honors Natural History of South Carolina class. Rudy Mancke (of radio’s NatureNotes fame) taught us a lot about nature, and even more about following our own passions. He left us with one last piece of advice: “We would rather marvel at other people’s lives than live marvelous lives ourselves. Don’t do that.” I was able to follow his advice when I twice drove across the country, from the south to California and back, with my best friends from USC. I will forever be grateful to the school for giving me both professors to inspire me to step out of my comfort zone and friends willing to accompany me.

Jacklyn will participate in the Washington Semester Program at UoFSC before graduating in December and working in Los Angeles or Washington, D.C. She plans to apply to law school for fall 2021.

CASEY BRAYTON

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

Solomon Blatt Carolina Scholar
Dutch Fork High School
Irmo, South Carolina
Marine Science

My professors have meant the world to me. When I first stepped into Dr. Claudia Benitez-Nelson’s office, I had no idea what to do with my life. When I first stepped into Dr. Ryan Rykaczewski’s lab as a freshman, I didn’t even know what a climate model was. When I first met Dr. Sasha Yankovsky, I couldn’t tell you how a wave moved or how their movements sustain the climate of the entire earth. Now, I’m planning to spend my life exploring the ocean all thanks to these kind, patient, incredible people.

Casey plans to be an oceanographer and work with coastal communities to create holistic climate change resilience policies.
ZANE BRIDWELL

In a school that is geared towards classical music, crafting a relevant degree program for myself as a musical theater writer has been tricky, but doing so has forced me to become a more dedicated and versatile musician. While at USC, I studied nine instruments in numerous musical idioms, attended over a hundred musical performances, worked at the Koger Center for the Arts, performed in instrumental and choral ensembles and had my music recorded by world-renowned artists. If the university’s music program was tailored to my interests, I would have graduated with the same set of skills as any other aspiring musical theater writer. I am glad it isn’t, because it’s what makes me unique.

Zane will attend New York University’s Graduate Musical Theatre Writing Program as he builds his career as a composer/lyricist for musical theater in New York.

MATTHEW SOUTH BRIGHT

“Hello and welcome to the University of South Carolina.” Little did I know that just a few years ago those words would change my life forever. When I first toured the University of South Carolina, I instantly felt at home. I knew that I wanted to share this feeling with others, so my freshman year I joined University Ambassadors as a tour guide. Butterflies churned in my stomach as I gave my first tour, but now I am a seasoned pro. I am so happy that over the years I was able to be a part of so many prospective students’ college searches and serve as the tour guide for many fellow students who found their home at Carolina.

South will begin his career in dentistry at the University of North Carolina Adams School of Dentistry.
MCNAIR SCHOLAR
GREG BURTON

When I came to USC, I wasn’t planning on applying to law schools after graduation. In fact, I wanted to work outside the country when I was finished. Unexpectedly, though, I was directed down the right path through what it was missing. The organizations I had hoped to join weren’t present, or at least not obviously so. As a result, I was led to Mock Trial, which has completely altered my trajectory in life. Because the university didn’t have exactly what I was looking for, I was swayed to try something new, and something that has had unmeasurable effects on my life. USC didn’t provide exactly what I was looking for — it provided exactly what I needed.

Greg will attend law school at the University of Pennsylvania this fall.

Mae taking advantage of a free portrait photo available at a young professionals brunch for congressional interns at the U.S. Capitol during her Washington Semester experience.

MAE CHINNES
CAROLINA SCHOLAR

Ada B. Thomas Carolina Scholar and
Mary B. M. Pearce Johnston and James T. Pearce Jr. Scholarship
Goose Creek High School
Summerville, South Carolina

It’s impossible to sum up my time at the university in a paragraph. I wish I could start at First Night Carolina, Flotilla and Bedtime Stories and work my way forward, but instead I’ll just give a few thanks. Thank you Elise Porter for fixing my life for six semesters and counting. Thank you Jen Bess for letting me eat lunch while we talk through fellowship applications for the thousandth time. Thank you Rebecca Johnson for being a data nerd with me. Thank you friends, new and old, who make me smile and laugh every day. Finally, thank you Carolina for helping me grow as a scholar and professional and sending me out into the world a stronger and kinder person than you found me.

Mae will continue her studies at UofSC this fall, and later, work in the field of health policy, serving South Carolinians from the seat of government in Washington, D.C.
TAYLOR LYNN CRIBBS

J. Rion McKissick Carolina Scholar
Dillon High School
Dillon, South Carolina
Experimental Psychology and Criminology
and Criminal Justice

Being at USC was my first experience being a small fish in a big pond. While I wasn’t originally thrilled about that, it has given me the freedom to explore what I wanted instead of what the people around me wanted. It gave me the opportunity to find out exactly what I’m capable of on my own. I owe the university everything. I am a better, more open-minded person because of all the different people I’ve met. I am committed to, unafraid of and unapologetic for the life I’ve chosen for myself because the university has instilled in me since day one the confidence to strive for the impossible. I am forever grateful and forever to thee, Carolina.

Taylor will join the Department of Justice with plans to become a state or federal law enforcement agent and criminal profiler.

WADE CURLEE

McNAIR SCHOLAR

High Point Christian Academy
High Point, North Carolina
Chemical Engineering

When I first arrived at USC, I thought that by the time I graduated college I needed to have my entire career laid out. I thought that if I chose the wrong major or made any wrong step that my life would veer off track. Thankfully, during my time at the university I found mentors, who already had gone down my path, to give me words of advice that calmed my nerves. Due to their influence, I was able to look at the bigger picture and discovered that making mistakes along the way is inevitable and even beneficial. Most importantly, I learned that all plans are made in pencil and that people are more important than any career.

Wade will work as a process engineer at ATEX technologies in Pinebluff, North Carolina.
Gabriel D. D’Agostino

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

G.G. Dowling Carolina Scholar
Clover High School
York, South Carolina
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

I have had many great experiences while at the university. One of the most profound has been my last year of research, while working independently on my thesis project. As I discovered new information on my topic, I realized that I will add to the knowledge we have of science, knowledge that we did not have before. That exciting realization comes with an awesome responsibility that reaffirms my desire to pursue a career in research.

Gabriel will attend Harvard University to pursue a doctorate in chemical biology.

Harrison Engoren

McNAIR SCHOLAR

Oak Park River Forest High School
River Forest, Illinois
Computer Science

My junior year I attended Soda City’s startup weekend. I was forced to utilize the technical skills I had learned in my classes and apply them to a real-life situation. It inspired me to pursue a potential career in software development and entrepreneurship. I learned that I really like to be a problem solver and creator and want to pursue a career in that intersection of disciplines.

Harrison has joined government contractor, Expedition Technology Inc., located near Washington, D.C., in Virginia.

Harrison enjoys a spring day on a boat tour in Capri during his holiday while studying abroad in England.
The spiral staircase rooms in the Honors dorm are located at the heart of each floor. As freshmen, we were drawn to their spacious interiors and fabled stairs, and I was no different. In my first year, I spent most of my time in one of these rooms studying, eating or hanging out with whoever happened to be there. We gambled candy on Halloween and sent each other tongue-in-cheek valentines. We took Scholar Formal pictures on the spiral staircase and stressed over finals. Even after the spiral staircase wasn’t around anymore, we spent time wading into the Thomas Cooper fountain to celebrate our basketball teams and exchanging joke gifts before winter break. These friendships will stay with me after I leave Carolina.

Noemi will attend the University of Maryland to pursue a doctorate in computer science using her National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and spend time in Germany through UM’s joint Maryland-Max Planck Program.

Noemi stands by tanks of liquid argon at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, where she worked as a computing intern in the summer of 2018.
As a Gamecock, I have had so many amazing opportunities both on and off campus. In May 2017, I traveled to Germany for two weeks to study energy and sustainability in Europe for a Maymester course. From touring sustainable farms in southwest Germany to climbing to the top of the tallest church in the world in Ulm, every day was full of adventure and new experiences. In these two weeks, I met some of my best friends and learned a lot about renewable and alternative energy sources and German culture. As I pursue my next adventures, the memories I made in Germany, along with those I have made here in Columbia, will always hold a special place in my heart.

Following graduation, Liz will work in Midland, Michigan, as a process research and development engineer with Dow Chemical Co.

As a creative professional, the Columbia community provided opportunities for me to work with local businesses as a social content strategist, and being a loud and proud Gamecock prompted national and regional brands to reach out for organic content tailored to South Carolina students. My most notable collaboration was for College Vault x IMG College Licensing’s campaign for the SEC Championship at the Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta. As the representative from USC, I created content from the sidelines of the game that drove brand awareness for IMG Licensing’s apparel brand, College Vault, the Southeastern Conference and my university. My love for this school opened up a stadium-scale door for my career in social media.

K. Lee will work this summer in New York City as an assistant at the Columbia University’s Publishing Course where she will work on book proposals for potential publication.
When I leave USC, my goal is to be able to guide students that come after me in the same way that alumni have done for me during my time here. Bob McNair gave me the opportunity to attend this school and graduate debt-free, and countless alumni have given me their time so that I could learn about their careers in order to figure out what I ultimately want to do. The help I have received from alumni, faculty and the scholar community is something I will never forget, and it is my hope to one day be able to give something back to the university commensurate with all that it has given me.

Clare will work as an analytics consultant for Deloitte in Charlotte, North Carolina before pursuing a law-MBA degree in preparation for a corporate law career.

Clare visited the Parthenon in Athens, Greece as a junior during her semester study abroad experience.
OLIVIA HALVORSON
McNAIR SCHOLAR

Bolton High School
Bartlett, Tennessee
International Business and Marketing

In the spring of my sophomore year, I was bananas enough to join the Methodist Student Network on their spring break trip to the Dominican Republic, and that short period of time was inarguably the most transformative week of my college career. I had known this particular group for only a few weeks, but I had been on the hunt for a fun community of empathetic people who loved one another, and MSN seemed to fit the bill. In the Dominican Republic, our group managed a mobile optometry clinic and distributed prescription eyeglasses to hundreds of people. I simultaneously grew closer to some of the best friends I’ve ever known. I’ll always cherish those days and remember that life is better with fried plantains.

Olivia will join Boeing in Mesa, Arizona, as part of its business skills rotational program, which will give her the opportunity to work in several finance-oriented areas over the next few years.

My experience at the University of South Carolina has been nothing short of phenomenal. This campus has been a source of inspiration, passion, friendship, growth and much more. It’s helped shape me into the person that I am today. I have fallen in love with the international business program in the past few semesters. I’ve never been surrounded by so many intelligent, caring, driven, globally minded peers and professors in my life, and they’ve challenged me to expand my thinking and to understand the opportunities and challenges that stem from the global, integrated society that we live in today. I’m forever grateful to USC, the international business program and the McNair family for the invaluable opportunities I’ve been given these four years.

Monique continues her journey as a teacher with Teach For America in New Orleans, Louisiana.
The first time I sat in my future research mentor’s office almost three years ago, I nearly cried of happiness. Having felt out of place in political science, I found my home in social work, and I spent hours in her basement office, soaking up intricacies of refugee policy and resettlement, international law and social justice theory. This exposure led me to many incredible opportunities. I am now an advocate at a sexual trauma center, I love working with middle schoolers and my professor is still beside me as I complete my thesis with Columbia refugee youth. In that office and countless other places, I’ve found homes at Carolina that I didn’t know I was looking for, but that I will never replace.

Katie will join the Peace Corps to work with youth in Swaziland before pursuing a master’s degree in social work to work in the human rights field.

Katie hiked among Roman ruins in Umm Qais while studying human rights in Jordan.
CONNOR HOFFMAN

Blair Standridge Memorial Scholarship
Heathwood Hall
Columbia, South Carolina
Biology

I started at USC in 2012, with all the dreams a freshman has in his first days of college, and for the first year, things were good. Halfway through my sophomore year, however, I was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disorder that essentially confined me to a bed for two years. I worried that the university would cut all ties when I told them I would have to leave everything behind to recover. But Dr. Pastides took me aside and told me, “Get better, Connor. Your scholarship, opportunities and mentors will all be waiting for you when you return.” They were. The university was there for me through my worst times, and I wouldn’t be finishing my degree now without the wonderful people in it.

Connor plans to apply his science background to a career in sales with a medical supply company or pharmaceutical corporation.

KATE HOFFMAN

**CAROLINA SCHOLAR**

Joseph Cardinal L. Bernardin Carolina Scholar
The South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities
Columbia, South Carolina
Biology

I studied genetics and Irish and European history at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, the fall of my senior year. I joined its College Historical Debating Society and won competitions arguing for women’s reparations and the efficacy of the European Union’s new GDPR privacy policy. I met politicians who spearheaded Ireland’s health care reform legislation and the repeal of the 8th amendment of the Irish constitution. The friends I made here and abroad challenged me to try British parliamentary style debating, to travel to Iceland solo to photograph geysers and to study Portuguese, Gaelic, Spanish and Italian — opportunities that I never would have thought possible. At USC I studied opera performance, Spanish medical translator work and spent a year abroad studying in Ireland and Spain because USC has no limits!

Kate starts medical school at UofSC School of Medicine Greenville in August with plans to become a physician and policymaker.
NICOLE HOFFNER

Thomas B. Pearce Carolina Scholar
Homeschool
Simpsonville, South Carolina
Exercise Science

My time at the University of South Carolina has been incredibly enriching in two senses. Firstly, I have transitioned from a shy, narrow-minded teenager who thought she had her life figured out, to a mature young professional with critical thinking skills and a strong desire to make an impact in this world, wherever life may take me. My time here played a major role in this transformation, reaching far beyond classwork to include the development of diverse friendships, community service and involvement in student organizations. Secondly, this personal transformation has been the catalyst behind my time and effort to make a difference in the Carolina community by becoming a part of varied groups and projects that impact others and enrich the school’s multicultural atmosphere.

Nicole is thankful for all her memories at Carolina and excited to see the future for which it has prepared her.

DEANNA KATHLEEN KEEN

Riverside Brookfield High School
Brookfield, Illinois
Chemistry and Chinese Studies

My UofSC experience contains my very best memories of opportunities I was able to take advantage of as a young and adventurous student. It was here that I learned to speak Mandarin, made international best friends in Canada and Japan, volunteered hundreds of hours, became a scuba diver, studied abroad in the second largest city in the world, gained hundreds of sisters through my sororities, fell in love and accomplished goals that included getting research published and running three marathons, including running on the Great Wall of China. I had amazing opportunities to explore and learn, and I love that I made UofSC part of my history.

Deanna will take a gap year to conduct research before pursuing medical and doctoral degrees to become a physician scientist.

Deanna travels to Japan to visit her friend Hiro, whom she met at UofSC. Pictured here is Fushmini Inari shrine in Kyoto.
DON LANDRUM
McNAIR SCHOLAR
Lumpkin County High School
Gainesville, Georgia
Computer Science

“Bienvenido a Roma Termini.” These welcoming words, blasted through the PA systems of trains arriving in Rome, ring through my ears whenever I consider the Eternal City. The lessons I learned during my semester in Italy were many, like the importance of the meal: an expression of simple, everyday beauty and an invitation to break from the workday, nurturing both the body and the brain. As a STEM major who studied abroad in an artistic and historical center, my semester in Rome was an enriching excursion into not just a foreign culture, but also a foreign curriculum. Studying in Rome allowed me to supplement my scientific instruction with a liberal arts concentration, providing the very educational diversity that brought me to Carolina to begin with.

Don will work as a software developer for Amazon in Seattle.

Don throws Gamecock spurs in front of the Eiffel Tower during his study abroad to Europe, specifically Italy, his junior year.

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the number of scholars who studied abroad 2018-19 in 28 countries in pursuit of a global education.

SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS
When I came to USC, I wasn’t much of a Gamecocks fan. Despite moving to South Carolina in middle school, I was much more attached to the schools that my family historically cheered for. Four years later, I am leaving as a die-hard fan. There is a certain culture and attitude around the campus that I love, and meeting a fellow student or alumni forms an instant bond. And just in case it isn’t easy enough to tell what school I cheer for in the future, I have the most obnoxious USC surgical cap to wear in medical school and beyond.

Jared plans to be an orthopedic surgeon after finishing medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina.
CARINA LEAMAN McGEE

STAMPS SCHOLAR

Dutch Fork High School
Irmo, South Carolina
Secondary Education in English

My time at USC has been invaluable in my development, both academically and professionally. Academically, the research and analysis that I developed for my thesis established a strong foundation of content rigor and has grown into a study I hope to continue and publish. But my time student teaching and working in practicums through the university has been invaluable in my growth as a professional educator. I chose USC for its strength in both the education and English departments, and I have been blown away by the instruction, experience and support that I have received in order to ensure I am well prepared and can continue to grow throughout my teaching career.

Carina will teach English at Aiken High School next year.

NEHA MALHOTRA

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

Charles Pinckney Carolina Scholar
Irmo High School
Irmo, South Carolina
BARSC-MD: Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae with Pre-Med Studies

When I think about what represents my time at USC, I picture the Horseshoe on a sunny day. Groups of people are studying together on brightly colored blankets. You can see people walking their dogs, hurrying to class clutching Cool Beans cups or just watching the clouds. If you’re lucky, sometimes you glimpse musicians practicing or even the occasional wedding. I will forever appreciate being able to weave myself into this rich tapestry of community, learning and friendship that always surrounded me during my time in college.

I know that the lessons I learned in classes, the friends I made and my invaluable experiences with the scholar community will allow me to continue to grow as a student, a future medical professional and a Carolinian.

Neha traded in the Horseshoe for another scenic view when she studied abroad in Seville, Spain.

Neha is currently in medical school at UofSC School of Medicine Columbia with plans to be a physician and explore different aspects of medicine. As a BARSC-MD student, she completed her degree in biology in three years and started medical school her fourth year.
TAYLOR GWENDOLYN MARTIN

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

Terminix Carolina Scholar
Southside Christian School
Greenville, South Carolina
Biology

One of my most amazing experiences while at USC was studying abroad for a Maymester in Mexico. I had been to Mexico a few times before, but the level of cultural immersion on this trip was something I had never experienced. From touring the historical monuments and museums in Mexico City to living for weeks in a fishing village with scarcely any English speakers, this trip deepened my love and understanding of Mexico’s culture more so than anything I could have learned in a classroom or experienced on a simple vacation.

Taylor will work as a psychometrist at Comprehensive Psychological Solutions in Columbia to gain a year or two of experience before applying to doctoral programs for Clinical Psychology.

PATRICK McKENZIE

STAMPS SCHOLAR

South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics
Lexington, South Carolina
Geography and Biology

When I came to USC, I had wanted to be a conservation biologist for almost my entire life. As I progressed through my first couple semesters, I noticed my interests expanding. One course in particular shifted my focus: Human Impact on the Environment by Dr. Kneas. This course inspired me to pick up my Geography major, which ultimately led to my extensive travels, study of three languages and new career plans. I look forward to using the knowledge and experiences from my time at USC in the legal field as an advocate for those in need.

Patrick will spend a year studying Arabic language on a Boren Scholarship and later will attend law school to become a human rights or immigration attorney.
We assign our worth based on the titles we achieve. That’s our validation, external. But I have realized true validation comes from within. Looking back to my freshman year, it is clear my priorities were wrong. I was so focused on the end goal of college — being accepted to medical school — that I did not see the biggest challenge in my path: developing as an individual and believing in myself. In college, I found opportunities and obstacles that helped me grow and not focus solely on my achievements. My scholar family taught me to push myself in the right directions. I am stronger now having been challenged to my core. Looking toward my future, I will remember to focus on personal growth above all else.

Shreya will begin Tufts University School of Medicine this summer to pursue a joint MD/MBA.

I began my time here at USC as a finance major and ended up changing my major to pursue a medical school pathway. A variety of experiences helped to prove to me that this was the right decision. I decided that I wanted to study and be part of a profession that could directly impact people. Through my experiences in the Concussion and Health Neuroscience Lab in the Arnold School of Public Health, I was able to see that working in a clinical setting was something I desired to do. As I volunteered at local hospitals and at my church, I developed into the person I am today. Looking back, the University of South Carolina has helped to profoundly change my future for the better.

Chandler will attend the UofSC School of Medicine in Columbia in the fall with plans to become an orthopedic surgeon working in a practice that treats athletic injuries as well as trauma.
Imagine someone with a book bag filled to the brim, briskly walking from one activity to the next, with a to-do list a mile long. That student is me. It’s been an eventful and action-packed four years at USC, and I will always cherish every moment of it. Whether it was working on a group project in Swearingen, participating in an extracurricular activity or doing an experiment in the lab, I have always found in all the busyness much serenity and appreciation for this place that I call home. I am the fourth of four individuals in my family to get a degree from USC, and I am thankful for my own Gamecock family and the Gamecock family I’ve become a part of here.

Stephanie plans to become a physician.

Stephanie represents Gamecock spirit atop Zugspitze (Germany’s highest peak) during her engineering Maymester.
When I started college, I had no idea how to answer that ever-looming question: “What do you want to do with your life?” One thing I knew with certainty, however, was that I wanted to study abroad. As it turns out, that’s all I needed to know. My time abroad granted me the freedom to explore and challenge my passions and values in a way I’d never experienced. Further, every new adventure provides deeper insight into who and what I want to become. If I could recommend students do one thing to augment their undergraduate experience, I’d insist on studying abroad — getting lost in Costa Rica will teach you more about the world and your place in it than a lecture hall ever could.

Reaghan will move to Los Angeles to pursue a master’s degree in Urban Planning at the University of Southern California.

Reaghan traveled throughout Costa Rica and explored several other Latin American countries. Here, she takes in the beautiful landscape on one of her last days in San Ramón.
When I came to college, I told myself that I would never join a Greek organization. I scoffed to myself, thinking, “I don’t need to pay for friends to have fun.” But my sophomore year, I made the decision to rush Theta Tau, a professional engineering fraternity and realized that my original mindset couldn’t have been more naïve. Theta Tau is a family that has taught me to accept myself and others, as well as guide me through some of the toughest parts of my life. The friendships that I have made in Theta Tau will last my lifetime, and I am forever touched by the people I’ve met and the impact on the community I was able to make with them.

Phoebe plans to one day work in the entertainment industry as part of the creative tech teams that bring television, movies and media to life. In the short term, she will work for Boeing in Seattle.

Phoebe completed an internship at Boeing in Charleston, South Carolina.
LIUDAS PANAVAS
McNAIR SCHOLAR
Conestoga High School
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Mechanical Engineering

The most influential person at USC has been my research professor. He is what I would describe as an ideal professor. A man who is constantly giving without hesitation. He set me up with an experience in France, sent me to speak at a conference, helped me start SME and has been giving me research projects that I enjoy every semester I have been here. He helped demonstrate that altruism will bring in dividends even if you cannot immediately see them. He also showed me that there is more to engineering than simply textbooks. I learned how to use an engineering mindset to solve all sorts of problems.

Liudas will attend graduate school in computer science and later combine both programming and mechanical engineering to work in automation or robotics.

Celine Peksenar
CAROLINA SCHOLAR
Kit and James T. Pearce Sr. Carolina Scholar
Lexington High School
Lexington, South Carolina
Biology

Coming to USC, I was certain about a few things: I wanted to be a biology major, French minor, pre-med, and live in the dorm with my friend from high school. However, I was not prepared for the many experiences I would have at USC: joining an international medical fraternity and being on the executive board, starting a nonprofit organization with a group, going on medical mission trips in third-world countries, becoming a trained crisis counselor, working with refugees, speaking in front of a crowd of over 500 people, climbing up the side of a mountain, touring Europe with friends and making the best friends of my life. I’m beyond thankful for these memories and opportunities to grow in ways I never even imagined possible.

Celine treats her favorite patients of the week, Pastor Henry and Baby Jonathan, during a medical mission trip with Phi Delta Epsilon to Nicaragua during spring break 2018. PhiDE is the co-ed international medical fraternity.

Celine is taking a gap year (or two) to serve through the AmeriCorps program before attending medical school.
Growth happens quietly. And the realization you’ve grown is a surprise. For me, one realization happened on a bus. Near the end of my semester in Madrid, I did a four-day excursion alone in Sevilla. Never before had I planned and executed a trip unaccompanied. If you asked me when I started college whether I would travel alone in the next four years, I would have responded with a flat, “No!” But there was a moment on the bus when I realized I wasn’t afraid – which was weird. Any time earlier, I would have been terrified. Coming into USC, I didn’t feel independent. But in four years, challenges have pushed me to transition from child to adult. Thank you, USC. I’m ready for what’s next.

Charissa was drawn to the position she has accepted at Cisco because she will be speaking with customers and helping them find technical solutions that fulfill their needs.

Charissa visits the Real Alcázar, the royal palace of Seville, Spain.
The saying, “Learning occurs beyond classroom walls,” is incorrect. But in my case, these walls were really glass doors, allowing light from the illuminated Wendy’s billboard to compete with the dancing strip of stock tickers on Wednesday evenings in Darla Moore’s trading lab. My Finance Scholars Valuation practicum gave me the acumen, the incredible support system and the confidence to venture into investment banking. This deep-dive course taught me the ins and outs of intrinsic company valuation, the feeling of complete exhaustion, yet fulfillment from one’s work, and innumerable helpful (and trivial) Excel shortcuts. I’ll forgive the conflicting nature of this 7-10 p.m. time slot with Jake’s Wednesday night pint night because without this class, I wouldn’t be packing my bags, flying cross-country and embarking on my dream job.

Jen is moving to San Francisco, California, to join Goldman Sach’s West Region Advisory Investment Banking team and will later consider employment in the city’s start-up culture.

Jen Quindlen topped the summit of Untersberg Mountain, Salzburg, during her semester studying in Austria.
ANDREW RE

Kit and James T. Pearce Sr. Carolina Scholar
South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics
West Columbia, South Carolina
Mechanical Engineering

In the summer between my sophomore and junior year, I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Ecuador for a pipeline restoration and water treatment project through Engineers Without Borders. The goal of my team was to collect as much data as we could about the people in the region that pertains to their water usage and how that water is delivered to their homes and villages. I knew no Spanish, had never been out of the country and was just beginning to develop my skills as an engineer. In Ecuador I was humbled by the generosity and work ethic of the people we served but also learned what I was physically, mentally and emotionally capable of in a crazy new environment.

Andrew will graduate in December and work as a designer in the space exploration industry.

OLIVIA RESZCZYNSKI

Dutch Fork High School
Irmo, South Carolina
Biochemistry and Economics

A defining moment in my undergraduate career was the Mount Vernon Leadership Fellows program because it opened my eyes to the world of policy and public service. During this national fellowship in Washington, D.C., I met with U.S. senators, a Supreme Court justice and numerous leaders of nonprofit organizations and news outlets. My interests pivoted from presenting at scientific symposiums to engaging in health economics research and health policy, and it solidified my goal of becoming a physician and advocate.

Olivia will be working as a health care consultant at FTI Consulting in Washington, D.C., after graduation.
I entered college to study neuroscience because I felt pressured to do something in STEM. I knew that my passion was in education, but I never felt encouraged to pursue it until my first education class with Dr. Craig Kridel. He inspired me to recognize that I am an educator at heart. I went on to supplement my psychology studies with more education classes, to spend a summer teaching and to study abroad in Reggio Emilia, an Italian center for education. USC helped me find myself and to develop the confidence to do what I feel called to, not what others tell me to do. I know that my aspirations are authentic to me and there is nothing more satisfying than that.

Lyndsey plans to move to Washington, D.C., to be a middle school science teacher with KIPP DC, a network of college-preparatory public schools. She intends to impact students’ lives in many ways, as a teacher, counselor or school leader and eventually transition to a career in higher education.

After a couple months studying in Reggio Emilia, a wintry, northern town in Italy, Lyndsey enjoyed a spring break trip to the beaches of southern Italy for a sweet relief, and it made all the gelato she ate more worthwhile.
One of the more defining moments during my time at USC was the summer between sophomore and junior year. I spent nearly the entire summer abroad doing research at the Biomedical Center of Munich in Germany. At the time, I was getting ready to make my final decision about whether I would pursue a career in research or medicine, and spending an entire summer doing research full time convinced me that I would burn out if I chose research. The experience was the final factor in my decision, and I couldn’t be happier with the result. I also got the chance to make lasting friendships, explore places I never thought I would see and rediscover a love for the outdoors (particularly the mountains).

Will plans to study medicine and consider specialties ranging from emergency medicine to infectious disease. He begins the Medical University of South Carolina this fall.

Will hikes in the Ammergau Alps near Neuschwanstein Castle during his research abroad in Germany on a DAAD-Rise summer research internship.
MEGAN SCHARNER

McNAIR SCHOLAR

Kings High School
Maineville, Ohio
Nursing

Early in my college career, I discovered the magic of the Horseshoe at 7:45 a.m. At that time, the sun is just rising, the birds are joyfully chirping, and the Horseshoe is almost always empty. Every morning, no matter how far away my class is, I try to take the time to stop by the Horseshoe for that perfect, peaceful moment. My time at Carolina has taught me so much, but this is the lesson I will cherish most: to value the small experiences, the seemingly insignificant ones, for life is one big collection of these little moments.

Megan will work as a labor and delivery nurse following graduation with Prisma Health Nurse Residency program on the Women’s Services track at Prisma Baptist Hospital.

Meg visited Ronda, Spain, at the Puente Nuevo on the best, last-minute trip during her summer abroad.

ANGELA M. ROGERS

McNAIR SCHOLAR

Homeschooled
Mooresville, North Carolina
Economics

During my Scholar Weekend, I asked Dr. Pastides for his advice for incoming freshmen, and he responded by encouraging us to focus on wellness, not just achievement. That advice struck me, and that emphasis on well-being over accomplishment is one of the reasons I chose USC. I have volunteered at Scholar Weekends and as an Honors Ambassador, recruiting amazing students to be Gamecocks. I love sharing my story about Dr. Pastides and emphasizing that this program is more than a launching point for a prodigious career, but a place to grow in every aspect of life. This emphasis on the whole person makes me passionately recommend USC to others. It is a perspective that I hope to champion for the rest of my life.

Angela will begin her career this summer as a strategy analyst for Red Oak Sourcing in Foxborough, Massachusetts.
Maddie stopped at the Grand Canyon while driving across the country with friend and scholar Jacklyn Abernathy.

Cole takes a boat cruise in the Sydney Harbour during his study abroad semester in Australia.

Cole will finish his studies in December with plans to work for a company in the aerospace or energy sector. He plans to return to study for an MBA to tailor his career path for management, eventually owning a consulting business to provide engineering solutions.

MADDIE SPETZ
Mother of Mercy High School
Cincinnati, Ohio
Biomedical Engineering

I grew up hearing endless stories about my parents’ college friends, and when I moved in to USC knowing absolutely no one, I was worried I would never find the same kind of college friendships my parents had. But, sure enough, I have made better friendships at USC than I ever could have hoped for. My USC friends have made difficult classes more manageable, uncertainty about the future more acceptable, traveling more interesting and every single day more entertaining. They are the part of USC that I will carry into the rest of my life, and I’m forever grateful for them.

After taking a gap year, Maddie will pursue a doctoral degree in Biomedical Engineering.

COLE JOSEPH SHUBERT
Kit and James T. Pearce Sr. Carolina Scholar
Academic Magnet High School
Charleston, South Carolina
Mechanical Engineering

My most influential experience at USC was my semester abroad at the University of Newcastle in Australia. I had the opportunity to live and attend school in Newcastle, exploring everywhere from the beaches to the rainforests to the wine country nearby. I snorkeled and sailed in the Great Barrier Reef, camped out at Uluru, road tripped Tasmania, went off-roading in the Outback, climbed the tallest mountain in Australia, and toured the cities of Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide. I took the train to Sydney every possible weekend, where I took ferries across the harbor, climbed the Harbour Bridge and took pictures next to the Opera House. Without USC and the Carolina Scholarship, I would have never had been able to experience this semester of a lifetime.
John and his father Steve completed the Half Enchilada, a 23-mile mountain bike race, on Jan. 12, 2019. Here they are at the U.S. National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, North Carolina, after the race.

JOELLE STROM
McNAIR SCHOLAR

Walnut Hills High School
Cincinnati, Ohio
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

If my college experience were an abstract, it would read like this. Introduction: A Midwestern girl arrives on campus convinced her goals and interests will never change. Methods: Introduce the subject to foreign experiences such as dancing with social work students in India and unexpected opportunities like performing in the world premiere of an experimental music piece in New York City. Place subject in various research labs and patiently provide her with resources to explore careers that don’t involve research. Controlled variables include meaningful connections with friends and colleagues, a challenging liberal arts curriculum and infectious school spirit. Results: Subject has learned to enjoy making mistakes, exploring creative outlets as well as scientific pursuits and telling everyone how proud she is to be a Gamecock.

Joelle will earn a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Pittsburgh before working as a pharmacist in a hospital or in the community.

JOHN PHILLIPS WACKER
McNAIR SCHOLAR

Lake Travis High School
Davidson, North Carolina
Mathematics

Of course, I’ll carry my class ring with me for life. More importantly, I’ll always have the education I received at USC, the good friends I’ve made during my time here, the memories I made at our sporting events (both good and bad) and the incredible experiences I’ve been fortunate enough to be a part of, like studying abroad. And of course, I’ll never forget the five hurricane-related breaks we had in only four years.

John is headed to the Navy’s flight school in Pensacola, Florida, in August.

Six scholars are University Ambassadors and two are Honors Ambassadors.

SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS
When I entered USC, I knew that my overall goal was to become a physician, but I did not know how to achieve that goal. More importantly, I did not know what kind of person I wanted to be. I wandered aimlessly that year, just checking items off the “pre-med to-do list.” But during my sophomore year, I wanted a change and applied to the South Carolina Washington Semester Program. I was accepted and spent the next semester working full-time in Washington, D.C. That semester challenged me and brought me new passions, which I used to create my own path forward. Looking back, my journey resembles a unique board game, with every turn representing a lesson that was integral in making me who I am today.

Sara plans to become an oncologist focusing on gynecological cancers and women’s health and begins her medical education at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in the fall.

As a McNair scholar, I was able to pursue my internationally oriented passions beyond my wildest dreams. I furthered my language skills during two semesters in France and Chile and worked abroad on two separate occasions. I undertook some crazy adventures: solo backpacking in Bratislava and Prague, desert biking in the Atacama Desert and volcano hiking in central France. I learned so much about the world from inspirational individuals including those involved in the Ebola crisis and Syrian war aid efforts. Words cannot express my gratitude for the professors, mentors, friends and others who have taught and/or inspired me, either directly or indirectly, and guided me along my path. Thank you to all who have supported me and my fellow top scholars.

Audrey will attend Oxford University next year as a part of the Moore School’s IB at Oxford program. Later, she plans to develop competencies in a fourth and fifth language while exploring the fields of politics, economic development, behavioral economics and strategic management before pursing a master’s degree.
After 10 days, four flights and countless Sahne-Nuss chocolate bars, my study abroad friends and I had successfully hiked the canyons of Atacama Desert and climbed eight hours to the peak of Torres del Paine. The whole experience reminded me of my freshman year Natural History of South Carolina class taught by Rudy Mancke. In that course, we took field trips to every natural wonder of South Carolina, and Professor Mancke reminded us of the importance of spending time in nature. When we spend time outside with people that we love, we remember there is much more to the world than our small contribution to it.

Alayna will enter the Masters of International Business program at UofSC this fall. She was accepted to a dual-degree program and will graduate with a master’s degree in International Business from UofSC and a master’s degree in International Management from Bocconi University in Milan, Italy.

Alayna Wells visits the peak of Torres del Paine during study abroad in Chile.
While UofSC’s freshman class is thousands of students strong each year, our classes of Top 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.
Kylee Yturralde and Sarah Snare share a laugh at the Top Scholar Fall Dinner this past November.

Sophomore Scholars enjoy the spring dinner. From left, Alex Stevens, Taylor Bauman, Sarah-Kate Coleman and Madison Bradley.

Dr. Pastides throws spurs at the Top Scholar spring dinner with Zach Goldberg, Morgan Rising and Justin Reed, all McNair Scholar juniors.

Carolina Scholars Kwame Kennedy and Suzie Prentice speak with mathematics faculty member Dr. Matthew Boylan at the Top Scholar fall dinner.

Stamps Scholar Robert Magee and McNair Scholar Austin Coale catch up between busy schedules at the Top Scholar fall dinner.
CLASS OF 2020

CAROLINA SCHOLARS

MAE STEWART CHINNES
Ada B. Thomas Scholarship
and Mary B. M. Pearce
Johnston and James T. Pearce, Jr. Scholarship
Goose Creek High School
Summerville, SC
Public Health

ELIZABETH SARAH DAVENPORT
USC Athletic Department
Carolina Scholar
Spartanburg Day School
Spartanburg, SC
Biological Sciences

ALI TAAN EL-ALI
Jack S. Graybill Scholarship
Spring Valley High School
Columbia, SC
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

SARAH JANTINA EUSTIS
Mary Meech and Michael J. Mungo Scholarship
Ashley Hall
Mount Pleasant, SC
Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae

CAROLINE HANNA FAIREY
Henry Laurens Carolina Scholar
South Carolina Governor’s School for Art & Humanities
Estill, SC
English

KYLIE ANN FLETCHER
Wells Fargo Carolina Scholar Endowment Fund
South Carolina Governor’s School for Science & Mathematics
Hartsville, SC
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Blakeley Hoffman Payne, Carolina Scholar alumna 2017, speaks about Artificial Intelligence and teaching it to children at the Wall Street Journal’s Future of Everything Festival. Payne is a graduate student at MIT. Photo: courtesy of the Wall Street Journal.

McNair Scholar alumna Tamera Beam Cox celebrates Homecoming with her family: husband Chris, daughter Rose, and born November, daughter Julia.

McNair alumnus Brett Williams is the voice of the Lady Hilltoppers Women’s basketball team at Western Kentucky University. Williams is a 2017 graduate of the University.

Top Scholar Alumni honored by the college. Carolina Scholar Jeet Guram, left, was honored with the 2018 Distinguished Honors Young Alumni Award and McNair Scholar Mary Lohman, right, won the 2018 Distinguished Honors Alumni. Both awards were presented by dean of the college, Steve Lynn.
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