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## ***TOP SCHOLARS***

*2014-2015 Annual Report of Stamps Carolina, Carolina, McNair, Hamilton and Horseshoe Scholars*

**University of South Carolina**



*Cover: 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**  
**Helen Doeringhaus, Interim Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies**





## **THE CAROLINA AND MCNAIR SCHOLARS**

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.



## **STAMPS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS**

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. MCNAIR**

### **MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MCNAIR DONORS – MCNAIR SCHOLARSHIP UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

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 1,400 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 College of Medicine and the University of South Carolina.

Committed to bringing a National Football League team to Houston, Texas, Robert McNair formed Houston NFL Holdings in 1998. On Oct. 6, 1999, the NFL announced that the group had been awarded the 32nd franchise, returning NFL football to Houston in 2002. McNair's efforts then brought Super Bowl XXXVIII to Houston in 2004, which will again host Super Bowl LI in 2017. The Houston Texans won consecutive AFC South titles in 2011 and 2012 and gave the city its first NFL playoff game in nearly 18 years. He is actively involved in NFL affairs, serving as chairman of the finance committee as well as holding member-

ship in the audit and Los Angeles expansion committees. Having revived Houston's collegiate bowl game in 2006, he presently serves as founder and chairman emeritus of the AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl and was honored by the bowl as a Gridiron Legend in 2011 for his impact on football at all levels in Houston.

Janice McNair, a graduate of Columbia College, shares her husband's vision and passion for helping others. She has been honored by numerous nonprofit organizations, including the Salvation Army in 2014, Child Advocates in 2009 and the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council in 2005. Together, they have established the McNair Scholars Programs at the University of South Carolina, Columbia College and Rice University. In 2007, they gave the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, a transformational gift to recruit world-class physicians and scientific scholars at the Texas Medical Center in the fields of juvenile diabetes, breast and pancreatic cancer and the neurosciences.

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.

## **E. ROE STAMPS IV**

### **STAMPS SCHOLAR BENEFACTOR AND FRIEND OF THE UNIVERSITY**

E. Roe Stamps IV of Coconut Grove, Fla., private investor and co-founder of the Boston-based private investment company Summit Partners, is a former lieutenant in the United States Navy Reserve, an industrial engineering graduate of Georgia Tech and an M.B.A. graduate from Harvard Business School.

Since his relocation to South Florida in 1993, Roe and his wife, Penny, have devoted significant time and resources to philanthropic causes in the community. Their interest in South Florida is deeply rooted as they have been 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.

Through the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation, formed by Penny and Roe 20 years ago, they have shown their deep commitment to education, supporting scholarships at 41 universities nationwide. And with its Stamps Scholars initiative, the family foundation has created innovative scholarship programs currently supporting approximately 700 students. Roe and Penny gather the Stamps Scholars together every other year for a national convention. In 2015, the Stamps Foundation was awarded the James L. Fisher Award for Distinguished Service to Education by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

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 on the foundation for more than 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 from Georgia Tech 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, boating, cycling, jazz piano and spending time with his family: son Will, daughter Annie, and grandson Hunter. In addition, he also takes time to enjoy his black Labrador retriever, Ella, and their family's cats.







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, Joanne Wu.



left: Carolina Scholars Supriya Juneja and Julia Strout welcome the Statons – Wayne and Gina – 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 Poskevich 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.

## CAROLINA SCHOLAR AWARD DONORS

Carolina Scholar Awards are made possible by the contributions of individuals, corporations and foundations. The University Development Office cultivates and maintains relationships with donors of Carolina Scholar Awards. Private support of this and other programs enables the University of South Carolina to attract academically talented students and to provide the margin of excellence in all academic programs.

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above left: First-year McNair freshmen enjoy their first spring dinner. Left to right: Kimberly Sears, Hanna Marks, Erica Maissey and Julia Minton.



above right: Tulsi Patel is hard at work in the kitchen with USC's first lady.



right: Georgia Doran, a professional protocol consultant, facilitates this year's Etiquette Dinner.



left: Sarah Greene meets her faculty mentor, Norma Frizzell of the School of Medicine.

below: The purple team of First Year Scholars are all smiles despite the heat at the FYS Retreat.



## FIRST-YEAR SCHOLAR MENTORS

<p><b>Dr. Jason Bakos</b> Associate Professor Computer Science and Engineering</p>	<p><b>Dr. Nicole Berge</b> Assistant Professor Civil and Environmental Engineering</p>	<p><b>Dr. Ken Erickson</b> Assistant Clinical Professor International Business</p>	<p><b>Dr. Ed Gatzke</b> Associate Professor Chemical Engineering</p>	<p><b>Dr. Sali Li</b> Professor International Business</p>	<p><b>Dr. Gerald McDermott</b> Professor International Business</p>	<p><b>Dr. Wally Peters</b> Professor Mechanical Engineering</p>	<p><b>Professor Frank Rydzewski</b> Clinical Professor International Business</p>	<p><b>Dr. Jeff Twiss</b> Professor Biological Sciences</p>	<p><b>Dr. Doug Wedell</b> Professor Psychology</p>
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Andrew Kovtun



Elizabeth Moore



Riley Brady



Connor Bain and Andrew Patterson



Angie Korabik



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.

International travel to both learn and teach continues to appeal to scholars. McNair Scholar Andrew Kovtun was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Belarus. Georgia Froman, a Carolina Scholar, was accepted into the Teaching Assistant Program in France. Katee Driscoll will conduct physics and mathematics research in Germany as a DAAD Rise Scholar. Viki Knapp won the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals to spend a year of study and internship in Germany, which she has declined in order to study at the University of Miami.

A McNair Scholar from Nebraska, Andrea Eggleston, has been given an extraordinary opportunity to pursue her Doctorate of Dental Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina by being awarded a United States Air Force Health Professions Scholarship. This award will provide her with full tuition and living expenses and allow her to serve as a dentist in the Air Force around the world.



### **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.*





*Indulging in some nonscientific enjoyment, Avnika was thrilled to see “Titus Andronicus” at the rebuilt Globe Theatre in London.*

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## AVNIKA AMIN

WILLIAM B. DOUGLAS SCHOLARSHIP  
HEATHWOOD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, COLUMBIA, S.C.  
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Fumbling with a laser pointer, I stood at the front of a vast lecture hall, lights burning my eyes. I couldn't see any students past the first few rows. It was a lot harder to talk to people I couldn't see than I thought, never mind explaining a problem. What came so intuitively for me, seeing how all the pieces fit together, was devilishly trickier to articulate than any of my professors ever made it seem. Explanation completed, I sat back in my seat, convinced my burning face was bright red. After that class, if you told me I'd voluntarily become a teaching assistant, I'd have felt nauseated at the thought. Now I regularly stand before hundreds of people and talk, even joke. I feel more at ease teaching a class instead of sitting in one, and I've shifted my goals from a research-oriented career to one that involves teaching as well. I have my time at USC to thank for my transformation because of the unique TA positions I had. Don't get me wrong. I still feel a little nervous every time I walk to the board, my marker in hand, but I walk out of the class knowing that I owned the material. I walked into USC with a huge amount of trepidation, but I'll walk across the stage, degrees in hand, knowing that I'm confidently walking out into the world.

**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.**



*Representing Delta Sigma Pi in the 2014 Homecoming Showcase and being able to perform in front of the USC community was a highlight of Emily's college experience.*

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## EMILY ANDREOLI

HOPEWELL HIGH SCHOOL, HUNTERSVILLE, N.C.  
FINANCE AND SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT MANAGEMENT

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 connected 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.**



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## CONNOR BAIN

SOLOMON BLATT SCHOLARSHIP  
IRMO HIGH SCHOOL, COLUMBIA, S.C.  
COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

*One of the highlights of Connor's USC experience was working with his dad (a USC music professor) to write a vibraphone piece that used Google Glass as an electroacoustic control device.*

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. I will leave USC with a heavy heart, but with an open mind, one that is ready to think differently and encourage others to do the same. Thank you to all of the Gamecocks who have helped me get here, and know that no matter where I am, no matter what I am doing, I will be proud to call myself a Gamecock.

**Connor plans to pursue Ph.D.s in learning sciences and computer science at Northwestern University and eventually become a professor focused on teaching.**





CAROLINA SCHOLAR

# ANNA CATHERINE CALDWELL

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

**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.**

*During her four years at USC, Anna Cat was able to cross No. 1 off her bucket list during her summer abroad by visiting Machu Picchu in Cusco, Peru.*

# 186

*There were 186 top scholars for 2014-2015 school year.*

SCHOLARS  
BY THE NUMBERS





*After studying there for a year, Hong Kong will always be Matt's second home.*

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## MATT COLEMAN

WELLS FARGO SCHOLARSHIP  
WESTMINSTER/CATAWBA HIGH SCHOOL, ROCK HILL, S.C.  
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 of people ... 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 sits at the Summer Palace near Beijing, China, where he felt at home, far away from home.*

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## WILL CULP

CHARLES COTESWORTH 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.**





*During her travels, Emma paused to capture the beauty of Laguna Quilotoa, a lake formed in the crater of a volcano in the Ecuadorian Andes.*

**MCNAIR SCHOLAR**

## **EMMA DE NEEF**

**MALLARD CREEK HIGH SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, N.C.  
BIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

**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.**

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*scholars won national fellowships or scholarships this year.*

**SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS**



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## DREW DIXON

CALHOUN THOMAS SR. SCHOLARSHIP  
HAMMOND SCHOOL, COLUMBIA, S.C.  
CHEMISTRY

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, Carolina, forever to thee!”

Drew will continue working as a medical assistant while he finishes up his Carolina experience, and he expects to graduate in December.



Drew has been a lifelong Gamecock fan, and during his time at the university, he was able to watch as a student the most successful period in Gamecock football (so far).



Christina’s love for the Spanish language inspired her to travel throughout Argentina during her semester abroad. She embarked upon many adventures, one of which was a mountain biking journey through Patagonia, which led her to the beautiful view seen here.

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## CHRISTINA DOOLEY

ROSWELL HIGH SCHOOL, ROSWELL, GA.  
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

“Appreciate this moment.” This has been my mantra in college. I said it to myself when I first stepped foot on USC’s campus as a freshman, having no inkling that the next four years would go beyond my highest expectations of what college would be like. From Atlanta to Columbia and then to Seattle, and from the United States to Argentina, I have been able to see, do, discover and enjoy many incredible things. Some of these experiences still seem unbelievable, like visiting Iguazu Falls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world, and trekking through the mountains to breathtaking viewpoints in Patagonia. As much as I can look back and note these high and exciting moments in my college career, I just as much appreciate the simpler moments, like taking walks with friends along the beautiful Columbia riverfront and bringing dinner up to the roof of Horizon Garage to watch the sunset. Through all of these experiences, I have learned that the sweetest memories are those made alongside friends. Pictures will help me hold on to all of my memories, but the friendships I have made in the quieter and simpler moments these past four years exist beyond an image documented on paper. Having appreciated college moment by moment, I am able to look back and see the beauty of the overall experience, the ups, downs, highs and lows colored by the people I experienced it with.

After graduation, Christina will move to Dubai to intern with Coca-Cola’s Supply Chain Strategy Department. After two months in the Middle East, she will return to her hometown and begin working as a consultant for Manhattan Associates, a supply chain software company based in Atlanta. She hopes to gain international experience through the travels required as a consultant and looks forward to continuing to pursue her passions for people, friends and the world around her.

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## ANDREA EGGLESTON

MILLARD NORTH HIGH SCHOOL, OMAHA, NEB.  
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING



Spring in Columbia is Andrea’s favorite time of the year since USC comes to life with gorgeous blossoms. They are a reminder to stay chipper, brighten everyone else’s day and bloom to our best potential in the soil in which we are sown.

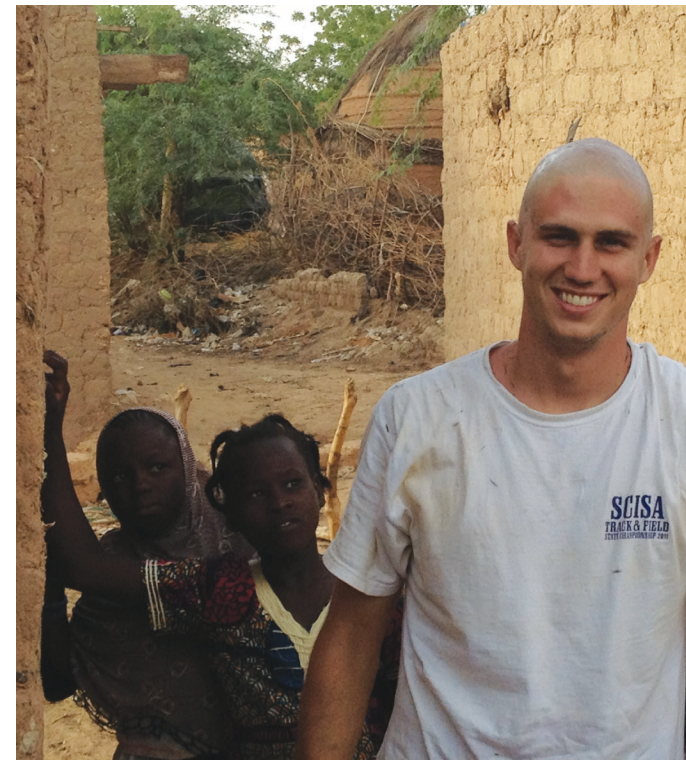
Three years ago I became the first undergraduate volunteer at the Good Samaritan Dental Clinic. It primarily serves low socioeconomic status Spanish-speakers who are unable to receive services elsewhere. By talking with patients and interpreting for the dentist, I witnessed the purview of health disparities faced by those who are unable to find services they can afford or a clinic where they feel comfortable due to cultural and language barriers. These interactions solidified my goals of becoming a dentist who works for underserved populations and inspired me to minor in Spanish and public health to better understand patients’ needs and build relationships with those I serve now and in the future. My role at the clinic evolved from my initial role of interpreting to properly caring for the dental instruments, making patient appointments, ordering new dental equipment, preparing and presenting oral health care workshops to patients in Spanish and dental-assisting and being in charge of finding and orienting more than 30 new pre-dental and dentist volunteers to carry on the momentum. USC has provided me with the opportunity to accomplish a broad education in three different colleges to perfectly package my interests to become a dentist who can adeptly work in underserved areas in the states and beyond.

Andrea will attend the Medical University of South Carolina’s College of Dental Medicine to complete her Doctorate of Dental Surgery with a full-ride scholarship from the United States Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program. She will then serve around the world as a dentist in the Air Force for at least four years.

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## THOMAS FISHER JR.

CAROLYN HOLDERMAN AND JAMES HOLDERMAN SCHOLARSHIP  
BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL, COLUMBIA, S.C.  
HISTORY



Thomas spent seven weeks during summer 2013 living in a village in Niger, West Africa. Here he is pictured after receiving a great haircut from a Nigerian friend.

Growing up in Columbia, S.C., I spent most of my childhood dreaming about one day attending the University of South Carolina. Looking back, my time at USC was the best four years of my life. I am proud to say that I attended every home football game and was covered in body paint for over half of them. I have made lifelong friendships, grown academically and been able to travel the world. The summer after my sophomore year, I had the opportunity to spend seven weeks in Niger, West Africa, doing mission work. During those seven weeks, a friend from USC and I lived with a Nigerian family and got to know their way of life. The trip was so impactful that I later decided to write my senior thesis on my experiences there. More importantly, I am planning on spending much of my life doing mission work in places similar to Niger. Attending the University of South Carolina gave me the freedom to travel to places such as Niger. I am and always will be proud to call myself a Gamecock. Forever to thee.

After graduating, Thomas will pursue a master’s degree in teaching here at the University of South Carolina.



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## GEORGIA FROMAN

EDWARD R. GINN III SCHOLARSHIP AND  
WINN CAROLINA SCHOLAR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP  
SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, SIMPSONVILLE, S.C.  
ANTHROPOLOGY AND FRENCH

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 weeklong fall break. Rome was our first stop. With the Colosseum behind me and the ruins of the Roman Forum stretched in a glorious jumble at my feet, 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. This summer, she has an internship at the Upcountry History Museum, where she’ll be doing research and helping to develop exhibits.



Georgia is pictured here at the Roman Forum in Rome, Italy, overlooking the House of the Vestal Virgins.



Mascara-less and careless in Barcelona: a summer of discovery and growth. Elizabeth went on an incredible backpacking trip in Europe, followed by a journey to search for the heart and soul of Argentine tango music in Buenos Aires as part of her Magellan project.

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## ELIZABETH GERGEL

ASHEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, ASHEVILLE, N.C.  
MUSIC PERFORMANCE

“That one is ... tukka tukka 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 rhythmical 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.



Savannah sits in a field of daffodils in Cork, Ireland, one of her many travel destinations while studying for a semester in Belgium.

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## SAVANNAH GRUNEWALD

MADISON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, MADISON, MISS.  
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

South Carolina was not on the map of university choices for me until I Googled the top international business programs in the country. Not only was I accepted into the Honors College, but I was also blessed with a McNair Scholarship. Through my time at USC I have made lifelong friends, learned to play the harmonica and looked like a fool tripping on the bricks of the Horseshoe, among other things. The most influential experiences for me have been the opportunities to travel abroad. I have gone to both France and Germany for different spring breaks through classes; one to improve my French and another to study the business environment behind the German automotive industry. I was even able to return to France for a monthlong internship. My favorite time was studying a semester in Belgium. I lived with eight Belgian roommates and truly gained a feel for the culture and living in another country. I traveled throughout Europe making friends and gaining a larger perspective of the world as well as a new view on my own life and what I want to do with it. My time at USC has been the best life-changing experience.

Savannah will spend the summer traveling through Europe before searching for a marketing position. She hopes to adopt two cats and spend a couple of years working before returning to school to pursue a master’s degree in art history and an M.B.A.

# 6

members of Freshman Council are scholars.

# 18

Current McNair Scholars represent 18 states.

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

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## MILLER HANE

MCKINLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, BATON ROUGE, LA.  
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCE

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.

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## KYLE HARPER

JACK S. GRAYBILL SCHOLARSHIP  
RICHLAND NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL, COLUMBIA, S.C.  
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING

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 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.

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.



Kyle enjoys his last Scholar-Donor Dinner with his donors, Jack and Susan Graybill.



Kate attempts to phone home in front of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## KATE HAYWORTH

THE EARLY COLLEGE AT GUILFORD, SUMMERFIELD, N.C.  
ENGLISH AND HISTORY

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.

# 3

scholars were recognized for leadership and service awards.

SCHOLARS  
BY THE NUMBERS





CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## DELANEY HOREL

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.

Delaney paused for a photo with some of the students that she worked with during her summer in Uganda.



Siobhan is seen here enjoying a fall retreat in the mountains with her Omega Phi Alpha sisters.

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## SIOBHAN KIBBEY

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.

# 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.

# 64

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



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MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## VIKI KNAPP

HINSDALE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 86

HINSDALE, ILL.

MARINE SCIENCE

**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 know 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.*

# 23

*scholars presented at Discovery Day.*

SCHOLARS  
BY THE NUMBERS



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## ANDREW KOVTUN

SOLON HIGH SCHOOL, SOLON, OHIO  
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, MARKETING AND ECONOMICS

**My chest rose and fell as I stepped over the international demarcation line at the Wadi Araba border crossing, fully cognizant of the stares of both border guard contingents analyzing every movement of my body.** Only yesterday, I had swum on the shores of the Red Sea in Eilat and gazed upon the enormous, pan-Arabian flag fluttering in the hot, arid wind across the bay. Now, as I shuffled through the crossing into Aqaba and hopped on the local tour bus, I gazed back at an equally massive Israeli flag pasted on the opposing mountainside. The Star of David ebbed away into the horizon as we disappeared into the desert surrounding this tense meeting point of four national territories: Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Saudi Arabia. Nonetheless, the Mars-like landscape of Wadi Rum, or the Valley of the Moon, seemed unaware of the political tensions that had come to dominate the lives of the region's inhabitants. In fact, as I approached the millennia-old architectural wonders of Petra and gazed in awe at the ornate, strikingly reconstructed columns of the Treasury building, the whole place seemed to be stranded in time. The only reminder of the modern era? A tag on all signs that read "USAID FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE." Thanks to the generous support of the McNair scholarship and many others at USC, I have been able to devote my time in college to international development in poor, investment-starved regions while building lifelong friendships in more than 35 countries around the world.

**Andrew accepted an internship at the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels for summer 2015. After that, he will pursue an M.A. in International Economics and International Development at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Bologna, Italy and Washington, D.C.**



With each new step toward the future, Andrew embraces the waves of change at his back.



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## NICHOLAS LIGER

LOUISA ELLERBE AND JOHN L.M. TOBIAS SCHOLARSHIP  
ST. JAMES HIGH SCHOOL, SURFSIDE BEACH, S.C.  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**When I came to USC as a freshman, I thought I was hot stuff.** It was a good thing that around sophomore year I realized that I was not. Thank goodness that my time at USC freed me from all delusions of grandeur. We ought all to have more humbling experiences in life, and sitting gape-mouthed in silence in the middle of a confusing class on Eastern mysticism will definitely suffice. As I progressed through my years at USC, my classes didn't so much give me new information as they peeled away the things I thought I had known. But that's okay, because the root of true wisdom is to know that you know nothing.

**Nicholas will finish a degree in religious studies and English in December 2015 and will then pursue an M.A.T in English to start teaching.**

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.



Hilary and her mother enjoyed meeting Cocky during their campus tour. Hilary decided to be a Gamecock the same day.

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## HILARY MARTIN

MRS. HUBBARD H. HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP  
BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL, BOILING SPRINGS, S.C.  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND LAW

**I came to Carolina just knowing that I wanted to be a doctor.** Besides, I had practically grown up within the walls of the hospital since my mother was a nurse and my father was a manager of the x-ray department at our local hospital. I came to Carolina destined to be a biology major and to expand our medical family. Yet, here I am in law school. Here I am taking advantage of one of Carolina's best-kept secrets: the six-year B.S./J.D. partnership between the Honors College and the School of Law. Here I am not being a doctor. On a whim my sophomore year, I decided to take Legal Persuasion with Professor Bockman through the Honors College. I never dreamed that taking this class would completely change my goals for the future. Professor Bockman not only became my teacher, but he became my friend, my mentor and my colleague. He showed me the world of law — the world of persuasion. He showed me how my biology degree did not have to automatically force me into the medical field, but that it could expand horizons in law as well. I realized then that while I loved medicine and loved my family, I was not meant to be a doctor. Rather, I was meant to be a lawyer. Now, I am finishing up my first year in law school. I will graduate from the Honors College in May 2015 and will continue to attend the USC School of Law until graduation in 2017. I have accepted a clerking position at a firm that couples my love of science with my love of law. I am beyond grateful for the opportunities that USC has provided me, and I am beyond excited to further my education here for at least two more years.

**As a student in the six-year B.S./J.D. partnership program between the Honors College and the School of Law, Hilary will continue to attend the USC School of Law until graduation in 2017. She has accepted a clerkship position at a firm, which will couple her love of science and her love of law. She will be helping the firm research chemical law, automobile products liability law and environmental/biological law, and she is beyond excited to do so.**





*Thad sits on St. Mary's Glacier in Colorado during a hike. Trips in the Rocky Mountains were a favorite outing for interns at The Denver Post. The photo was taken by friend Kent Nishimura.*

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## THAD MOORE

**PIERCE BUTLER SCHOLARSHIP  
HEATHWOOD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, COLUMBIA, S.C.  
POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**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.**





CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## NINA PANVELKER

CHARLES PINCKNEY 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.

*Nina spent a semester in Sevilla, Spain, learning the Spanish language and traveling to new places like Parc de la Ciutadella in Barcelona.*



*scholar seniors received the "Graduation with Leadership Distinction" honor this year.*

SCHOLARS  
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*Much of Andrew's time was spent in the heart of USC's campus, a launch pad for many adventures.*

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## 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 spent a great deal of time around downtown Columbia as an undergraduate, working at Merrill Lynch for three years.*

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## 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.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## KYLA RISKO

**SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, N.C.**  
**CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**



Kyla got to hang out with Cocky at the CEC Engineering Week Open House.

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 an exceptional academic opportunity, 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 refinery 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 Maymester 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.**

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## TORI SHARPE

**BILL DUKES AND BLUE MARLIN SCHOLARSHIP**  
**GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES, HOPKINS, S.C.**  
**BACCALAUREUS ARTIUM ET SCIENTIAE IN LINGUISTICS, PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE**



When she's not working in the lab, Tori spends much of her free time climbing the rock wall at the Strom (pictured here on the route "Baby Shoes") and at the local climbing gym.

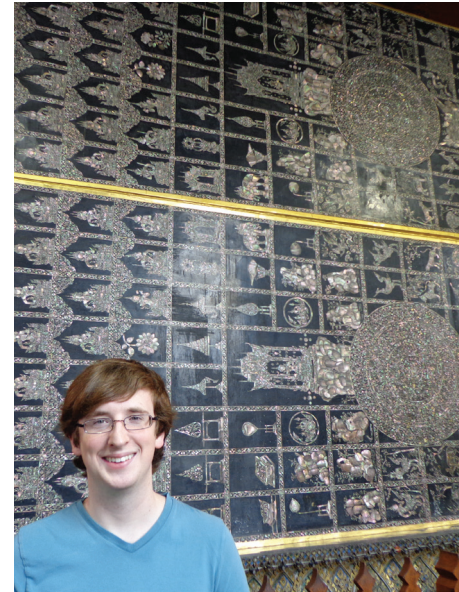
I remember it being spring, unusually hot even for South Carolina, when I started to figure out what I wanted to do with my life. My scholar mentor and I were sitting on the circle of benches between Barnwell and LeConte, brushing away early mosquitos, and I was talking about things I loved: words, books, puzzles, math. These were all loves that I had been able to nurture and explore as a student in the insanely supportive community of USC. "But it's not like I can stay in school forever," I complained to my mentor, drawing us back into our previous topic: my future. She considered this a moment, then said, "Have you ever thought about research, being a professor?" To make a very long story very short, this conversation led to my work as a research assistant in the USC Neurolinguistics Laboratory, where I have spent countless hours throughout my time here — analyzing fMRI data, creating strange sentences, recruiting participants for various studies. The deep loves of research and the human brain that I developed at the NeuroLab have begun a journey full of more adventures than I could have hoped for, with only more to come, and though I don't know where I will end up, I will always remember that the journey began here, in the land of the Gamecocks.

**Tori will be moving to New York City in May, where she will work for two years as a research assistant at the New York University Neurolinguistics Lab before applying to Ph.D. programs focusing on language and the brain.**

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## MASON SMITH

**KIT AND JAMES T. PEARCE SR. SCHOLARSHIP**  
**HARROW INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, BANGKOK**  
**NEWBERRY, S.C.**  
**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (IBCE) AND GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT**



Mason is pictured here at the foot of the Reclining Buddha in Bangkok during his sophomore year in Hong Kong.

Long ago, Buddha meditated intensely by a lake. In doing so, he became so involved in himself that he failed to notice a huge storm approaching on the horizon. Not wanting to disturb his meditation, the Hindu king of serpents, Mucalinda, descended from the heavens and raised his body above Buddha to protect him from danger. The storm passed and Mucalinda took a human form, bowing to Buddha before leaving him in peace. This scholarship from our university enabled me to experience cultures I didn't even know existed, just like that story about the Buddha and the Serpent King. I am forever grateful to have been given these opportunities. Forever to thee!

**This year, Mason will attend Oxford University as one of two USC international business students selected to study there. After his year in England, he will attend law school at the University of Pennsylvania.**

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## TYLER SMITH

**A.T. AND FRANCES CHALK SCHOLARSHIP**  
**DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL, IRMO, S.C.**  
**COMPUTER SCIENCE**



Tyler enjoyed spending time on the Horseshoe working on his software business, Benty.

It feels like it was only yesterday when I walked into my freshman dorm for the first time, making the leap into college life. It wasn't yesterday though; it was nearly four years ago. And while it has come and gone so fast, the experiences I've had at USC will stay with me. Come every fall, I got to scream and sand-storm in the student section. I got to enjoy Columbia weather hanging out on the Horseshoe and studying on top of Gambrell. I got to see comedians, bands and movies in the Russell House. And I've been able to learn a lot, beyond just classrooms and textbooks. I've been able to learn about life and business and have created valuable relationships. Most importantly, during my time at USC, I've found my true passion to create the things I want to see in the world. Now I plan to go into the world and make things happen.

**Tyler plans to dedicate a year to working full time on his three current startup endeavors and experimenting with a few new startup ideas.**





Thomas enjoyed making new friends and seeing actual Roman artifacts while studying abroad in Rome.

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## THOMAS SPURGEON

MR. AND MRS. TOM B. PEARCE SCHOLARSHIP  
SHANNON FOREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, GREENVILLE, S.C.  
HISTORY

**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 pretention, 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 in the Englische Garten ("English Garden") in Munich, Germany. She traveled to Munich for a weekend during the spring 2014 semester while studying abroad at the University of St. Gallen in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## KRISTI SUTHERLAND

SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICH.  
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCE

**During my time at USC, I learned to embrace stepping outside of my comfort zone.** When I arrived in 2011, 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 poses with fantasy author Sarah J. Maas.

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## 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 (seated) makes final preparations with Mock Trial teammates before delivering her closing argument.

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

## 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 bittersweet 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.**





MCNAIR SCHOLAR

David enjoyed one of many interesting study abroad experiences at an elephant camp in southern India.

## DAVID WHEATON

CARRBORO HIGH SCHOOL, CHAPEL HILL, N.C.  
MATHEMATICS AND ECONOMICS

**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.

David will begin N.C. State University's Master of Science in Analytics program in fall of 2016.



USC has given Elisha an undergraduate career rich with experiences, like this moment, capturing the happy feeling of caring for elephants and tigers in Chiangmai, Thailand.

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

## ELISHA ZHANG

ARDREY KELL HIGH SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE, N.C.  
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (IBCE), FINANCE AND MARKETING

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 steeled 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.





## CLASS ROSTER

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 BROWER**  
A.C. Flora High School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Computer Science

**EMILY THEUS**  
Richland Northeast High School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Physics and Religious Studies

**YUWEI WEI**  
South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics  
Irmo, S.C.  
International Business (IBCE)

**LAUREN WILLIAMS**  
Ben Lippen School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Public Health

**DANIEL WOOD**  
South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics  
Moore, S.C.  
Biological Sciences

#### CLASS OF 2016

**AUSTIN AMBROSE**  
Aynor High School  
Aynor, S.C.  
Public Health

**CREIGHTON BOGGS**  
Dreher High School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Political Science

#### CHRISTINA-LIN BROWN

Academic Magnet High School  
Goose Creek, S.C.  
Biological Sciences

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

**COURTNEY GANTT**  
Silver Bluff High School  
Beech Island, S.C.

**ANA GIBSON**  
Riverside High School  
Greer, S.C.  
International Business (IBA) and Marketing

**WEBER PIKE**  
Beaufort High School  
Beaufort, S.C.  
Biomedical Engineering

**CAMERON REID**  
Waccamaw High School  
Murrells Inlet, S.C.  
Middle Level Education

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

#### CLASS OF 2017

**EDWARD DUNTON**  
Fort Mill High School  
Fort Mill, S.C.  
Physics

**DAVID WANG**  
International School of Basel  
Florence, S.C.  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

### HORSESHOE SCHOLARS

#### CLASS OF 2015

**DANIEL FISCHER**  
Stanton College 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 Fremd High School  
Palatine, Ill.  
Marketing and Management

**PATRICK KENNEDY**  
Riverwood High School  
Atlanta, Ga.  
International Business

#### CLASS OF 2016

**TAYLOR KARLIN**  
Poolesville High School  
Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**LEANNA 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

#### CLASS OF 2017

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

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



## CLASS OF 2016



Carolina Scholars



McNair Scholars

## CAROLINA SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2016

### CATHERINE BUDDIN

Julia and Spud Spadoni Scholarship  
St. James High School  
Scholars Academy  
Murrells Inlet, S.C.  
Exercise Science and  
Religious Studies

### RILEY CHAMBERS

Olin D. Johnston Memorial  
Scholarship  
Irmo High School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Biological Science

### SONA CHOWDHARY

Ada B. Thomas Scholarship  
and the Mary B. M. Pearce  
Johnston & James T. Pearce  
Jr. Scholarship  
South Carolina Governor's  
School for Science and  
Mathematics  
Florence, S.C.  
Biological Science

### LINA DAVDA

Jennifer M. and Mack I.  
Whittle Scholarship  
South Carolina Governor's  
School for Science and  
Mathematics  
Greenville, S.C.  
Biomedical Engineering

### JACOB DUSTAN

James A. Morris Scholarship  
Academic Magnet High School  
Charleston, S.C.  
International Business and  
Entrepreneurship

### HANNAH GREENWAY

Jennifer M. and Mack I.  
Whittle Scholarship  
James L. Mann High School  
Greenville, S.C.  
International Business and  
Economics

### KATY HALLMAN

USC Athletic Department  
Scholarship  
Christ Church Episcopal  
School  
Greenville, S.C.  
Public Health

### KYLE HARPER

Jack S. Graybill Scholarship  
Richland Northeast High  
School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Business Management and  
Marketing

### LUKE HAVENS

Mary Meech and Michael J.  
Mungo Scholarship  
South Carolina Governor's  
School for Science and  
Mathematics  
Florence, S.C.  
Biological Science

### CONNOR HOFFMAN

Blair Standridge Memorial  
Scholarship  
Heathwood Hall Episcopal  
School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Biological Science

### JOHN ISENHOWER

Interfraternity Council-  
Panhellenic Scholarship  
South Carolina Governor's  
School for Science and  
Mathematics  
Greenwood, S.C.  
Chemical Engineering

### CHRISTIAN KLOOT

Student Government  
Scholarship  
Dreher High School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Exercise Science

### DAVID LEGGETT

Henry Laurens Scholarship  
Wando High School  
Mount Pleasant, S.C.  
Economics and Political  
Science

### ELIZABETH MOORE

Pepsi-Cola Company  
Scholarship  
Saint Joseph's Catholic School  
Greer, S.C.  
Biomedical Engineering

### JUSTIN MOORE

Class of 1953 Reunion  
Scholarship  
Dutch Fork High School  
Irmo, S.C.  
Economics and Mathematics

### GAMBLE OUZTS

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

### LAHAREE PARIKH

John Rutledge Scholarship  
Irmo High School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Biological Science

### ANNA RIDENOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Julius H. Walker  
Scholarship  
South Carolina Governor's  
School for Science and  
Mathematics  
Summerville, S.C.  
Anthropology and History

### LISA LYNN SCHEXNAYDER

First Citizens Bank  
Corporation Scholarship  
Myrtle Beach High School  
Myrtle Beach, S.C.  
Economics and Finance

### AUSTIN WILLIAMS

Carolina Scholar General  
Endowment Fund  
Scholarship  
Dutch Fork High School  
Irmo, S.C.  
Biology

### MING WONG

J. Randolph Johnson  
Scholarship  
Spring Valley High School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Computer Science

## MCNAIR SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2016

### PATRICK BARBOUN

Salesianum School  
New London, Pa.  
Chemical Engineering

### JAMIE BOLLER

Collierville High School  
Memphis, Tenn.  
Theatre and English

### RILEY BRADY

Cosby High School  
Midlothian, Va.  
Marine Science

### CHRISTINA CANTU

Central Bucks High School  
South  
Doylestown, Pa.  
Psychology

### ELIZABETH CRUMMY

Olympia High School  
Orlando, Fla.  
Biomedical Engineering

### KATEE DRISCOLL

Pensacola Catholic High  
School  
Pensacola, Fla.  
Physics and Mathematics

### KEENAN DUNKLEY

Marvin Ridge High School  
Waxhaw, N.C.  
Biological Science

### CHARLOTTE ECKMANN

Tates Creek Senior High  
School  
Lexington, Ky.  
Marine Science

### DAVID GALBAN

Upper Merion Area High  
School  
King Of Prussia, Pa.  
Mathematics and Economics

### WESTON GROVE

Cypress Ranch High School  
Houston, Texas  
Biomedical Engineering

### CAMILLE HARRIS

Henry W. Grady High School  
Atlanta, Ga.  
International Business,  
Marketing, and Global  
Supply Chain and  
Operations Management

### RACHEL KITCHENS

Cypress Woods High School  
Cypress, Texas  
International Business,  
Economics, and Global  
Supply Chain and  
Operations Management

### RACHEL LEMALEFANT

Downingtown East High  
School  
Glenmoore, Pa.  
Biochemistry and Molecular  
Biology

### NICHOLAS LENZE

Northern Guilford High  
School  
Summerfield, N.C.  
Biochemistry

### MORGAN LUNDY

Dacula High School  
Dacula, Ga.  
History and English

### NICOLE NEWSOM

Robert W. Johnson High  
School  
Buford, Ga.  
International Business and  
Marketing

### MATTHEW PRICE

T.C. Roberson High School  
Fletcher, N.C.  
Political Science

### JACOB SIMS

duPont Manual Magnet High  
School  
Lexington, Ky.  
Louisville, Ky.  
International Business,  
Economics, and Global  
Supply Chain and  
Operations Management

### RACHEL SMOAK

William G. Enloe Magnet High  
School  
Cary, N.C.  
Chemical Engineering and  
Chemistry



## CLASS OF 2017



Carolina Scholars



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## CAROLINA SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2017

### CALEB MICHAEL BAGLEY

William B. Douglas Scholarship  
Chapin High School  
Chapin, S.C.  
Chemistry

### KEIKO BRIDWELL

Norma C. and John M. Palms  
Carolina Scholarship  
James F. Byrnes High School  
Woodruff, S.C.  
Linguistics

### CARSTEN BRYANT

Grace King Merchant Scholarship  
Lexington High School  
Lexington, S.C.  
Religious Studies and Philosophy

### BRANDON BYRD

Thomas B. Pearce Scholarship  
Wade Hampton High School  
Greenville, S.C.  
Media Arts and African American  
Studies

### DANIEL CLEMENTS

Penelope W. and E. Roe  
Stamps IV Carolina Scholarship  
Spring Valley High School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Computer Engineering

### SAMUEL COLLINSWORTH

University Associates Scholarship  
Irmo High School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Biomedical Engineering

### JAMES DURDEN

Chris Vlahoplus Scholarship  
Spring Valley High School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Chemistry

### ELLEN GARDINER

Penelope W. and E. Roe  
Stamps IV Carolina Scholarship  
Dutch Fork High School  
Irmo, S.C.  
Exercise Science

### JUSTIN GARRISON

Isabelle Caldwell Penland  
Scholarship  
Lexington High School  
Lexington, S.C.  
Economics

### MADELEINE GIESS

Ralph David Neuman Scholarship  
Dreher High School  
Columbia, S.C.  
Mathematics

### ADAM GLENN

Patrick L. Tomlin Scholarship  
Carolina Forest High School  
Conway, S.C.  
Chemical Engineering

### TIEN HO

J. Willis Cantey Scholarship  
Blythewood High School  
Blythewood, S.C.  
Mathematics and Computer  
Science

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