

2016-2017

Top Scholars

Cover: First-Year Scholars begin one of the high ropes elements at their day on the PEAK course at Heathwood Hall.



In 2008, we set out to create a 21st-century university that would provide our students with a classic, liberal arts education steeped in the core arts and sciences. Determined to attract the nation's best scholars, we also cultivated a culture of excellence in research with students and scientists who work side by side.

Today, exceptional Carolina, Hamilton, Horseshoe, McNair and Stamps scholars hail from across the nation, earning these highly competitive scholarships by exhibiting exceptional academic talent, exemplary character and notable leadership skills. At Carolina, they've experienced a rich academic life filled with inquiry and exploration and, in turn, have positively shaped our university as well.

Mentored by Carolina's experienced faculty and staff, supported by community and business leaders, alumni and donors, inspired by their peers and touched by communities in need both here and abroad, our top scholars have studied on five continents and embraced a wide range of majors — from molecular biology to chemical engineering, computer science, English, psychology, international business and more.

We are appreciative of our generous donors who believe in the inherent connection between the arts, the humanities and science. Because of you, our top scholars will offer a harvest of good science and great empathy as they step forward to lead and shape a new world. We couldn't be prouder.

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Joelle Strom, Liz Grace, Angela Rogers and Noemi Glaeser enjoyed out-of-classroom time by exploring Charleston, S.C.

THE CAROLINA AND MCNAIR SCHOLARS

Distinguished by their extraordinary academic talent, exemplary character and remarkable leadership skills, top scholars are outstanding students whose ideas and abilities will shape the world of tomorrow. They are the university's most distinguished merit scholarship recipients, and they currently represent 34 cities in South Carolina and 16 states nationally. These young scholars personify not only the ideals Ralph Waldo Emerson mentioned, "Character is higher than intellect," but also the university's own motto: "Learning humanizes character and does not permit it to be cruel." As this report chronicles, these scholars have significantly enhanced the reputation of the university.

A continuing goal of these programs is to create a community of scholars with a united and visible identity. The Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs serves as the home base for top scholars, offering them four years of extensive programming. They receive one-on-one advisement for academic goals and co-curricular plans such as national fellowship preparation, internships, undergraduate research, graduate school preparation and employment. All top scholars have a full schedule of programs each semester that includes socials, formal dinners, lectures and invitations to special campus events. In addition, first-year scholars participate in a leadership retreat, creating bonds and developing skills that will last a lifetime.

Through the generosity of the university's donors, these prestigious scholarship programs will continue to improve and grow. This top scholars report is a testament to the successes of the programs that you have made possible.

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 91 scholars on campus during fall 2016. Since its inception, 812 scholars have participated in the program, which has been an integral factor in keeping many of the state's most gifted students in South Carolina.

Established in spring 1998 as part of the university's Bicentennial Campaign, the McNair Scholars program is a scholarship fund for out-of-state students supported by generous gifts totaling \$30 million from university alumnus Robert C. McNair and his wife, Janice. The McNair Scholars program is the counterpart of Carolina's prestigious Caroli-

na Scholars program for gifted in-state students. This year, the university welcomed the 19th class of McNair Scholars — a group of the nation’s brightest students, representing 16 states.

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

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

SELECTION AND AWARDING PROCESS

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions coordinates the selection process for top scholar awards. To be considered, students are required to submit an application for freshman admission as well as the Honors/Top Scholars supplement. The Honors/Top Scholars supplement contains two “Thinking” and “Doing” essays. These prompts ask students to discuss their intellectual pursuits as well as meaningful leadership and service activities at their high schools and in their communities. Two teacher recommendations are also required. University faculty and staff members carefully evaluate each applicant in areas such as academic preparation, intellectual curiosity, leadership potential, recommendations, genuine interest in the university and outstanding talents and accomplishments. More than 3,152 applications were received for the 2016 cohort.

Each year, 50 in-state students and 45 out-of-state students are selected to attend a Top Scholar Candidate Weekend in late February or early March. During these visits, candidates tour campus, view residence halls, meet with many prominent university faculty and staff members and senior administrators and attend sample classes. The campus visit is an opportunity for students to learn about the services and programs Carolina affords elite scholars and to experience campus culture. Each candidate’s visit ends with a scholarship interview conducted by university faculty members.

All students who attend the Top Scholar Candidate Weekends will receive a generous scholarship that is renewable for up to four years of study. After these weekends, five in-state Stamps Scholars, five out-of-state Stamps Scholars, 20 Carolina Scholars, 20 McNair Scholars, 25 Hamilton Scholars and 20 Horseshoe Scholars are named from the original group of 95 candidates. This top scholar community also has benefits such as admission into the South Carolina Honors College, programming through the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs, preferred freshman housing and parking privileges and a laptop computer.

Our current and incoming top scholars are representatives of the best our nation has to offer and are an integral part of what makes the university “a faithful index to the ambitions and fortunes of the state.”



1 *Stamps Scholar Charissa Pichai, Maribeth Bottorff and Carolina Scholars Blakeley Hoffman and Tien Ho made sure USC was*

well-represented in the Bay Area for summer 2016 internships.

2 *Austin Hetherington, Katie Weiser, Kevin Field, Hima Vinnakota and Jan Smoak enjoyed Pelican’s Snoballs in West Columbia*

last June as part of OFSP’s Dutch Treats Out program.

3 *Celine Peksenar and her older brother Izlen celebrated the men’s*

basketball team’s win over Duke by jumping into the reflecting pool outside Thomas Cooper Library.





STAMPS SCHOLARS

The university welcomed its fifth class of Stamps Scholars this year. Looking forward, another 10 new first-year students will enter the scholar community in August, including our first five Stamps Scholars from outside South Carolina.

Annually, the scholars gather both formally and informally. This year's fall Stamps Scholars orientation session included a welcome from the dean of the Honors College, Steve Lynn, and upperclassman scholars provided insight into the program, including enrichment activities and the Stamps Scholars National Convention, to younger scholars.

This spring was a national convention year, so 16 scholars traveled to the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) in Atlanta for the biennial meeting with scholars from the other 44 partner schools. The convention allowed scholars to attend sessions within eight different threads of interest, take part in a service challenge and hear two keynote speakers: Elisa Villanueva Beard of Teach for America and G. Wayne Clough, formerly of the Smithsonian Institute and president emeritus of Georgia Tech.

In May, our first four Stamps Scholars graduated, and the program celebrated with a small dinner where the graduates provided their sound advice and insights to the rest of the group.

The university partnership with the Stamps Charitable Foundation started in 2013 to recruit and educate five new Carolina Scholars annually over the course of four years, to a cap of 20 scholars. In the coming year, the program will expand out of state, with a total of five scholars arriving from Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. At USC all Stamps Scholars are supported through the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs and the Honors College, and they receive support and networking opportunities regionally and nationally with partner schools and the foundation.

With all the perks of a Top Scholar award, these students receive an additional \$10,000 for high-impact activities and enrichment, enabling these talented students to pursue additional opportunities in research, study and travel abroad, community service, career development and more.

Stamps Scholar Stephanie Munie, from North Augusta, S.C., summarizes her past year as a scholar to help illustrate the program benefits: "As a Stamps scholar, I love being part of a tightly knit group of highly capable and loving students. Whenever we get together for meetings or activities, we all connect so well and grow from each other's experiences and skills. I think collaboration is at the core of the Stamps program, which is why the national convention is a very powerful weekend. I enjoyed meeting students from across the nation, and all of their stories really impacted how I see the world, service and leadership."

*Back row, left to right: Philip Richardson, Daniel Clements, Grace Cooney, Patrick McKenzie, Olivia Reszczyński and Sarah Greene
Middle row, left to right: Madhura Pande, Sara Wallam, Jen Quindlen, Stephanie Munie, Ashley Fellers and E.A. Matthews
Front row, left to right: Sydney Poskevich, Judith Lin, Carina Leaman and Charissa Pichai*



ROBERT C. MCNAIR

*ROBERT AND JANICE MCNAIR
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Janice and Robert C. McNair have been champions of philanthropy for many years, giving generously to deserving causes while making education and medical research the cornerstone of their philanthropic giving. They are founders of The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation, the Houston Texans Foundation, the McNair Medical Institute and the Robert and Janice McNair Education Foundation in Forest City, N.C.

Robert McNair, the founder, chairman and chief executive officer of the Houston Texans, is best known in the business community as the founder of Cogen Technologies, which was the largest privately owned cogeneration company in the world when it was sold in 1999. He currently serves as chairman of The McNair Group and owns Palmetto Partners Ltd. and RCM Financial Services L.P., private investment entities. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he served as student body president. McNair was named Entrepreneur of the Decade by the Houston Technology Center and 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 for Public Policy at Rice University. McNair has been inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, the Texas Business Hall of Fame and the Houston Hall of Fame 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 NFL League team to Houston, McNair was awarded the 32nd NFL franchise in 1999, and the Houston Texans debuted in 2002. In 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2016, the Texans won their AFC South Division Championship. Active in NFL affairs, McNair serves as chairman of the NFL's Finance Committee and is a member of the Audit and Los Angeles Expansion committees. In 2004 and 2017, McNair's leadership led the NFL to select Houston, Texas, as the host city for Super Bowl XXXVIII and Super Bowl LI.

In recognition of the instrumental role McNair played in bringing two Super Bowls to Houston, the 2017 Houston Super Bowl Host Committee commissioned acclaimed artist Chas Fagan to sculpt an eight-foot bronze statue in his likeness that will be unveiled at NRG Stadium during the Houston Texans 2017-2018 season. The Committee also honored the McNairs by making a significant contribution in their name to the NFL Center of Excellence, currently under construction in Canton, Ohio.

Bob McNair is also credited with reviving Houston's collegiate bowl game in 2006, and he presently serves as founder and chairman emeritus of the AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl. He 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 in Columbia, S.C., shares her husband's vision and passion for helping others. She has been honored by numerous nonprofit organizations, including Child Advocates in 2009, the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council in 2005 and the Salvation Army in 2014. Together, the McNairs have established McNair Scholars programs at the University of South Carolina, Columbia College, Rice University, Baylor College of Medicine, M.D. Anderson, the Menninger Clinic, Texas Children's Hospital and the Texas Heart Institute. In 2007, their transformational gift to Baylor College of Medicine enabled the recruitment of world-class research physicians and scientists in the fields of Type 1 diabetes, breast and pancreatic cancer and the neurosciences.

Bob and Janice McNair's transformational gifts helped establish the Janice and Robert McNair Hall at Rice University, the Janice Suber McNair Asian Elephant Habitat at the Houston Zoo, Houston Baptist University's McNair Hall and McNair Plaza, the AD Players' Lorraine M. George Theatre in Houston, Texas, and the McNair Baseball Field in Forest City, N.C.

In 2015, the McNairs began establishing McNair Centers for Entrepreneurism and Free Enterprise at Rice University's Baker

Institute for Public Policy, the University of St. Thomas Houston, Houston Baptist University, the University of South Carolina, Northwood University in Midland, Mich., and Columbia College in Columbia, S.C. The McNairs chaired the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge Houston capital campaign and are currently co-chairing Texas Children's Hospital's Promise Campaign.

Bob and Janice McNair's generosity hasn't gone unnoticed. In 2014, they received the Houston Community College Foundation's Crystal Eagle Award, UNICEF's inaugural Margaret Alkek Williams Humanitarian Award and Houston Baptist University's President's Award, and they were honored by their beloved Houston Zoo. In 2015, MD Anderson Hospital and NBC's Tom Brokaw

honored Bob McNair as their 2015 Living Legend, and in 2017, the McNairs were presented the Lombardi Honors Humanitarians of the Year Award.

Bob and Janice McNair have been residents of Houston, Texas, since 1960. They have four grown children, 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



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, the University of Miami and a number of other organizations 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 projects and scholarships at 44 universities nationwide. And with its Stamps Scholars initiative, the family foundation has created innovative scholarship programs supporting approximately 888 students during the upcoming school year.

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

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

Roe now dedicates his time to his personal interests, which include fly-fishing, bird hunting, flying, boating, jazz piano and spending time with his family: son, Will, daughter, Annie, and grandson, Hunter. In addition, he also takes time to enjoy his black Labrador retriever, Ella, his French bulldog, Nacho, and their family's 14 stray and pedigreed cats.



Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis Pruitt greets senior scholar Madeleine Giess at the dinner, along with Provost Joan Gabel.

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◀ Aubrey and Beth Bryant (left), parents of senior class speaker Carsten Bryant, celebrate the evening with Carsten and his wife, Christine, as well as Dominique Grate (far right), a colleague of Carsten's.



Phoebe Ngo, with donors Buddy McEntire and Kappy Hubbard at the Carolina Scholar spring dinner



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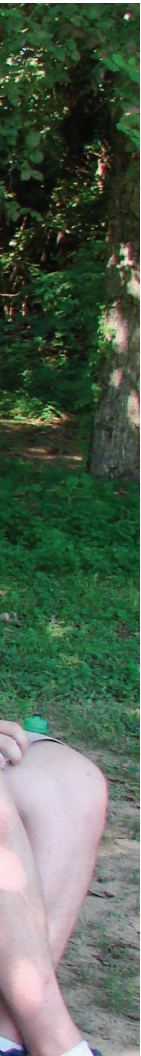
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Freshman scholar Samantha Shuford meets with her faculty mentor, Scott Vandervelde from accounting.



Lucy Ingram (left) from public health and Rebecca Early



◀ Scholars takes a break from the heat at the annual ropes course in August. Back, left to right: Brett Williams, Libby Davenport; front, left to right: Noah Hyduke, Kristen Livingston, Alex Tamura, Alex Wright and Frank Webb



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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP WINNERS

Top scholars continued to bring distinction to themselves and the university as recipients of national fellowship. Spring 2017 brought the news of 13 scholars winning these prestigious awards.

One national fellowship is named after a South Carolina leader — the NOAA Hollings Scholarship program is named after retired U.S. Sen. Ernest F. Hollings. The university has been a national leader in this competition and has multiple scholars again this year. Carolina Scholar Casey Brayton and Stamps Scholar Patrick McKenzie are two of three winners this year from USC. The award will provide each scholar with a stipend, a summer internship at a NOAA facility and networking opportunities unique to Hollings Scholars.

That is not the only award won by Carolina Scholar Casey Brayton this year: she was also named one of only 50 Udall Scholars this spring. The Udall Scholarship honors the legacies of Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall, whose careers had a significant impact on American Indian self-governance, health care and the stewardship of public lands and natural resources. The scholarship provides up to \$7,000 for a scholar's junior or senior year.

It is always great to have a first, and this year we are thrilled that freshman McNair Scholar Jane Marryat is the university's first UK Fulbright Summer Institute winner. Jane will spend three weeks in Scotland this summer at both the University of Strathclyde and the Glasgow School of Art as one of 10 American undergraduate students to attend the Fulbright Scotland Summer Institute on Technology, Innovation and Creativity. The program, begun in 2010, is meant to offer a unique perspective on Scotland's tradition of innovation and creativity and how this is shaping Scotland's future and its place in the world.

We are fortunate that Stamps Scholar Olivia Reszczyński was selected as one of only 16 students out of 950 to be a Mount Vernon Fellow this summer. Established in 2015, this six-week leadership development program was inspired by George Washington and today's foremost leaders. The fellowship offers a fully funded

summer program that includes a vibrant leadership education curriculum and interaction with nationally recognized corporate, government and military leaders in the nation's capital.

Scholars studying the STEM fields continue to be amazing national fellowship applicants. This year, Carolina Scholar Blakeley Hoffman is the recipient of the GEM scholarship, which will fund her master's degree in media arts and sciences at MIT and allow her to intern with Adobe Systems Incorporated. The GEM Fellowship partners students from underrepresented communities with companies that help support their graduate studies and provides funding and extensive networking opportunities. And the winning streak continues for USC in the Goldwater Scholarship competitions. This year marks the 25th consecutive year of Goldwater Scholars from USC, and all three are Top Scholars. Carolina Scholar Mara Cowen and McNair Scholars Kevin Field and Kayla Gardner are the recipients of this most prestigious award for undergraduate students who plan a research career in a STEM field. Finally, 2015 Carolina Scholar alumnus Drew Patterson, now a graduate student in electrical engineering at the University of Illinois, received an Honorable Mention for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.

Finally, the importance of international experience continues to drive students to seek national fellowships that will fund their time abroad. Two senior McNair Scholars will spend a year teaching English abroad on a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship. Victoria Belcher will teach in Brazil, while Caroline Blount will teach in Germany. The DAAD RISE program continues to welcome USC students interested in doing STEM research in Germany. This summer, Carolina Scholar Will Rivers will be conducting research at the University of Munich, and in the fall, McNair Scholar Sky Jaques will intern at BASF's headquarters in Ludwigshafen, Germany, as part of the DAAD RISE Professional program (for which she was eligible due to her DAAD RISE grant last summer).



1 Kelly Kopchak studied abroad in Sevilla, Spain, during the spring of her sophomore year, and it was one of her best college experiences! She

is pictured above at Plaza de España in Sevilla, a short walk from her apartment.

2 Amie Sessoms' love of the outdoors blossomed during her years at the University of South Carolina.

3 Jamie Durden hikes around Ausungate mountain in Peru last summer with USC's Dobson volunteer service program.

4 Lizzie Utset is jumping for joy at the Huanglong Scenic Valley in China's Sichuan Province!



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 top scholars in their own element, a location of their choosing. For some of them, the choice was easy and obvious, but for others, more thought was employed. The photos, accompanied by the students' reflective and insightful words, provide glimpses into their time as Carolinians.

5 One of Rachel Lunsford's favorite places she visited while studying abroad was Belgium.

6 Ben Youngblood went to visit his girlfriend in Leeds, England, during his time studying abroad. He flew straight from Guadalajara, Mexico.... The temperature

difference was more than enough to make him regret only bringing a light jacket.



Kevin J. Anneken

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
ROGER BACON HIGH SCHOOL | CINCINNATI, OHIO
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

From the day I arrived at McNair Weekend, I knew there was something special about the people at USC. Students, faculty and administration who had just met me truly wanted to see me succeed throughout the course of my college career. This collaborative environment helped me to reach for goals which were once outside of my comfort zone. During my four years, I pursued a variety of leadership roles, worked hard to earn three majors and one minor, achieved fluency in the Spanish language, served the Columbia and Cincinnati communities, traveled to the Caribbean and South America, and developed professional skills that will help me during my career. Nothing, however, will mean as much to me as the friendships I have made here in Carolina. My friends have taught me to think critically, act compassionately and build relationships that matter. My peers in the Honors College pushed me to work aggressively toward my professional and personal goals, even after graduation. I have accomplished a lot over four years, but I am certain that I will carry my friends and the skills they have taught me for a lifetime.

Kevin is an alternate for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. If named a finalist, he will be awarded a research grant to study renewable energy policy in Montevideo, Uruguay. Additionally, he has accepted a position at GE Power in their Operations Management Leadership Program.

Above: Kevin poses with some stylish alpacas on a weekend trek in Huaraz, Peru. This photo was taken during his semester abroad studying international business in Lima, Peru.

Michael Caleb Bagley

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | WILLIAM B. DOUGLAS SCHOLARSHIP
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CHEMISTRY

My love for this university was not a birthright; I bled orange and purple, not garnet and black. I fell for this university "gradually, then suddenly" (Hemingway, I think). At first, I swore that I would never apply to this school. Then I started saving the mail. I went to scholars weekend, took a tour, met prospective classmates and staff. The next days, after I was offered the Carolina Scholar award, I knew I was home. Cut to today. Today I sit on the Horseshoe, Block C on a black polo with grey speckles, pondering the last four years. I think on what I have accomplished, by the grace of God. I smile as I think back to all the memories this place has given me, too many to count or even order; they just come rushing back, inspiring loud laughs and simultaneous sighs. And then my mind drifts to the future; it is just an undefined horizon of possibility. I pause for a moment, think of the work I have left to do, and then get up and walk down the uneven brick path. Wherever my life goes, whatever else I do after this, Forever to Thee sweet Carolina, Forever to thee.

Caleb will pursue a Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Florida or N.C. State University.



Caleb (far right) enjoys a baseball game with good buddies and a great mascot.

Cynthia L. Beavin

McNAIR SCHOLAR

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY | LOUISVILLE, KY.
BARSC IN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND
RIGHTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

I was able to do a lot of cool stuff while at USC. I studied abroad in Peru, designed my own research study, served on the executive board of a few organizations, held a peer leadership role and interned at a few nonprofits. But all of these “cool” things I did were far from typical because of who I am and what I do. My study abroad in Peru prompted my decision to become a BARSC major. My research study was about unsafe abortion and abortion policy in Peru. I was on the executive board for organizations like the Feminist Collective and Students for Justice in Palestine. I was an LGBT peer advocate. I interned with Tell Them SC, a nonprofit that advocated for accurate sex education. Looking back, everything I did was too controversial to talk about when I went home for the holidays. Words like “abortion” and “queer” are not encouraged by everyone, but my experiences at USC are the reason why I associate myself so strongly with those words and others. I am different. I challenge norms. I am using my education unabashedly to help others, even if no one else can understand why.

Cynthia is pursuing research opportunities in sexual and reproductive health. She hopes to end up in Washington, D.C., for a few years before she begins a Ph.D. in public health or sociology.

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*scholars won national
fellowships or
scholarships this year.*

*SCHOLARS
BY THE NUMBERS*



Cynthia held a sloth at the Tipón Zoo during her first study abroad trip to Peru.



Vickie outside of Nosso Senhor do Bonfim Church in Salvador, Brazil; each ribbon represents three wishes from visitors.

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*scholars won 42 awards
at the university's
Awards Day.*



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Victoria R. Belcher

McNAIR SCHOLAR

WEDDINGTON HIGH SCHOOL | MATTHEWS, N.C.

BUSINESS ECONOMICS AND ANTHROPOLOGY

My time at USC can be best described by a realization that we grow the most by constantly striving to operate outside of our comfort zones. While there are more impressive self-discoveries I could talk about in this limited space, my time at USC has helped me develop a new love for dancing that I will carry for the rest of my life. This journey started when I timidly took a Zumba P.E. class sophomore year that eventually led to swing dance, shag and a new dance called forró when I studied abroad in Brazil. Dancing isn't something that comes naturally to me, and having to speak in Portuguese while dancing has probably been the greatest test my multitasking abilities have ever endured. Now, some of my best memories from the past four years are associated with dancing, be it an impromptu dance party with roommates on a stressful night of studying, teaching my host-sisters basic forró steps or ringing in the new year dancing with friends. In four years I've been able to go from avoiding something because I wasn't good at it to loving and embracing all the funny moments that come with learning something new.

Vickie plans to spend the summer backpacking Southeast Asia with some of the best friends she made at USC before leaving for Brazil on a Fulbright Grant.



Caroline S. Blount

McNAIR SCHOLAR
 METEA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL | NAPERVILLE, ILL.
 GERMAN AND ENGLISH

The summer after my freshman year I was lucky enough to spend two months in Saxony-Anhalt, Germany. I got to see the church door where Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses, the beauty of the Harz Mountains and vestiges of the former East, complete with Russian army barracks on what used to be the border. The most unexpected thing I saw, however, was an advertisement for a “Wilde West” show, complete with costumed Cowboys and spray-tanned Indians. My host family didn’t understand why I looked so shocked, and I couldn’t explain it myself. When I got back to the States, I started reading whatever I could find on Germany and Native Americans. Three years later, my senior thesis compares James Fennimore Cooper’s “The Last of the Mohicans” with Karl May’s “Winnetou,” a series credited with changing Native Americans from a curiosity for Germans to a nationwide obsession. I am fascinated by transcultural visions, national mythmaking and the literature that underpins it. I will remember my study abroad journey forever, not just because of what lessons it taught me, but because of the questions it taught me to ask.

Caroline will spend a year in Germany on a Fulbright Grant before applying for a Ph.D. in comparative literature back in America.

Above: Charlotte Ector and Caroline pose at the ruins of Old Falkenstein Castle (11th c.) overlooking the Selke Valley in Saxony-Anhalt, Germany.

Keiko S. Bridwell

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | NORMA C. AND JOHN M.
 PALMS SCHOLARSHIP
 JAMES F. BYRNES HIGH SCHOOL | REIDVILLE, S.C.
 BARSC IN LINGUISTICS

Whenever I tell someone that my major is linguistics, the most common question I get is, “Oh, cool. Linguistics. So ... how many languages do you speak?” The second most common is shorter: “What’s that?” To be fair, when I entered college as a freshman, I didn’t have much of an idea of what linguistics was either. My entire motivation for pursuing it was that I had loved studying etymology for middle school spelling bees, and almost all of my practical knowledge came from the “Lord of the Rings” appendices. I came in with the intention of designing my own major — in a field I knew almost nothing about. I would like to say that a light bulb went off during my first introductory course, and that I instantly understood what linguistics was and what I wanted to do with it. In reality, it took me two classes of historical linguistics, three semesters of Russian and Ancient Greek, a three-semester Magellan project in a neurolinguistics lab and two speech therapy classes to figure out what I was interested in: phonetics. In spite of this, I look at the variety of classes on my transcript as one of the best parts of my experience at USC. Rather than coming in and meeting preexisting requirements for a major, I had the opportunity to create my own — to play around with my schedule and gain a wide range of skills in my search for a focus. Some of these skills I will use for the rest of my life, and some I hope I won’t, but I’m grateful for all of them as a part of my learning experience.

Keiko will be continuing her education at USC to obtain a master’s degree in linguistics, with a concentration in phonological theory.



Keiko rode a pony-sized Icelandic horse in the mountains outside Reykjavik on a Maymester trip to Iceland.



Carsten A. Bryant

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | GRACE KING
MERCHANT SCHOLARSHIP
LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL | LEXINGTON, S.C.
PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

For most of my time at the University of South Carolina, I thought I would do something in academia for a career. Though I wasn't certain whether it would be within the sciences or humanities, it seemed to fit my aptitudes and personality. After all, a core requirement for becoming a professor is being able to laugh at your own jokes, and I did that already! The ivory tower may still be my eventual destination, but going through the fellowship application process, among other things, helped me to see that I would rather shape my career around doing what I love than résumé lines. I also long to be a generalist, and this is something quite frowned upon by grant committees. USC has given me the opportunity to study what I find fascinating and to engage the liberal arts in the ways that are crucial to becoming a truly educated person. I'll always treasure the friends, professors, mentors and, most of all, wife whom I found here.

Carsten and Christine will move to Durham, N.C., so that he can start a Master of Divinity at Duke University as he pursues ordination in the United Methodist Church.

Above: Carsten married his true love, Christine, in August 2016.

Christopher J. Buckman

HORSESHOE SCHOLAR
FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL | KNOXVILLE, TENN.
MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

I applied to 17 different universities for undergraduate studies. Out of all those schools, USC was the only campus where I felt invited. Four years later I have absolutely no regrets about my choice. Where else could I balance a double major with classes on blues harmonica, archery, jiu-jitsu and experimental music? Strangely enough, my fondest undergraduate memory comes not from South Carolina, but from a summer study abroad program in Denmark. After a particularly fun night out, I found I had accidentally agreed to a five-day backpacking trip in Sweden with three people I had no recollection of meeting. One week later and there I was in Sweden, lugging around my USC Gamecock backpack filled with food and borrowed camping gear, only sure that I was going vaguely north. We hiked through forests and pastures, over rocky hills and around swamps until we set up camp on a small peninsula, in a narrow outcropping facing the sea. We lit a fire and watched the sun set, snacking on delicious lingonberry jam (and not-so-delicious surströmming) while the entire sea turned burnished gold. It was a uniquely beautiful experience I never would have had the courage to take before coming to USC.

Next year, Chris plans to attend Boston University to work on a Master of Science in Actuarial Science. After that, he plans to continue his work in statistics until he can buy a small island nation, rule as king and genetically engineer a new breed of warm-water narwhals, his favorite marine mammal.



Chris (second from left), never one to miss a party, celebrates the 4th of July in Copenhagen, Denmark.



Audria L. Byrd

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | THOMAS B. PEARCE SCHOLARSHIP
WADE HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL | GREENVILLE, S.C.
MEDIA ARTS AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

One of my most treasured artifacts from New Year's 2016 is a handwritten note from one of my best friends with an Alice Walker quote across the front: "Healing begins where the wound was made."

When I think back to junior year, I remember what was simultaneously the best and worst time of my life. Mental illness caused me to doubt the love of my best friends who held me nearer and dearer than I thought I ever could be. Every failed attempt at medicating me sent me spiraling even further down. I doubted how much longer I should even be alive. But this was also the year I found the language of poetry. This was also the year I produced some of my best creative work yet. This was also the year that brought me even closer to people I hope to have by my side for the rest of my life. This was also the year that I survived. Things get really, really bad sometimes — sometimes for a long time. But there is a way out, and the ones who really matter will be there every step of the way. I can survive again.

Audria is applying for jobs in Washington, D.C.

Above: Audria poses at Memorial Park in Columbia, S.C.; photo credit to near and dear friend Clarie Randall.

Daniel C. Clements

STAMPS CAROLINA SCHOLAR | PENELOPE W.
AND E. ROE STAMPS IV CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP
SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL | COLUMBIA, S.C.
COMPUTER ENGINEERING

The summer before my senior year was a defining moment in my college experience. First, I was able to spend two incredible weeks exploring an entirely new culture and environment while studying abroad in Reykjavik, Iceland. Leaving the United States for the first time enabled me to both thrive on the newness of it all and reflect on my direction and priorities in life by comparison. Certain cultural differences, especially the food sources, abundant geothermal energy and the sense of community among the proud Icelandic people, inspired me and created a yearning in me to reduce my dependence on material possessions and energy consumption in my own life. Just weeks after I returned from Iceland, I interned as a consultant at Pariveda Solutions in Atlanta. Every day of work there reaffirmed my confidence that studying computer science in college and pursuing a career in software-oriented consulting would allow me to feel fulfilled and to succeed in the adult world. I was able to learn, make friends, live with my brother in a major city and establish myself as an individual in a professional context for the first of many times that I look forward to in the future.

Daniel has accepted a full-time job as a consultant at Dallas-based Pariveda Solutions in Atlanta, at which he will start in August after spending this summer traveling in Europe.



Daniel chases waterfalls at Skógafoss in southern Iceland.



Samuel H. Collinsworth

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATES SCHOLARSHIP
IRMO HIGH SCHOOL | IRMO, S.C.
BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

The University of South Carolina was instrumental in guiding me to my dreams and helping me discover where I wanted to be in my life. I came to USC unsure of what I wanted to do with my future. I was a biomedical engineering major torn between wanting a future in the medical field and a life in engineering. However, through classes at USC, many conversations with professors and advisers, and opportunities through the school to volunteer and gain experience in both fields, I was able to realize my dream of becoming a doctor. After realizing my passion for the medical field, I switched my major to biochemistry with a pre-med focus and have now been accepted to medical school to live out my dream. I am very excited for the years to come — I know that it will be a long and difficult path but that the fulfillment of caring for patients will make it all worth it in the end.

Sam will attend the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Greenville, S.C. Unsure of the kind of doctor he wants to become, he knows that through medical school and rotations he will find a specialty he is passionate about and will enjoy for the rest of his life.

Above: Samuel enjoys a sunset over Florence, Italy.

94%

of our upperclassmen scholars participated in at least one high-impact activity this year.



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Perry J. Davis

HORSESHOE SCHOLAR
 NEWTON CONOVER HIGH SCHOOL | CONOVER, N.C.
 FINANCE AND GSCOM

Attending the University of South Carolina wasn't always as easy for me as it should have been. My freshman year, I actually wanted to transfer out. I met some good friends, but wasn't truly happy. However, my decision to stick it out was the best one I've ever made. From creating a fraternity out of nothing to studying abroad with kids who are now lifelong friends, I can't thank my God, my family, friends and USC enough for giving me these memories. I will certainly cherish my time at USC for the rest of my days. Forever to thee.

Perry has accepted a position as a supply chain analyst at Eastman Chemical Co. in Kingsport, Tenn. (but will live in Johnson City). He may pursue a Master of Business Administration in the future.

Above: Perry (second from left) clowns around with four brothers during the installation of Theta Chi at the University of South Carolina.

Edward C. Dunton

HAMILTON SCHOLAR
 FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL | FORT MILL, S.C.
 PHYSICS

When I was applying to college, the University of South Carolina and its scholars weekend just seemed to feel right. Nothing that happened in the next four years changed my mind, as I was able to learn and grow at this wonderful university. I was able to participate in research from year one, and in so doing cement my desires to pursue full professorship and future research into physics. Everything, from the beautiful campus so convenient for studying or hanging out with friends to the prestigious honors college that drove me to better myself, has allowed me to freely discover and pursue my dreams and has helped me on my way to whatever may come. Hopefully, I will achieve success in my future endeavors, but even if I do not, I will remember the University of South Carolina as the first step on the long journey yet to come.

Ed will attend the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Columbia University (NYC) to study for a Ph.D. in Physics. He plans to proceed along the path to becoming a full-time professor of physics at a national university where he pursues research into topics that interest him about the nature of the universe.



Edward poses outside of Harper-Elliott during his senior year.



James A. Durden

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | CHRIS VLAHOPLUS
SCHOLARSHIP
SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL | COLUMBIA, S.C.
CHEMISTRY

When I look back on my time at USC, I have had so many wonderful experiences. Chief among these for me was the three months that I was able to spend touring South America last summer. This amazing trip would never have been realized if it weren't for the opportunity given to me by the Dobson Volunteer Service Program funding the volunteering portion of my trip. My experiences in South America have stayed with me long after I returned to campus to resume classes. I am so fortunate that I am a Gamecock because if it weren't for the many opportunities I've been given over my four years here, the friendships made with other volunteers, the stories and experiences shared with other travelers and the excitement that surrounds exploring new landscapes, cultures and languages would not be memories that I could carry with me after graduation. While the friendships and experiences forged abroad are forces that have definitely shaped my undergraduate experience here at USC, when I look back at the last four years, the most significant impact that helped make them the best I could have asked for comes from experiences and memories created with friends on campus.

Jamie will attend the Medical University of South Carolina.

Jamie hikes around Rainbow Mountain outside of Cusco, Peru.



Andrew J. Freix

McNAIR SCHOLAR
THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | CENTREVILLE, VA.
COMPUTER SCIENCE

I always knew I wanted to study abroad, even in high school. The funny thing about it is that I never knew why. Spring semester of my junior year, I had the opportunity to find out. I studied abroad in Vienna, Austria, just over a year ago, and it's hard to believe that it's already been so long. I grew more than any other period of my life. You can't help but grow your perspective after uncomfortably making it through a bath house spa treatment in Morocco or playing with an Austrian soccer team. The friends and memories are sure to last a lifetime, and now I'm more excited than ever to see the world. If I had any words of advice, they would be to travel as much as possible. You can only gain from broadening your perspective and embracing foreign cultures. I'll be back soon for a 10-week trip following graduation, and I cannot wait for what Southeast Asia has in store. I hope I can continue to experience as much as I have these past four years.

Andrew will work in Washington, D.C., as a software engineer for Applied Predictive Technologies. He hopes to work remotely from Europe for a few years.

Above: New adventures with new friends. Andrew and his friend Axel hike in Glendalough, Ireland, on spring break of their 2016 semester abroad.

Ellen E. Gardiner

STAMPS CAROLINA SCHOLAR | PENELOPE W.
AND E. ROE STAMPS IV CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP
DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL | IRMO, S.C.
EXERCISE SCIENCE

"So did you want to sign for us?" "Umm ... I didn't really know that was an option, but yes?" My little foray into Women's Premier League football (or soccer to us Yanks) began as more of a stumble than a purposeful step in my soccer "career." Up until that point, I really had considered myself more of a casual player. For three years at the University of South Carolina, I played club soccer, where we took our competition seriously, but we didn't even have a coach. When faced with the proposition of signing for an English team the first week I arrive in the country, I could only feel shock. I ended up spending four months training with Guiseley AFC, home to some former Manchester City and English youth national team players. I certainly struggled my hardest to keep up with them, but I've never had a better time working hard. I'll always remember the brief moments where I got to say I was a professional soccer player. My advice for any Gamecock: our school is great, and you may want to spend all the time here you can, but study abroad. You never know what awesome opportunity could befall you.

Ellen will take a year off to work and apply to law school.



Pre-frolicking the fields around Scarborough Castle: this photo of Ellen was taken while studying abroad at the University of Leeds.



Adam J. Glenn

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | PATRICK L. TOMLIN SCHOLARSHIP
CAROLINA FOREST HIGH SCHOOL | CONWAY, S.C.
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

The University of South Carolina provided an atmosphere in which I could genuinely explore myself and discern what drives me on a daily basis. Opportunities for diverse research projects, travel abroad and community service alongside experiences provided by the clubs and organizations I was fortunate enough to participate in cultivated a sense of self that I view as one of the greatest gifts the university could have given me. I recently returned from a mission trip to the Dominican Republic (an example of the type of experience the university has provided for me) and have been reflecting on what I learned from my experiences there. In my initial reflections, I was given pause by the thought that this trip hadn't led to a profound discovery about myself. I had a built-up expectation for change or revelation and was disappointed by this thought briefly before realizing that this trip is something I participated in simply because of the person I have become over the past four years. Carolina gave me a home in which I could learn, love, serve, laugh and make plenty of mistakes, and for that I will be forever to thee.

Adam plans to take a year after he graduates to work in a medical practice in order to gain clinical experience before entering medical school in fall 2018.

Above: Adam poses in front of Worm's Head Island in Rhossili Bay on the Gower Peninsula of Wales, close to the city of Swansea, where he spent a semester abroad and his favorite place in the United Kingdom.

Ashley T. Griffith

McNAIR SCHOLAR
MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL | MARYVILLE, TENN.
FINANCE, ECONOMICS AND MARKETING

While a university education may give you the opportunity to gain knowledge, a true university experience is one that gives you the lifelong ability to learn. I am beyond grateful for my experiences of the past four years at the University of South Carolina, both in and out of the classroom, that have allowed me the ability to learn about not only myself, but the world around me as well. I've learned through the classroom how to properly enjoy a good glass of Merlot, practice the flow of Vinyasa yoga and prepare a traditional Greek tzatziki sauce. I've learned out of the classroom how to Sandstorm with 80,000 of my closest friends, immerse myself in foreign cultures and make lasting relationships with others that will forever impact my life. My university experience at USC has given me the ability to learn how to strive to find my passions and use those to make an impact on others and the world around me. This experience has given me the ability to always be searching, always be learning and always be grateful for an incredible four years of my life.

In June, Ashley will move to Charlotte, N.C., to begin her career as a financial analyst with Wells Fargo in their Wholesale Credit Resolution Group.



Ashley learns how to appreciate and enjoy a traditional German currywurst on the streets of Berlin, Germany, during her semester abroad in spring 2016.



Tien Thuy Ho

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | J. WILLIS CANTEY SCHOLARSHIP
BLYTHEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL | BLYTHEWOOD, S.C.
MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

I was never aware of computer science before college. Yet it has now become the focus of my study here at USC. Learning to program has certainly enabled me to practice my love for problem-solving and, at the same time, to become more involved in the increasingly digitized society. More than anything, I grew most as a programmer through my work experience with the S3D team in the electrical engineering department. Not only was I able to gain exposure to new technologies in web development and 3-D visualization, but I also learned to work effectively within a team environment. These skills are essential to my future career in computing. I also built new relationships with the people who continue to encourage and mentor me in the field. What I appreciate most studying at USC is the opportunity to discover new areas of interest and redefine my outlook toward the future. I am grateful for all the support from the Carolina community, which has motivated me to fulfill my potential and achieve my goals.

Tien will pursue a master's degree in computer science at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Above: Tien visited Lake Tahoe during her summer internship in California.



Jordan Blakeley Hoffman

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | JOSEPH LAND SCHOLARSHIP
DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL | IRMO, S.C.
MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

"MEGAN SMITH IS IN THE LOBBY!" My phone buzzed and buzzed with messages, and I looked to Melissa — we have to go! The CTO of the United States was just a few strides away, and we, the Women in Computing at USC, were determined to make this photo op happen.

I remember standing on MIT's campus for the first time, Maribeth and Kayla at my side, thinking to myself, how does anyone ever get here? The answer, of course, is with a lot of hard work and a lot of luck. But before the answer could even cross my mind, Maribeth said, "this could be you next year, if you want it to be." Through success and failure and two broken feet between the three of us, these strong women, my friends, future leaders of industry, conquerors of the world, have been at my side. They are not the reason I entered computing, but are certainly the reason I stayed.

We'll be scattered across the U.S. next year — in Boston, in Philly and in San Francisco. However, these women and my memories with them — whether it's rushing to meet Megan Smith or getting a pep talk to apply to the grad school of my dreams — will be what I remember about my time and USC.

After graduation, Blakeley will join Adobe's Creative Technologies Lab as a summer intern. In the fall, she will begin her graduate studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media Lab. Her research will focus on understanding the social structures that arise through technology and designing technologies that promote cooperative, productive and diverse human interactions.

Above: During her time at USC, Blakeley traveled more than 40,000 miles domestically. Here she is representing USC at the Google Student Ambassador's Summit in Mountain View, Calif.



Supriya S. Juneja

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | CLASS OF 1964
REUNION FUND SCHOLARSHIP
DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL | IRMO, S.C.
BIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY

I wish I could travel back in time and laugh in the nervous face of “pre-study abroad” me. The concerns that I would be homesick, lonely and lost during my semester in Seville, Spain, are comical now as I reflect on the best four months of my life. My only regret is that I didn’t take even more pictures. Studying abroad was the epitome of breaking out of my comfort zone; it served as the college experience of all college experiences. I met friends who I know will be at my wedding, traveled to 10 different countries and fell in love with one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Seville sparked my passion for traveling and fueled my desire to work with a Spanish-speaking population. When I landed back in the United States, I was a skydiving, camel riding, hair dyeing, tattoo acquiring, independent and confident woman. There is no price tag that I could ever put on that experience. No me ha dejado — NO8DO.

Already accepted to USC’s School of Medicine, Supriya will first spend a deferred year getting in touch with her roots in India and perfecting her Spanish and gaining more cultural exposure in South America in order to better prepare herself to work with a Hispanic population in the future.

Above: Supriya traveled to Morocco during her semester in Spain, and her first activity there was riding a camel. This sounds idyllic, and both the camel and Supriya look happy, but neither of them were very thrilled, especially when the camel tried to run away ... with Supriya screaming on its back. It was also raining, and wet camel smells remarkably like wet dog — a scent Supriya carried with her the rest of the day. Still, she got to ride a camel in Tangier!

Jonathan M. Keefe

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
RAVENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL | BRENTWOOD, TENN.
EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

I almost didn’t visit the University of South Carolina. My mom actually talked me into visiting — just for a quick tour and then we would be on our way. Of course, we ended up staying the whole day. USC was, and still is, the only campus that felt like a home to me, and I knew it right away. After visiting for McNair Scholar weekend, I knew I wanted to be a Gamecock. The call from President Pastides was just icing on the cake. Four years later, I’m positive it was the right decision. I’ve made incredible friends, many of whom I met on that weekend visit. I’ve had the academic freedom to find what I love to do and pursue opportunities to make my career dreams a reality. I’ve lived a short walk away from the Roman Forum and gotten to do a lifetime’s worth of travel in a semester. The support I’ve found in the Gamecock and McNair communities has been incredible, and I couldn’t be more appreciative of that. Now, I can’t wait to see what the future holds. No matter what, I will always be proud to say that I am a McNair Scholar and Gamecock.

Jonathan will attend graduate school in fall 2017 to pursue a Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology at the University of California, San Diego.



Jonathan explores New York City on an interview weekend.



Kelly J. Kopchak

McNAIR SCHOLAR
URSULINE ACADEMY | CINCINNATI, OHIO
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

A month or two into my senior spring semester, I received word that I was missing a technical elective needed to graduate. I was in shock and panic. My adviser and I had checked my courses many times, but alas it was true. Luckily, my friends and classmates were quick to offer advice and support. I reached out to my adviser and the dean of my college, both previous professors of mine. They mobilized to my defense more rapidly than I could have ever dreamed. I was so thankful for their multitudes of ideas and reassurance that everything would work out. We were able to concoct a plan of action that was implemented quickly and efficiently. Luckily, the situation is behind me, and I'm cleared to graduate. However, this whole situation had me reflecting on my past few years here. What stuck out were all the personal connections I'd made. I realized that the greatest thing USC has given me is an army of people willing to go to bat for me on any occasion. This network ranges from close friends to professors to classmates. I have found a truly incredible support community at this university that I know will stretch far beyond these four years. This is what I will take with me from my time at South Carolina.

Kelly has accepted a full-time position with ExxonMobil after graduation. She will be working in the refining and supply midstream lubricant operations department working with Exxon's Mobil1 motor oil products in a planner role. She will be relocating for this role.

Above: Kelly studied abroad in Seville, Spain, during the spring of her sophomore year, and it was one of her best college experiences! She is pictured above overlooking Lisbon, Portugal, on a class excursion.

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***scholars studied abroad
in 22 different countries
from May 2016 to
spring 2017.***

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Angela R. Korabik

McNAIR SCHOLAR
SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP | BROOKFIELD, ILL.
BIOLOGY AND CHINESE STUDIES

When most people enter college, they expect to graduate knowing more about themselves and the world, but my experience was kind of the opposite. As I conclude my undergraduate career at USC, I find that the greatest insight I am able to take from my time here is truly how little I know. That's not to say I haven't learned anything ... from studying two languages to participating in multiple research opportunities to studying abroad, I am ending my undergraduate career with a much more thorough understanding of scientific principles and world cultures than I could have ever imagined. However, the more I learn, the more I realize how much more there is to learn, and the harder it is to accept that I won't be able to learn everything I want to. Every new person I meet and every new experience I have provides a new perspective that causes my overall outlook on the world to constantly fluctuate. Nevertheless, there is an open-mindedness that emerges from the acceptance of uncertainty. It is that open-mindedness that I plan to take into the future to come to as great of an understanding of the world as possible.

Angie will study the evolutionary responses of guppies to changes in their environment in Trinidad while she waits to hear from three scholarships that would allow her to study Chinese abroad for a year. This fall, regardless of her location in the world, she will apply to graduate programs to receive her Ph.D. in ecology and evolution.



During Spring Break 2017, Supriya Juneja and Angie traveled to Costa Rica for an exciting adventure filled with pineapples, plantains and a ton of confusing bus schedules. One stop, Doka Estates just north of San Jose, was for a coffee tour. Here Angie poses with unroasted coffee beans just before she had her first-ever full cup of coffee.



Judith X. Lin

STAMPS CAROLINA SCHOLAR | PENELOPE W.
AND E. ROE STAMPS IV CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP
RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL | GREER, S.C.
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

I received a lot of weird looks asking for English menus. I explained that while I could speak the language, I had difficulty reading at the same level because I was an "ABC," American Born Chinese. Growing up, I learned how to speak both Mandarin and English and traveled to several countries with my family, yet I was still so nervous and uncomfortable with the idea of spending half a year away from home. Arriving in China, I found a part of my identity and felt so at ease with the culture around me. Despite the smog, crowded subways and lack of personal space, I found another home that I look forward to visiting in the future again. I am so grateful for not only the opportunities USC has provided me all four years, but also the way it has shaped and prepared me for those journeys.

After graduation, Judith will be moving to Seattle to begin her first rotation in the Business Career Foundation Program with The Boeing Company.

Above: Judith spent a semester studying at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, where she often enjoyed visiting the Summer Palace.

Nicholas D. Lolli

McNAIR SCHOLAR
PHOENIXVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL | PHEONIXVILLE, PA.
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND GSCOM



Asking me how USC has helped me realize my dreams is like asking a chicken how important its egg was. Ever since I enrolled in this school four years ago, USC has given me every opportunity to achieve my personal, professional and academic goals. This school has opened so many doors for me; doors that have led to lifelong friends, challenging internships and travels around the world. Every monumental event in my past four years can be traced back to the moment that I decided to become a Gamecock. One such event that changed my goals and plans was my first study abroad trip in the summer of 2014. With the encouragement of my faculty mentor, Dr. Robert Rolfe, I accompanied him and other students to South Africa, Mozambique and Swaziland on a summer program with the Moore School of Business. In our travels, we were exposed not only to the business environments of these countries, but also to their culture, food and people. This experience opened my eyes to a side of the world that I never truly knew existed and ignited my desire to pursue a career in international business.

Following graduation, Nick is excited to begin work for Michelin on their supply chain management team.

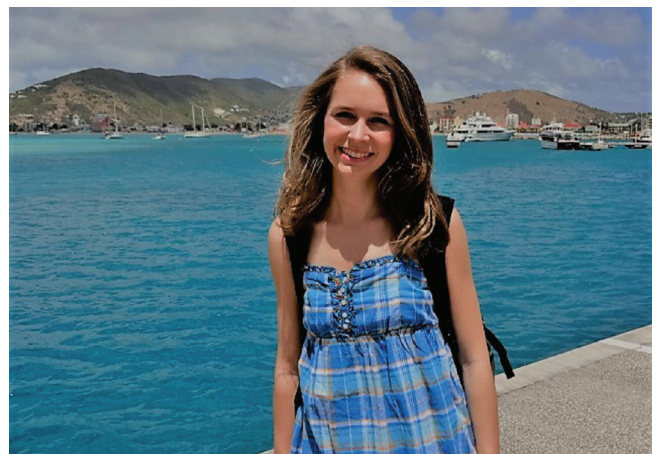
During his travels through southern Africa, Nick (center, kneeling) was able to tour the Cullinan Diamond Mine with a group of USC students. This mine, located in the Gauteng Province of South Africa, has produced some of the largest and most expensive diamonds in the world, and Nick was able to use this experience to learn about the history of the diamond industry and its significance to the region.

Rachel M. Lunsford

McNAIR SCHOLAR
R.J. REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL | KERNERSVILLE, N.C.
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FINANCE

During my life, I have wanted to be all sorts of things: a journalist, a private investigator and a musician, to name a few. USC has allowed me to do each of these things and so many more during my time here. As a journalist, I have written for The Daily Gamecock at USC as well as my school newspaper in Madrid, Spain, when I studied abroad. I have also written for my hometown newspaper in Kernersville, N.C., about the lessons I learned while studying abroad. I have been a private investigator both in Costa Rica while researching the language learning process and as an intern at a law firm last summer tracking information for clients. I am a musician, singing in USC's Gospel Choir and playing trumpet in our University Band. USC has empowered me to do these many things because it has given me the opportunity to pursue my interests and find new passions. Now, I get excited when I think about the intersection of business, politics and law.

Rachel will be pursuing her passion by spending another year at USC in the Master of International Business Program.



Rachel enjoyed the many shades of blue in St. Maarten.



Pooja Malhotra

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | CLASS OF 1965 REUNION
FUND SCHOLARSHIP
IRMO HIGH SCHOOL | COLUMBIA, S.C.
BIOLOGY

It's impossible to sum up my time at USC in words. I have grown as a student and a leader through serving as president of Omega Phi Alpha, a national service sorority, and through involvement with the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs. Most importantly, I have found wonderful friends and sisters who helped me figure out who I am and encouraged me to chase dreams I thought were impossible to fulfill. These people — my family at USC — have challenged me to be the best version of myself for the past four years, and I could not be more thankful for that. One of the most defining experiences during my time at USC took place at a Girls on the Run 5K, which is an event dedicated to teaching young women about healthy lifestyles. As a volunteer, I ran with the girls, cheered them on and supported them as a fellow woman who values educating young women about healthy lifestyles. I finally understood the paths my life could take and the significance of choosing a path in which my actions could positively affect girls like them. At this event, and in so many other circumstances afterward, I realized I wanted to make that kind of difference for the rest of my life and to the best of my abilities, by working as a doctor and health care advocate for children. The experiences I've had here have been second to none, and I will always call the University of South Carolina my home!

Pooja will be pursuing a medical degree next year at the Medical University of South Carolina. After completing medical school, she plans to specialize in pediatrics.

Above: Pooja in her favorite spot on campus, the Horseshoe. It's a reminder of the great years she had at USC living on the Horseshoe, and where she feels most at home.

Joseph P. Marazzo

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | BANK OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP
SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE
AND MATHEMATICS | COLUMBIA, S.C.
INFORMATION SCIENCE

USC gave me everything I needed to make the transition from being a student to a skilled professional, whether it was the generous state and university scholarships, my flexible on-campus job with the IT department or the world-class educators and mentors I studied under during school. I always had a general idea of what trade I wanted to enter, but it was hazy at best. I loved working with computers, bringing ideas to life and tinkering, but I wasn't sure what I needed to study to improve my skills or how to get those critical practical experiences. With the help of the Career Center, I was able to learn about an on-campus job with the University Technology Services department. It was a lot more than just a job. It allowed me to polish my teamwork, communication and persuasion skills alongside tons of practical technical experiences that prepared me to compete in the job market. Working and studying at the same time was the best decision I could have made as an undergraduate, and I wouldn't have been able to achieve what I have without the educators, mentors and friends I made along the way! Go Gamecocks!

Joe began his career in July as a technical associate for TIAA in Charlotte.



Joe says "aloha" from Hawaii!



Colman A. Moore

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | CLASS OF 1967 SCHOLARSHIP
SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS | GREENWOOD, S.C.
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

USC supported me from the beginning in conducting cutting-edge research as an undergraduate. As a freshman, I began working in Dr. Melissa Moss's lab to investigate preventative measures for Alzheimer's disease. After my sophomore year, I traveled to England to join a research program in biotechnology at the University of Kent, where I helped work on a leukemia therapy inspired by the body's own immune system. I was the only American in my group, and I made some amazing friendships with other students from around the world. I had an even greater time the next summer as a research intern in Northwestern's International Institute for Nanotechnology. After returning, I used what I learned to help synthesize a combined honors thesis-senior design project with my classmates on a nanoparticle-based drug delivery system. I also became an ambassador for the Office of Undergraduate Research. Along the way, I've developed a passion for research that I hope to continue to dedicate toward improving lives. I've been lucky to meet great people every step of the way, especially through the Honors College and the student radio station, and I will always be thankful for the time I've spent at USC.

In the fall, Colman will begin a Ph.D. program in nano-engineering at UC San Diego, and he hopes one day to work as a researcher in either a medical company or national lab, developing therapies on the molecular scale.

Above: Checking out the Canterbury Cathedral (part of a World Heritage Site) was one of the highlights of Colman's time at the University of Kent.

Austin R. Pahl

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | JOHN THOMAS LANGSTON
III SCHOLARSHIP
PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL | SUMMERVILLE, S.C.
COMPUTER SCIENCE

When I came to USC, I saw a chance to reinvent myself. After 13 years at a small private school in my hometown, I felt so ready. I dressed differently, entered as a business major and joined an exchange program that would send me to China for two years. But I realized over time that the career path I was building was not what I wanted. So I took a risk: I left the business school for computer science, an interest I had neglected years ago. When I sat in on my first class in the new major, I remember being struck by my professor's eccentric flair. But it worked. He was an excellent teacher, and I loved the class. I had finally found my home at USC. Since then, I've interned and interviewed across the country, from Charlotte to Silicon Valley and some places in between. I helped preserve local history in an iOS app through the Ward One project. I took great classes and had many more experiences that don't fit here. I never could have predicted that I would end up here, but USC and the Carolina Scholarship paved the way for me to get this far.

Austin will begin work as an implementation consultant with Fast Enterprises after graduation. He is considering attending graduate school within a few years.



Austin in his hometown of Summerville, S.C. The photo was taken by fellow computer science major, close friend and freshman-year roommate Cody Scoggins.



Natalie M. Pita

McNAIR SCHOLAR

MAGGIE L. WALKER GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR
GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
MOSELEY, VA.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, SPANISH
AND ECONOMICS

USC was the first university I visited on my college road trip — except we only visited the baseball stadium, and we were there for my brother. I never thought that I would be the one who ended up at USC instead of him. The McNair Scholars Program opened a door to a world of incredible opportunities with no limits. At that time, I knew USC was the place for me. From the moment I stepped foot on campus, USC has played a huge role in who I am today. I started as a writer for the news section of The Daily Gamecock, and now I have had articles published in The New York Times with my byline. Three years ago I was sitting in introductory business classes, and now I've traveled around the world getting locked in a room for hours on end to solve real-life business problems in international case competitions. I've studied abroad and conducted research in both Spain and Argentina. Through Student Government, I'm leaving a legacy of advocating for a voice for students. I have had the opportunity to lobby for the university on both a state and national level. I'm leaving USC with three majors and two minors, and I'm leaving USC a better person for having been here.

Natalie plans to attend Duke University School of Law for their joint J.D./L.L.M. in international and comparative law program.

As a member of the international case competition team, Natalie has traveled around the world to Jasper, Canada (pictured); Dublin, Ireland; and Montreal, Canada, solving real-life business problems in competitions.



Sydney D. Poskevich

STAMPS CAROLINA SCHOLAR | PENELOPE W.
AND E. ROE STAMPS IV CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP
PAUL M. DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL | MOORE, S.C.
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Coming in as a freshman at the University of South Carolina, I was told on numerous occasions that the next four years would be the best years of my life. And these four years have been wonderfully adventurous like none other; however, I believe that the past few years have served as preparation for even better years to come. I have made three years worth of memories living in a house with my best friends. I've built friendships with so many of my classmates and professors. I have had the opportunity to adventure through Italy, learning the culture through the cuisine, and travel to the coast of South Africa to work at an orphanage. I have experienced true community as a part of Shandon College Ministry and pursued lasting friendships with underclassmen girls in my small group. Hearing those comments four years ago, I did not imagine — and I'm talking about even the best of my ideas — that the ensuing years would be so full of living and learning. Amid all of the living, I have learned that the truest, most satisfying life is found when I focus on how much I can give away rather than take.

After graduation, Sydney will begin working as a process improvement engineer in the Specialty Fabrics Division at Milliken & Company. She will be located at the Magnolia Finishing Plant in Blacksburg, S.C.

Above: Sydney poses above the hills of Umbria during her experience abroad at the International Centre for the Arts in Monte Castello di Vibio, Italy, where she studied Italian food as culture.

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***There were 182 top scholars
for the 2016-2017 year, among
all four classes.***

***SCHOLARS
BY THE NUMBERS***



Sarah A. Roof

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | DUKE ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP
 CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL | CHAPIN, S.C.
 EXERCISE SCIENCE

During my first day on campus as a freshman, I stood on the Horseshoe and made a promise: that I would use the incredible investment the university made in me to express my gratitude in every way possible. I was determined to represent the university well and leave a positive legacy at Carolina. I decided to promote USC as a peer leader with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in order to help others understand the unique legacies that they can leave as Carolina students. As a peer leader, I have had the opportunity to represent USC, connect with students and families, and showcase all that Carolina has to offer to encourage others to call Carolina home. Throughout the past four years, USC has given me far more than I could have ever imagined as a high school senior who anxiously awaited my “Yes!” envelope. I hope that, as a peer leader, I have helped others realize the incredible experiences that await them at USC if they say, “Yes,” just as I did. USC has been the foundation of my most memorable and impactful experiences. I will always cherish the time I spent leaving my legacy at the University of South Carolina.

After graduation, Sarah will work for the Eli Lilly & Company Diabetes Unit as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Above: Sarah and her parents, both USC alumni, are pictured on the Horseshoe during USC Homecoming Week. This fall, Sarah was crowned USC Homecoming Queen, and she was honored to represent the University of South Carolina in this role.

Amie L. Sessoms

McNAIR SCHOLAR
 EAST RUTHERFORD HIGH SCHOOL | FOREST CITY, N.C.
 EXERCISE SCIENCE

You’re out of breath, you’re legs are tired and heavy from climbing, and you might just be a little sweaty, but as you gaze at the breathtaking view before you, there’s no doubt in your mind that the climb was worth it. These mixed feelings of exhaustion and pure wonderment are what I experience each time I tackle a new hiking trail, and they are exactly the feelings I would use to describe my experience here at USC. Being an undergraduate student has been nothing short of challenging, but as I stand here prepared to graduate, the view of the real world before me is remarkable and exhilarating. I have grown from the lost freshman that couldn’t find the Horseshoe the first week of classes (I know it seems impossible, but it’s not, trust me) to a confident senior who has learned and benefited more from the Carolina community than words could ever express. This university has helped me discover who I am now, as well as the person I want to become. Although my four-year climb here at USC has had its occasional slips, the support from my peers, staff members and family have helped me reach a peak of endless opportunity, and to me no view could be more inspiring.

This summer Amie will complete an internship at Tideland’s Waccamaw Community Hospital in Murrells Inlet, S.C., in their Cardiac Rehabilitation Center. Upon the completion of her internship, she plans to apply to graduate school and pursue her master’s degree in public health or in kinesiology.



Since starting college, Amie began hiking on the weekends to enjoy nature and refresh her mind from the business of everyday life. Here she was able to snap a photo along one of her hikes on the Appalachian Trail.



Rana T. Sobeih

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | CLOS FISHER CAROLINA
SCHOLAR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL | COLUMBIA, S.C.
ENGLISH

It's funny, the places the U.S. calls "unsafe." Both times that I studied abroad in Egypt, the U.S. Department of State had issued a travel warning about "the risks of traveling" to Egypt with a stern recommendation "to strongly consider not going [to Egypt] at all." USC followed the U.S. Department of State's guidelines, and I had to petition to be allowed to study abroad at the American University in Cairo. This "unsafe" destination changed the trajectory of my college experience and my life. Cairo — modern Cairo — has so much to offer in terms of knowledge, culture and life. Yes, I visited the mosques, pyramids and sphinx. But my most thrilling moment was taking the metro with my friends for the first time. Egypt is where I was born and where I routinely return to visit family, but these study abroad trips where I studied, danced and dreamed among students my age, students invested in changing the world for the better, introduced me to the living and breathing spirit of Egypt.

Rana hopes to work in public health in the future.

Above: Rana poses at the annual Palestinian Cultural Night hosted by Students for Justice in Palestine.

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seniors graduated with
Leadership Distinction.

SCHOLARS
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Samantha E. Stewart

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
MARYVALE PREPARATORY SCHOOL | MANCHESTER, MD.
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Stepping into the operating room for the first time, breathing heavy behind my surgical mask, I felt a rush of conflicting emotions. I could feel my hands shaking with both nervousness and excitement as I kept them tightly wrapped around the handle of the small cooler I had packed earlier that morning, full of ice packs and tubes of solution to keep the tissue sample I was about to collect viable. Waiting for my cue to step up to the table and collect the plaque from the patient's carotid artery, I knew I didn't want to be the one handling the scalpel. After the surgeon dropped the tissue into the tube I was holding, I screwed on the cap tightly, closed my cooler and made my way back to my laboratory. My place was in the lab, researching and learning to hopefully impact the way the surgeons address problems like atherosclerosis in the future. USC has given me the opportunity and resources to discover my passion for research and my desire to better understand and treat cardiovascular disease. The mentors and experiences that USC has enabled me to pursue both on campus and at other institutions have truly been invaluable.

Samm will pursue a Ph.D. in bioengineering, with plans to work in the medical device industry afterward.

Above: Samm took in the beauty of the Sacred Valley of the Incas in Peru while traveling abroad during the summer after her sophomore year.

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*scholars won Magellan Awards
for undergraduate research
this year.*

*SCHOLARS
BY THE NUMBERS*



Julia A. Strout

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | S.C. STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP
PALMETTO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY | MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C.
COMPUTER SCIENCE

When I was 17, choosing a college major seemed impossible. I remember being torn between what I saw as a clear divide between the humanities and the sciences, and feeling that by choosing one I would have to sacrifice half of my brain. I credit Carolina with helping me realize that I was being a little dramatic and that it is possible to integrate my interests. While I technically chose the sciences, I was still able to follow my interests wherever they led. I worked with archaeologists in Sicily to create 3-D models of their finds; I was a programmer at the Center for Digital Humanities, where I worked on digitizing the personal letters of Victorian intellectuals; and I trained algorithms to classify frog calls during a research internship in Florida. Each experience brought me closer to realizing what I want from my future, and I am grateful to Carolina for providing support every step of the way.

Julia plans to pursue a master's degree in computer science in the fall after spending the summer backpacking in Southeast Asia.

Above: Julia stands outside her apartment in Siracusa, Sicily, where she completed research in digital archaeology.

Sean C. Thomas

McNAIR SCHOLAR
BISHOP MCGUINNESS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

In the spring of my junior year, I went on Semester at Sea, a study abroad experience that goes to places other study abroad companies do not, such as Cambodia. While I was there, I visited Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, a former school that the Khmer Rouge had turned into a prison. Our guide during our travels in Cambodia had been held there as a young child, along with his parents. At Tuol Sleng, he recounted how his father was killed and his mother was tortured. Her torturers cut off several of her fingers, and they would show them to our guide and explain that she lost them because she did not answer their questions the way they wanted. I thought that being exposed to this as a young child would ruin someone's life and make their entire existence miserable. However, as I got to know my guide, I saw that he was a stable, happy and good-humored person. I learned firsthand the indomitable nature of the human spirit. I learned that no experience, no matter how horrible, can make the rest of one's life horrible, at least as long as one does not allow it to do so.

Sean will pursue a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at Virginia Tech.



Sean gives the "spurs up" sign as he poses for a photo in Cambodia.



Elizabeth C. Utset

McNAIR SCHOLAR
STANTON COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL | ATLANTIC BEACH, FLA.
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND CHINESE STUDIES

The best decision I have made in college was choosing to spend my entire junior year studying abroad in China. My time abroad was marked by incredible opportunities. I took three hours of intensive Chinese classes daily in Shanghai, one of the most exhilarating cities in the world; I lived and volunteered on an organic farm in rural China where most of the workers did not speak English; I deepened my understanding of Chinese societal issues by teaching English at a school for the children of migrant workers in Shanghai; and I explored, often independently, more than 30 cities across three different countries. I found myself breaking down language and cultural barriers, moving from struggling to find the confidence to ask “Nihaoma?” to fluently discussing democracy, human rights, current events, hopes and dreams in Chinese with people whose opinions differed greatly from mine. After having many opportunities to teach English and develop my own teaching style, I opened my mind to the possibilities of pursuing a career in higher education on an international level. But, most importantly after one of the most challenging years of my life, I am exceptionally independent, fiercely adventurous, happily spontaneous and deeply appreciative of the opportunities I have had to pursue my passions beyond the confines of a classroom.

For the next two and a half years, Lizzie will be volunteering with the Peace Corps as a secondary education English teacher in western China. After her service, she plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master’s degree in either higher education or international relations.

Above: The Huanglong Scenic Valley in China’s Sichuan Province is renowned for its beautiful mountainous scenery and diverse forest ecosystems. It’s home to waterfalls, spectacular limestone formations and glaciers and is one of the only places in China where the giant pandas still live in the wild.

Annie Wacker

McNAIR SCHOLAR
LAKE TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL | DAVIDSON, N.C.
BIOLOGY

When I arrived on campus at USC as a freshman, I knew that I wanted to go into the medical field; I just wasn’t yet sure in what capacity. After a few years here, I realized that one of the things I love so much about USC is the ability to interact with others, both friends and new acquaintances, on a daily basis. I love that this school is so large that I can meet a new person every week, and yet it still manages to feel like a close-knit family here, especially after I became involved on campus. This directed me to the decision to apply to physician assistant school. Through this profession, I will be able to have lots of hands-on interactions with patients every day. This will enable me to build relationships with my patients and continue to experience those social interactions that I love about USC in my professional career. I am grateful that my time in Gamecock country showed me what I love and value when it comes to life experiences. I am excited to continue my educational journey at PA school!

Annie is taking one or two years off from school, during which she will work as a national consultant for Chi Omega Fraternity, traveling around the country to different chapters. During this time she will also earn patient-contact hours for the physician assistant school application and begin the application process.



In this photo Annie is on Mount Artxanda, which overlooks the city of Bilbao, Spain. She completed her minor at the University of Deusto in Bilbao during the USC summer study abroad program in 2016.



David Wang

HAMILTON SCHOLAR
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BASEL | FLORENCE, S.C.
BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

“I don’t measure a man’s success by how high he climbs but by how high he bounces when he hits bottom.” — General George S. Patton

If you’d told me four years ago that I’d be able to fluently brief a room of my peers and military officers my plan for a training lab that would affect the whole battalion, or that I’d be able to write an eight-page operations order from memory, I probably would’ve questioned your mental lucidity. I came into ROTC thinking it would be a cakewalk like JROTC, but boy, was I wrong. As an introverted freshman who grew up in an upper-middle-class suburban family, hardship wasn’t in my dictionary. ROTC proved to be instrumental in my personal development in allowing me to better appreciate the most basic aspects of life, like sleep and clean clothes, as well as helping me break out of my shell in becoming more assertive and sociable since the leadership involved in ROTC essentially forces you to interact with others and learn to delegate tasks. ROTC has served as a defining aspect of not only my time in college, but also my life as a whole, and for that I am truly grateful. Gamecock Battalion: “We Battle!”

David will be serving in the U.S. Army as an active-duty officer in the Military Police Corps. Afterward he plans to either stay in the army, transition to a career in law enforcement or pursue an M.B.A. or master’s degree in a biochemistry-related field and work in the industry.

Above: David poses at the Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen, Switzerland.

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*top scholars represent USC as
university ambassadors.*



*SCHOLARS
BY THE NUMBERS*





Austin J. Ward

McNAIR SCHOLAR
PINECREST ACADEMY | JOHNS CREEK, GA.
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, FINANCE AND GSCOM

Arriving home after McNair Weekend, I remember looking my parents in the eye and saying that, regardless of what other schools accepted me, I would be attending USC. Four years later, there are three words or phrases that come to mind as I reflect on my experience at USC: “complete,” “free to choose” and “shared.” College has been a succession of incredible moments, ranging from ferrying from Spain to Morocco for a quick day trip, to sweating under the Honduran sun alongside locals as we constructed a school after fundraising all semester, to hiking Torres del Paine in Patagonia to cap off a 10-month study abroad experience in Santiago, Chile, to attending a USC bowl game with my roommates, and even to working well into the morning to make sure a CFA case competition presentation was perfect. Each of these experiences reflects the freedom I had to design my own unique path through college, expanding my breadth of knowledge and experience while working toward my personal goals. More importantly, though, key components in each of these memories are USC students and professors who shared the experience, diversified my worldview and inspired me daily. For this, I am forever grateful for both the McNair Scholarship and USC.

Following graduation, Austin plans to travel through Latin America for a few more weeks before moving back to his hometown of Atlanta, Ga., to begin his career as an investment banking analyst with SunTrust Robinson Humphrey.

Austin celebrated the end of his two-semester study abroad in Santiago, Chile, by hiking the W Trek in Torres del Paine National Park in Patagonia.

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**states are represented by
current McNair scholars.**

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Brett L. Williams

McNAIR SCHOLAR
ST. STEPHEN'S & ST. AGNES SCHOOL | ANNANDALE, VA.
BROADCAST JOURNALISM

"Kyle Ware drifting forward ... Ware across to the center... fires ... SCORES! Kyle Ware wins it for South Carolina! From 5-2 down, the Gamecocks win it 6 to 5 in overtime!" It was a signature win for the 2016-2017 USC club hockey team and a signature call for me. My lifelong passion for play-by-play commentary has strengthened every time I've taken the microphone these last four years. And my gratitude for every opportunity I've received at Carolina — in my chosen field and otherwise — still grows every day. It has especially been a blessing to share so much of my college experience with my fellow top scholars, all of whom have inspired me in the way they devotedly pursue their dreams while enjoying the ride and helping others do the same. I will forever treasure the memories of our shag dancing outings, intramural softball victories, deep conversations and more. My journey as a Gamecock has been a lesson in the Garnet Way of life: SEC football, unwavering faith and a deep appreciation of family — with a big glass of sweet tea in hand. Can't wait to share that lifestyle with the world, on and off the air. Forever to thee!

Brett will continue to pursue a career in play-by-play commentary after graduation, exploring his options in minor league hockey, minor league baseball and colleges at various levels.

Above: One of the many places in the Palmetto State where Brett feels at home is the broadcast booth at the Plex in Irmo, home of USC's club hockey team. Brett served as voice of Gamecock Hockey for two seasons on the Capital City Sports Network, a live club sports broadcasting outlet he and his friends at Student Gamecock Television created in September 2015.

Kristen E. Young

McNAIR SCHOLAR
CHELMSFORD HIGH SCHOOL | CHELMSFORD, MASS.
BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

After a long flight, I went to order a coffee at the Chiang Mai airport. As the man handed it to me, I realized that I didn't know how to say thank you in Thai. He laughed when I told him I was studying abroad here, handing me a piece of paper that said "kob khun kha." At that moment, I think he and I were both wondering why I chose to study there. Throughout that semester, I learned about Buddhism and Thai cooking, spent weekends in hill tribe villages, taught English to monks and eventually held a mediocre conversation in Thai. I was a biochemistry major, so on paper it didn't necessarily make sense for me to be there. But my time as a student at USC has taught me the value of a well-rounded education. The encouragement to take courses outside of my major fostered an interest in ethics and policy, which has helped me to realize my passion for genetic counseling. The greatest lesson I will take from my time at USC is learning how to be uncomfortable with uncertainty and open to new opportunities. All I can say is, kob khun kha!

Kristen will attend Northwestern University's dual degree program in genetic counseling and medical humanities and bioethics.



Kristen poses in her school uniform at Chiang Mai University, where she spent the fall 2016 semester.

Benjamin L. Youngblood

CAROLINA SCHOLAR | ELEANOR V. AND NICHOLAS K. MOORE SCHOLARSHIP
McBEE HIGH SCHOOL | HARTSVILLE, S.C.
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTING

More than any class, more than any test and more than any late night in the library, my University of South Carolina experience has been characterized by people. The friends I made freshman year are still with me today and surely will be years down the road. And even the people I've only had the privilege to know for a short time continue to surprise me! I think I'm very lucky to call Columbia home, but the city itself is not what has made my time here special. I'm sure that the most precious moments are those not marked by any occasion, but those that remind me that I can find happiness in the people around me every single day.

Ben will enroll in the Master of International Business dual degree program at USC, spending one year here and the following year abroad at ESCP Europe in Paris. After, he plans to begin a career in immigration policy.

Ben and his girlfriend went up to Chicago to visit her sister over fall break last year. It was his first time, and reminded him of all he has yet to see in the United States.

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***South Carolina cities
are represented by
current scholars.***



***SCHOLARS
BY THE NUMBERS***





1 Carolina Scholars Class of 2018, from left: Habiba Fayyaz, Mara Cowen, Austin Lewis and Hima Vinnakota

2 McNair Scholars Class of 2018, front row, from

left: Rachel Lunsford, Julia Minton, Hannah Marks, Kayla Gardner, Sky Jacques and Erica Maissey; back row, from left: Nick Greene, Kevin Field, Cindy Canevaro

(McNair Foundation), Chandler Casner and Stephen Corbitt

3 Carolina Scholars Class of 2019, front row, from left: Taylor Cribbs, Phoebe Ngo, Carina Leaman,

Celine Peksener, Neha Malhotra, Shreya Mehta, Jen Quindlen and Casey Brayton; back row, from left: Kate Hoffman, Alayna Wells, Chandler Melton,

K. Lee Graham, Gabriel D'Agostino, Andrew Re and Will Rivers

4 McNair Scholars Class of 2019, front row, from left: Angela Rogers, Noemi Glaeser, Joelle



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.

Strom, Clare Hachten, Megan Scharner and Olivia Halvorson; back row, from left: Don Landrum, Wade Curlee, Cindy Canevaro (McNair Foundation), South Bright and Greg Burton

5 *Carolina Scholars Class of 2020, front row, from left: Kylie Fletcher, Ashley Fellers, Alex Tamura, Kristen Livingston, Madhura Pande, Caroline Fairey, Mae Chinnes and Sarah Eustis;*

back row, from left: Brandon Lynch, Jamie Milliff, Grace Cooney, Amy Reyner, Mattie Hibbs, Suzie Prentice, Libby Davenport and Devin Woodsmall
6 *McNair Scholars Class of*

2020, front row, from left: Samantha Shuford, Rebecca Early, Ruhi Pitre, Aidan Galloway, Jane Marryat, Morgan Rising, Leah McLean and Stephanie Barton; back row, from left: Cameron

Wall, Zach Goldberg, Justin Reed, Austin Coale, Cindy Canevaro (McNair Foundation), Luke Dull, John Slovensky, Noah Hyduke and Patrick Farrar

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et Scientiae* in
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Sarai Dai
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Greer, S.C.
Political Science and History

Ashley Dobson
Greenville Senior High School
Greenville, S.C.
Public Health and Political Science

Alex Wyatt
Dutch Fork High School
Irmo, S.C.
Marketing



Horseshoe scholar Liz Grace finds snow on the Zugspitze, the highest point in Germany, during her Energy and Sustainability Maymester.

HORSESHOE SCHOLARS

CLASS OF 2019

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Milford, Ohio
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Monique E. Hayes
Brentwood High School
Brentwood, Tenn.
International Business



Chris Buckman, senior Horseshoe scholar, lured a deer with tasty leaves for a selfie in Dyrehaven, Denmark.



1 Daniel Clements carries the USC flag into the opening session of the 2017 Stamps Scholars Convention at the Georgia

Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga.

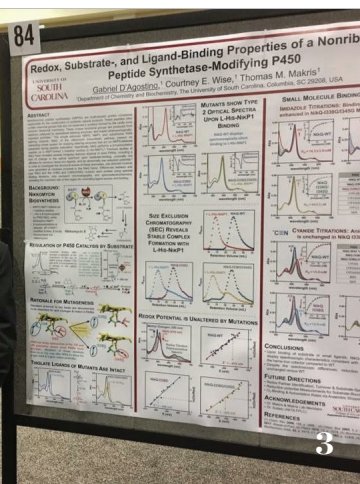
2 Bob and Janice McNair speak with scholar Audrey Ware after Bob's November lecture on campus.

3 Gabriel D'Agostino presents his research at Discover USC in April.

4 The annual Carolina-McNair Kickball Game, McNairolina, resulted in a second McNair win this year. Pictured are all scholars from both teams.



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5 Scholars Habiba Fayyaz and Hima Vinnakota enjoy their junior year Carolina Scholars donor dinner.

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Richard Schwartz
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William Stokes Taylor

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James Gregg Welborn
Marshall Winn

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Kathleen Crum McKinney
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Pamela George Stone

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Anne Elizabeth Patterson

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Norma Anne Turner Jett
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Andrew Beard Wright
Lolita Harney Youmans

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Susan Parker Shimp
Jacob Patrick White

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Kevin Ward Krebs
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Slovensky
Holly Flake Sox
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Thai Quoc Nguyen
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M. Brian Magargle
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Jeffrey Hunter Johnson
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Anh Huynh Phan
George Postic
Paul McKinley Richardson Jr.
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Anil Umesh Swami
Rajeev Harish Swami
Shane Eric Swanson
John Gregory Talbot
Shahin Vafai

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Eunjoo Julie Lee
Kristin Olsen Pankopf
Leslie H. Poinsette
Patrick Todd Quattlebaum
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Christopher Brent Faulkenberry
Karla Fulmer
Allison Hanna
Sadia Obaid Khan
Benjamin S. Martin
Lisbeth Bosshart Merrill
Christopher Muldrow
Marie Lovelace Rasmussen
Benjamin Boyce Reed
Beth Salter
Kimberly Berndt Simmons
Ryan Patrick Sims
Doris Lorraine Sisk
Jonathan Skvoretz
Jeffrey Allen Stephens
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