

# **TopScholarStories:** *Issue – February 2020*

*News of our Top Scholars and Alumni:*

## **Carolina, 1801, Horseshoe, McNair and Stamps Scholars**

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## **Current Scholars:**

### **Honors College profile of McNair Scholar and Drum Major Kelley Powell**

. . . . You only need to spend about 30 seconds with this year's Carolina Band drum majors to get a sense of their joyful devotion to their marching band, the music and each other. South Carolina Honors College students Kylie Dolbier, Rachel Kirk and **Kelley Powell are the first all-female group of drum majors at the University of South Carolina in almost 20 years**, and the dynamic trio brought unrivaled energy and passionate leadership to the field as they helmed one of the best marching bands in the country.

[https://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/honors\\_college/experience/student\\_profile\\_videos/student\\_profiles\\_making\\_music.php](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/experience/student_profile_videos/student_profiles_making_music.php)

## **Alumni:**

### **Beyond the Gates: Headed to Capitol Hill: Carolina Scholar alumna heads to DC**

. . . . When we spoke to brand new Honors College graduate **Mae Chinnes (2019)**, she was heading up I-95 to move into her new apartment in Washington, DC before starting her new job on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant for Congressman Jim Clyburn. Excited and optimistic about starting her post-college life, she hopes to parlay her interests in public service, health equity, social justice and public policy into a successful career that creates a meaningful impact. Read the full story below.

[https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/honors\\_college/about/news/2020/beyond\\_the\\_gates\\_mae\\_chinnes.php?utm\\_source=%40UofSC+Today&utm\\_campaign=78bff1a871-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_01\\_08&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_fb5e576816-78bff1a871-48121509](https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/about/news/2020/beyond_the_gates_mae_chinnes.php?utm_source=%40UofSC+Today&utm_campaign=78bff1a871-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_01_08&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fb5e576816-78bff1a871-48121509)

### **U.S. Education Secretary DeVos Appoints Three Members, Chair to Board Overseeing the Nation's Report Card – including McNair Scholar alum Patrick Kelly (2003)**

. . . . U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has appointed a former governor, engineering curriculum specialist, and twelfth-grade U.S. government and politics teacher to four-year terms on the National Assessment Governing Board, which oversees the only continuing, nationally representative evaluation of U.S. students' knowledge. Secretary DeVos named former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, one of the new appointees, as chair of the Board.

<https://www.nagb.gov/news-and-events/news-releases/2020/meet-our-newest-board-members.html?fbclid=IwAR0yP7cb7SRoSfZpyDUwCXGJgqSWN8qnk8R43yYFMHyIF3dGMnIRSPzdFmc>