

TopScholarStories: *Issue – February 2019*

News of our Top Scholars and Alumni:

Carolina, 1801, Horseshoe, McNair and Stamps Scholars

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Current Scholars:

Spring Semester signals time for community service

. . . . Scholars United, the student group of the Top Scholar community, will pair up again this year with Student United Way for this April's Relay for Life (RFL) hosted at UofSC. Benefitting the American Cancer Society, RFL is an annual event with student participants from all reaches of campus. **Carolina Scholar Chandler Melton (2019) serves as co-captain of this year's team.** Learn more about their efforts, Scholars United Way, here: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=90951&pg=team&team_id=2399573.

Top Scholars serve as University Ambassadors

. . . . Three upperclassman scholars and three First Year Scholars serve the UofSC campus in their role as University Ambassadors. The students are: **South Bright (McNair '19), Mae Chinnes (Carolina '20), Caroline Fox (McNair '22), McKenzie Jones (Stamps '22), Samantha Rush (Carolina '22), and Will Stallings (Carolina '20).** Ambassadors serve the campus Visitor's Center by providing campus tours to prospective families and community members, and by staffing the office. The positions are gained by a highly-selective application process. Learn more about this group and see profiles under Current Ambassadors here: <https://www.uofscambassadors.com/>.

Two Top Scholars are musical duo

. . . . **Stamps Scholar Robert Magee (2021) and McNair Scholar Evan Delp (2021)** are the musical duo, Homemade Haircuts. They just released their first EP in January. They wrote, recorded, and produced the album. You can check them out below!

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqJ19h3zmtA&list=PLumhCDY8kUNsO29moV1HWfVuiyhO-SF2Y>
- Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/album/1l1wSICyGDLkxU1HIS1tvr>

Alumni:

McNair Scholar Alumna, Viki Knapp, now part of Weather Nation TV

. . . . Knapp is leaving her post at WREX-TV as a broadcast meteorologist which she held for two years to join Weather Nation TV. Read more about Viki here: <http://www.weathernationtv.com/team/viki-knapp/>

McNair Scholar Alumna, Emily Graczyk, pens research article about prostheses

. . . . **Graczyk (2013)** published "The benefits of sensation on the experience of a hand: A qualitative case series." She is pursuing a PhD in biomedical engineering at Case Western Reserve University. Her article can be found online at <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0211469>

Attorney Colt Driver co-authors article in legal publication

. . . . McNair Scholar **Colt Driver (2011)** co-authored an article in the publication For The Defense titled Considerations for GDPR Compliance, which appeared in the October 2018 issue. GDPR stands for General Data Protection Regulation. Driver is an associate in the Columbia, South Carolina firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP's, where he focuses his practice on electronic discovery and a variety of related issues with the Encompass e-discovery group. His co-author is Phil Busman, a partner in the firm and located in Washington DC.

Riley Brady, 2016 McNair Scholar, authors paper on his research related to climate

. . . . Brady appears as first author: "On the role of climate modes in modulating the air-sea CO₂ fluxes in eastern boundary upwelling systems" published on biogeosciences.net, an interactive open-access journal of the European Geosciences Union. He is studying to earn his PhD in Atmospheric and Ocean Sciences at the University of Colorado Boulder. Brady was UofSC's first winner of the DOE Computational Science Graduate Fellowship and uses computers to study climate change. You can read his article here, <https://www.biogeosciences.net/16/329/2019/> and learn more about his studies here <https://instaar.colorado.edu/people/riley-brady>.