

True Scholar

2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT
OF CAROLINA AND MCNAIR
SCHOLARS UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA



NOT LONG AGO,

these extraordinary Carolina and McNair Scholars, hailing from both in-state and out-of-state, were tapped for scholarships based on their outstanding academic talent, exemplary character and remarkable leadership skills. As you will see in this edition of True Scholar, they hit the ground running, immediately amplifying Henry David Thoreau's admonition to "go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

What a life each imagined! As is the tradition with this community of scholars, each pursued his or her own path. Mentored by members of the University of South Carolina's exceptional faculty and staff; supported by community and business leaders, alumni and donors; inspired by their peers; and touched by the needs of communities both here and abroad, they discovered the value and force of both individual and collective effort.

These scholars have journeyed to China and Chile, India and Ghana; learned from people in Denmark and Jordan; and honed their language skills in Argentina and France. As both Gamecocks and citizens of the world, their sense of discovery has no limits. Steeped in USC's holistic approach, they graduate as emerging leaders in medicine, research, biomedical engineering, business, music composition, education, law and more. They join the ever-growing pool of successful alumni who are not only living the life they imagined but also building and shaping a new world.

To our donors, our sincere thanks. You follow in the footsteps of patrons throughout history who have nurtured, valued and encouraged discovery in every arena. Through the promise of these scholars, and your generous support, a Renaissance begins anew.

Harris Pastides, President, University of South Carolina

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THE CAROLINA AND MCNAIR SCHOLARS

The University of South Carolina developed the Carolina Scholars Program in 1969 to celebrate the virtues of a world-class education. Through generous private support, we have expanded the program from nine students in its first year to more than 80 scholars on campus during fall 2012. Since its inception, 727 scholars have participated in the program, which has been an integral factor in keeping many of the state's most academically talented students in South Carolina.

Established in spring 1998 as part of the University's Bicentennial Campaign, the McNair Scholars Program is an exciting scholarship fund for out-of-state students supported by generous gifts of \$30 million from university alumnus Robert C. McNair and his wife, Janice. The McNair Scholars Program is the counterpart of Carolina's prestigious Carolina Scholars Program for gifted in-state students. The university welcomed the 15th class of McNair Scholars this year. This year's McNair Scholars represent 21 states and are among the nation's brightest students.

Distinguished by their extraordinary academic talent, exemplary character and remarkable leadership skills, the Carolina and McNair Scholars are outstanding students whose ideas and abilities will shape the world of tomorrow. These young scholars personify not only the ideals Ralph Waldo Emerson spoke of when he said, "Character is higher than intellect," but also the university's own motto: "Learning humanizes character and does not permit it to be cruel." As this report chronicles, these scholars have significantly enhanced the reputation of the university.

A continuing goal of both programs is to create a community of scholars with a united and visible identity. First-year scholars participate in a leadership retreat, creating bonds and developing skills that will last a lifetime. Through the generosity of the university's donors, these prestigious scholarship programs will continue to improve and grow. This Carolina and McNair Scholars report is offered as a testament to the successes of the programs that you have made possible.

The Selection Process

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions coordinates the selection process for Carolina and McNair Scholars. To be considered, students are required to submit an application for admission as well as an additional application for the top scholar awards. The application generally asks students to include school and community activities and accomplishments, independent research and readings, goals for the future, an essay and teacher recommendations. Each applicant is carefully reviewed by faculty and staff and evaluated in areas such as academic preparation, intellectual curiosity, leadership potential, recommendations, interest in the university and outstanding talents and accomplishments.

Each year, 50 Carolina Scholar finalists and 41 McNair Scholar finalists are selected to attend an interview weekend held in February. During this visit, candidates tour campus, view residence halls, meet with many prominent University of South Carolina faculty, staff and senior administrators and attend sample classes. The campus visit is an opportunity for students to learn about the services and programs Carolina affords elite scholars and for students to experience the campus culture and community.

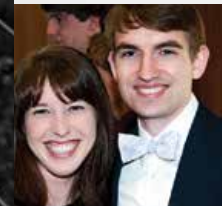
This year, 25 Carolina Scholars and 20 McNair Scholars were named from the group of 91 finalists. In addition to the monetary award, scholars enjoy many benefits, including preferred freshman housing and parking privileges and a laptop computer.

Our current and incoming Carolina and McNair Scholars 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."

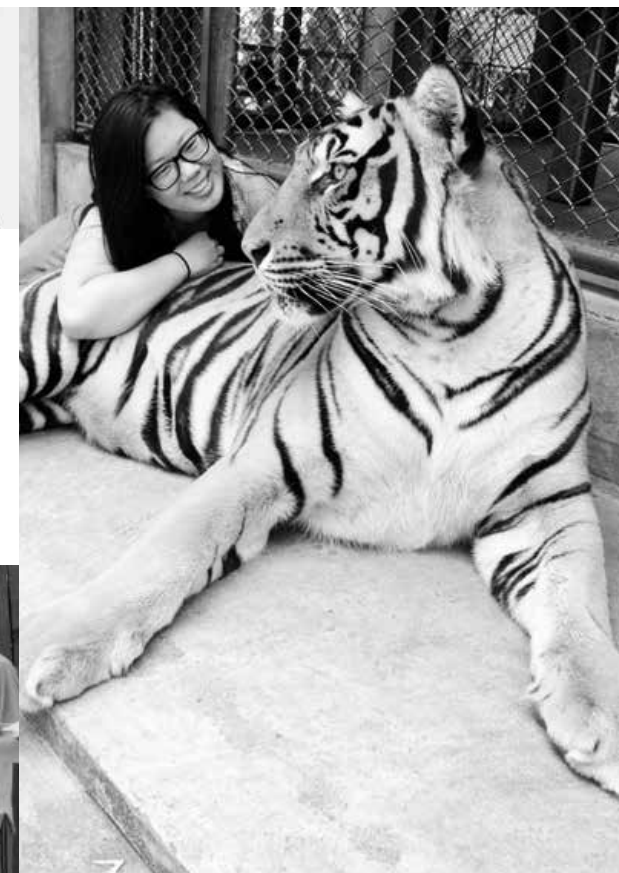
The Awards

The Carolina Scholar and McNair Scholar Awards are the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships at the University of South Carolina. Students who accept the scholarships receive automatic entrance into the South Carolina Honors College. Each Carolina and McNair Scholar Award provides an annual stipend, which helps cover costs such as tuition, fees, books, and room and board. The stipends are renewable annually to support the scholars through four years of undergraduate study at the university.

In addition to the cash stipend, Carolina and McNair Scholars participate in activities during the school year that complement their academic experience. First-year scholars build community starting with their retreat, and they are also paired with university faculty members who serve as mentors during the year. Sophomores receive one-on-one advisement to assist with academic and co-curricular planning. All scholars have a full schedule of programs each semester, which includes socials, formal dinners, lectures and invitations to special campus events.



The variety of activities and programs for our scholars runs the gamut – from formal dinners to outdoor education. Our students enjoy shagging and contra dancing as well as lectures and colloquia: Their involvements are as diverse as they are.





Left: Joanie and Don Haley attended the McNair Scholars spring dinner. Mrs. Haley is executive director of the McNair Foundation.

Below: The Graybills have been longtime Carolina Scholar donors. Kyle Harper, of Columbia, is their current scholar.



Left: Purva Choudhari (center) has enjoyed getting to know her donors, Gele and Carl Ellsworth, over the past four years.

Below: This year, a new gift was celebrated at the Carolina Scholar spring dinner from donors Jeanette and Marshall Winn, both university graduates. From left: alumni and donors Charles and Anita Hood, Jeanette Winn, President Pastides, Ralph Winn and Marshall Winn



Right: Carolina Scholar Savannah Poskevich visits with her donors, Duncan and Miriam Breckenridge.

Below: Patricia Moore-Pastides joins Carolina Scholar Drew Patterson and his donors, Cathy and Lex Knox.



Above: Ashley and Kevin Lindler meet their new Carolina Scholar Lisa Lynn Schexnayder, a first year student.

Left: Anne Gregg meets up with her Carolina Scholars at the spring dinner. From left are Larahee Parikh, Nina Panvelker and David Leggett.



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

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McNair Scholar benefactor and friend of the university

Janice and Robert C. McNair have been champions of philanthropy for more than 50 years, giving generously to many deserving causes while making education and medical research the cornerstones of their philanthropic giving. They are founders of the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation, the Houston Texans Foundation 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 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 was awarded the James A. Baker III Prize for Excellence in Leadership by the Baker Institute at Rice University. He was inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, the Texas Business Hall of Fame and the Houston Hall of Fame and was presented honorary doctorates of humanities from Baylor College of Medicine and the University of South Carolina.

Committed to bringing a National Football League team to Houston, McNair formed Houston NFL Holdings in 1998. On Oct. 6, 1999, the NFL awarded the 32nd NFL franchise to McNair, returning football to Houston in 2002. McNair's efforts brought Super Bowl XXXVIII to Reliant Stadium in 2004. In the 2011 postseason, the Houston Texans won their first NFL playoff game with a 31-10 win against Cincinnati in the Wild Card round on Jan. 7, 2012. The Texans claimed their second consecutive AFC South title in 2012, finished the regular season 12-4 and matched the most regular-season wins in Houston's NFL history. The team once again defeated Cincinnati in the Wild Card round, marking the first time in the city's history that its NFL team won home playoff games in consecutive seasons. The NFL announced in May 2013 that Houston had been selected to host Super Bowl LI in 2017.

McNair is actively involved in NFL affairs, serving as chairman of the Finance Committee, and is a member of the Audit, Stadium and Expansion committees. As founder and chairman emeritus of the Meineke Car Care Bowl of Texas, McNair revived Houston's collegiate bowl game on Dec. 28, 2006. McNair was honored by the bowl as a Gridiron Legend in 2011 for his impact on football at all levels in Houston.

Janice McNair, a graduate of Columbia College, shares her husband's vision and passion for helping the underserved. She was honored by Child Advocates at their 2009 Angels of Hope luncheon and by the Girl Scouts at their 2005 Urban Campout Gala. Together, the McNairs have established major McNair Scholars Programs at the University of South Carolina, Columbia College, Baylor College of Medicine, M.D. Anderson, Menninger Clinic, Texas Children's Hospital and Texas Heart Institute. In 2007, the McNairs gave a transformational gift to Baylor College of Medicine to recruit top physicians/scientists in the fields of juvenile diabetes, breast and pancreatic cancer and the neurosciences.

The McNairs gave major gifts to the Janice and Robert McNair Hall at Rice University, the Janice Suber McNair Asian Elephant Habitat at the Houston Zoo, the McNair Hall at Houston Baptist University and McNair Baseball Field in Forest City, N.C. For 2013, they are chairing the Hope Lodge Capital Campaign for the American Cancer Society.



NATIONAL WINNERS

National fellowship winners bring distinction to themselves and the institution, including our Carolina and McNair Scholars who have earned prestigious fellowships again this year. Here are a few highlights among this year's winners.

The Fulbright Grant program allows students to apply for research/study awards or to teach English abroad for a year. Two McNair Scholars won Fulbrights this year — Kali Esancy will study and research in France while Amanda Williams will teach English in Taiwan.

As our students become more interested in global issues, they naturally want to travel abroad. This past August, Carolina Scholar Rachel Despres found out she won a Rotary Global Grant. She was sponsored by the Forest Acres Rotary Club. Rachel will travel to London this next year to study at King's College.

Our Goldwater Scholar alumni will be pleased to learn that the winning Goldwater tradition continues at the university. This year marked the 21st consecutive year that one or more Carolina students have been awarded a Goldwater Scholarship. Only four university students can be nominated for this competition. And this year Mackenzie Sunday was named a 2013 Goldwater Scholar. At USC, she is a Carolina Scholar.

Our scholars have naturally excelled in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). This year Cole Franks won a National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship. Cole is a Carolina Scholar and was also a 2012 Goldwater Scholar.



From top to bottom:
Mackenzie Sunday, Goldwater Scholar

Rachel Despres will travel to London on a Rotary Global Grant.

Cole Franks, National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellow. Previously, Franks won a Goldwater Scholarship.

USC Fulbright winners: Kali Esancy, Sarah Wojcick and Amanda Williams. Both Esancy and Williams are McNair Scholars.



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SENIOR SCHOLARS

To introduce you to our senior scholars means an introduction to the world — they find themselves in places their predecessors only dreamed of, from traveling continents to tutoring children.

On these pages you will see photographs of our senior Carolina and McNair Scholars in their own element, a location of their choosing. For some of them, the choice was easy and obvious, but for others, more thought was employed. The photos, accompanied by the students' reflective and insightful words, provide a glimpse into their time as a Carolinian.

ARTEM ALESHIN

"My experience at the South Carolina Honors College at the University of South Carolina was a very interesting one. I got an opportunity to take several diverse honors classes that expanded my worldview and personal growth. In addition to that, I was able to do research in mathematics and learn a great deal about mechanical engineering. There was a period of time during which I played in a band with some of my fellow Honors College students. We recorded an EP, played on the radio and performed all over town. I played guitar, and the name of the

CAROLINA SCHOLAR
University Associates Scholarship
Dreher High School
Columbia, S.C.
Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics

band was Foreign Citizen. At one point we taught one of our friends who would go to all of the shows to play bass, and now he plays bass in a band. It was unforgettable, and I hope one day we will do a reunion show. I also played in other bands, one of which I also recorded with and went on tour with, which was quite an adventure because we spent several days in Tropical Storm Debby in Florida. One of the most memorable shows I had was playing my first show with Sons of Young; I'd just learned all of the songs and ended up smashing a cheap guitar to pieces at the end of the set. I don't think anyone in the audience forgot it either.

Overall, the University of South Carolina was a great learning experience, both inside and outside the classroom, and I look forward to graduating in spring 2014."

Artem will work on his undergraduate degrees for another year and then either enter graduate school or work in the engineering industry.

To accompany his photo, Artem recalled a quote by Plato: "You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."





Paulina is seated in the press box at Carolina Stadium before covering a Gamecock baseball game.



MEGAN BROWN

MCNAIR SCHOLAR *“I came to USC because I felt like it was a place where I could do anything.* Never mind the fact that I had no idea what it was that I wanted to be doing. At 18, there is no greater feeling than having the world in the palm of your hands. Twenty countries and a very beaten suitcase later, I’ve studied, researched and explored a few corners of this world. I have more to see. But more than the places I’ve gone, it is the place to which I came home that matters most: Carolina. It was here that I discovered my path and found my family. Friends and faculty alike, they were the ones who believed in my dreams when I was hardly even sure what I was dreaming. I’ve found the greatest joy in getting to know people and their stories over a cup of strong black coffee. I have discovered that it is important to go forth, but also to come home. And, much like browsing an antique store, you never quite know what’s out there to find until you find it.”

Megan is currently working as a program assistant for the AMAR International Charitable Foundation in Washington, D.C., while studying economics at George Mason University. Eventually, she hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in international education, health and economic policy.

GREER BAXTER

One of the best parts of Greer’s trip to Kenya was getting to spend time with so many adorable, sweet children. She says their precious smiles could light up anyone’s day, and each of them was a blessing to get to know.

“My time at the University of South Carolina has been too rewarding to put into words. I have met incredible friends, made amazing memories and grown into a better person over the past four years. A passion I was able to pursue during my time at USC was expanding my worldview through travel. I studied literature in Ireland and went on adventures to the Dominican Republic, the Florida Keys and New York City, but my favorite trip by far was to Kenya. I have always loved mission work and all of the rewards it offers, which is what my African journey embodied. Our mission team installed water filter systems in IDP camps where access to clean water was either very restricted or nonexistent. Even though they had very few material possessions, the people I met while on my trip had more joy and love than I have ever seen. They taught me that happiness can be found in all circumstances. It was only two weeks, but what I learned from the Kenyans will stay with me forever. After I graduate from pharmacy school in a few years, I hope to continue doing mission work in Kenya. Other than travel and mission work, my time at Carolina was spent studying, working and, in my free time, having a blast. I went to countless concerts, went on day trips with friends and even ran my first half marathon. I’m glad that pharmacy school allows me to remain a student here for two more years because I’m not quite ready to give up watching football games in the student section or taking Starbucks coffee breaks between classes. God has truly blessed me with such an amazing college experience that I know I could only have had at the University of South Carolina.”

Greer will continue her work as a Pharm.D. student at the South Carolina College of Pharmacy over the next two years.

CAROLINA SCHOLAR
Joseph Land Scholarship
Carolina Forest High School
Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Pharmacy

PAULINA BERKOVICH

“No light but the narrow beam of a flashlight, not a sound but hard breathing and footsteps, nothing but stairs that went up and up and up. There were 12 of us from eight different countries, and it was our fourth day on the road. Four days ago they were strangers, but now they were family. After hours of talk about everything and anything — universities in Switzerland, politics in Australia, sports in England — I knew my outlook on the world had changed and broadened. Now, on the final day of our trek, we were going to Machu Picchu, but first we had to scale the steps, 1,800 of them. We left the hotel at 4:30 a.m. and walked into a pitch-black morning that promised to be the backdrop for a colorful adventure. The light crept up so gradually we hardly noticed the moment when we no longer needed to illuminate our way. Then the steps stopped. We stood among mountains and waited for the doors to open, letting us into one of the Seven Wonders of the World, a monument to a culture centuries old, to explore with new friends.”

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
Laurel School
Cleveland, Ohio
International Business and Marketing

Paulina is looking forward to a summer at home with her family before she enters the Integrated Marketing Communications program in the fall at Northwestern University in Chicago.



Megan loves to discover the world’s hidden and forgotten treasures — here, in an antique store in Montreal.

BROOKE CARROLL

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

*Castle High School
Newburgh, Ind.
Biomedical Engineering and English*

“Neon-colored flyers, witty koozies and mini candy bars were being thrust into my arms by hundreds of different student organizations trying to market themselves. It was the first time I had experienced the Student Organization Fair, and I made it my goal to pick up a flyer from any organization that sounded interesting. An hour and almost 30 flyers later, I walked quickly back to my room to get a closer look at the goods filling my arms. The desk could not accommodate the insane amount of flyers, so they were spread across my floor. My heart was pounding as I gazed over the unique and dedicated organizations that sounded exciting and inspiring. The decision felt as monumental as my final college decision, but I finally had an idea which organizations I wanted to serve. Two weeks later, I had two large families on campus when Omega Phi Alpha and University Ambassadors accepted me. More than any class, the students and advisers of these organizations have defined my college experience as they have given me the confidence and support to be my best and to reach out to opportunities I thought beyond me. Now they are encouraging me onto my next big adventure, but, thanks to them, I will always be home at Carolina.”

Brooke will take a gap year to travel to Tanzania on a medical mission trip and apply to medical school. Afterward, she plans to attend medical school and become a surgeon.



Brooke loved spending time on the Horseshoe, where she led many tours as a member of University Ambassadors.

PURVA CHOUDHARI

“I’ve always loved to learn, which is why it has meant so much to me to have professors at the University of South Carolina who are so dedicated to teaching. I came here to understand their dedication. Their passion motivated me to share my joy of learning with others, and I became a math tutor in the Academic Centers for Excellence. It was gratifying making calculus make a little more sense to students. But as I helped my peers, they taught me as well. When I tutored a student who also worked full time, it revealed the perseverance some people have to earn a college degree. And I was honored to facilitate that student’s understanding of calculus. Before I joined USC, I had never been so sure that I wanted to teach at some point in my career as I am now. Whether as a doctor sharing information with patients, or in an academic setting like college or in the community, I know someday I will teach. I’m grateful that the university helped me discover this desire.”

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

*Class of 1964 Reunion Fund Scholarship
Orangeburg Preparatory Schools
Orangeburg, S.C.
Chemical Engineering*

Purva will attend the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in the fall.



For Janet, working in the compounding lab is just part of the daily grind.

JANET CROOK

“It is a truth universally acknowledged that I cannot carry a tune in a bucket, but that didn’t stop me from humming ‘The Candy Man Can’ as I poured piña colada-flavored gelatin into butterfly- and teddy bear-shaped molds. It was the last day of Compounding Lab, and after a semester of making sus-

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

*The School of Math, Engineering, Technology, and Science at Olympic High School
Charlotte, N.C.
Pharmacy*

pensions, emulsions, suspensions, emulsions, suppositories and troches, we finally made candy. But this candy wasn’t for pleasing taste buds; it was to help people. The gummy bears would be used to get children to take their allergy medication, and the lollipops were to help people quit smoking. True, the banana flavoring of the lollipops was absolutely disgusting, and it took about half an hour to get the hardened gelatin off of all the beakers, but I couldn’t have been happier. I was doing what I loved.”

Janet plans to finish her last two years of school and graduate with a Pharm.D. After, she would like to work for an independent pharmacy with focuses in compounding and personalized health care.



During her years at USC, Purva spent her summers and other breaks volunteering at the Orangeburg-Calhoun Free Medical Clinic, where she discovered her desire to serve the medically underprivileged.

RACHEL DESPRES

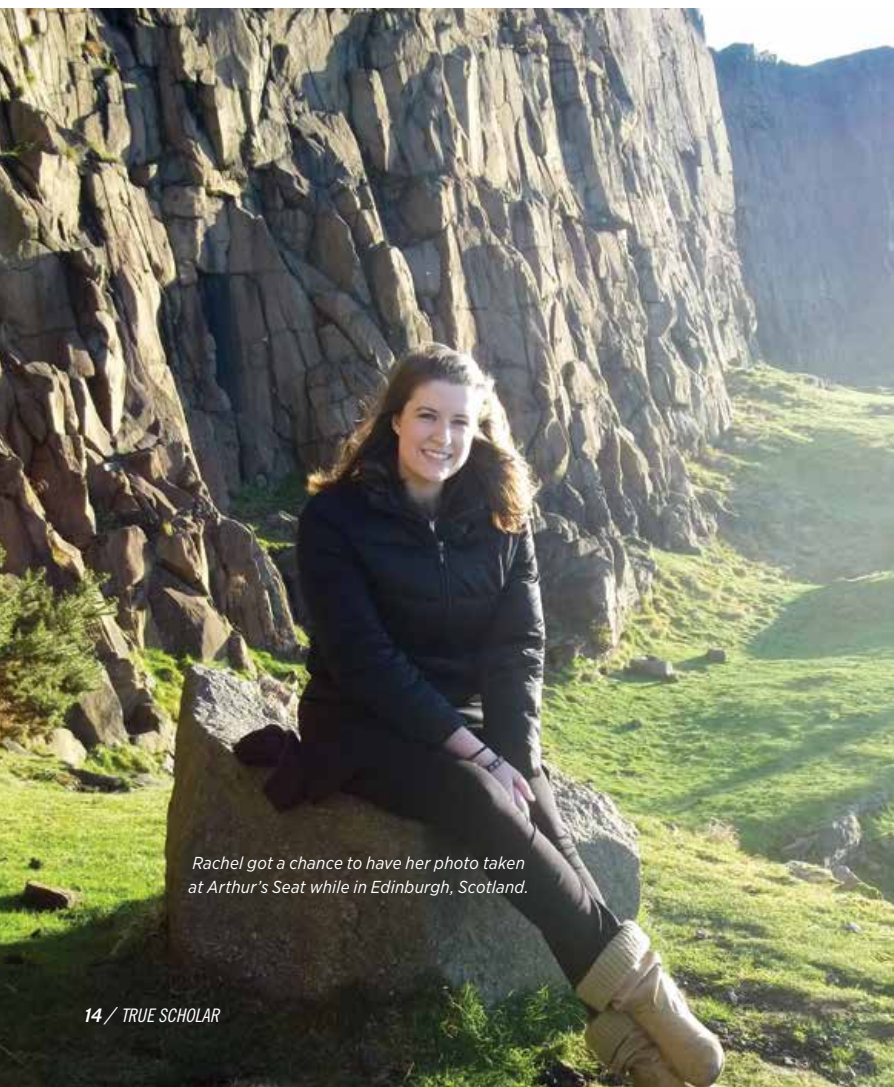
“Early one cold and rainy morning, I was sitting in a cozy café in Edinburgh, Scotland, enjoying a worn paperback novel. I was so engaged in my book that I barely noticed when a student of the University of Edinburgh walked into the café, noticed my school sweatshirt and said loudly in a thick Scottish accent, “Oh, you’re one of those Carolina students!” Startled, I acknowledged that, yes, I was in fact a USC student. “Well, good on you,” he replied cheerfully. “I’ve been looking into your business school, myself.” As I listened

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

*Chris Vlahoplus Scholarship
Ben Lippen School
Columbia, S.C.
International Studies and Spanish*

to a Scottish student halfway across the world wax poetic about USC, I felt a very surreal sense of not only pride, but also empowerment. I was a student of the University of South Carolina, and no matter where I was in the world, that was something worth bragging about. If I could describe my years at the University of South Carolina in one word, it would be just that: empowering. Four years ago, if you had told me that I would complete two majors and two minors with the help of USC advisers, I would have been dubious. If you told me that I would not only complete these degrees, but also climb the Great Wall of China, dance flamenco in Salamanca, Spain, or ride a double-decker bus through London, I would have called you crazy. But here I am, four years later, having done all these things and much more.”

Rachel plans to receive a master’s degree in international relations from King’s College in London using her Rotary Global Grant. Eventually, she hopes to work for the State Department as a foreign service officer.



Rachel got a chance to have her photo taken at Arthur’s Seat while in Edinburgh, Scotland.



In addition to exploring the wonders of science in a laboratory, Kali also enjoys frolicking outdoors and admiring the beautiful flora of South Carolina.

TOM FINCH

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

*J.M. Atherton High School
Louisville, Ky.
Political Science*

“I’ve had many opportunities over the past few years to tell people why I came to South Carolina.

It was easy to come up with answers: the food, the people, the weather, the football, etc. Now when I’m asked, I tell them it doesn’t matter why I came, it matters why I’m staying. The past four years have been such a series of life-altering events that I can’t imagine being anywhere else. The fall semester will start just as the past eight have: full of Gamecock pride. The only difference will be the perks of graduate student parking and registration times. I wish I could point to one person, one place or one specific experience that has brought me to the point where to leave seems like sacrilege. But it isn’t one thing; it’s the aggregate. Life is more than just the sum of disparate experiences, just like life at Carolina is more than just the professor who gave me his umbrella on a rainy day, or the summer spent interning for the attorney general (and floating the river every weekend), or the numerous Saturdays in fall when being at the fairgrounds to tailgate at 8 a.m. seems so much easier than making an 8 a.m. class. But let’s be real, who am I kidding? I just want to be here when we beat Clemson five straight for the first time, well, ever.”

Tom will pursue a master’s in computer science at USC, and, later, a law degree. He plans to practice software patent law in the Southeast.

KALI ESANCY

“When I started writing stories about molecules in French as a sophomore, I thought it was an indication that I’d spent far too much time studying organic chemistry.

Some may have considered these sketches of Barnabas the Benzene Molecule and His Adventure with Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

*North Mecklenburg High School
Huntersville, N.C.
Biological Sciences and French*

Reactions, rendered in expo marker on study room windowpanes, a sign of encroaching madness, but to me these little stories made concepts more concrete, better visualized and more easily understood. I didn’t know, then, that such doodles would eventually evolve into my honors senior thesis, a project in which I wrote picture books about biology topics in French. Looking back, such a project seems to encapsulate my experiences at USC. For as long as I can remember, I’ve tried to integrate my various passions into one cohesive story. I am an aspiring biologist, a lover of languages, a person who enjoys making art despite my middling talent, an enthusiastic proponent of science outreach. My four years in college, aided in large part by the flexibility of the Honors College, have taught me that it is possible to combine your interests — you don’t have to pick and choose, rather balance. It’s a lesson I’m going to take with me to graduate school and beyond.”

Kali will move to France on a Fulbright Grant and study the effects of insecticides on the olfaction of moth crop pests at the University of Angers. After her time in France, she will attend graduate school for Ph.D. studies in neurobiology and behavior at the University of Washington.

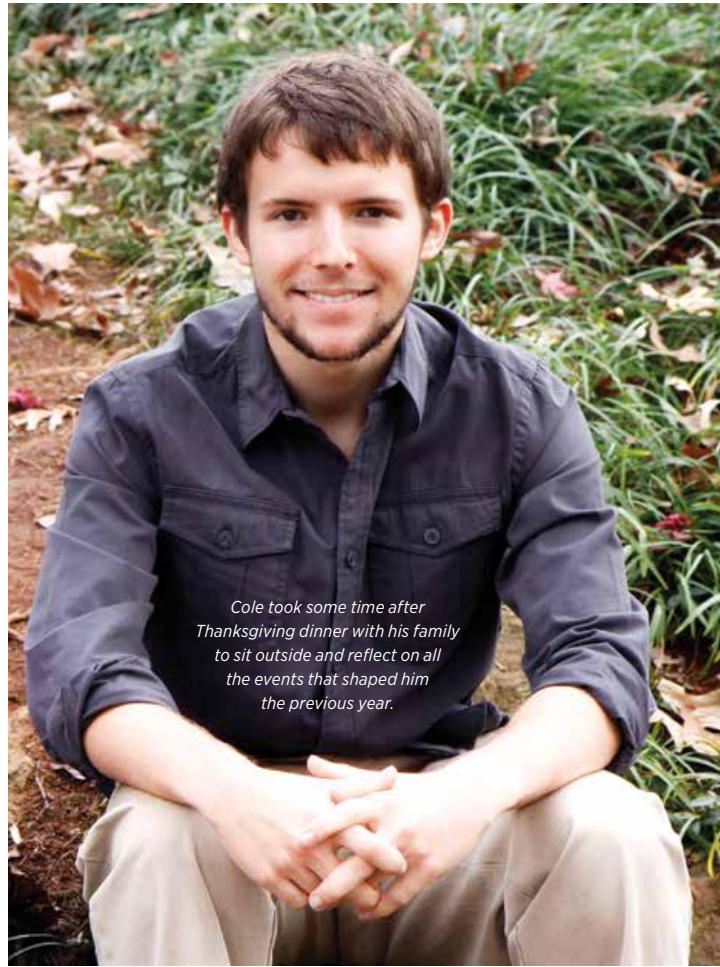


Tom is pictured with Dennis Pruitt and Alisa Liggett upon his receipt of the Carolinian Creed Champion Award this spring.

BY THE NUMBERS

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TOTAL SCHOLARS
FOR THE 2012-2013
SCHOOL YEAR



Cole took some time after Thanksgiving dinner with his family to sit outside and reflect on all the events that shaped him the previous year.

COLE FRANKS

“In 2009, my fellow freshmen and I stepped into our first unsupervised and unguided stage of life, a transition as shocking as exiting the womb. I found it fitting when my adviser recently said, ‘I remember you from before you could walk and talk.’ Though he was referring to my improvement as a mathematician since my first class with him, in some sense I did arrive at the University of South Carolina as an infant. Like the other freshmen, I had to learn what I could and could not put in my mouth and who would be my friend. Only after I mastered the basics could I proceed to the natural next step: vector calculus. How I have managed to transcend

infanthood while constantly playing pickup soccer, tackling complex math problems, studying in the remarkably foreign nation of Hungary and losing numerous Super Smash Brothers battles is beyond me. Whatever the case, I am deeply indebted to the offices, teachers, mentors, family and friends who have nudged or shoved me in the right direction countless times. Now I face the bittersweet truth that just as soon as I have begun to understand this place and love these people, I have to move on. My departure is exciting, but I’ll always get a bit wistful when I look back on my best days at Carolina.”

Cole will attend graduate school at Rutgers University to study discrete mathematics with the ultimate goal of becoming a research mathematician.

TYLER FRENCH

“Saint-Michel. My stop. I lugged my oversized suitcase off of the train and up the nearest escalator. I was on the way to my apartment in the middle of Paris for the start of spring semester my junior year. I didn’t sleep on the flight over and wanted nothing more than a shower, forget croissants! I hauled my suitcase off the escalator, head down and ready to drag its busted wheels across cobblestone streets. Then I stopped and lifted my head. I was in front of Notre Dame Cathedral, a landmark that I had only seen in guidebooks and on the Internet. It loomed overhead, larger and more incredible than I had thought it would be. And though I was completely alone, without a phone and barely a functioning knowledge of French, I found a bench and sat there for 30 minutes trying to wrap my head around the situation: the fact that I would be in this unfamiliar city for five months, eating my weight in croissants, wandering for days through museums, taking trains around Europe to other cities and even interning in a bakery as a cake decorator.

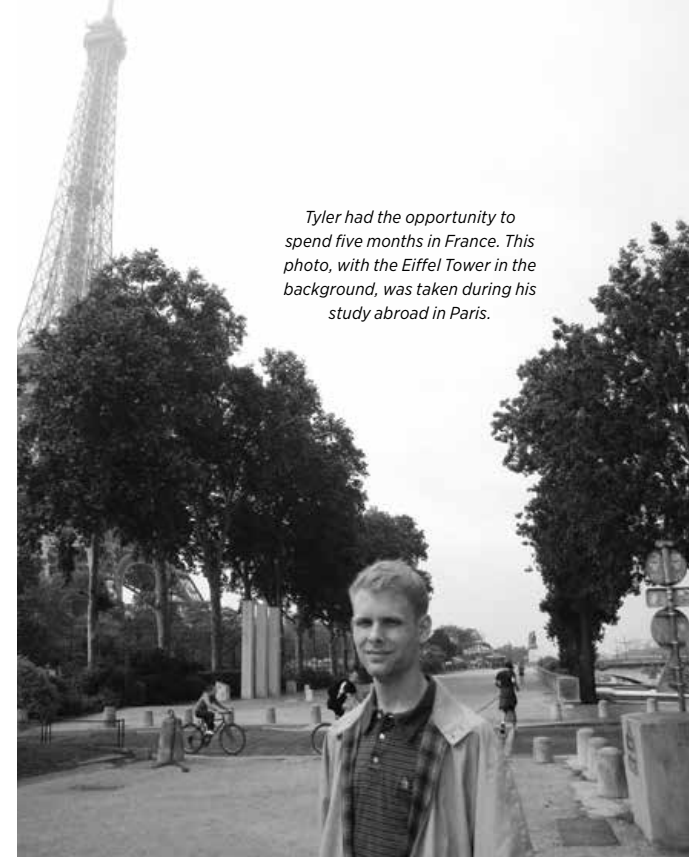
CAROLINA SCHOLAR

*William B. Douglas Scholarship
Wade Hampton High School
Taylors, S.C.
Baccalaureus Artium et
Scientiae*

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Tyler is looking for jobs in an arts nonprofit organization. He is planning on attending graduate school for public humanities in two years.



Tyler had the opportunity to spend five months in France. This photo, with the Eiffel Tower in the background, was taken during his study abroad in Paris.



One of Kara’s college highlights was exploring the Roman ruins in Verona, Italy.

KARA GARROTT

“I have always liked climbing things. Whether exploring rocks on the shore of Spain, scrambling over ancient Roman ruins in Verona or standing on the seat of a Land Rover on my tip-toes to see a baby elephant in the Serengeti, I can’t seem

to stop. I have always known this about myself, at least in the literal sense. But it was not until recently that I recognized that the desire to constantly push myself and attain higher goals was inherent in all my actions and decisions. It was made clear as a leader of Delta Zeta sorority. Little did I know that planning a campuswide bone marrow drive would entail more than just exceptional organizational skills — it also required the ability to earn the respect of more than 200 sorority sisters, most older than I was. This crash course in leadership catalyzed my passion to climb further into all USC had to offer. Through the opportunities afforded to me, I grew into my leadership capabilities, becoming an executive board member of Delta Zeta and a member of University Ambassadors. As vice president of programs of Delta Zeta, I was able to forge solid interpersonal relationships and play a developmental role with my sisters. Seeing the growth of other chapter leaders and the impact they had on the entire organization was more rewarding

*MCNAIR SCHOLAR
Cypress Creek High School
Gotha, Fla.
Biomedical Engineering*

than any award or recognition I could have received. I learned the importance of leadership lies in being a living representation of the values you believe within the sorority, throughout campus and in daily life. The greatest lesson that I take away from this experience is that you are greater than yourself. I will always keep climbing toward a higher goal, and I hope that I can inspire at least one person to do the same.”

Kara plans to attend graduate school at George Washington University, and she has received a fellowship there. She will pursue a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering. This summer, she is going to apply everything she learned as a student in a nontraditional manner — by participating in the Engineering World Health Summer Institute. She will employ biomedical engineering knowledge to solve real-life problems in Tanzanian hospitals, all while living with a Tanzanian family and learning Swahili.

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CHRISTOPHER GAUGER

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
[A.C. Reynolds High](#)
[Asheville, N.C.](#)
[Pharmacy](#)

"I distinctly remember the feelings of anxiety that accompanied submitting the change of major form, even though I had become very familiar with it. You see, before the end of my sophomore year, I had explored the possibility of majoring in electrical engineering, math, biomedical engineering, electrical engineering (for a second time) and chemistry. Each time, I would seek the advice of my parents, my friends or anyone who would listen. I asked their opinion as if they might know what would make me happy. And each time, I was greeted by the same words: 'This is a decision that only you can make.' To say that I was indecisive is a bit of an understatement. In fall 2011, however, that all changed. As I walked across the stage at the First Baptist Church to sign my affirmation of the Oath of a Pharmacist and don my ceremonial white coat, a great sense of relief washed over me. It was at this point that I realized I had finally found my way to make a mark in the world. And while it was an ever-changing path that led me to this moment, I count myself lucky to be among the men and women who have had the opportunity to try new things, make mistakes and ultimately discover their true calling."

Christopher is currently working toward the completion of a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Upon graduation, he plans to complete a two-year residency program in infectious disease pharmacy.

KATHERINE GAUSE

"My college experience has truly been defined by my involvement in Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity. I pledged DSP my sophomore year, and one of my biggest regrets of my undergraduate experience is that I did not know about this organization from the time I set foot on this campus freshman year. From studying abroad in Dubai and Tanzania with brothers, to organizing recruitment and finding the newest members of my chapter, to visiting my little and best friend in London for Spring Break, to planning our national fundraising event for more than 300 brothers from across the United States and raising almost \$9,000, I cannot imagine my years at Carolina without being a part of Delta Sigma Pi. Perhaps the most incredible moment occurred in the airport in Johannesburg, South Africa, when I unexpectedly met a brother from another chapter. She saw my DSP T-shirt and immediately approached me to offer the grip known only to brothers of Delta Sigma Pi. The sweetest memories I will take with me as I leave South Carolina will be from my time as a Deltasig, but luckily, the fraternity tells its members that 'it's not four years; it's for life.'"

CAROLINA SCHOLAR
[Grace King Merchant Scholarship](#)
[West Florence High School](#)
[Florence, S.C.](#)
[International Business, Marketing](#)
[and English](#)

Katherine plans to attend the University of Chicago Law School in the fall and eventually pursue a career in international development law.

Katherine chose to take her photo on the historic Horseshoe, her home at USC and where Delta Sigma Pi was founded in 1929.



Trey is pictured with his favorite book from USC's rare books library — the 770-year-old, 1,100-page, hand-scribed Breslau Bible.

TREY GORDNER

"I woke up this morning, as I do many mornings around the end of a semester — tired, discouraged, behind schedule. The outline of a paper I have yet to write crunches underfoot as I make my way to the closet. I spend minutes I don't have searching for my keys. I'm going to be late. Another day, another set of classes, more work. But then I walk outside. The air is still and warm, and the birds are singing. People are already laughing out on the Horseshoe. Some of them I know and greet with a smile, my first of the day. I do so again when I walk by the azaleas and spend minutes I don't have admiring them. Leaves crunch underfoot, and I laugh because South Carolina is the only place I have ever known to experience three seasons at once. Someone further down the brick laughs at me for laughing at nothing, and I look up to wave to a friendly stranger and wish him a good day. As I walk by a tour group, I am exhibit A of a student who has never regretted his decision. Not many days left now. I'm treasuring every one."

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
[Jack Britt High School](#)
[Fayetteville, N.C.](#)
[International Business](#)
[and Management](#)

Trey has taken a position with Pandoodle, a technology startup located in Columbia, S.C. As a recent alumnus, Trey hopes to remain involved with the Euphradian Society, the Honors College and the rare books library. He will also continue the work he started with his honors thesis, providing nonprofit organizations in the area with pro bono consulting work.

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CURRENT CAROLINA SCHOLARS
HAIL FROM 32 S.C. CITIES.



Emily performs at a ballroom competition in Raleigh, N.C.

EMILY GRACZYK

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
East Rowan High School
Salisbury, N.C.
Biomedical Engineering

“Do you want to see me do a cartwheel?” Under normal circumstances, it might be a little unusual to see a 24-year-old man showing off simple acrobatics. But this was extraordinarily unusual because this particular man was a U.S. Army veteran who had lost both legs to an improvised explosive device several years previously and had taught himself to do this maneuver on prostheses. As an intern at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center last summer, I had the opportunity to work with many exceptional patients who, in the midst of great loss, remained optimistic and driven to recover. My experience inspired me to study motor control in graduate school and develop brain-computer interfaces to allow disabled individuals to once again be able to voluntarily control their movements. The McNair Scholarship allowed me to focus on my future by doing research throughout my undergraduate education instead of worrying about finances. My research interests were no doubt influenced by my passion for dance. As a dancer since age four and a ballroom instructor for the USC Carolina Ballroom club, I love sharing the joy of dance with others. I hope that someday this will include individuals who have suffered major limb amputation or spinal cord injury.”

Emily will pursue a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at Case Western Reserve University in the fall. She plans to research sensory integration in motor control and develop brain-computer interfacing devices for disabled people.

ADAM GRIFFITH

“I stood there beside a nearly motionless body covered in dozens of green drapes and was gripped with excitement and a twinge of fear. Even through my double-layered gloves, surgical mask, scrubs and gown, I could feel the heat emanating from the woman on the surgical table. This was only my third day in Romania, and

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
Sullivan South High School
Kingsport, Tenn.
Chemistry

here I was clutching a retractor that was holding the woman’s liver away from the surgeon’s field of view. This was exactly why we had come to Cluj-Napoca, the medical education capital of Romania: to gain hands-on medical experience. The thrill of participating in the operation has never left me and has played a significant part in my aspiration to attend medical school. I am so thankful for the opportunity that I was afforded while studying at the University of South Carolina to pursue and experience my passion for medicine in such a unique and personal way. With the academic and financial support of the Honors College, I was able to have a memorable and impactful experience that has surely shaped my future. I will always look back with fondness at my time spent at the University of South Carolina. But my greatest affection will be held for those people who made my experience possible and so strikingly unforgettable.”

Adam will begin medical school in the fall at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. After medical school, he plans to pursue a career in orthopedics.

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CURRENT MCNAIR SCHOLARS REPRESENT 21 STATES.



Adam lunges for a shot in a pick-up soccer match with local Romanian players.

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CAROLINA OR MCNAIR SCHOLARS OR FINALISTS WON 32 AWARDS THIS YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY'S ANNUAL SPRING AWARDS DAY.

BEN HAGGARD

"4:45 in the afternoon: I finish the last problem and hand in my test paper. I'm walking out of the classroom when Mike stops me. 'What'd you think of that test?' 'Not too bad, man. I got the first question for sure.' My mind's already out the door. It's one of those Southern spring days when everything feels a little more alive and the sky stretches over the city like a huge, deep blue promise of summer days to come. Mike and I walk up the hill toward my dorm, and he turns to leave by the parking lot. 'See you tomorrow, man.'

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

Isabelle Caldwell Penland

Scholarship

Lexington High School

Lexington, S.C.

Electrical Engineering

'Take it easy.' I hurry up the stairs in the dorm, two at a time. Everyone else beat me to the common room, where most of our gear is already waiting.

My band's playing at New Brookland Tavern tonight. We shake hands. 'Ready for this?' I ask. 'Let's rock!' Artem replies. Laughing, we gather up cables and amps, guitars and drums. Steve's Jeep is waiting downstairs, and we pile most of the gear in. A few things don't fit, so they get tossed in Artem's trunk and we're on our way. It's a short drive to New Brookland, right across the bridge. Better hurry, it's almost six now. We unload the gear into the back room, taking the chance to sign the wall like so many other bands before us. The first band starts in 15 minutes. It's not a long wait, and I can feel the first twinge of nervousness in the bottom of my stomach. That still hasn't gone away, although it's certainly not my first time onstage with a guitar in my hand. I find a piece of a receipt from Russell House in my pocket and occupy my nerves with folding it into ever-smaller squares. The next band plays their last song, and it's time.



Ben playing guitar with the Sanctuary Blues Band at Vella's in Chapin, SC.

We drag our amps up the steps beside the stage, and there's a flurry of cables and cymbal stands being thrown around. Somehow it all gets put together right, more or less. 'Guitar, stage right.' The soundman's voice through the monitors at my feet snaps me back to the task at hand. I twist the volume knob on my guitar and hit a few chords. He seems satisfied, although I could stand for my amp to be a bit louder. We're out of time though, and I look over my shoulder at Kyle. He's ready, and Artem steps forward. 'This is a little tribute to some guys who lived in the same spot our dorm's in now.' There are some familiar faces out in the crowd, even in the glare of the stage lights. I smile and hear the first few chords coming from Artem's guitar. 'You and me, we come from different worlds, you like to laugh at me when I look at other girls. ...' I miss it already.

Ben will pursue a career in electrical engineering, as well as continue to write and record his own music.

TIMOTHY HAMRICK

"We had been working on the same problem for about 30 minutes when, suddenly, it became clear. That makes so much more sense!" he said. Though it was a small victory for the USC student I was tutoring at the Academic Centers for Excellence, the accumulation of these small victories became a major accomplishment for me. Up to that point, I had been preparing for a career in mathematical research. However, that day and other days like it have altered my career goals. Now, after four years, I am graduating with a master's degree in secondary education and hoping to pass on my enthusiasm for mathematics and learning with high school students. I know that my other experiences at USC will help to make me a better educator. Studying the education system in Taiwan has given me a global perspective while student teaching at local high schools has helped put classroom theories into action. Playing intramural soccer has forged friendships that will last the rest of my life. My time at USC has culminated into an amazing college career. I am excited about what lies ahead of me, knowing that USC has prepared me for the next phase of my life."

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

East Rutherford High School

Bostic, N.C.

Mathematics

Timothy graduated this past May with a master's degree in secondary education. He plans on teaching high school mathematics next year either in the Carolinas or abroad.



Timothy stands in front of Dreher High School, where he will begin teaching in the fall.



The quote that redefined how Kirstie experiences life came to her during her time at USC: "Catch the ceaseless flow of quality in every passing moment." — Dr. Nolan Jacobsen via Dr. Hal French

KIRSTIE HEWSON

"I sat on the frame of a white-water raft, helmet and life jacket securely fastened and toes snugly positioned under the seat as instructed. 'Forward!' shouted our guide as we approached the rapids. Even though my immediate instinct was to freeze, I knew paddling was the only option to prevent the raft from flipping as the water rose above our heads in daunting waves. After our first obstacle was completed, I placed the paddle in my lap and relaxed my tensed muscles. 'You can jump in now' was the next sentence I heard from the back of the raft. 'Wait,' I thought, 'he wants us to jump in ... while the raft keeps going down the river?' After an instant of hesitation, I jumped with the realization 'if not now, when?' Immersion into the freezing waters of the sacred Ganges River in India was a true awakening. When I surfaced for air, I was intensely aware of the present. Surrounded by the rising cliffs of the foothills of the Himalayas, I smelled the crisp mountain air, I felt the cool breeze on my damp skin and I heard the joyful laughter of my friends. As I journey forward to the next chapter of life and encounter new opportunities and challenges, I will meditate on that moment and remind myself: 'if not now, when?'"

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

Ralph David Neuman

Scholarship

White Knoll High School

West Columbia, S.C.

Psychology

Kirstie will attend the University of California, Irvine, in the fall to pursue a Ph.D. in Education with a specialization in learning, cognition and development.



Katie Rose Higgins is pictured by the practice green at Bulls Bay, the place where she signed her letter of intent to play golf for USC. She enjoyed donning the Gamecock logo, serving as an ambassador for the institution every time she teed off in competition.

KATIE ROSE HIGGINS

“In golf, you can be told how to execute a shot, but until you get in the dirt and experience it yourself, you really don’t know how. Likewise, my high school mentor imparted this mantra to me right before my entrance to USC: ‘Live simply. Love generously. Speak kindly.’ The words resonated, but it wasn’t until I attended USC that I could experience their truth for myself. In the simplicity of a 10-by-10 dorm room, I found myself completely content with community and the opportunity to learn and grow. Involvement in clubs like FCA allowed me to volunteer with local youth and the disabled to see the power love has when shared. Finally, being a member of a sports team showed me how vulnerable everyone is, and the necessity of kind words to build others up. I cherish the opportunities USC has provided for me to grow as a person, and I am thankful for all the passionate, caring faculty members and students who have bettered me along the way.”

Katie Rose will attend Vanderbilt University to pursue a Master’s in Organizational Leadership and Performance at the Peabody College and to play her final two years of golf eligibility for the Commodores.

AMY HILL CARROLL

“I was sitting in a cushy chair, laptop on my lap, working on homework. I’d been working 10 minutes when a sleepy-eyed four-year-old enters the room. ‘Amy,’ she says, ‘can we play a game?’ I sigh, close my laptop and reply, ‘Of course we can,’ while thinking to myself, ‘The homework can wait, this is more important.’

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
Radford High School
Radford, Va.
Chemistry

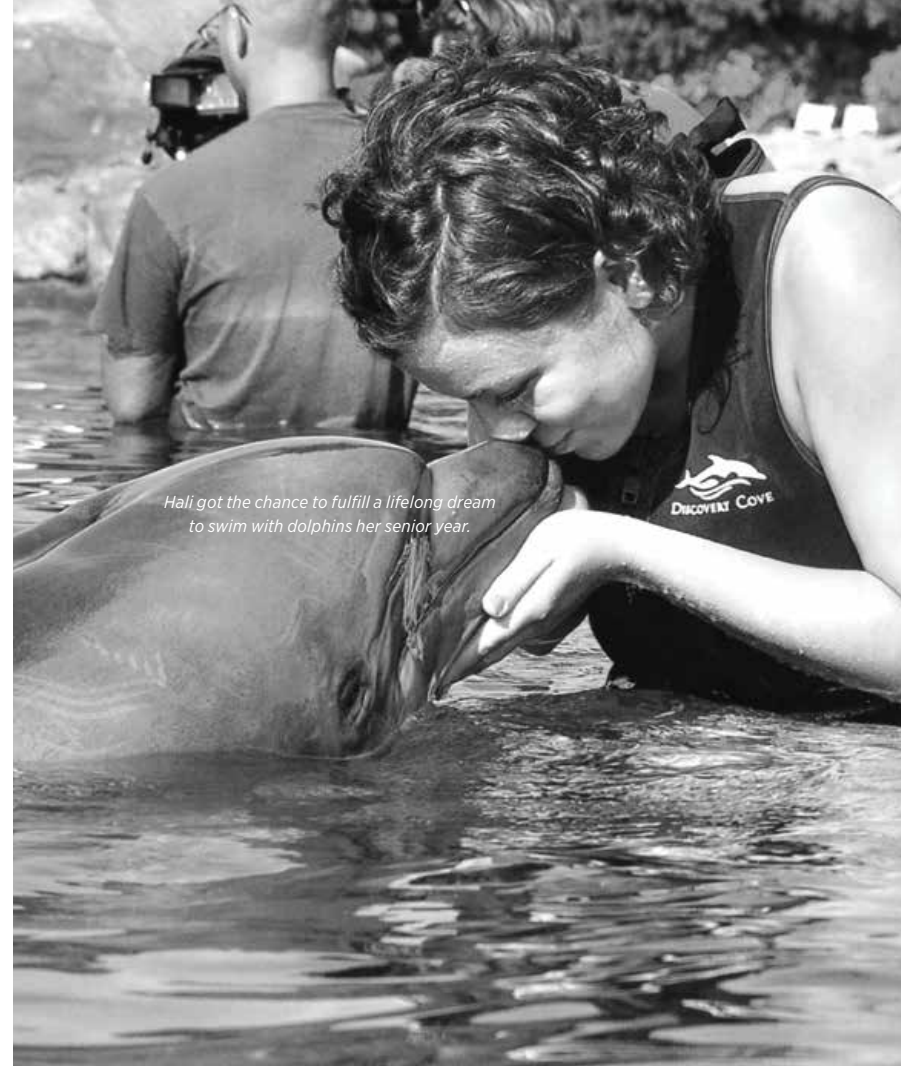
My time at USC hasn’t been about classes, or lab reports, or homework, or watching football. That’s not to say I haven’t done my fair share of all of those things, because I have, but that isn’t what defines my years here. The last four years of my life have been defined by the opportunity to be close to my family. In the last four years, I have watched a one-year-old niece become a five-year-old. I have gained six new nieces and nephews and was able to hold three of them as newborns. I got married. My husband and I got a puppy, and together watched her grow into a dog.

In my time at USC, I’ve gained more than my education. I’ve grown up. I’ve made mistakes, and learned how to fix them. I’ve learned to love, and how to be loved. At the University of South Carolina, I learned how to live.”

Amy will seek employment locally as she and her husband prepare for his entry into the Air Force.



Amy and her husband, Andrew, play with their niece in celebration of her second birthday. Being close to family was one of the defining characteristics of her four years at Carolina.



Hali got the chance to fulfill a lifelong dream to swim with dolphins her senior year.

HALI KERR

“I was furious. My face was hot with anger as I walked to my dorm in cold mid-February. I had just left my first political science class and was outraged at the world we had just discussed. The poverty, the pollution, the politics. It was all too much. I was mad, and I realized on this walk home that I was not going to fix any of it by studying waves and sediment. I turned right instead of left and walked straight across the Horseshoe. Frisbee throwers and picnickers glanced up unknowing while I had a revelation. I strode into an office, filled out a brief form, and walked the rest of my way home as a political science minor. A year later I was living in D.C. working for the NOAA chief of staff on marine policy. The following summer I found myself at NOAA again, this time in Maryland, working on issues that affected my own Chesapeake Bay. Three months after that I was working on law school applications. I meandered off my path that early spring day, and I am so thankful. Now when I get angry, I smile knowing that I will change the world one day.”

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
Dulaney High School
Cockeysville, Md.
Marine Science

Hali will take a year off before attending law school. She plans to volunteer for Conservation Voters of South Carolina for part of this summer and then head home to organize her fifth annual summer concert for charity. Come August, she will spend two months bumming around Europe. The rest of her year off she will travel with family, play lots of music and take a breath before starting the law school marathon.

ADAM KESS

“During my senior year of high school, I enrolled in Advanced Placement Spanish in the hopes of becoming fluent in a language I had taken for five years at the time. My class had 10 native speakers from eight different countries, and each had surprisingly different cultures. After deciding to study international business at the Moore School of Business, I challenged myself to travel to the home countries of my former classmates in order to improve my Spanish and learn the nuances between different Latin American countries. After four action-packed years at the University of South Carolina filled with amazing experiences, I am most proud of the breadth of study abroad experiences I had. Through trips sponsored by the Spanish department, the business school and other independent travel, I’ve been able to spend six months in eight different countries: Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay. By living with host families, talking with countless taxi drivers and eating all kinds of food, I can now say that I better understand the homeland of my high school classmates. Servers at South American restaurants in the United States are always surprised when I can correctly identify their chefs’ nationalities based on the type of ceviche they serve! I am confident that the skills I’ve developed through these study abroad experiences, such as learning how to adapt to unfamiliar environments and understanding others from their point of view, will prove beneficial regardless of where life takes me.”

MCNAIR SCHOLAR
Centennial High School
Roswell, Ga.
International Business
and Finance

Adam has accepted a position with Deloitte Consulting in their Strategy and Operations group in the Atlanta office. He is also a finalist for a Fulbright grant to Ecuador to conduct research on adolescent street vendors. If he wins, Deloitte has agreed to defer him employment for a year.



Adam, sporting an authentic Panama hat, got to enjoy the aerial view of Bogota, Colombia.

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OF THE 32 MEMBERS OF THE FRESHMAN COUNCIL ARE SCHOLARS (15%).

Jenni loves bringing you the news, whether it's reporting on-camera, as she did for Carolina News and SGTV while at USC, or behind the scenes producing at her job at WYFF News 4. The Horseshoe has always been one of her favorite spots to work or to relax and spend time with friends, and she thoroughly enjoyed having it as her front yard for two years while she lived in Rutledge.

JENNI KNIGHT

"Who wants to cover Nicholas Sparks when he comes to campus?" My eyes darted around the room as I raised my hand, waiting to see if an upperclassman would claim this exclusive opportunity to interview one of the most recognizable names in current fiction. No one did. 'OK, Jenni. Go for it!' It was spring of my freshman year, and

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

*E.C. Glass High School
Lynchburg, Va.
Broadcast Journalism*

I'd gotten involved with Student Gamecock Television since I've always wanted to be a reporter. Working for the station gave me the chance to beef up on my reporting, camera-operating and editing skills long before I learned about any of these in class. As the days led up to Sparks' arrival at USC, I prepped for the interview by rereading a couple of his books and, of course, watching "The Notebook." The night of the interview, I met my cameraman at the Koger Center for the Arts. He later told me I that I talked his ears off. It must have been the excitement. I wasn't sure what to expect when I walked into the room where I'd conduct the interview. The man who'd struck a chord in the hearts of readers across the world with his poignant words was as warm and friendly as he could be. Our interview rolled smoothly, and I knew then I wasn't just doing my job as a reporter — I was having a ball! It was so fulfilling to edit the story and share my passion for reporting. USC has given me countless opportunities and unquantifiable support in pursuit of reporting the news, and for that I am incredibly grateful."

Jenni accepted a position as a news producer at WYFF News 4 in Greenville, S.C.



Amit took time out for a photo with his faculty mentor, Dean Charles Bierbauer, at the journalism school's 2013 Awards Day. Amit received the school's Outstanding Electronic Journalism Award for Reporting.

AMIT KUMAR

"I remember an afternoon filled with unfamiliar food, an unfamiliar language and unfamiliar landmarks. I remember a day of amazing sights, overwhelming joy and the best friends around. I remember standing on top of that government building, the highest point in the city, feeling the Catalan breeze, listening to 'Young Forever' and watching Barcelona's majestic light and fountain show. I realized at that moment, I needed to make exploring the unfamiliar a constant part of my life. What will I take away from my time here at USC? The answer is

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

*Patrick L. Tomlin Scholarship
Riverside High School
Greer, S.C.
Broadcast Journalism*

clear: my study abroad experiences. Thanks to USC's Study Abroad Office, I was able to spend a summer in Firenze, Italy, and a semester in Sevilla, Spain. Those experiences changed everything about me, both personally and professionally. I will graduate with a degree in journalism, but at this point in my life I know I need to find any career path that allows me to travel the world. I've found my greatest passion is meeting new people and exploring new cultures, and I'm most thankful to the university for allowing me to discover that."

Amit plans to teach English in Spain for a year or two after graduating. He hopes to then join the U.S. State Department as a foreign service officer and eventually return to a career in journalism, ideally as a foreign correspondent or meteorologist.

MICHAEL LAMBERT

"I step down, and my feet find the cold stone path of the Île de la Cité. I follow the curve of the island until it thins to a point, piercing the Seine's current like a needle through coarse fabric. Ernest Hemingway, in "A Moveable Feast," described the island's point as a favorite fishing spot for locals; he would often catch his own dinner there, contemplating some new masterpiece, no doubt, as the Notre Dame bells clashed not far behind him. I have no masterpieces in mind today, nor do I particularly trust the river. I was never much of a fisherman. This is my second day in Paris, and I am in love — typically, unapologetically infatuated. I have devoted my years at USC to absorbing as much of French

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

*Alabama School of Fine Arts
Helena, Ala.
French*

language and culture as I can, but the classroom just can't compare to the real deal. Everything about this city seems to truly shine, from the twisting alleys of the Latin Quarter to the Eiffel Tower herself, covered head to toe in light as if she just stepped into an evening gown. These are truly the happiest days of my life, and I have USC to thank. I turn away from the island's point and excuse my way past other tourists. So much more of the city remains to be discovered. I say a quick goodbye to Hemingway. I hastily promise to return — to hopefully be brave enough, one day, to cast my lure into those old dark waters and see what takes hold."

Michael will work as a freelance writer while pursuing an editorial assistant position with a national media property.



Michael enjoys the warm weather at his favorite haunt behind the South Caroliniana Library, catching up on the latest headlines in the French news.



Lizzie and her fiancé, David Boyer, enjoyed some tailgating fun with their friends before a Carolina home football game.

LIZZIE MAHONEY

CAROLINA SCHOLAR
[J. Willis Cantey Scholarship](#)
[Aiken High School](#)
[Aiken, S.C.](#)
[Public Relations](#)

“I was born and raised a Clemson Tiger. That’s right, I wore bright orange overalls, painted paws on my cheek and spent my weekends in the fall tailgating

on grassy hills with my family and friends. Until my senior year of high school, that was where I was convinced that I would go to college. I applied to other schools, but deep down I knew that Clemson was the place for me. That is, until the day a thin FedEx envelope appeared on my front doorstep inviting me to the Carolina Scholar interview weekend and I was prompted to reevaluate my plans and perspective. More than four years have passed since the appearance of that envelope, and I couldn’t be more grateful for that little twist of fate. I am a fully and whole-heartedly converted Gamecock. The experiences that I have gained at USC have been invaluable and full of laughter, learning and love. The educational and financial opportunities that the Carolina Scholarship has afforded me have made all the difference in my college career. I love every bit of this school, from the Horseshoe to Williams-Brice Stadium, and you can be sure that from now on I will spend my fall weekends decked out in garnet and black, rooting for the best school in South Carolina.”

Lizzie is currently searching for a full-time position in the fields of public relations and strategic marketing. She plans to join her fiancé in Corpus Christi, Texas.



Kyra was able to go on an excursion to investigate geothermal hot springs and tide pools on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, while attending a meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, where she presented her research.

KYRA MARSIGLIANO

“I left my New York home and made the journey to South Carolina because of the outstanding reputation of the USC Marine Science Program, and after four years I am proud to say it is a reputation that is well deserved. Through the program I have had a bewildering array of experiences that most people only dream of, including working with sea turtles, dolphins and threatened tree frogs, searching for blue-fin tuna eggs using genetic techniques, spending

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

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[Staten Island, N.Y.](#)
[Marine Science](#)

days on boats in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean, and six weeks sailing through equatorial Pacific islands with no land in sight for weeks at a time. Many of these opportunities occurred because I was fortunate enough to be able to work in Dr. Joseph Quattro’s lab, who has been an inspirational adviser and gave me the trust and freedom that allowed me to become a better scientist. It is because of the many dedicated and talented professors like Dr. Quattro that the USC Marine Science Program enjoys the reputation that it does, and so many students go on to achieve success. I hope to continue this tradition through my future endeavors, and as I leave Carolina and return to New York to attend veterinary school, I am certain that the training and guidance that I have been given at USC will be integral to my success.”

Next year, Kyra will attend the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. She will focus her studies on shelter animal and marine wildlife medicine.

Maddie would be hard-pressed to think of a happier moment than relaxing by the water in Charleston, S.C., with her favorite book.

MADDIE MCDOWELL

“The funny thing about words is sometimes we communicate better without them. As a writer, there are few things that I admire more than a person’s vocabulary. But I am here to admit the fallibility of language. In spring 2011, I decided to spend my break on a service trip to the village of Cruz Verde, Dominican Republic. Only one problem: I only know one phrase in Spanish, ‘Esto es un robo,’ and I figured that one probably would not prove useful. It means ‘This is a robbery.’ I didn’t want this to get in the way, so I shrugged it off as a minor inconvenience. Little did I know, not speaking the language would be a gift.

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

*Saint John’s School
Houston, Texas
Advertising*

No words meant no barriers between me and the people of Cruz Verde. I would simply look into the beautiful brown eyes of my seven-year-old host sister, Melissa, and feel them radiate her joy and gratitude. My host mother poured her affection on me in the form of a homemade tea every morning. I laughed and danced bachata and gave children my sunglasses. I realized that compassion could transcend any language barrier. It comes to this: we are all people, and we need only love to reach one another.”

Maddie will begin her career in Dallas this June as a copywriter at The Richards Group (best known for their “Eat Mor Chikin” campaign for Chick-Fil-A).



As an undergraduate, Hannah got to study abroad in Turkey and Austria. Her picture was taken on the Bosphorus, a strait that forms part of the boundary between Europe and Asia.

HANNAH MILLER

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

*Riverwood International Charter School
Atlanta, Ga.
Economics and International Studies*

“My time at South Carolina revolved around close connections in Istanbul. The realization of the extent of my immersion came while walking around campus, texting friends from the summer in Turkish. I looked around, wondering if people could realize the double life I was living as a Southern coed from Atlanta, in my Greek letters and boat shoes but emotionally attached to a country and people 7,000 miles away. My journey started the summer after my freshman year with an internship with Turkish Policy Quarterly as an editorial assistant and evolved into a fully fledged research project examining Turkey’s meandering process to join the European Union. The most surprising aspect of my Turkish study had to be the ease with which I negotiated cultural differences; the hospitality of Turks rivals that of South Carolinians, whether answering my directional questions in Istanbul or agreeing to sit with me in Cool Beans and correct my Turkish conversational flow. By junior year, studying abroad in Vienna, Austria, I conducted more interviews with Turkish students in Vienna, this time in Turkish. After wrapping up my semester abroad with a summer interning at an entrepreneurial development firm, again in Istanbul, I was ready to begin my senior thesis, examining the role of location in perceptions of Turkish students regarding Turkey’s process of European Union accession. I have the McNair Scholarship to thank for these opportunities. Most importantly, without the nurturing environment of the university, Honors College, undergraduate research and Walker Institute grants, I would not have been able to have this international experience alongside SEC football, Greek Life leadership and sisterhood, and supportive faculty.

Hannah Miller will relocate to Orlando, Fla., as an underwriter for CNA Financial, where she plans to specialize in their international insurance division. She hopes to return to Carolina every once in a while for a football game and friends.

CLAY METTENS

“Hearing my music played for the first time never fails to be an electrifying experience. It’s a complex mix of excitement at hearing the results of months of hard work and anxiety over the smallest details. In September 2012, 38 of my closest friends in the University of South Carolina Wind Ensemble read my composition “A very hungry butterfly” in a rehearsal. In the moments just before they began to play, I experienced a familiar feeling of powerlessness:

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

*Scott High School
Covington, Ky.
Music Composition*

I had given more than six months of work to the performers and could only hope that they would do my music justice. Luckily, I knew I was in good hands. As a member of the USC Wind Ensemble, I’ve spent countless hours rehearsing, performing and traveling with these fantastic musicians. Thirteen-hour flights to and from China tend to produce strong friendships. So when the time came for me to write a work that would be my representative to graduate schools, I wanted to compose for the performers who I knew best of all. For four years they’ve witnessed and supported my growth, and I had no doubt that they would bring their best to fulfilling my musical vision. By the time Dr. Weiss was conducting them through the final bars of my piece, my worries had evaporated. I was left with the deep satisfaction of hearing my best friends bring my music to life.”

Clay plans to continue studying music composition in graduate school at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.



Clay stands in front of the USC School of Music, where he spent countless hours practicing, rehearsing, composing, taking lessons, attending classes and perusing the Music Library.

BY THE NUMBERS

11%

OF THE TOTAL HONORS
COLLEGE POPULATION
ARE SCHOLARS



Danya spent a semester studying abroad at Birzeit University in Palestine. She purchased this scarf there, holding many memories.

DANYA NAYFEH

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

Class of 1965 Reunion Fund Scholarship

Lugoff-Elgin High School

Ridgeway, S.C.

International Studies

“I remember looking over the course listing for the political science department as a senior in high school dying to be learning and studying in classes with topics so inherently fascinating: Controversies in World Politics, International Relations of the Middle East, Law and Contemporary International Problems ... it was a never-ending list of ideas and knowledge that I knew I had to have. Now, as I’ve come to the end of my four years at the University of South Carolina, I can say with full sincerity that I got both the experience and the knowledge I came here for and more. As I’ve proceeded through POLI this and POLI that, I have discovered why I love my international studies major and realized that my motivation and inspiration are derived from my fierce desire to shape the world into a better place for all people. I believe that international law, and particularly human rights, are among the most impactful and worthy of all principles to which we can ascribe as human beings. I have developed a powerful combination of inspiration and optimism that keeps me up studying longer and harder than caffeine alone ever could. I love USC, and all of the instructors, advisers and faculty who have all had a hand in helping, guiding, teaching and shaping me. I could not imagine a more perfect foundation for such an exciting future.”

Danya will travel back to the West Bank to continue learning Arabic and hopefully start learning Hebrew. She plans to attend law school and focus on international law while pursuing a master’s in international relations or Middle Eastern studies. She plans to use these degrees to start a career working for an intergovernmental or nongovernmental organization in which she will be able to contribute her efforts fully to the struggle for human rights.

KATIE PENNINGTON

“My close friends joke that I have two passions: pills and people. While my pharmacy degree curriculum assures that I am well versed in pills, my Carolina experience has allowed me to foster a love for people of all shapes, sizes and backgrounds. The diversity at the University of South Carolina is something that I never quite

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

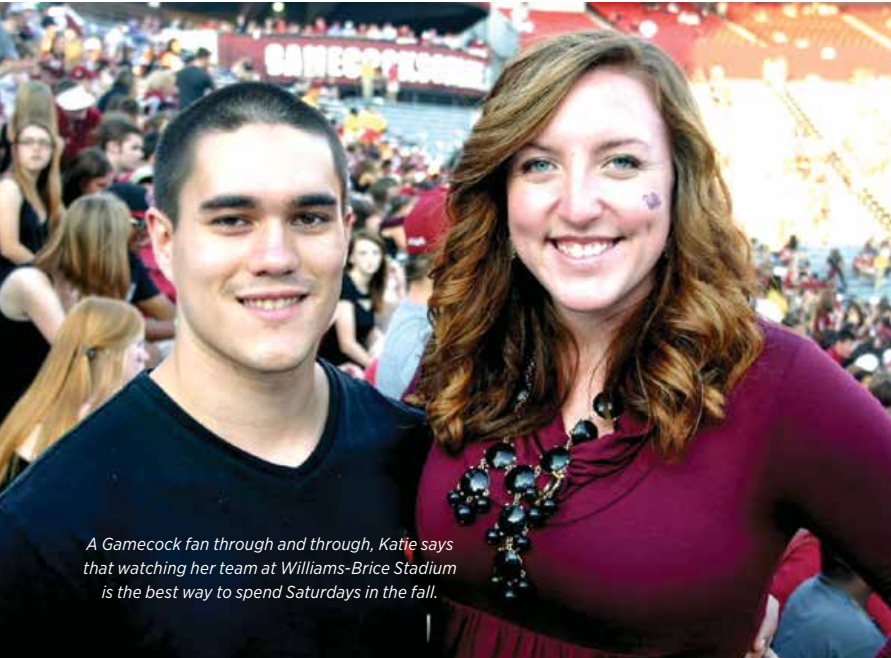
*Progress Energy Scholarship
Brookland-Cayce High School
Cayce, S.C.
Pharmacy*

managed to ‘get over.’ I find myself in awe of all that goes on in a normal day on campus. If you walk down Greene Street on any given day, there are organizations highlighting upcoming events, bake sales and, if you go on Tuesday, the Healthy Carolina Farmer’s Market. If you decide to keep walking, there is even more to see and experience. The great thing about Carolina is that there is something for everyone. Whether you want to work with suicide prevention or service outreach or learn more about culture and diversity, there is something for you. Experiences are always ripe for the taking, and there is never a shortage. What is more incredible is that I have been a part of the living, breathing organism that is campus life. If I had to choose one word to describe my Carolina experience, it would be ‘magical.’ Luckily for me, pharmacy school will ‘keep’ me here for two more years. I can’t wait to live the adventures that these next two years have in store for me. The decision to become a Gamecock was the best one that I have ever made. The scared freshman girl that moved into the honors dorm in August 2009 is but a shadow of the woman I have become. Although I have never been described as ‘shy,’ Carolina has taught me that my influence on the world around me is limitless and that small efforts can compound quickly into a lasting impact. Above all, the past four years have filled me with a sense of pride in my actions and instilled in me the confidence to reach out to those around me.”

Katie is so excited because she will be a Gamecock for two more years while finishing her Pharm.D. After graduation, she hopes to complete a community pharmacy residency, specializing in medication therapy management. Upon completion, she would like to transition into a lifelong career as a community pharmacist, in the hope that she can make an impact on the community around her by bettering the medication profiles and well-being of her patients.



Her scholarship allowed Elise to dabble in pursuits, such as archery, that she might not otherwise have had the chance to experience.



A Gamecock fan through and through, Katie says that watching her team at Williams-Brice Stadium is the best way to spend Saturdays in the fall.

ELISE PORTER

“My time at Carolina has been made up of moments. Moments of finding that sweet spot that makes me hit the bull’s eye every time. Moments full of black lights and ‘Buttercup’ playing as I dance my feet into a Carolina-shag-induced stress fracture. (Yes, I swear that happened.) Moments marked by the president pausing his phone conversation just to say ‘hi’ as we pass on

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

*S.C. State Fair Scholarship
S.C. Association of
Independent Home Schools
Columbia, S.C.
English*

the Horseshoe. Moments when my freshman students make me cry tears of happiness. Moments with friends I only see in coffee shops. Moments of midnight graveyard strolls and stolen glances in secret gardens. Moments of good food and better fellowship. Moments spent writing a character study of a professor while I meant to take notes. Moments of deep inner searching and moments of ditzy laughter that is a side effect of the Carolina sun. Each of these moments shaped me into the person I am today. They are the moments that left me speechless and made me shout for joy. They will be the moments I look back on with ever-growing nostalgia — the montage of my time here.”

Elise Porter of Columbia will work for the USC University 101 Program before pursuing her master’s. She is excited to give back to a program and the university that gave so much to her.

BY THE
NUMBERS

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SCHOLARS PLACED
FIRST OR SECOND IN THIS
YEAR’S UNDERGRADUATE
RESEARCH DISCOVERY DAY.



Members of Scorch, the women's ultimate frisbee club team at USC, join Sarah (bottom right) for a team photo after the 2011 USA Ultimate regional college tournament in Wilmington, N.C.

SARAH ROBBINS

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

Classes of 1936, 1937 and 1966 Scholarship
Carolina Forest High School
Conway, S.C.
Pharmacy

“On one of the last plays of USA Ultimate’s regional college tournament, I sprained my ankle pretty badly. Soon afterward the time came to take our traditional post-tournament team picture. Due to my ankle, however, it was obvious I wouldn’t be able to stand long enough for a team picture. I told the team to go ahead without me, but this idea was immediately rejected. Without hesitation, one of my teammates grabbed a disc, placed it on the ground above my head and lay down next to me. Before I knew it, girls were clearing away all the surrounding gear and joining us to form a circle. Because of their thoughtfulness and genuine regard for my feelings, I now have not a picture that reminds me of an unfortunate sprain, but instead a photograph that highlights a wonderful season spent with my amazing teammates. While this is an example of what the team would call ‘#frisbeelove,’ the underlying principle is one I have seen take many forms across all aspects of the Carolina community. Whether in a dorm or student organization, as part of the MLK Day of Service or as one of thousands of Gamecock fans, the sense of community and regard for each other will be what I most remember from my time at Carolina.”

Sarah will continue to pursue her pharmacy degree at the South Carolina College of Pharmacy. After graduating in 2015, she hopes to serve as a pharmacist in a community setting.

ROSS ROESSLER

“My years at the University of South Carolina have definitely been the best years of my life. My favorite memories are all the opportunities I received to travel. Through USC, I have had the opportunity to take trips to Taiwan, engage in a research internship in Germany and take a three-week cruise voyage around Central America. It is nearly impossible to pick a favorite experience from traveling. It was a majestic feeling to stand atop the Great Wall in China and a ton of fun to hike an active volcano in Guatemala. Equally as stunning, though, was seeing the remnants of the Berlin Wall, and understanding the world-changing events that transpired in Germany. If I had to pick, my favorite parts of traveling would be meeting new people and understanding new cultures. One time, when I was in China, I met a random guy when I was wandering around a park. I think he wanted to get to know me to practice his English, but his English (and my Chinese) was so bad that I think we each understood about 10 percent of what the other person was saying! Still though, we had a fantastic time and got to know each other as best we could, with the help of a lot of pictures. He helped me catch a train back to the city we were staying in and ended up taking me out for some local, authentic food. He always went out of his way to help me out and make sure I was having a good time, and that’s an experience I’ll always remember. Another fantastic person I met was my research adviser in Germany. While I was expecting an intimidating, tenured professor speaking scary, harsh German, he turned out to be nothing more than a 26-year-old kid just like me! We went rock climbing together, partied together and had fun just living life to the fullest. But above all, he was generous. He always tried to pay for me, checked that I had plans for the weekend and was making friends, and just made sure I had the best experience in Germany possible. It’s a great feeling to know someone like that, and he inspired me to go out of my way to help people and be more generous myself. I know that we have a friendship for life. Meeting people, sharing new cultures and ideas, trying new things — it’s the little things that change your life that you can only get from traveling. I have been extremely fortunate to travel extensively throughout my college career. I don’t know where I’ll go next, but I do know that USC has inspired me and given me the tools to go wherever I want!”

Ross will move to Seattle to work for Amazon.com. He will be working on software development for the Kindle.



Ross got to see the Colosseum and other historic European sites during his summer of research in Germany.



Even after playing soccer all of her life, Tori never expected that she would one day get to play with the children of Mkombole Village down the street from a medical clinic in Tanzania and teach them some of her soccer skills.

TORI SEIGLER

“It was humid and dim in the small room, the only light coming from the few windows in the plain stone walls. The African doctor stood over a patient, pressing down on her appendix multiple times to teach us its location. The woman, small and frail, weakly protested the first few times, calling out softly in pain. But after a few minutes, she took the sharp jabs to her stomach in silence, tears rolling down her face. I wanted to scream ‘OK! I get it!’ but the doctor pressed the tender area a few more times before letting the woman sit up and diagnosing her with chronic appendicitis. I was in the small village of Kibosho, Tanzania. The woman sat, quietly wiping tears off her face, staring at the ground. As the doctor taught, I grabbed a translator and asked her to tell the woman I thought her headdress was very pretty. She looked up in surprise, took it off and offered it to me, saying she would buy herself another. At that moment, I wanted to cry because this strong, amazing woman so willingly offered me one of her few possessions. My medical mission to Tanzania changed my perspective on life drastically, as did my other excursions abroad. They all taught me more about myself than I could have ever learned here in the States. That woman showed amazing strength and selflessness that I only hope I can one day mimic. The people in Tanzania love life so much, though they have so little. This solidified my desire to go to medical school and clarified the real reason I wanted to go in the first place. The villagers were thankful that we were there for them, even though there was very little we could actually do. It reinvigorated my love for travel and the need to help all of those who can’t help themselves. But, most of all, it renewed my confidence in myself as a person and as a future medical student. And that, to me, is priceless.”

Tori Seigler will attend medical school next year at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Greenville. She is considering pediatrics, but keeping her options open.

BY THE NUMBERS
43

SCHOLARS STUDIED
 ABROAD THIS YEAR (MAY
 2012 TO SPRING 2013) IN
 16 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

GARRETT SNIPES

“Everyone dreams of a special moment in their life, a moment where they take a deep breath and inhale the excitement of achieving that one seemingly farfetched goal. As a child I dreamed of being a college swimmer and a student at my parents’ alma mater. Many years later, I found myself competing against Clemson at Carolina Natatorium as a freshman on the USC swimming and diving team. I was surrounded by teammates, cheering students and that electric atmosphere that makes Carolina such a special place. I remember the orange and purple clashing with the garnet and black in the pool. With the ‘BEEP’ at every start both teams fought for each point. And after the final touch, I looked to the scoreboard to see that I helped Carolina pull out a win over Clemson. Later, as I took a picture dressed in Gamecock warm-ups and with Cockey at my side, I had my moment. As I reach the stage in my life where I begin to reminisce on my college experience, the research, studying abroad and extracurricular organizations all come to mind. However, I always wander back to that moment of realizing I was a Gamecock student-athlete in the truest sense of the word. I can never repay the university, the Honors College and the different departments for all they have given me.”

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

*William B. Douglas Scholarship
Riverside High School
Greer, S.C.
Public Health*

BY THE
NUMBERS
5

SCHOLARS WON
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS
OR SCHOLARSHIPS
THIS YEAR.

Garrett will begin medical school next year at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Greenville.



One of Garrett’s fondest memories of his time at USC was helping the swim team beat Clemson. He got a photo taken with Cockey at Blatt Natatorium during a swim meet against the in-state rival.



Mark spent four happy years riding in the biology building’s elevators toward a greater appreciation for and interest in plant evolutionary biology.

MARK TAYLOR

“Doors opened or doors closed?” When I came to college I felt the doors open. Sometimes I went running through, sometimes I stumbled and sometimes I crawled (i.e. organic chemistry). But no matter what form the passage or how long the trek, USC was worth it. We all have the abstract foreknowledge that college is going to change us, but when it is all over and this change reified as a new career or a new ideology, we have to ask, do the open doors outweigh the closed ones? For me, yes. I’m not going to fulfill my freshman dream to clone the woolly mammoth, but I’ll get to study an unexpected love: plants! And even as I move to the opposite coast, I know that my friends and family at USC are only an open door away.”

CAROLINA SCHOLAR

*Kit and James T. Pearce Sr. Scholarship
South Aiken High School
Aiken, S.C.
Biological Sciences and History*

Mark will pursue a Ph.D. in plant biology at the University of California, Davis.

AMY UPSHAW

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

Sullivan South High School

Kingsport, Tenn.

International Studies and Economics

“It was a lazy Saturday afternoon in my little colonia in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. My host sister was watching a typically ridiculous telenovela, children were playing out on the dirt street and I was glued to my computer screen. I watched small little figurines move about on an animated football field. Though I couldn’t watch the actual South Carolina versus Alabama football game, I could read the plays that were occurring in real time. When we won, I celebrated in typical fashion by chanting “U-S-C” and laughing in glee while explaining to everyone who would listen why South Carolina is the greatest school in the whole world. I was enthralled with USC after only being there one year. Here I am now after spending four years here, aching at the thought of leaving. Don’t get me wrong, I am excited to try my hand at city life in Chicago. But I grew up in my years at this university. I learned how to be part of a community, not just attend a school. I learned to love Columbia, not just tolerate it. I have a church that is my family. And the people in my life not only have been my best friends but also have played the role of personal stylist, chef, doctor, mother, psychologist and sister. This time in my life has been like no other, and I will forever look back at South Carolina as my alma mater and my home.”

Amy will spend a few weeks this summer traveling in Taiwan before beginning law school at the University of Chicago this fall.



It's obvious that Amy, middle, truly valued the relationships she cultivated while at USC. "There is nothing more precious than dear friends," she says.



Amanda credits USC for fostering her passion for the Chinese language and culture. As a student, she had the opportunity to visit Confucius' temple in Chufu, China.

AMANDA WILLIAMS

“The pulse of the music surrounding us makes it easy to count the reps: ‘Two and two. Three and one.’ The weights rise and fall in unison. I yell, ‘One more set!

MCNAIR SCHOLAR

Milton High School

Milton, Ga.

Biomedical Engineering

Who’s with me?’ and push the students through the last seconds of this routine. As a group exercise instructor at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, I’ve led multiple classes since my junior year, mainly Bodypump. Not only has instructing been fun and added a change of pace, it has been the perfect tool for teaching me leadership and communication skills. These are skills that I will carry into my future career in the biotechnology industry, hopefully in China. This leads to another USC defining moment. The decision to study Chinese and minor in it was unexpected. But USC helped to foster my passion for the Chinese language and culture. Although no single moment can define my entire time here, these and others, such as College GameDay on the Horseshoe and beating Alabama, are just some of many memories that I will take with me as I embark on an exciting future.”

Amanda will serve as a teaching assistant in Taiwan through the Fulbright grant program. After, she will attend Duke University to pursue her master's degree in biomedical engineering industry and design. Eventually she plans to enter the business side of the biotechnology industry, potentially doing work in China.

FIRST YEAR SCHOLAR MENTORS

- Dr. Anthony Ambler, Dean, College of Engineering and Computing
- Dr. Abdel Bayoumi, Professor, Mechanical Engineering
- Dr. Claudia Benitez-Nelson, Professor, Earth and Ocean Sciences
- Dean Charles Bierbauer, Dean, Mass Communications and Information Studies
- Dr. James Blanchette, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering
- Dr. Matthew Boylan, Associate Professor, Mathematics
- Dr. Duncan Buell, Professor, Computer Science and Engineering
- Dr. Charles Cobb, Chair, Anthropology
- Dr. Erin Connolly, Professor, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Beth Costello-Powers, Assistant Professor, Education
- Dr. Eva Czabarka, Associate Professor, Mathematics
- Dr. Kristia Finnigan, Director of Academic Programs, Office of the Provost
- Dr. Jill Frank, Associate Professor, Political Science
- Dr. Hal French, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Religious Studies
- Dr. Edie Goldsmith, Associate Professor, School of Medicine
- Dr. Scott Goode, Professor, Chemistry
- Dr. John Gordanier, Lecturer, Economics
- Dr. Blaine Griffen, Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Jerry Hilbish, Professor, Biological Sciences
- Professor Laura Kissel, Associate Professor, Film and Media Studies Program
- Dr. Tatiana Kostova, Professor, International Business
- Dr. Stephen Kresovich, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Beth Krizek, Professor, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Chuck Kwok, Professor, International Business
- Dr. Nina Levine, Associate Professor, English
- Dr. Steve Lynn, Dean, S.C. Honors College
- Dr. Randolph Martin, Professor, Economics
- Professor Lisa Martin-Stuart, Associate Professor, Theatre and Dance
- Dr. Lydia Matesic, Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Michael Matthews, Professor, Chemical Engineering
- Dr. Gerald McDermott, Associate Professor, International Business
- Dr. John McDermott, Economics
- Dr. De Anne Messias, Professor, Nursing
- Dr. Melissa Moss, Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering
- Dr. Rekha Patel, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Marj Pena, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Harry Ploehn, Professor, Engineering and Computing
- Dr. Jay Potts, Associate Professor, School of Medicine
- Dr. Tammi Richardson, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Martin Roth, Professor, International Business
- Dr. Randall Rowen, Dean, Pharmacy
- Dr. Rich Showman, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Deanna Smith, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Andrew Spicer, Associate Professor, International Business
- Dr. Johannes Stratmann, Professor, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Mark Uline, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering
- Dr. Jennifer Vendemia, Associate Professor, Psychology
- Dr. Qi Wang, Professor, Mathematics
- Dr. Sara Wilcox, Professor, Exercise Science
- Dr. Chris Williams, Professor, Chemical Engineering
- Dr. Gretchen Woertendyke, Assistant Professor, English
- Dr. Sarah Woodin, Professor, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Doug Woodward, Professor, Economics



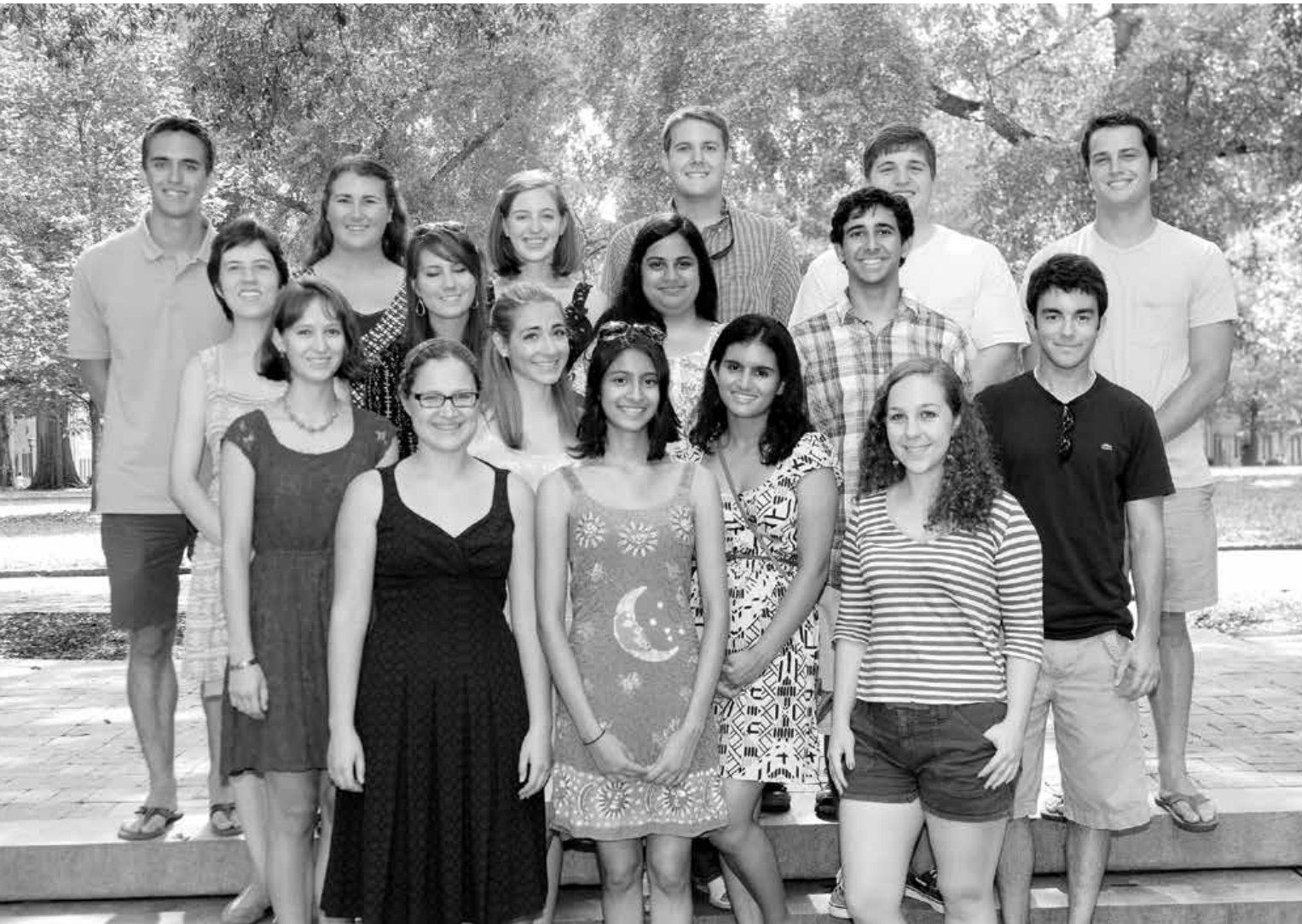
First-Year Scholars enjoy a variety of activities in their first year. From spending a day on the ropes course to meeting with faculty mentors, the goal of their programming is to help connect them to the University, and to each other.



Our freshman scholars have bright futures in front of them, taking advantage of all the university offers. Below middle, Carolina Finalist and senior Hayley Elia is honored as USC's Woman of the Year, and Jessica Kaczmarek (on right), junior Carolina Scholar, was a finalist.



CLASS OF 2014



Carolina Scholars

AVNIKA AMIN

William B. Douglas
Scholarship
Heathwood Hall Episcopal
School
Columbia, S.C.
Biomedical Engineering

RUNJHUN BHATIA

G.G. Dowling Scholarship
Riverside High School
Greer, S.C.
Public Health

MARC-OLIVIER BLAIS

USC Athletic Department
Scholarship
Dutch Fork High School
Irmo, S.C.
Chemical Engineering

LAWTON BURKHALTER

David W. Robinson
Scholarship
Chapin High School
Chapin, S.C.
Chemical Engineering

ALICE CHANG

Clyde C. Rice Scholarship
S.C. Governor's School for
Science and Mathematics
Summerville, S.C.
International Business
(IBCE) and Economics

WILL CULP

Charles Cotesworth
Pinckney Scholarship
Christ Church Episcopal
School
Greenville, S.C.
International Business
and Accounting

TINA DRAKE

Thomas B. Pearce
Scholarship
Dutch Fork High School
Irmo, S.C.
Biomedical Engineering

LEILA HEIDARI

Class of 1939 Reunion Fund
Scholarship
Cardinal Newman High
School
Columbia, S.C.
*Baccalaureus Artium
et Scientiae*

MICHAEL HOOD

Class of 1938 Scholarship
Irmo High School
Columbia, S.C.
*Baccalaureus Artium
et Scientiae*

PRIYANKA JUNEJA

Bank of America
Scholarship
Dutch Fork High School
Irmo, S.C.
International Business
and Finance

JESSICA KACZMAREK

Kit and James T. Pearce Sr.
Scholarship
North Augusta High School
North Augusta, S.C.
Chemistry

NIKI KOUTROULAKIS

Bernice and Mason Hubbard
Scholarship
Dreher High School
Columbia, S.C.
Mathematics

SARAH LAW

Carolina Alumni
Association Scholarship
Heathwood Hall Episcopal
School
Elgin, S.C.
Public Health

EMILY PADGET

Bank of America
Scholarship
Richland Northeast High
School
Columbia, S.C.
Political Science

SAVANNAH POSKEVICH

Class of 1953 Scholarship
Dorman High School
Moore, S.C.
Pharmacy

JAKE ROSS

William H. and Ruth C. Bond
Scholarship
S.C. Governor's School for
the Arts and Humanities
Greenville, S.C.
*Baccalaureus Artium
et Scientiae*

SAMRUDDHI SOMANI

Caroline and Susan R.
Guignard Scholarship
Northwood Academy
Summerville, S.C.
Economics and Political
Science

FELICIAN STRATMANN

Bank of America
Scholarship
Dutch Fork High School
Irmo, S.C.
Finance and Accounting

MACKENZIE SUNDAY

R.C. McEntire and Company,
Inc. Scholarship
A.C. Flora High School
Columbia, S.C.
*Baccalaureus Artium
et Scientiae*

McNair Scholars

TIM BARNHILL

Cypress Woods High School
Cypress, Texas
Chemical Engineering

MATT BARRAGAN

Terry Sanford Senior High
School
Fayetteville, N.C.
Civil Engineering

SALEM CARRIKER

North Mecklenburg High
School
Huntersville, N.C.
Anthropology

CHANCE COCKRELL

Southeast Guilford High
School
Julian, N.C.
*Baccalaureus Artium
et Scientiae*

CAMERON COX

Douglas Southall Freeman
High School
Richmond, Va.
International Studies

BRENDAN CROOM

duPont Manual High School
Louisville, Ky.
Mechanical Engineering

MEGAN EARLY

Myers Park High School
Charlotte, N.C.
Accounting

SARAH ELLIS

West Forsyth High School
Clemmons, N.C.
Print Journalism

ELIZABETH FARMER

Anderson High School
Cincinnati, Ohio
Spanish

RACHAEL FOUST

Oak Ridge High School
Oak Ridge, Tenn.
International Business,
Marketing and Finance

SALLY HARRILL

East Rutherford High
School
Bostic, N.C.
Psychology

BRAD HARRIS

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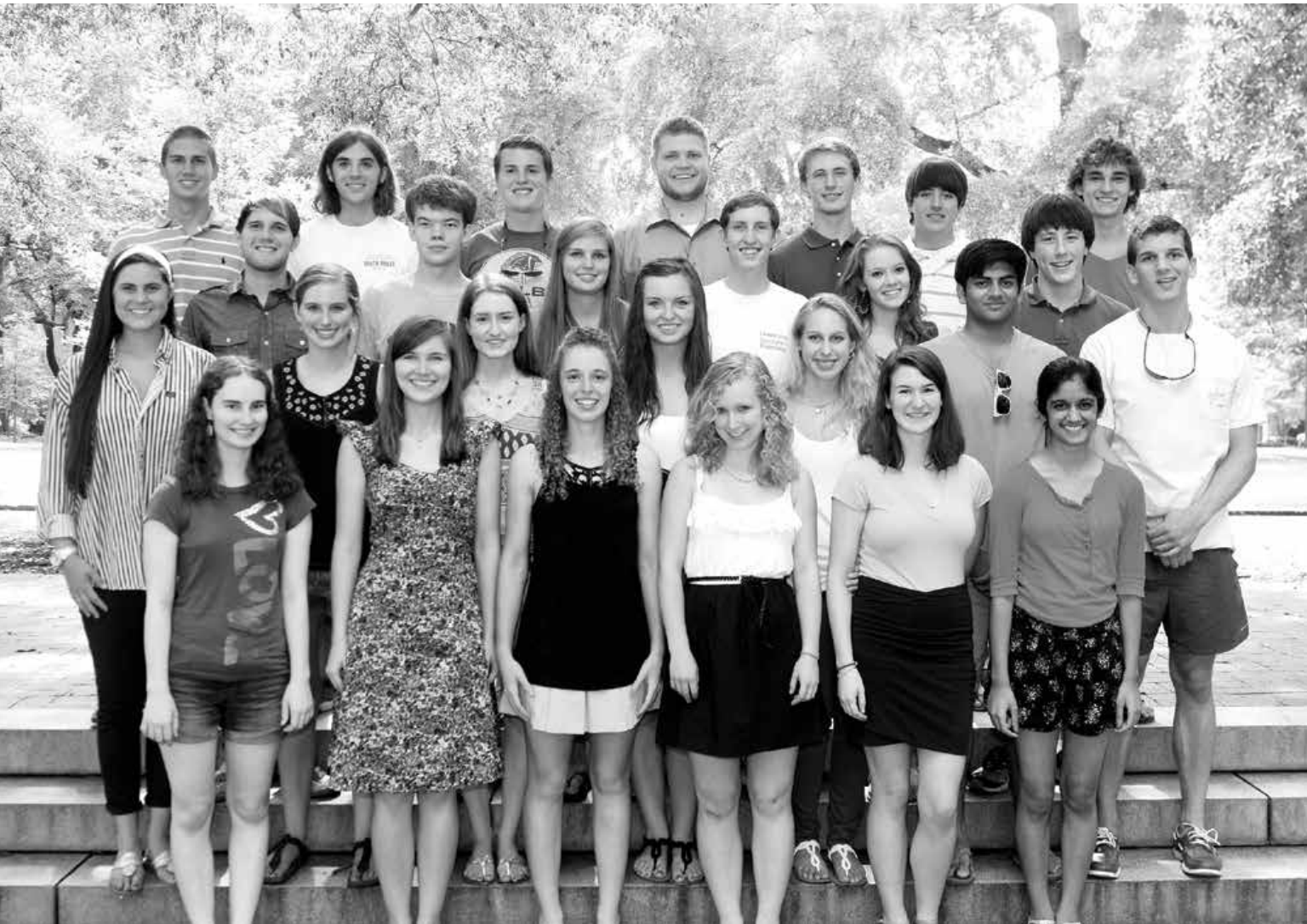
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Woodward Holland Folsom IV
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Keitha Marie McCall
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Roger Joseph Keane II
Craig Carruth Link
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