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TOPSCHOLARS

2017-2018



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Annual Report of Carolina, Hamilton, Horseshoe,
McNair and Stamps Scholars



In 2008, when I assumed the university presidency, we fostered a vision of growth for the University of South Carolina to create a top-tier university with countless opportunities for scholarly development. Determined to attract the nation's best scholars, we have continued to cultivate a culture of excellence in research with students working alongside highly qualified research faculty. Across our system, enrollment growth is up 23 percent, accompanied by incredible physical growth, including new business and law schools, athletic facilities and a range of innovative institutes and centers. Tremendous accomplishment followed this growth, with the recognition of South Carolina's 47 nationally ranked programs, including the No.1 undergraduate and graduate international business programs and the No. 1 honors program. Our first-year experience has been ranked among the best in the nation and we have been recognized as a top university for providing upward mobility after graduation.

..... These accomplishments, among others, are due to the high caliber and volume of our successful students. Our exceptional Carolina, Hamilton, Horseshoe, McNair and Stamps Scholars hail from South Carolina and other states across the nation. These remarkable students earned these highly competitive scholarships by exhibiting exceptional academic talent, exemplary character and notable leadership skills. Throughout their years at Carolina, they've experienced a rich academic life filled with inquiry and exploration and, in turn, have positively shaped and changed our university.

Our Top Scholars are citizens of the world. They have been mentored by members of Carolina's experienced faculty and staff, supported by community and business leaders, alumni and donors, inspired by their peers, and touched by the needs of communities both here and abroad. Their study abroad ventures have taken them to five continents and they've embraced a wide range of majors — everything from biochemistry, molecular biology, chemical engineering, experimental psychology, English, international business and more.

We are deeply appreciative of our generous donors who believe in the value of a comprehensive academic experience. Because of you, our Top Scholars will provide a profound contribution of wisdom, empathy and experience as they step forward to lead and shape a new world. We could not be prouder.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Pastides". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

HARRIS PASTIDES | PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA



First-year scholars took time out of a Saturday morning to enjoy Congaree National Park.

THE TOP SCHOLARS

Distinguished by their extraordinary academic talent, exemplary character and remarkable leadership skills, Top Scholars are outstanding students whose ideas and abilities will shape the world of tomorrow. They are the university's most distinguished merit scholarship recipients, and they currently represent 35 cities in South Carolina and 18 states nationally. These young scholars personify not only the ideals Ralph Waldo Emerson 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 students have significantly enhanced the reputation of the university.

A continuing goal of these programs is to create a community of high-achieving students with a united and visible identity. The Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs serves as the home base for Top Scholars, offering students four years of extensive programming. They receive one-on-one advisement for academic goals and co-curricular plans such as national fellowship preparation, internships, undergraduate research, graduate school preparation and employment. All Top Scholars have a full schedule of programs each semester which includes socials, formal dinners, lectures and invitations to special campus events. In addition, first-year scholars participate in a leadership retreat, creating bonds and developing skills that will last a lifetime. Even more, Top Scholars benefit from receiving automatic admission to the South Carolina Honors College, preferred access to freshman housing and parking, and a laptop computer.

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

CAROLINA SCHOLARS

The University of South Carolina developed the Carolina Scholars program in 1969 for gifted students from South Carolina to celebrate the virtues of a world-class education. Through generous private support, we have expanded the program from 10 students in its first year to more than 70 students during fall 2017. Since its inception, more than 800 students have participated in the program, which has been an integral factor in keeping many of the state's most gifted students in South Carolina.

MCNAIR SCHOLARS

Established in spring 1998 as part of the university's bicentennial campaign, the McNair Scholars program is a scholarship fund for out-of-state students supported by generous gifts totaling \$30 million from university alumnus Robert C. McNair and his wife, Janice. The McNair Scholars program is the counterpart of Carolina's prestigious Carolina Scholars program. This year, the university welcomed the 20th class of McNair Scholars — a group of the nation's brightest students, representing 18 states.

STAMPS SCHOLARS

A partnership was formed in 2013 with the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation to recruit and educate five in-state Stamps Scholars. In 2017, the Stamps program was enhanced to support five in-state and our first five out-of-state scholars. This year, the university welcomed its fifth class of Stamps Scholars, with 10 new first-year students entering the Top Scholar community in August. In addition to the Carolina and McNair Scholar perks, these students receive support and networking opportunities regionally and nationally with partner schools and the foundation. Stamps Scholars are offered an extra \$10,000 for high-impact activities such as research, study and travel abroad, community service, career development and more.

HAMILTON AND HORSESHOE SCHOLARS

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

THE SELECTION AND AWARDING PROCESS

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions coordinates the selection process for Top Scholar awards. To be considered, students are required to submit an application for freshman admission as well as the honors/Top Scholars supplement. The supplement contains two essay prompts. These prompts ask students to discuss their intellectual pursuits as well as meaningful leadership and service activities at their high schools and in their communities. Two teacher recommendations are also required. University faculty and staff carefully evaluate each applicant in areas such as academic preparation, intellectual curiosity, leadership potential, recommendations, genuine interest in the university and outstanding talents and accomplishments. More than 3,535 applications were received for the 2017 cohort.

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

All students who attend the Top Scholar candidate weekend receive a generous scholarship that is renewable for up to four years of study. After these weekend events, five in-state Stamps Scholars, five out-of-state Stamps Scholars, 20 Carolina Scholars, 20 McNair Scholars, 25 Hamilton Scholars and 20 Horseshoe Scholars are named from the original group of 95 candidates.

Our current and incoming Top Scholars are representatives of the best our nation has to offer and are an integral part of what makes the university "a faithful index to the ambitions and fortunes of the state."



► Katie Heins, Alayna Wells and Madhura Pande were all abroad in the spring this year and met up in Chile to visit.



► Out-of-State scholars win the McNairolina Kickball game for the third year in a row.



► The day on the ropes always begins with games on the ground; here we see Luke Marazzo and Ian Bain give it their all.



STAMPS SCHOLARS FROM OUTSIDE SC JOIN TOP SCHOLAR COMMUNITY

Fall is always an exciting time on campus as students re-gather to study, attend sporting events, hone their leadership and service skills and more. This fall was marked by another bit of Top Scholar history as we welcomed our first class of Stamps Scholars from outside South Carolina.

An additional gift from the Stamps Charitable Foundation allowed the university to double its number of Stamps Scholars, making the total number of students 10 per entering class per year. An initial gift from the foundation in 2013 added five students to the university's pool of Top Scholars, which includes in-state and out-of-state students. The benefits of the Stamps Scholarship make it the most prestigious undergraduate scholarship the university offers.

"We are thankful for the continued support of the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation and the trust the Stamps have placed in our university. These scholarships help us to continue to attract the most talented students — inside and outside of South Carolina — to the South Carolina Honors College," says Steve Lynn, dean of the Honors College. "Stamps Scholars contribute greatly to the college's vibrant and intellectual community."

Our first five out-of-state scholars are: Nancy Jones, Decatur, Georgia; Avery Kral, Roswell, Georgia; Mason Luff, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania; Robert Magee, Saint Johns, Florida; and Molly Meinhart, Louisville, Kentucky.

"The four years that students spend as undergraduates are exceedingly important for their development," says Roe Stamps, benefactor of the Stamps Scholar program and a venture capitalist with degrees from Georgia Tech and Harvard Business School. "There are so many things to learn and so many things to do during those years, many of which are outside the classroom. Our financial assistance enables young men and women to take best advantage of the experience."



Carolina Scholar Celine Peksenar welcomes four of the five out-of-state Stamps Scholars: Robert Magee, Mason Luff, Molly Meinhart and Nancy Jones (Avery Kral, not pictured).



Twenty years of the McNair Scholarship at this year's spring dinner: Patricia Moore-Pastides, Bob and Janice McNair, senior speaker Chandler Casner, alumni speaker Lara Harvey and President Harris Pastides.



MCNAIR SCHOLARSHIP 20TH ANNIVERSARY

This past year brought more growth and celebration to our already-vibrant Top Scholar community. Spring 2018 marked the 20th anniversary of the McNair Scholarship, generously funded by Bob and Janice McNair whose vision in 1998 could not have predicted the importance of what the scholarship has meant to the university. Historically, high-achieving students have made the University of South Carolina their collegiate home from 32 different states.

At the spring dinner that brought the McNair family together with the scholar community, campus staff and friends to commemorate the occasion, President Harris Pastides lauded the McNairs.

"You are generous and genuine, tireless and tenacious — great representatives of the Greatest Generation. And your commitment to values and excellence not only help to inspire all those you touch in growing more vigorous and strong, but also in meeting their greatest human potential," Pastides said. "So, to the McNairs, I ask — how does it feel to know that 390 leaders from across the United States have attached their names and life stories to yours?"

Dennis Pruitt, vice president for student affairs and vice provost, shed light on the history of the program and the impact of it on the university at large.

"In my 38 years at the university, the McNair Scholarship program has been one of the single most transformative initiatives impacting the trajectory of our institutional success while simultaneously lifting the lifelong potential of our most promising students," Pruitt said. "The immediate success of the program motivated the university to aspire to even higher enrollment goals, while its long-term success paved the way for thousands of other students from around the United States to enroll at Carolina, making our campus a destination of choice."

The first class of 10 McNair Scholars have made no less impact than the largest class we welcomed in 2009 which yielded 24. These 390 students have studied, worked, served and contributed to the university community in some way.

The scholars have entered and left the university with most every course of academic study available to them, but it is the subtle education on which this year's senior-speaker commented.

"Mr. and Mrs. McNair, you have provided us an unintended education. The unintended education of being part of something greater than ourselves — our community," said Chandler Casner, who hails from the McNairs' hometown area in North Carolina. "The unintended education that while academia is a noble pursuit, it cannot be our only pursuit. We must also pursue friendship and family. And the unintended education that success is not a birthright but a result of drive, perseverance and hard work."



ROBERT C. MCNAIR

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

Robert McNair, the founder, senior chairman and chief executive officer of the Houston Texans, is best known in the business community as the founder of Cogen Technologies, which was the largest privately owned cogeneration company in the world when it was sold in 1999. He currently serves as senior chairman of McNair Interests 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 for Public Policy at Rice University. McNair has been inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, the Texas Business Hall of Fame and the Houston Hall of Fame and was presented with an honorary doctorate of humanities from Baylor College of Medicine and the University of South Carolina.

Committed to bringing a National Football League team to Houston, McNair was awarded the 32nd NFL franchise in 1999, and the Houston Texans debuted in 2002. In 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2016, the Texans won their AFC South Division Championship. Active in NFL affairs, McNair serves as chairman of the finance committee and is a member of the audit compensation and chairman's committees. In 2004 and 2017, McNair's leadership brought two Super Bowls to Houston's NRG Stadium — Super Bowl XXXVIII in 2014 and Super Bowl LI in 2017.

As founder and chairman emeritus of the Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl, McNair revived Houston's collegiate bowl game on Dec.



28, 2006. The game now features teams from the Big 12 and SEC conferences and boasts an average attendance of over 70,000 fans a year, ranking 4th among all bowls, trailing only the Rose, Cotton and Peach Bowls since 2014.

Janice McNair, a graduate of Columbia College in Columbia, South Carolina, shares her husband's vision and passion for helping others. She has been honored by numerous nonprofit organizations, including Child Advocates in 2009, the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council in 2005 and the Salvation Army in 2014. Together, the McNairs have established McNair Scholars programs at the University of South Carolina, Columbia College, Rice University, Baylor College of Medicine, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, the Menninger Clinic, Texas Children's Hospital and the Texas Heart Institute. In 2007, their transformational gift to Baylor College of Medicine enabled the recruitment of world-class research physicians and scientists in the fields of Type 1 diabetes, cancer and the neurosciences.

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

In 2015, the McNairs began establishing McNair Centers for Entrepreneurism and Free Enterprise at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Houston Baptist University, Columbia College, the University of South Carolina, and Northwood University in Midland, Michigan. The McNairs chaired the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge Houston Campaign and currently co-chair Texas Children's Hospital's Promise Campaign.

The McNair's generosity hasn't gone unnoticed. In 2014, they received the Houston Community College Foundation's Crystal Eagle Award, UNICEF's inaugural Margaret Alkek Williams Humanitarian Award and

Houston Baptist University's Spirit of Excellence Award, and they were honored by their beloved Houston Zoo. In 2015, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center honored Bob McNair as their Living Legend. In 2017, the McNairs were presented the Lombardi Fellows and Humanitarians of the Year Award and Newberry College's John Bachman Society presented the McNairs with their Distinguished Members for 2017 Award. In September

2017, Rutherford County, North Carolina, where Bob McNair grew up, inducted him into their inaugural Sports Hall of Fame class, and in 2018, McNair become the fifth recipient of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame's Lamar Hunt Lifetime Achievement Award.

Bob and Janice McNair have lived in Houston since 1960. They have four children, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



E. ROE STAMPS IV

STAMPS SCHOLAR BENEFACTOR AND FRIEND OF THE UNIVERSITY

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

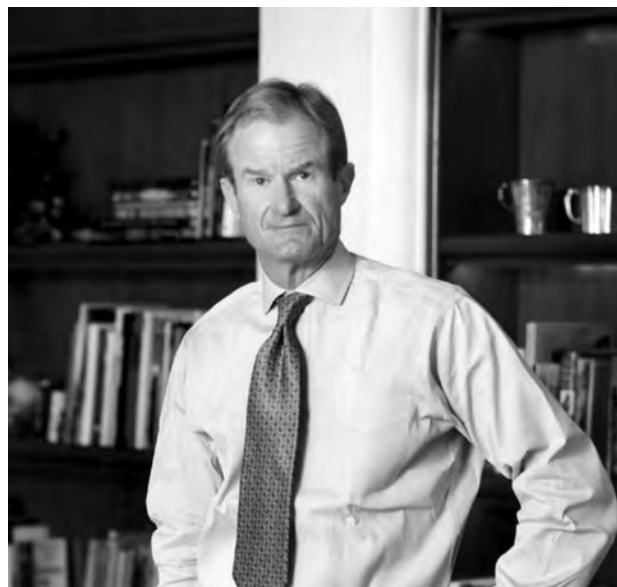
Since his relocation to South Florida in 1993, Roe and his wife, Penny, have devoted significant time and resources to philanthropic causes in the community. Their interest in South Florida is deeply rooted, as they have been longtime supporters of the University of Miami, the Grayvik Animal Care Center, Fairchild Tropical Garden, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, Community Partnership for the Homeless, Ransom Everglades School, Breakthrough Miami and a number of other organizations throughout the region.

Through the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation, formed by Penny and Roe 20 years ago, they have shown their deep commitment to education, supporting projects and scholarships at 40 universities nationwide. And with its Stamps Scholars initiative, the family foundation has created innovative scholarship programs supporting approximately 900 students during the upcoming school year.

Roe is a trustee emeritus of the Georgia Tech Foundation and a trustee at the University of Miami, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and several other distinguished organizations. At Georgia Tech, Roe served the foundation for more than 16 years. He has received

the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering and the Joseph Mayo Pettit Alumni Distinguished Service Award, the highest award conferred by the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. He was inducted into Georgia Tech's Engineering Hall of Fame in 2001 and received an honorary Doctor of Philosophy in 2014.

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



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



CAROLINA SCHOLAR AWARD DONORS

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



Carolina Scholar Taylor Martin (middle) with long-time donors Cathy and Lex Knox.



Carolina Scholar donor Marshall Winn greets his Carolina Scholar Will Rivers at the spring dinner.



Novella Beskid, honors college, with Madison Baker and President Pastides.

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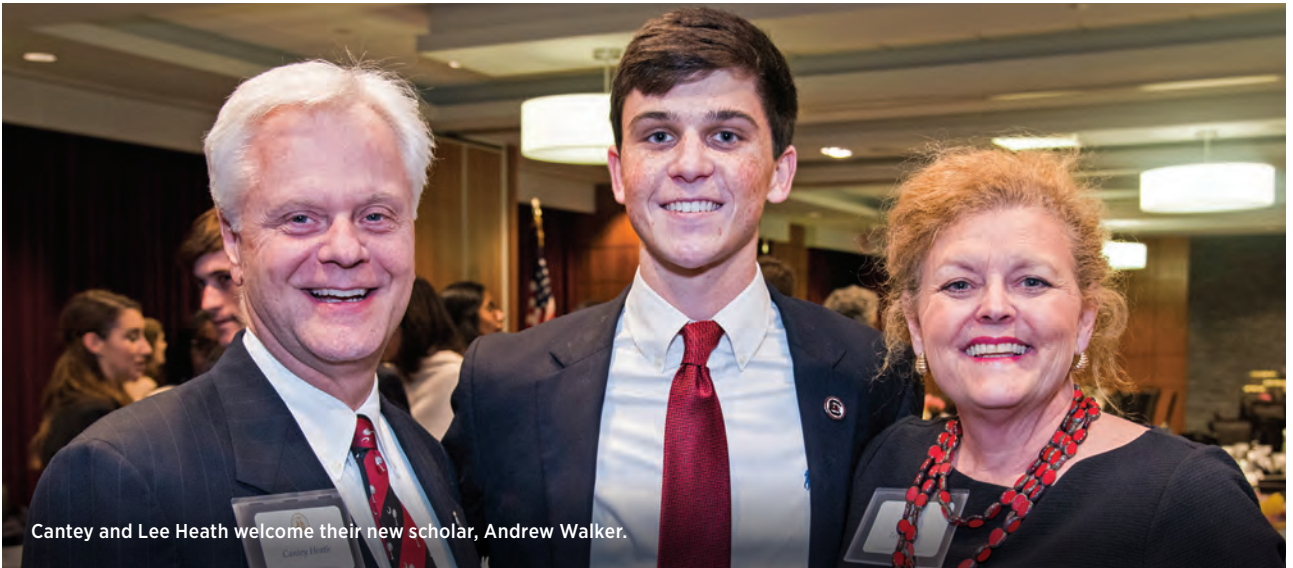
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Randy McDow of the Stamps Foundation greets a group of in-state Stamps Scholars at the joint Carolina and Stamps Scholar spring dinner.



Cantey and Lee Heath welcome their new scholar, Andrew Walker.

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Some of our international business faculty enjoy the early-morning breakfast. From left: Ken Erickson, David Hudgens, Joao Albino-Pimental and Dan Ostergaard.



Public health professor Heather Brandt served as Lina Saleh's faculty mentor this year.



Mythreye Karthikeyan, a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, served as Shub Mehta's mentor this year.



Steve Simon was paired with finance professor Eric Powers.



Maggie Collins was fortunate to have biology professor Alissa Armstrong as her mentor.

FRESHMAN SCHOLAR MENTORS

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Wendy Valerio

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Marc van Essen

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International Business

Tom Vogt

Distinguished Professor of
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Chemistry and Biochemistry

Alicia Walker

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Tanya Wideman-Davis

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Dance

Doug Woodward

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Economics

Joel Wooten

Assistant Professor
Management Science



Celebrating Casey Brayton winning the Truman Scholarship are (from left) dean of the Honors College Steve Lynn, Provost Joan Gabel, Brayton, President Harris Pastides, and Professor David Simmons who chairs the University's Truman Committee.



From left, Mcnair Scholar Kayla Gardner, McNair Scholar Noemi Glaeser, Carolina Scholar Casey Brayton



McNair Scholar Jane Marryat won the DAAD RISE summer research fellowship to Germany.



McNair Scholar Rachel Lunsford will study at Cambridge on a Rotary Global Grant.



Carolina Scholar Mara Cowen and McNair Scholar Erica Maissy won the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.



U.K. Summer Fulbright Institute winners are Carolina Scholar Jeremy Ward, and Stamps Scholars Ellie Lord and Robert Magee.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP WINNERS

Harry S. Truman said, “actions are the seed of fate deeds grow into destiny,” and our scholars who are national fellowship winners are shaping their destinies by winning these awards.

This past year, Top Scholars brought distinction to themselves and the university as recipients of national fellowships. Spring 2018 brought the news of 11 students winning these prestigious awards with another two won by alumni, for a total of 14 awards won.

Winning the Udall Scholarship last year, Casey Brayton topped that with winning the Truman Scholarship this year.

“The Truman Scholarship is one of the most prestigious of national scholarships, and we’re so proud Casey Brayton is representing the University of South Carolina in the 2018 class,” says University of South Carolina President Harris Pastides. “From her academic, research and civic leadership to her interest in physical oceanography, she truly represents the mission and spirit of the award.”

Brayton, alongside Noemi Glaeser, was also recognized by the Goldwater Foundation. For the 26th consecutive year, USC students have been named Goldwater Scholars — Brayton was named a Goldwater Scholar, while Glaeser was named honorable mention. The Goldwater Scholarship is awarded nationally to sophomores and juniors pursuing bachelor’s degrees in natural sciences, mathematics or engineering and who intend to pursue a career in research.

The university had a banner year with the U.K. Summer Fulbright Institute competition. The U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission offers U.S. undergraduates the opportunity to take part in one of nine summer institutes in leading U.K. universities throughout England,

Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Of USC’s three winners, all are Top Scholars: Ellie Lord, Robert Magee and Jeremy Ward. Lord is a Stamps Scholar and studied at University of Westminster. Magee is a Stamps Scholar and studied at the Glasgow School of Art and the University of Strathclyde in Scotland. Ward is a Carolina Scholar and studied at the University of Exeter.

Winning national fellowships for graduate school allows our graduating seniors an enormous head start as they pursue doctorate degrees. Carolina Scholar Mara Cowen and McNair Scholars Kayla Gardner and Erica Maissy are the recipients of the National Science Foundation’s Graduate Research Fellowship. Scholar alumni Luke Havens (Carolina Scholar 2016) and Rachel Smoak (McNair Scholar 2016) also won the award.

Finally, the importance of international experience continues to drive students to seek national fellowships that will fund their time abroad. Two recent graduates will spend a year abroad having totally different experiences. Carolina Scholar Hima Vinnakota will teach English in Malaysia on a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, while McNair Scholar Rachel Lunsford travels to Cambridge for a year of study on a Rotary Global Grant. The DAAD RISE program continues to welcome USC students interested in doing STEM research in Germany. This summer, McNair Scholar Jane Marryat will do research at a lab in Bayreuth, Germany, at the University of Bayreuth, studying pathways involved in motor neuron diseases in yeast cells.



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SENIOR SCHOLARS

To introduce you to our seniors is to introduce you to the world. They find themselves in places their predecessors only dreamed of, traveling the globe to get immersed in other cultures or conduct groundbreaking field research. On these pages you will see photographs of our senior Top Scholars in their own element, a location of their choosing. For some of them, the choice was easy and obvious, but for others, more thought was employed. The photos, accompanied by the students' reflective and insightful words, provide glimpses into their time as Carolinians.



Grace Porter and Hima Vinnakota attend their final donor dinner this past spring.



Carolina Scholar Mara Cowen and McNair Scholar Kevin Field enjoy a final moment before graduation with Novella Beskid (middle).



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

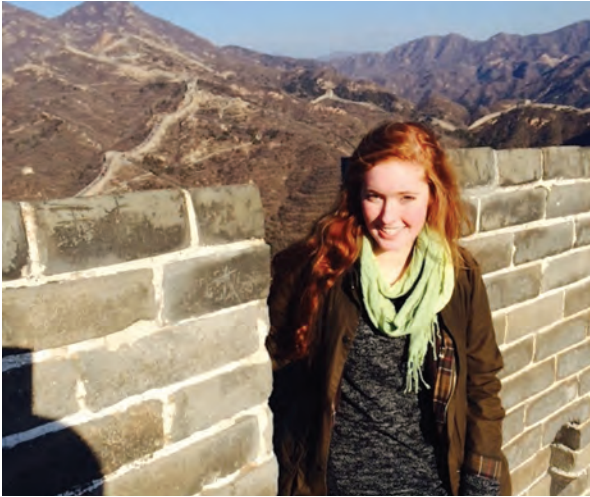
LONDON S. BENNETT

*Clear Falls High School
Seabrook, Texas
Political Science*

I was sitting in a motel room crying. This is what I wanted: Nashville, the epitome of living my dream. Why did I not let myself do that? Why did I not let myself live authentically? Here I was, junior year, still pursuing a gamut of opportunities that were incredible but not “me.” So divorced were they from my personality that I escaped them the first chance I got and ran to a place in which I felt genuine. For three days, I watched musicians strum in Music City. Some on stage, others in bars, still others on the street, regardless if people were listening. It was beautiful. I thought of all of this while I was crying. It was then that I committed to living authentically. I am thankful for USC allowing me that opportunity. I am now living my dream.

After graduation, London plans to travel and attend graduate school.

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ABOVE: *London visits Prague, Czech Republic.*



Clayton spent New Year's Day with a group of USC students on the Great Wall of China.



STAMPS SCHOLAR

CLAYTON A. BUCKALOO

Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps IV Carolina Scholar

Ashley Hall

Isle of Palms, South Carolina

International Business, Finance, Marketing and Global Supply Chain and Operations Management

Leadership was the focus of several first conversations I had on campus. From U101 discussions on the Alchemist to conversations with my mentor Professor Pat Hanly, leadership was a topic that developed throughout my time at USC and with Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business organization. USC taught me a number of lessons. First, that leadership takes a number of forms and the support systems in place at this university teach us how to be great students while also learning to give back as mentors. Second, you never stop learning to lead and you are the average of the people with whom you surround yourself. And third, understanding that it is not about where you are but what you do to serve others when you get there is a lesson modeled by students that have come and gone. I will model the support that USC has given me to build a person that is ready to take on the challenges and opportunities of the global community, while remembering that it all started at home at Carolina.

Clayton will continue her studies here at the university, pursuing degrees in international business, marketing, finance and global supply chain and operations management.



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

RYLAN D. BURDETTE

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Waterloo, South Carolina

Mechanical Engineering

USC has provided me with experiences I wouldn't have found elsewhere. While at Carolina, I met some great people from backgrounds very different from my own. I got to enjoy meaningful discussions with groups of colleagues from diverse viewpoints. The courses I took at USC went deeper than the standard material. Echoes in Blues covered far more than learning to play the harmonica. The engineering classes I took with Dr. Wally Peters touched on issues of a global scale. Even the archery classes I took surpassed expectations; I learned historical tactics and applications of archery, rather than just standing and shooting at targets. I am grateful to have been a member of the scholar community.

Rylan will use his skills and degree in mechanical engineering to continue to move forward.



Rylan (left) enjoys conversation with colleagues at a Carolina Scholar spring donor dinner.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

CHANDLER R. CASNER

Chase High School

Forest City, North Carolina

Physical Education

It is difficult to summarize my experience of four years here at USC. My USC experience has meant everything. In this short time, I have achieved Major of the Year from my national professional organization, was named Outstanding Senior and was awarded Physical Education Major of the year. I researched individuals with visual impairments and their perception of physical competence, found lifetime friends, fell in love, ran student organizations, worked on campus and found my passion. If I had gone to college anywhere else, I would never have reached my true potential. USC, the Honors College and the Top Scholars program provided the opportunities that helped shape me into the person I want to be and motivated me to go even further.

Chandler will teach for a year, then pursue a master's degree in academic administration and a doctorate in pedagogy to educate future teachers.

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ABOVE: Chandler, far right, poses with fellow Top Scholars.





MCNAIR SCHOLAR

CAROLINE T. CATES

Kingwood High School

Kingwood, Texas

Experimental Psychology

While I could go on for days about my favorite moments on campus, the most defining experience of my undergraduate career was undoubtedly my research expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula. I lived on a boat for 10 days without contact to the outside world. My team consisted of a collection of students and professors from all over the U.S. studying bird conservation and censusing of endangered species. From that experience, I developed my senior thesis on the effects of isolation on the mental health of scientists in Antarctica. I will forever be grateful to the Honors College and the McNair Scholars Program for making that unique opportunity available to me.

After a year working for the Walt Disney Company in Orlando, Florida, Caroline plans to pursue a master's degree in school psychology.

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LEFT: Caroline hikes beside a glacier during a landing at Neko Harbor, Antarctica.

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scholars and scholar alumni won national fellowships or scholarships this year.

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SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

STEPHEN W. CORBITT II

Paul G. Blazer Senior High School

Ashland, Kentucky

Economics, Global Supply Chain and Operations Management

I am from a small town in the foothills of Appalachia, and when I arrived on the campus of the University of South Carolina, I did not expect I would ever return to my home except for holiday visits. Not because I didn't want to, but because I did not see much opportunity for myself there. Today, my hometown is all I think about. My dream is to gather the knowledge and experiences I have gained at USC and take them home with me. Appalachia faces many challenges from unemployment to the opioid epidemic. Has my college career taught me how to completely eradicate these ails? No. But it has taught me that trying and failing provides a far better outcome than having never tried at all. The McNair Scholarship Program took a chance on me, and now it's time for me to take a chance on my home.

Stephen plans to begin a career in supply chain and logistics management, and then transition into local politics.



Stephen cheers on the Gamecocks at his final undergraduate home football game. South Carolina beat Wofford 31-10.



Mara cheers on the South Carolina Gamecocks with Cocky at Williams-Brice Stadium.



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

MARA H. COWEN

Carolina Alumni Association Scholarship

A.C. Flora High School

Columbia, South Carolina

Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae in Developmental Neuroscience

Perhaps no better example of the opportunities offered by the University of South Carolina exists than the BARSC program, which enabled me to build a major around my interest in neurodevelopment. My time at USC has been significantly impacted by the support and compassion of my fellow Gamecocks. The scholar community comprises brilliant, motivated and talented individuals who I am lucky enough to call my closest friends. The research faculty have instilled in me a deep-rooted curiosity and passion for discovery. They demonstrated what it means to be a mentor, helping me become a critically thinking, empowered and independent scientist. The Carolina student body showed me the power of unity, coming together to give back to the community through disaster relief, fundraising and volunteer work. This solidarity is exemplified through school spirit and it is impossible to forget the overwhelming excitement as a Gamecock fan on a Saturday in South Carolina. As my days walking the brick paths of the Horseshoe come to an end, all I can think is how grateful I am for this incredible experience. Thank you, USC. It's been an honor!

Mara will pursue doctoral training in neuroscience at the University of Pennsylvania. She plans to conduct research on the underlying mechanisms of autism.

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scholars won Magellan awards for undergraduate research this academic year.

SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS



STAMPS SCHOLAR

HABIBA FAYYAZ

Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps IV Carolina Scholar

Spring Valley High School

Columbia, South Carolina

Biological Sciences

My biggest takeaway from my four years at USC is that the impact we aspire to have on the world is possible, regardless of skills or experience, as long as we are intentional in the path we choose. My passion for medicine sprang from an understanding that my capacity to heal would be universal and could lead me to distinct parts of the world and overlooked parts of my own community. One of the most influential experiences of my college career was volunteering with the Carolina Survivor Clinic, a holistic care provider for refugees in Columbia. As I sat across from an Afghanistani refugee not much younger than me during her English class, she described to me her aspirations of becoming a chemistry teacher. Her love of learning and discovery resonated with me and, as someone with the opportunities and resources to pursue my own love of knowledge, I felt a responsibility to open those doors for others. My experiences at USC have been rewarding and transformational, and I am determined to use my future as a physician to empower individuals as they take on their own paths.

Habiba will enter medical school at Medical University of South Carolina in the fall, specializing in pediatrics or neurology.



Habiba volunteers with Timmy Global Health, in Tena, Ecuador, during winter break.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

KEVIN C. FIELD

Regis High School

West Orange, New Jersey

Biological Sciences

When I first arrived at USC four years ago, I thought I was going to become a cardiologist. Or a history teacher. Those plans changed my sophomore year when I began work in Dr. Shim's lab. I dove headfirst into the biology department and had my life changed by the incredible professors I worked with and learned from. I love school so much that I decided to remain a student for the next eight years in an MD/Ph.D. program. Despite these great things, my research experience is not what I will take away from USC. What I will remember is the incredible sense of community, from standing in a thunderstorm at the Georgia game, to standing knee-deep in the Thomas Cooper fountain during the NCAA tournament, to participating in Relay for Life. I will be eternally grateful for the opportunity I've had to be a part of such a wonderful group of people at the university. Thank You!

Kevin will head to UNC Chapel Hill to train as a physician-scientist. He plans to become a college professor and conduct research.

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LEFT: *Kevin enjoys the view during spring break in Rome.*



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

ALEXANDER J. GALAN

Thomas B. Pearce Scholarship

Irmo High School

Columbia, South Carolina

Biomedical Engineering

Studying abroad in Spain during the summer of 2015 was, for me, one of the most formative experiences at the University of South Carolina. I knew when I began my freshman year that I wanted to study abroad. With encouragement from my advisers and my scholar buddy, I registered for a program in Salamanca, Spain. In those five weeks, I took courses on Spanish language and culture and made friends that I still keep in touch with to this day. My favorite part of the trip was being able to reconnect with my Spanish roots. My family emigrated from Cuba in the 1960s after the Cuban revolution. Their ancestors were originally from Spain. During my trip, I was able to visit some of the regions and towns in Spain where my ancestors lived and got to meet some distant relatives for the first time.

Alex will move to Madison, Wisconsin, to work as a project manager for the software company, Epic.

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ABOVE: Alex enjoys the view of the Alhambra in Granada, Spain.

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scholars are university ambassadors and two are honors ambassadors.

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SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

KAYLA G. GARDNER

*Wilson Central High School
Mount Juliet, Tennessee
Marine Science*

The turning point in my undergraduate career occurred almost 10,000 miles away in Brisbane, Australia. In the fall semester of my junior year, I pulled myself away from the coveted football season and embarked on a journey that focused my college career, developed my faith and introduced me to a family away from home. The courses I took exposed me to the world of marine conservation. I was reminded of my passion for preserving and protecting the oceans that initiated my pursuit of marine sciences. I gained a renewed excitement for discovery – not just scientific discovery, but cultural discovery. Through my classes and Hillsong church, I developed a family of friends from upward of 15 different countries. It was a beautiful and humbling experience, especially when juxtaposed with the cultural intolerance occurring at home. The connections I made on this trip will stay with me for the rest of my life. I've had Skype calls at 3 a.m. (yay time differences) with more than 20 people, and I already have started planning my next journey to Southeast Asia.

Kayla will pursue a doctorate in biological oceanography through the MIT and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute joint program.

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ABOVE: *During a four-day liveaboard cruise on the Great Barrier Reef, Kayla finds a particularly photogenic turtle and teaches him to throw a Gamecock spur.*



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

NICHOLAS R. GREENE

*Salisbury High School
Salisbury, North Carolina
Electrical Engineering*

Coming into college, I had no idea what the next four years would hold for me. Starting as an international business major, I never would have pictured myself switching to electrical engineering, researching nanoscale electromagnetism, developing electronics for the Navy or leading manufacturing projects at PandG. Through opportunities from the Honors College and the university, I slowly discovered my passions and developed the skills and confidence to address complex challenges. While the opportunities I had at USC were a large part of my experience, the friends and memories are what made USC my home. From walks on the Horseshoe to tailgates and football games at Williams Brice, the experiences here have given me a truly happy four years of college. The most important things I will take with me from USC are the friendships that have redefined who I am as a person and led to new experiences like road trips, a flight to Europe and an impromptu polar plunge in the mountains of Tennessee. The sense of adventure and community I learned here will help me find happiness and contribute wherever my future takes me.

After spending the summer traveling abroad, Nick will begin working at the ExxonMobil refinery and chemical plant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as an instrumentation engineer.

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ABOVE: Nick spends an afternoon at the foot of the Rocky Mountains near Colorado Springs.



STAMPS SCHOLAR

SARAH J. GREENE

*Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps IV Carolina Scholar
Boiling Springs High School
Boiling Springs, South Carolina
Exercise Science*

My favorite memories of USC are from my study abroad trip to Australia for a sports medicine course. During the trip, I spent time in Australian universities and sports facilities discussing various topics in sports medicine and comparing sport culture and injuries in Australia to the United States. Discussions ranged from the use of acupuncture in sports medicine, to lifeguarding in the surfing capital of the world, to the management of concussions and other injuries in rugby. I spent time in Sydney, Cairns and the Gold Coast, diving into Australia's rich history and exploring the country and culture. I snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef, hiked through Daintree Rainforest, swam in the Bondi Icebergs Club pool, threw boomerangs with an Aboriginal tribe, surfed in Surfer's Paradise and watched a rugby game in the ANZ stadium. I even befriended one of my bridesmaids on the trip! Thanks to USC and the Stamps scholarship, I got to pursue my interest in sports medicine in my first adventure out of the United States and developed friendships that will last long past my time as an undergraduate.

Sarah plans to take a gap year in Atlanta before pursuing medical school to become a dance medicine physician or an orthopedic surgeon.



Sarah spends time on the Horseshoe prior to the Phi Delta Epsilon medical fraternity spring formal.



Olivia poses with her regalia in the days before graduation.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

OLIVIA K. HARRIS

*Great Bridge High School
Chesapeake, Virginia
Biological Sciences*

When I applied to USC, my major was undecided. There was so much that I was passionate about, I didn't want to limit myself to a single field too quickly. Even so, the university took a chance on me and offered me this scholarship. When I finally decided on biology, I knew I wanted to get involved in research. Again, I didn't want to be limited, and when the first few professors I met with explained that I would be sitting in front of a microscope, counting mussel larva or daphnia for them, I wasn't all that enthused. And then I sat down in Dr. Dan Speiser's office and he asked me what I wanted to do. He didn't want me working on anyone else's project but my own and he made sure that I would have the opportunity to ask my own questions and chase my own curiosities. He taught me that research is a career with no hard and fast rules, but a career in which you can discover and explore something new every day. In this way, USC has led me to the perfect career for me – one with absolutely no limits.

Olivia will head to the Morehouse lab at the University of Cincinnati to study the visual ecology of jumping spiders. She plans to work as a tenured professor and looks forward to mentoring students.



Austin works at a day care center in Miami during spring break of his junior year.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

AUSTIN T. HETHERINGTON

*Ravenwood High School
Brentwood, Tennessee
Biomedical Engineering*

Famous Gamecock Darius Rucker summed it up perfectly when he sang, "You gotta live and learn, so you can learn to live." Suffice it to say, my time at Carolina has not lacked discovery or experience. As a freshman, I was eager to explore the immense freedom college presented. Then, sophomore year came and went, and I wondered, "where was my mark?" By the grace of God, I was awakened to this emptiness and decided I wanted to lead a radically different life: one that was Jesus-centered instead of me-centered. I reevaluated what it means to be a Carolinian and a scholar. I took to heart the verse, "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and found much joy and purpose through volunteering, leading and serving within the greater community. In my four years at Carolina, I can confidently say I have lived and learned but, most significantly, it was here that I truly learned to live. Forever to thee, Carolina!

Austin will begin a yearlong ministry leadership development program at Midtown Fellowship. He plans to pursue a doctorate in brain-computer interface technology.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

SKYLER M. JAQUES

*Central Magnet School
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Chemical Engineering*

Four years ago, before starting my undergraduate career at USC, I never could have imagined that Germany would play such a big role in my story. I have now been there three times in three different regions to live, study, research, work and explore – and I owe this all to USC. What started out as an opportunity to study abroad and take on a German minor, blossomed into two additional trips through the DAAD National Fellowship and working in Germany after graduation. I have engaged in international communities on campus, leading to lasting friendships with students from Brazil, China, Austria and many other countries. These experiences abroad and here at home have been some of the most influential of my life, directly impacting my personal and professional development by giving me new perspectives, new goals and, most importantly, new friends and mentors. I am so grateful for everyone who helped make these adventures, and those yet to come, possible. Thank you!

After graduation, Skyler will volunteer with a nonprofit, working to provide clean water solutions. She will then begin a full-time position with Covestro LLC, eventually working at the headquarters in Leverkusen, Germany.



ABOVE: Skyler explores the remains of a castle and fortress that make up part of a small village in western Germany, near Frankfurt.



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

AUSTIN D. LEWIS

*Bernice and Mason Hubbard Scholarship
Hammond School
Columbia, South Carolina
Biological Sciences*

The attraction of being recruited. The desire to be supported. The ability to be challenged. These are the things that made my choice to attend the University of South Carolina easy and inevitable after my Carolina Scholar interview weekend. Of all the opportunities presented to scholars, the faculty mentor was one I did not fully grasp the importance of on that weekend. Yet, it was this connection that became key in defining my Carolina experience. Jeff Twiss, a professor in biological sciences, took me under his wing. He advised and supported me and offered me a position in his molecular neuroscience laboratory. From him, I learned about laboratory techniques, critical thinking skills, grant and manuscript writing skills, and how to be a great teacher and mentor. Wanting to be a mentor myself I served in the greater Columbia community as an adviser for Trinity Cathedral, volunteered for various organizations, and tutored other students. I thank the university, specifically the scholars program, for giving me opportunities to become the man and future physician I strive to be.

Austin will attend the Medical University of South Carolina to pursue his dream of serving as a neuroscience physician.

ABOVE: Austin visits Haiti on a mission trip with Trinity Cathedral Youth. While there, plans for future mission trips were made.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

ERICA S. MAISSY

*Trabuco Hills High School
Rancho Santa Margarita, California
Biomedical Engineering*

I can genuinely say that while I never would have seen it coming, I wouldn't trade my experience at the University of South Carolina for the world. More than anything, what I love about USC is the opportunity to explore many different identities. I've been a scientist, working in research labs from early on in my undergraduate career where I realized my love for scientific discovery. I've been an engineer, in the classroom and in organizations like Hands On Prosthetic Engineering, providing 3D printed prosthetics to children in need. I've been a dancer, performing all over campus, from student choreography showcases to First Night Carolina and Tigerburn. I've been an activist, organizing alternative break trips ranging from sustainability to youth development. And I've been a leader in the top scholar community and beyond. Most importantly, I've been part of a community. I'm endlessly grateful for the mentors that have shaped my education and career, and the lifelong friends that have been by my side through it all. It's difficult to say what identities my future might hold, but I can confidently say that I'll always be a proud Gamecock.

This summer, Erica will live on an ecological farm in Israel studying permaculture and sustainable agriculture. In the fall, she will attend graduate school under an NSF fellowship to pursue a doctorate degree in biomedical sciences at the University of California San Diego.

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ABOVE: Erica enjoys her love of dance and the outdoors in her hometown getaway spot, Laguna Beach, California.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

HANNAH R. MARKS

*Assumption High School
Louisville, Kentucky
Experimental Psychology*

One thing has defined my experience at Carolina: relationships. Before I heard about the McNair scholarship, I wasn't planning on going to school out of state. But before I knew it, I was flying down for interview weekend and falling in love with the university. Immediately, I started forming relationships. Throughout the next four years, I would build a sisterhood in Pi Beta Phi, grow camaraderie with my coworkers in the Student Success Center and foster community in my U101 classrooms. Even my research was conducted by forming relationships. Getting to know staff and clients at a resettlement center, I learned about their lives in the face of political turmoil. I cultivated deep friendships with many of my fellow scholars and our mentors. The summer I interned at CrossRoads Ministry retreat center – perhaps the most impactful opportunity of my college career – I was exposed to a quote by Thomas Merton. It says, "In the end, it is the reality of personal relationship that saves everything." I will carry into my future the belief that a true, deep connection can overcome some of our darkest times.

Hannah will participate in a year of service program with Franciscan Volunteers, No Risk, No Gain, before pursuing a Master's of Education to become a high school teacher.



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Hannah credits the scholar program with giving her outstanding mentors and lifelong friends.



STAMPS SCHOLAR

ELIZABETH A. MATTHEWS

Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps IV Carolina Scholar

Richland Northeast High School

Columbia, South Carolina

English

So many watershed moments in my collegiate career were precipitated by minuscule actions – turning to the person beside me in my British literature class, stopping to say hello to an old friend on a street corner – that my time at USC often feels more like serendipitous muddling than the strategic, career-oriented planning befitting a Stamps scholar. In my hapless wanderings, I stumbled into one of Dr. James Cutsinger’s honors seminars almost by accident. Although a class on the nature of human consciousness had absolutely nothing to do with my career interests, I was quickly enchanted by the Socratic seminar and promptly added religious studies as a minor so I could take more of these courses. Through his wisdom, humility, humor and resilience in the face of Stage IV cancer, Dr. Cutsinger taught me what it means to be a Christian scholar – how to integrate my faith and my intellectualism into something rich and meaningful. For that, I will be forever grateful.

E.A. will complete a one-year master’s degree in the U.K. before pursuing a doctorate in English.

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ABOVE: *E.A. admires the Giant’s Causeway in Northern Ireland during her study abroad at the University of Oxford.*

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scholars placed first or second at Discover USC.

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SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

CAROLINE G. MCLEOD

*Gray Stone Day School
Albemarle, North Carolina
Biomedical Engineering*

When I started my freshman year at USC, I was determined to parlay my academic success in high school into a successful college career and medical school acceptance. However, I was worried that I wouldn't find people I connected with. How wrong I was. USC not only gave me an excellent education, it gave me my people. From eating pizza on the floor of the honors residence hall, to sorority formals, road trips, makeshift potluck dinners and countless tailgates, USC gave me the people who were there for my happiest moments. USC gave me the people who were there for the hard stuff, too - the people who studied with me for the MCAT, fed me ice cream when I got my heart broken and promised to visit when we all go our separate ways. USC gave me friends who encouraged me to apply for fellowships, who took on leadership roles by my side and proofread my medical school essays. I can't thank the McNairs and USC enough for giving me four precious years at the happiest place with the best pals a girl could ask for.

After graduation in May, Caroline will attend medical school and is interested in pursuing a career as a physician in women's health or endocrinology.

ABOVE: *Caroline sits in Le Jardin du Luxembourg in Paris while spending the summer conducting microbiology research in Germany as a DAAD RISE fellow.*

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states are represented by McNair scholars.

SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

JULIA C. MINTON

*South Johnston High School
Clayton, North Carolina
Biological Sciences*

In fall 2016, I studied abroad in Callaghan, Australia. Going to Australia had been something I wanted to do since I first watched the television program *Crocodile Hunter*, so finally getting to visit was a dream come true. It was my first time out of the country and I got to experience different customs and new ideas. The best part was getting to see different kinds of animals. My favorite experience, by far, was feeding the kangaroos at Featherdale Wildlife Park. Studying in Australia helped me expand my definition of what life could be like. Australia was also where I decided to add a computer science minor. CSCE 102 had been surprisingly fun, so I decided to take a programming class abroad that would give me credit for CSCE 145. Not only did I enjoy the class, but I realized I was pretty good at the subject. I decided to switch to a computer-based career, and I've stayed with that to this day.

Julia will pursue a master's degree in computer science at NC State University. After, she plans to work as a penetration tester for computer systems.

ABOVE: Julia visits Featherdale Wildlife Park during her study abroad in Australia.



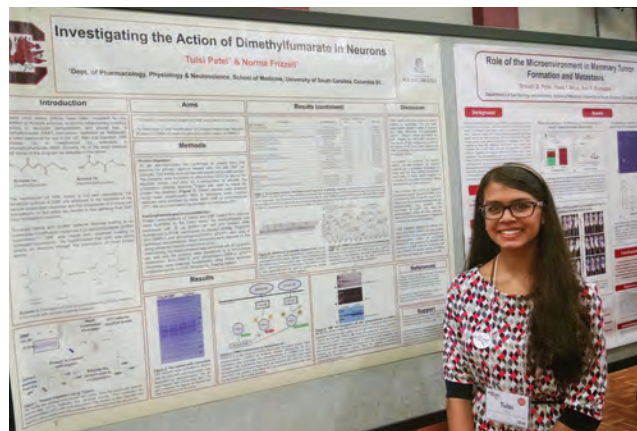
CAROLINA SCHOLAR

TULSI PATEL

*Bank of America Scholarship
Dutch Fork High School
Irmo, South Carolina
Economics and Finance*

My experience with USC allowed me to delve into all of my interests. As a pre-med student, majoring in science is often the best route to complete prerequisite courses. However, I combined my interest in economics and medicine by majoring in the former and completing required coursework in the latter. A background in economics is beneficial to the study and practice of medicine. The Honors College gave me the opportunity to develop one of my hobbies through the Artist in Residence program. I chose a medium I had never worked with – oil paints – and embarked upon a journey to create something impactful. The piece I created, “Here to Fix Your Myopia, Not Chai,” has a controversial edge and conveys a message I feel strongly about: women, especially women of color, should be encouraged to follow their passion and develop a successful career. Through the opportunities USC has given me, and community support, I am well-equipped for staying true to that message. My experiences in a variety of fields have defined my undergraduate career and I hope to apply this multidisciplinary approach in my future.

Tulsi will attend medical school in the fall of 2018 at Duke University's School of Medicine.



ABOVE: Tulsi's poster earns first in its category at Discover Day.



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

GRACE K. PORTER

Kit and James T. Pearce, Sr. Scholarship

S.C. Association of Home Schools

Columbia, South Carolina

Civil Engineering

As a student at the University of South Carolina, I didn't move far from home – about five miles to be exact. I was confident that USC was the right place for me, and while I didn't have the opportunity to travel to a new place to attend college, USC gave me the option to travel through Honors College career-enhancement opportunities. I was accepted into an internship program in Charleston, South Carolina, my junior year. That summer, I woke up every single morning looking forward to my day at the office. It was a feeling I will never forget. In the evening, I pursued my passion for ceramic art and was hired by a local artist to work part time at his studio. To be able to pursue both of my passions at the same time was a dream come true. And to live in one of the most beautiful cities on the east coast was an absolute blessing. USC has given me so many opportunities to fulfill my dreams beyond my whirlwind summer in Charleston, and I'm forever thankful.

Grace will stay in Columbia, South Carolina to work for the world's premiere engineering company, AECOM Technology Corporation.

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LEFT: *Grace works for an art studio in Charleston, South Carolina, during her summer internship program.*



STAMPS SCHOLAR

PHILIP M. RICHARDSON

Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps IV Carolina Scholar
Spring Valley High School
Columbia, South Carolina
International Business, Economics, and Global Supply Chain and Operations Management

My time at USC has been marked with incredible experiences on campus and beyond. In the summer following freshman year, I had the opportunity to travel and study French language and politics in Paris which solidified my passion in international commerce and political economy. During sophomore year, I spent a semester living and working in Washington, D.C. where I met students from around the country who, like me, were passionate about studying and solving global issues and problems. My experiences culminated my junior year when I studied abroad during spring semester in Copenhagen, Denmark. Taking classes and traveling around neighboring countries allowed me to grow more independent and opened my eyes to post-graduate opportunities I had not considered. I was fortunate to stay in Europe over the summer, working for the South Carolina Europe office in Munich, Germany. Overall, my time at USC afforded me incredible experiences I would not have found anywhere else, and I am excited to find even more beyond its campus!

Philip plans to attend graduate school to study international political economy and pursue a career focused on commercial policy or as a political consultant.

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ABOVE: Philip travels through Germany during a summer internship with the South Carolina Europe office.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

LYNN M. SCHUTTE

McAuley High School

Hamilton, Ohio

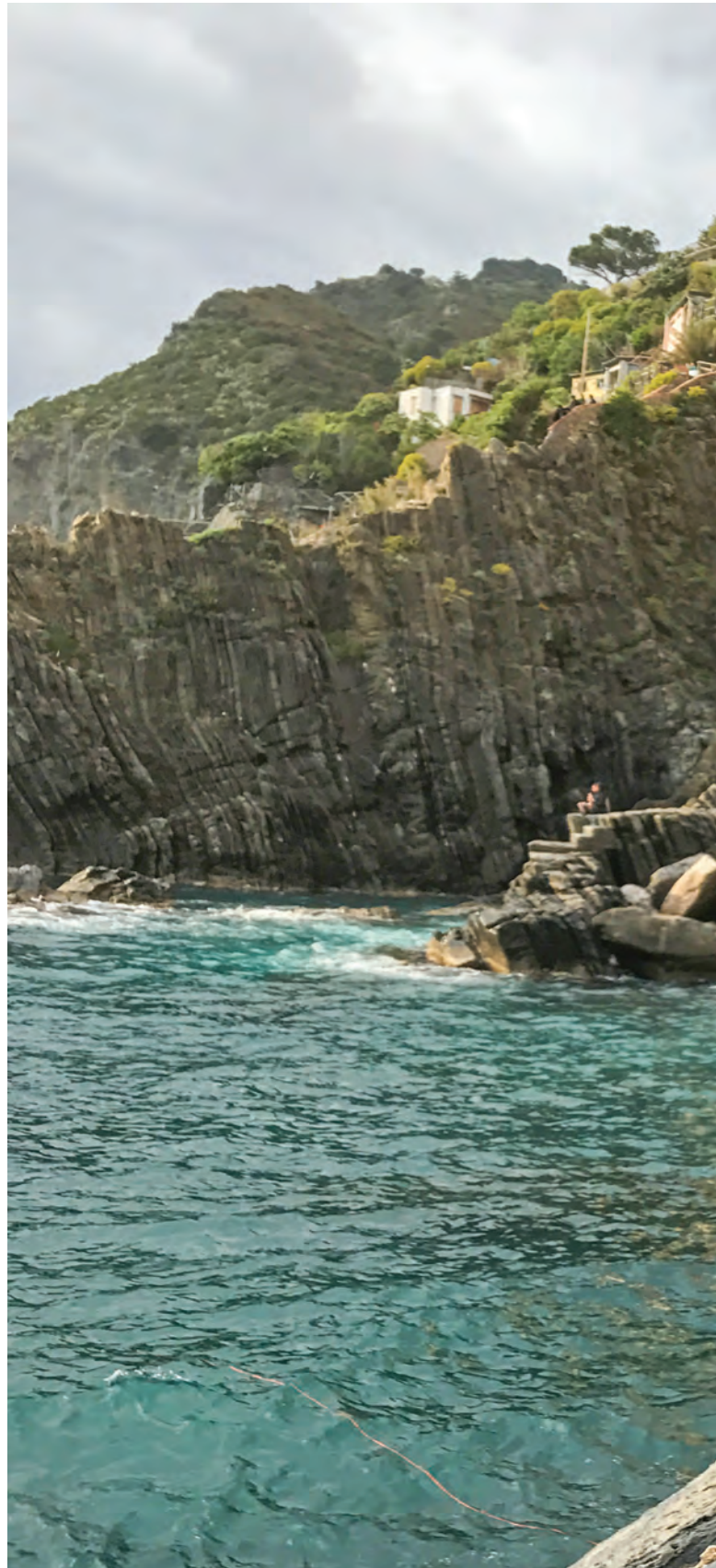
Public Relations

When I came to the University of South Carolina, I was a psychology major with neuroscience and communication disorders minors, intent on becoming an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist. I interviewed for a research lab in October of my freshman year and began working there that spring. However, over the summer, I realized this path would bring me more stress and frustration than enjoyment. The friends I made through the Top Scholars program supported me and encouraged me to explore other options. At the beginning of sophomore year, I met with a professor in the journalism school who invited me to shadow one of her classes to see if public relations was right for me. She canceled her planned lecture and had the students tell me why they loved public relations and why I should switch majors. So, I did. That switch was the best decision I've made, after choosing USC. I interned for three semesters with the university's Office of Communications and Public Affairs, and I enjoyed every minute. USC helped me realize that my lifelong curiosity and love of storytelling could be channeled into a meaningful career path.

Lynn will return to Cincinnati to begin her career in public relations. Between office work and freelancing, she is excited to see where her career takes her.

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RIGHT: Lynn enjoys Italy's iconic Cinque Terre during her study abroad in Reggio Emilia, Italy.







MCNAIR SCHOLAR

KIMBERLY P. SEARS

California Area Senior High School

California, Pennsylvania.

International Business and Marketing

Since day one in the Honors Residence Hall, Top Scholars has provided me with a community of interesting and intellectual peers who always answer my questions in intriguing ways. Apart from fellow top scholars, the McNair scholarship gave me the opportunity to join other communities at USC like the Honors College, study abroad and theatre. A year abroad in Chile was both challenging and exhilarating. I wouldn't trade it for anything. With my thesis in marketing musical theatre to Spanish speaking audiences, I hope to bring together my majors, minor and passions. Thanks to the McNair Scholars program, I can afford to pursue a career in arts marketing and administration. Throughout my career, I hope to bring the joy of theatre into many communities

Kimberly plans to pursue a career in arts marketing or administration. She will start this summer with an apprenticeship in arts administration and content development with Theatre Aspen in Aspen, Colorado.

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RIGHT: *Kimberly stands overlooking the ancient Incan city of Machu Picchu during her study abroad in Santiago, Chile.*

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scholar seniors earned Graduation with Leadership Distinction.

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SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS





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ABOVE: Milaan visits the Jungfrau, a famous mountaintop in Switzerland, during a summer trip to Europe.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

MILAAAN SHAH

East Mecklenburg High School

Charlotte, North Carolina

*BARSC/MD: Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae
with Pre-Med Studies*

As I reflect on my time at USC, nothing but positive memories and experiences come to mind. My three years at Carolina have been incredibly valuable and enriching, and I look forward to spending the next four years here, albeit at a different campus, for medical school. It has been a lifelong dream of mine to become a physician researcher. USC has provided me with so many opportunities to help make that dream a reality. Through the BARSC/MD program and my research experiences in biomedical engineering and public health, I have not only gained knowledge and valuable skills, but I have become a more well-rounded student and individual. Being a McNair Scholar has been an absolute privilege, and I am truly grateful to have had access to so many resources and mentors. I have interacted with and learned from some incredible individuals and, as a result, I have grown in ways that I never would have imagined possible. From a personal and academic perspective, coming to USC is one of the best decisions I made, and I look forward to what the future holds.

Milaan will begin medical school next year. He hopes to pursue either oncology or orthopedic surgery.



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

MICHAEL TUTEN

*Bank of America Scholarship
 South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics
 Lexington, South Carolina
 Mechanical Engineering*

As the son of a USC alumna growing up in Columbia, I've always been a Carolina fan. I enjoyed the recent successes of our football team, cheered for back-to-back national champion baseball teams, and even celebrated a couple equestrian team championships before beginning my time as a student. However, the proudest moment in my tenure as a supporter of Gamecock athletics came last year from the hardwood. Before I enrolled at USC in 2014, our basketball teams had little history of success. Two and a half years later, I traveled to Arizona to support our men's team in their first ever Final Four. The next day I tuned into the radio to hear the Gamecock women's basketball team win a national title. Being able to experience my peers and my university compete and succeed in the national spotlight was an experience I will never forget.

Michael will move to Wilmington, North Carolina, to begin a career with Duke Energy as an engineer at the Brunswick Nuclear Plant.

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ABOVE: Michael and his fiancée, Taylor, cheer for the Gamecocks at the Final Four in Phoenix, Arizona.

194

was the total number of top scholars for 2017-2018 school year.

SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

HIMABINDU VINNAKOTA

William H. and Ruth C. Bond Scholarship

Spring Valley High School

Columbia, South Carolina

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

It's true that the University of South Carolina and this scholarship gave me more opportunities than I could have dreamed. What I will truly treasure are the people that I met along the way. Friends, professors and advisers have made my college experience a period of exponential growth. Whether it was counting the points in the 4A Hall House Cup (the Gryffindors won), writing a script for a musical or strategizing after a series of tough rejections, I could not have done it alone. The immense support from people at this university allowed me to apply for a Fulbright ETA to Malaysia, to be president of the student organization Off-Off-Broadway, and to volunteer as an advocate for Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands. Most importantly, I learned the power of dedication and loyalty, of trying and making mistakes together and learning from them. Applying those lessons have let me create and build things I can take pride in. When I put up my spurs, I never do it alone.

After graduation, Hima plans to take a gap year or two before applying to medical school.

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LEFT: *Hima will be spending 10 months in Malaysia as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant starting January 2019. Upon returning, she plans to enter medical school.*



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

ERIN R. WELTY

West Forsyth High School

Clemmons, North Carolina

English and Classics

I never could have predicted how necessary it would be in college to find balance between growth and rest, but I have found it at USC. There have been endless opportunities to push myself in my academic and personal life, and I have taken advantage of many of those in my college career: applying for and accepting a Magellan grant, leading societies and clubs, presenting papers at conferences and tackling an honors thesis. None of these endeavors, however, would have meant very much without the time and space to step back, breathe and reflect on where I was headed. I have found USC to be a place of hospitality and grace, particularly from the faculty and staff who have been my mentors and guides. I have learned from them that it's okay to falter, or to just say "no" to another big application or conference. The culture of care has allowed me to be a human being rather than just a "human doing," and this mindset is a gift that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

Erin will move back to her home state of North Carolina where she hopes to plant deep roots through a career in nonprofit development and grant writing, particularly in support of rural communities.

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LEFT: Erin views art on display in the streets of her neighborhood during her study abroad in Perugia, Italy.



CAROLINA SCHOLAR

LOUISE G. WHITE

*Bank of America Scholarship
Wilson Senior High School
Darlington, South Carolina
International Studies and Economics*

Studying abroad in Pune, India, was undoubtedly one of the best decisions of my college experience. It was four months of strengthening my independence, exploring a new culture and forming lifelong relationships with program participants, my host family and local friends. I constantly pushed myself out of my comfort zone, recognizing that it was up to me to make the most of my time there. From the daily challenges of hailing a rickshaw or getting lost in my own neighborhood to the incredible experiences of attending an Indian wedding and playing with colors to celebrate Holi, I will forever remember and value the freedom and happiness I found throughout my adventure in India. I am thankful for the opportunities that USC has given me to explore my interests, find new passions and challenge myself to do more and be better. I am glad I made the most of my time here, and I look forward to the new adventures and challenges that await me beyond the Horseshoe gates.

Following graduation, Louise will join Bain and Company in Houston, Texas, to begin a career in management consulting.

ABOVE: Louise explores the Taj Mahal during her study abroad semester in India.

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South Carolina cities are represented by Carolina scholars.

SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

OLIVIA A. WILLIAMSON

*Severna Park Senior High School
Severna Park, Maryland
Mathematics and Geography*

As a child, I wanted to be a mathematician or a meteorologist. I was unsure of how to choose between the two. As I got older, I became more fascinated by the world of mathematics and I came to USC intent on becoming a mathematician. One semester, I took an elective geography course that introduced me to geographic information systems, and it changed the way I saw the world. I immediately wanted to get more involved with geography, so I sought a position assisting with research in natural disasters. Every day, I work with amazing people applying mathematics, climate science and GIS to improve the world. I am so grateful that I have been able to learn so much about subjects I love. This institution has provided me the opportunity to work with brilliant minds in the math and geography departments. I have come to realize that I don't have to choose between being a mathematician or meteorologist. USC showed me that my path lies somewhere between the two, and I am thrilled to see where my passion for my majors takes me.

Olivia plans to attend graduate school to pursue research in geography.



Olivia spends her last day at home before senior year in college.



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

JEFFREY R. WILLICUT

*Saint Xavier High School
Cincinnati, Ohio
German*

USC has instilled in me a sense of adventure and exploration that defined my career here and will undoubtedly affect the rest of my life. I have a newfound intellectual curiosity, as well as a desire to see and understand the world. I've been privileged to be able to explore the worlds of philosophy, history and legal studies and travel Europe and the southeastern U.S. I have seen some of the most beautiful places in the world and met some of the most amazing people. My career will now take me either west or north to another new place. The people here, my professors and friends, have cultivated these ideals for me. And for that, I am immensely grateful.

Jeffrey will attend law school in the fall. He hasn't chosen one yet but is excited about prospects from Virginia to Colorado.

ABOVE: *Jeffrey (standing) and friends rest atop Bad-Staffelstein, a small town in Upper Franconia, Germany.*



MCNAIR SCHOLAR

LACEY V. WILSON

Merrol Hyde Magnet School

Hendersonville, Tennessee

International Business and Economics

I realize that most people, like me, would tell you that they love food. My time at USC has provided a broad range of opportunities that encouraged me to interpret my passion for food into a path for bettering the world. With my Magellan scholarship, I was able to study the grocery spending patterns of successive generations that grew up with different dietary recommendations. At the university where I studied in Italy, I got to learn – from the perspective of a people with a lasting culinary tradition – how the current food system impacts the environment, and vice versa. Interning with ALDI allowed me to experience firsthand how American consumers decide what they will eat. In these four short years, USC has equipped me with the skills, but more importantly, the curiosity, to begin to better understand the intricacies of how humans interact with the resources they consume multiple times a day. I look forward to a future of researching how we can make decisions that allow us to sustain ourselves and our planet for years to come.

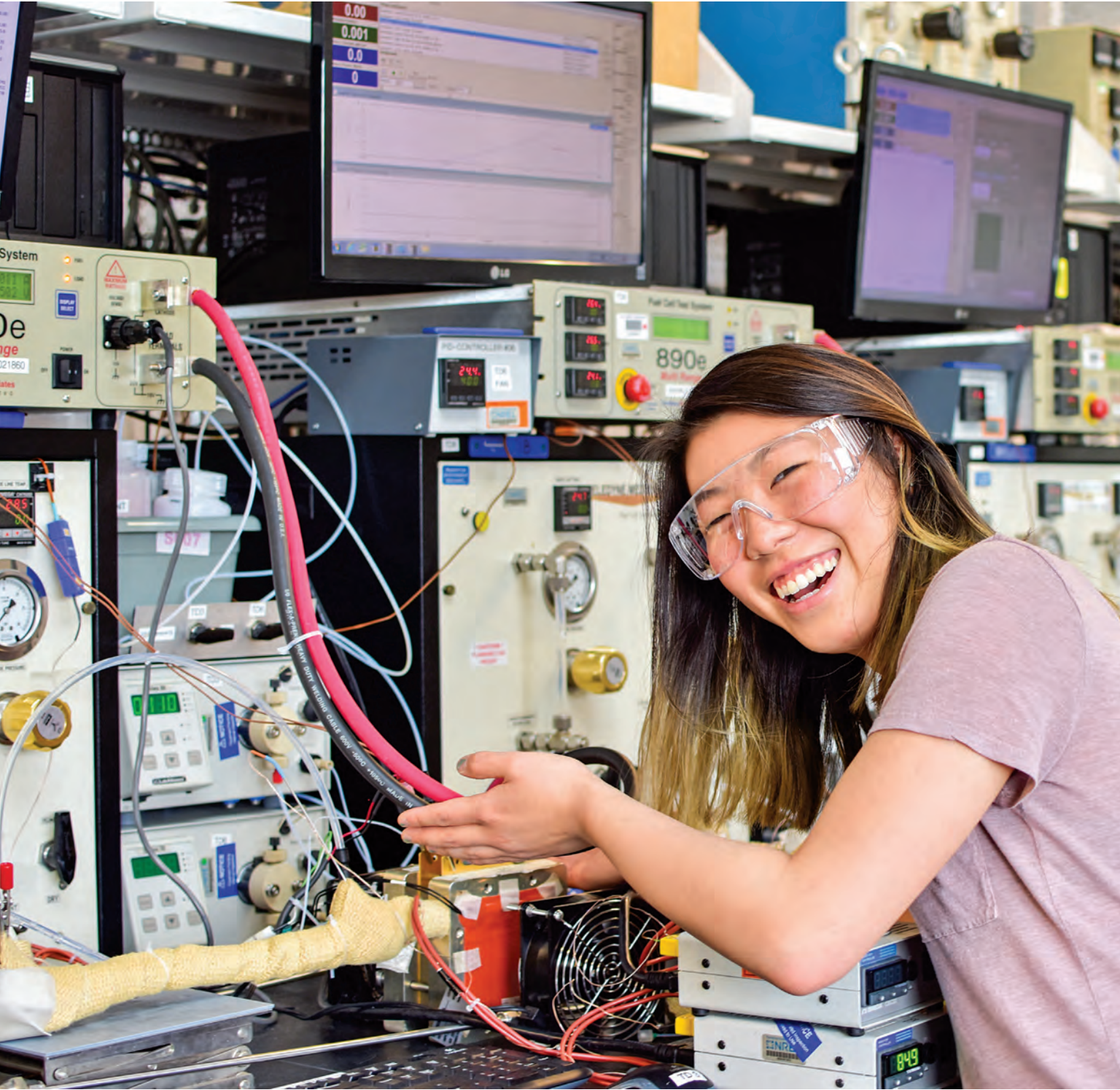
In the fall, Lacey will begin a master's program in agricultural economics at Purdue University. Her research will focus on consumer acceptance of alternative food production methods.

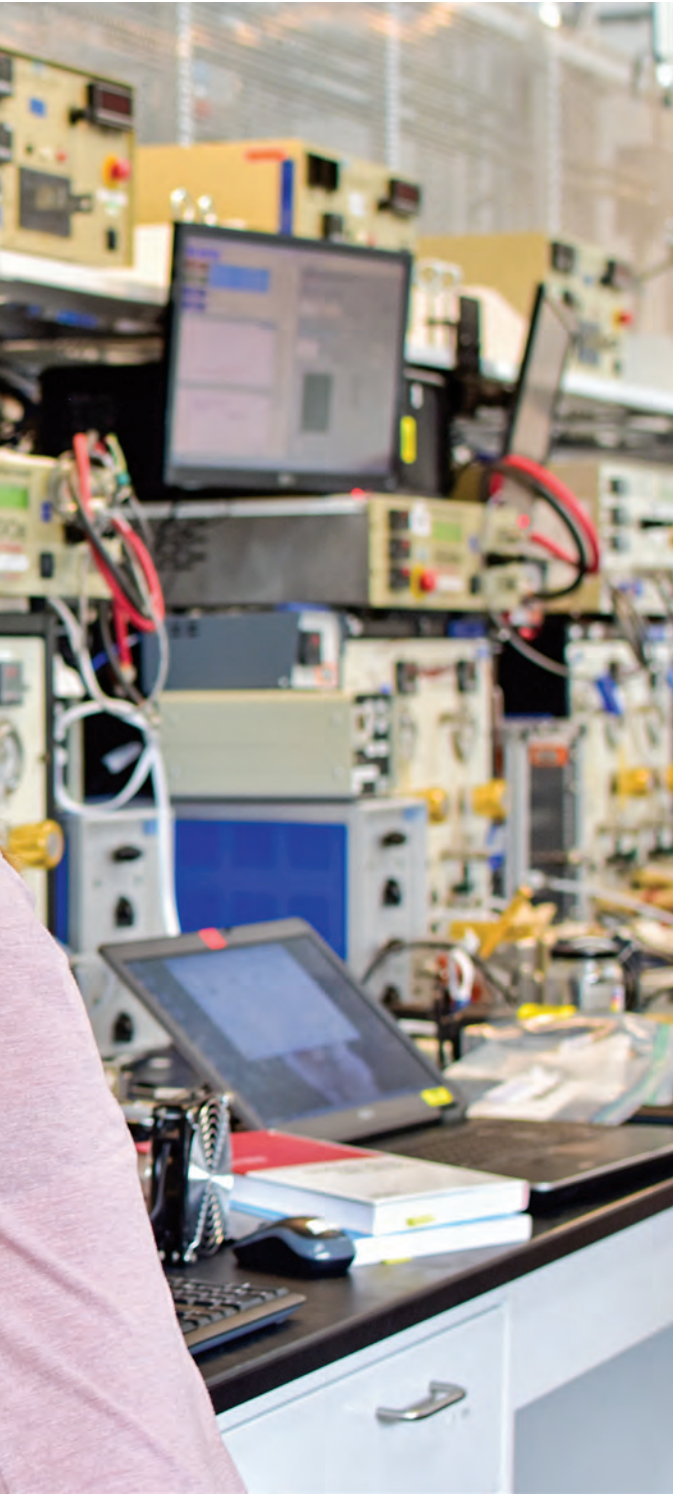
ABOVE: Lacey learns to make tagliatelle pasta from scratch at an agriturismo, or working farm, in San Gimignano, Italy, during her semester abroad.

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scholars studied abroad in 25 different countries from May 2017 to spring 2018.

SCHOLARS BY THE NUMBERS





CAROLINA SCHOLAR

JOANNE WU

Anita S. and Charles G. Hood Scholarship

Dreher High School

Columbia, South Carolina

Mechanical Engineering

My time at USC has been absolutely fantastic, to say the least. I came in as a biomedical engineering student, only to switch to mechanical engineering. I joined student organizations, such as Theta Tau and the Society of Women Engineers. There I not only met most of my closest friends in college, but I was able to do so many things that I had always dreamed of, such as getting a group of 50 kids interested in engineering or creating an escape room for the students with my friends. I had the opportunity to work for awesome companies like Boeing, Gatorade and the National Renewable Energy Lab. I was able to live and visit the coolest cities, such as Golden, Colorado; Charleston, South Carolina; Atlanta, Georgia; and Frankfurt, Germany. I learned how to knit, program, play the banjo, appreciate experimental music and rock climb! I learned who I was, and was able to truly grow as a person. All of these incredible opportunities started here, at the University of South Carolina, and for that I am truly grateful.

After working for a while, Joanne plans to pursue a graduate degree and an eventual career as a researcher with a national lab studying renewables.

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LEFT: *Joanne points out hydrogen fuel cells at the National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colorado.*



CLASS ROSTER

While USC's freshman class is thousands of students strong each year, our classes of Top Scholars remain small, tightly knit groups. Backgrounds, majors and interests vary widely, but many of our scholars remain close through their college years and beyond. The following pages give you a brief look into who is in each class, where they are from and what they study.



► When scholars study abroad, they often meet up to visit. Here McNair Scholars Don Landrum, Olivia Halvorson and Lyndsey Reynolds pose in Prague.



► Hamilton Scholar Griffin Allen attended USC's Chinese Winter Camp with Stamps Scholar Jen Quindlen and McNair Scholar Aidan Galloway.



► Summer 2017 found these scholars in France: McNair Scholar Stephanie Barton, Carolina Scholar Will Stallings and Stamps Scholar Grace Cooney.



► Stamps Scholars Charissa Pichai and Ashley Fellers meet up in Cuenca, Spain, on the Bridge of Saint Paul in front of the Hanging Houses.

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▶ *Elise Porter, a 2013 Carolina Scholar alumna and current Honors College adviser, hosts a table at the annual Top Scholar Etiquette Dinner.*



▶ *Alumni attend Duke Divinity School together — Carolina Scholar 2017 Carsten Bryant and McNair Scholar 2014 Bailey Sanford.*



▶ *Carolina Scholar alumni meet up in Washington, DC. From left, Ali Freeman Winter, Emilie Greene Sommer and Chappell Suber Wilson, all Class of 1999.*



▶ *The Honors College welcomed back Blakeley Hoffman Payne (Carolina Scholar 2017) from MIT to share her experiences with current students. Joining her here is Carolina Scholar Emma Drobina, and McNair Scholar alumnus Brett Williams who was visiting campus as well.*



▶ *Rebecca Early (left) and Neha Malhotra (right) greet Caitlin Mardis (nee Musgrave) a Carolina Scholar alumna and now on the faculty at the College of Pharmacy.*



▶ *Top Scholar alumni from the Chicago area attend a fall recruitment dinner with Admissions staff.*

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