

Class of 2018 Finalists

NIGERIA

Lagos - Kobi C. Felton, son of Keith Felton and Fredrica McDaniel Felton, on assignment in Lagos, Nigeria. Kobi will graduate from the American International School of Lagos where he is president of the student body and founder and president of the Photography Club. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, an Eagle Scout, and a trombonist in the symphonic band. Kobi plans to major in mechanical engineering.

UNITED STATES

DELAWARE

New Castle - Neelam Modi, daughter of Jignesh and Dipika Modi, Hockessin, Delaware. Neelam will graduate from the Charter School of Wilmington where she is senior class president, captain of the varsity girls' basketball team, and a member of the National Honor Society. She also volunteers at the local Veterans Affairs medical center, tutor/mentors elementary school students through the Science Ambassadors program, and is an active member of the Delaware Youth Leadership Network. Neelam plans to major in biomedical engineering.

FLORIDA

Broward - Alexandra Beth Grobman, daughter of Seth and Faith Grobman, Weston, Florida. Alex will graduate from Cypress Bay High School where she is an active member of the English Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Rho Kappa. She is captain of the varsity equestrian team, volunteers at a horseback riding facility for children with special needs, and interns for an equine veterinarian. Alex plans to major in animal science.

Miami-Dade - Jonathan Michael Pereyra, son of Juan C. and Maria C. Pereyra, Miami, Florida. Jonathan will graduate from Belen Jesuit Preparatory School where he was junior class vice president; secretary of the Belen Jesuit App Club; and directs Autism Field Day, held for autistic students at a local elementary school. He was awarded the Princeton Book Award, was a Florida Scholastic Rowing Association Scholastic Champion in 2012 for the Junior 8+ category, and Counselor of the Year at Belen Wolverine Summer Camp. Jonathan plans to major in computer science.

GEORGIA

Coweta - Anna Maria Mayrand, daughter of Luisa and Geoffrey Mayrand, Newnan, Georgia. Anna will graduate from Newnan High school and the Advanced Academy of Georgia where she is Academy representative for the Honors College Council, a certified tutor, and a researcher for the Tallapoosa Darter Genome project. She has volunteered as a mentor for younger Girl Scouts and helps out with the Carrollton Humane Society. She plans to major in biochemistry and environmental engineering.

Forsyth - Catherine Hope Johnson, daughter of Annie Hoover and Dennis Johnson, Cumming, Georgia. Catherine will graduate from Forsyth Central High School where she is president of Key Club and Patriot Club, and has been voted "Most Intelligent" by her senior class. She has also been a volunteer mentor at Mentor Me, a counselor for children with special needs at Camp Dream, and an around-the-clock tutor. Catherine plans to major in biological sciences.

Forsyth - Malissa Margaret Little, daughter of Deborah and Mark Little, Cumming, Georgia. Malissa will graduate from Forsyth Central High School where she is senior class co-president, president of the Thespian Troupe, and president of National Honor Society. She also serves as an International Thespian officer and teaches elementary school-aged students at Cumming First United Methodist Church. Malissa plans to major in business administration with an entrepreneurship concentration.

Fulton - Malcolm Barnard, son of David and Cathy Barnard, Johns Creek, Georgia. Malcolm will graduate from Johns Creek High School where he is president of Science Olympiad, received the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, and participates in Science Fair, winning numerous state and special awards including the Georgia Stockholm Junior Water Prize for his U.S. patent-pending algal filtration device. He has volunteered over 1,300 hours for the National Wildlife Federation as community wildlife habitat project leader and national youth ambassador. He was selected for the Nestle Very Best in Youth Award and as the first-place winner internationally for Action for Nature's International Eco Hero Award. Malcolm plans to major in natural resources with a concentration in soil and water systems.

ILLINOIS

DuPage - Aeriel Kristen Euhus, daughter of Brad and Melody Euhus, Carol Stream, Illinois. Aeriel will graduate from Wheaton North High School where she is president of the Wheaton North Key Club. She is a volunteer at the DuPage Convalescent Center, a National Merit Semifinalist, and is a member of the Daily Herald 2013-2014 DuPage County Leadership Team. Aeriel plans to major in industrial engineering.

KANSAS

Sedgwick - Jacob Joseph Barrett, son of Jeff and Joan Barrett, Wichita, Kansas. Jacob will graduate from Wichita Collegiate School where he is captain of the swimming and track teams and editor of the school newspaper, *The Spartan Voice*. He is an Eagle Scout, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador, and state medalist in both swimming and track. Jacob plans to major in engineering.

KENTUCKY

Fayette - Andrew Grant Brooks, son of Michael and Rachael Brooks, Lexington, Kentucky. Andrew will graduate from Trinity Christian Academy where he is a member of the Math and Science Society and a singer in the male *a capella* group, Rainmen. He is president of Venture Crew 42 and has been a two-time "Best Male Speaker" at the International Space Settlement Design Competition finals. Andrew plans to major in materials science and engineering.

MASSACHUSETTS

Plymouth - Christian Fuda, son of Robert and Kimberly Fuda, Hull, Massachusetts. Christian will graduate from Hull High School where he is senior class vice president, a member of the National Honor Society, and two-year captain of the varsity soccer team. He is an AP Scholar, a recipient of six Scholastic Art Awards, and has volunteered with his church for two week-long service trips. Christian plans to major in industrial design.

MARYLAND

Calvert - Jennafer Silvana Hakun, daughter of Claef and Marijane Hakun, Dunkirk, Maryland. Jenna will graduate from Northern High School where she is executive producer of the school's television station, WNHS; captain of the cross country team; and secretary of National Honor Society. She enjoys teaching children soccer in her area's tyke soccer program and participating in her school's mentoring program for elementary school students. Jenna plans to major in environmental engineering.

Charles - Armando Andres Rivera, son of Ronald and Cynthia Rivera, Waldorf, Maryland. Armando will graduate from North Point High School where he is vice-president of National Technical Honor Society, captain of the varsity baseball team, and captain of his Destination Imagination team. He has served as a volunteer coach of Special Olympics baseball, helped students in his school's writing lab, and is a member of the Recycle Club. Armando plans to major in mechanical engineering.

NEW MEXICO

Bernalillo - Kelley Kuuleilani Anderson, daughter of Jay and Maria Anderson, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Kelley will graduate from La Cueva High School where she is president of National Honor Society, debate captain of her speech and debate team, and vice president of French Honor Society. She is a National Merit Semifinalist, a member of Key Club, and performs piano. Kelley plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Bernalillo - Ryen Ormesher, daughter of Lori Parrott and Richard Ormesher, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ryen will graduate from Albuquerque Academy where she is leader of Half the Sky Club, opinion editor of the school newspaper, and winner of the Future Female Engineer award. She tutors disadvantaged children around the city and is a founding member of a pending nonprofit organization. Ryen plans to major in biomedical engineering.

NORTH CAROLINA

Alamance - Allyson Leigh Patterson, daughter of Taylor and Cyndi Patterson, Burlington, North Carolina. Allyson will graduate from Southern Alamance High School where she is founder of the state-champion FFA Horse Evaluation Team, chaplain of the Southern Alamance FFA Chapter, and committee chairperson on Student Council. She volunteered at the North Carolina Therapeutic Riding Center, teaches horseback riding to a bilateral amputee, and has done mission work in Peru. Allyson plans to major in animal sciences.

Alamance - Kendall Elizabeth Wiggins, daughter of James Richard Wiggins, Jr. and Tina Loyd Wiggins, Gibsonville, North Carolina. Kendall will graduate from Western Alamance High School where she is president of National Honor Society and Project Green Light, an environmentalism club she helped to found and through which she implemented a school recycling program. She serves as a research assistant, working with the isolation of adipose-derived stem cells. She grew a charity garden, donating fresh produce to and volunteering at the local soup kitchen. She attended the North Carolina Governor's School for natural science and has been named a National Merit Semifinalist. Kendall plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Buncombe - Travis Benjamin Smothers Broadhurst, son of Rick and Laurel Broadhurst, Weaverville, North Carolina. Travis will graduate from North Buncombe High School where he is president of the Beta Club, captain of the varsity football team, and class valedictorian. He has been the Tsali Lodge chief in the Order of the Arrow, a service organization of the Boy Scouts of America, for the past fifteen months and is an Eagle Scout in Troop 15. Travis plans to major in atmospheric sciences.

Cabarrus - Colten Lee Redmond, son of Bryant and Tammy Redmond, Concord, North Carolina. Colten will graduate from Mount Pleasant High School where he is senior class president, a member of the Student Council Executive Board, and captain of the varsity football team. He was a North Carolina Governor's School participant, a recipient of the Wendy's High School Heisman, and was voted "Most Leadership Ability" by his senior class. Colten plans to major in nuclear engineering.

Camden - Brandon Michael Horacek, son of Steve and Pam Horacek, Camden, North Carolina. Brandon will graduate from Camden County High School where he is captain of the Dino Bots robotics team, low brass captain in the Camden County Marching Bruins, and has had lead roles in the Drama Club's recent student-produced play "A Modern Christmas Carol" and the soon-to-debut "Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery." He is a member of the National Honor Society and received the band's Go Blue award for being the member most likely to continue the band's values of pride, poise, and professionalism. Brandon plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Carteret - Blake Horrigan Dodge, daughter of Robert and Beverli Dodge, Beaufort, North Carolina. Blake will graduate from West Carteret High School where she is captain and twelve-time state champion in track and field and cross country, a member of her school's Small Ensemble vocal group, and the student body representative to her school's Leadership Board. She is a volunteer coach of a U-8 boys' soccer team and was voted the 2013-2014 Homecoming Queen. Blake is undecided in her major.

Carteret - William Grayson Rixey, son of Bill and Lucy Rixey, Morehead City, North Carolina. William will graduate from West Carteret High School where he is student body president, a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and co-captain of the men's varsity soccer team. He is an Eagle Scout, a volunteer at the local free healthcare clinic, and a member of First Presbyterian Church. William plans to major in either engineering or agriculture.

Carteret - Megan Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Brian and Teri Wright, Emerald Isle, North Carolina. Megan will graduate from Croatan High School where she is student body president, Multi-Cultural Club president, and was voted "Most Likely to Succeed." She is a member of Beta Club and an AP Scholar with Honors. Megan plans to major in political science while also continuing to pursue her passion for dance.

Chatham - Cameron Paul Bright, son of Harriet and Randy Bright, Pittsboro, North Carolina. Cameron will graduate from Northwood High School where he is captain of the varsity soccer team, ranked first in his class, and a Student Council senator. He volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and for the Chatham County Soccer League. Cameron plans to major in biological engineering.

Cherokee - Mitchell Thomas Lance, son of Dianne and Daniel Abernathy, Murphy, North Carolina. Mitch will graduate from Murphy High School where he is center and co-captain of the 2013 1A state champion Murphy Bulldogs football team; founder of and volunteer for Foundations in Reading, a program for struggling readers at Murphy Elementary School; and a member of the Student Technology Advisory Committee. He is a member of National Beta Club, Interact Club, and Mu Alpha Theta math honor society. Mitch plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Craven - Erica Nicole Neibaur, daughter of Kelvin and Julie Neibaur, New Bern, North Carolina. Erica will graduate from the Epiphany School of Global Studies where she is captain of the varsity soccer team, a class senator, and a student ambassador. She is a member of the Stop Hunger Now team and the president of a school service club called Far Beyond Imagining. She received the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award as a sophomore. She plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Cumberland - Saurin Kantesaria, son of Atul and Hansa Kantesaria, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Saurin will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he is co-captain of the Mock Trial and Nachle Bhangra teams and a Student Ambassador. He won the Presidential Service Award through several service projects for the homeless, is a Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference alumnus, and placed first in the North Carolina Student Academy of Sciences competition for his dye-sensitized solar cell research. Saurin plans to major in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology.

Davidson - Adam Carson Lay, son of Ashley and Kevin Lay, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Carson will graduate from North Davidson High School where he is president of the senior class and the Engineering Club, and was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by his classmates. Carson is an Eagle Scout, attended North Carolina Governor's School East in 2013, and serves as a board member and instructor for the Lexington Cotillion Club. Carson plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Durham - Emma Astrike-Davis, daughter of Nancy Astrike and Joan Davis, Durham, North Carolina. Emma will graduate from Cary Academy where she is co-president of the National Honor Society and captain of the cross country and track and field teams. She is the founder and president of Art for Hospice, a non-profit organization designed to bring student-made artwork to individuals in hospice and nursing home care. Emma plans to major in biological sciences.

Edgecombe - Katie Marie King, daughter of Jimmie and Kimberly King, Tarboro, North Carolina. Katie will graduate from Tarboro High School where she is president of the National Honor Society and editor of the yearbook. She is also the Distinguished Young Woman of Edgecombe County and the All-Area Women's Golfer of the Year. Katie plans to major in chemistry.

Forsyth - Thane Rubach Jacobsen, son of Shawn and Karen Jacobsen, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Thane will graduate from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School where he is student body president, founder and president of the Ski Club, and president of the Pep Club. He is a Boy Scout working to complete his Eagle rank and enjoys altar serving and volunteering at Vacation Bible School. Thane plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Forsyth - Rachel Madison Lunsford, daughter of John and Debra Lunsford, Kernersville, North Carolina. Rachel will graduate from R.J. Reynolds High School where she is president of Reynolds Arts Service Club, secretary of National Honor Society, and a captain of the varsity volleyball team where she was MVP and received the Coaches' Award. She is a member of the R.J. Reynolds Math Academic Team, winning the 2012-2013 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Championship; secretary of Tri-M Music Honor Society; and an active member of her church youth group and choir. Rachel plans to major in business.

Forsyth - Samuel Owen Webster, son of Tim and Susan Webster, Clemmons, North Carolina. Samuel will graduate from West Forsyth High School where he is president of Young Political Leaders and the National Honor Society, and trumpet section leader in the marching band. He has interned with Organizing for America, the Coalition to Protect All North Carolina Families, and attended North Carolina's Governor's School West for social sciences. Samuel plans to major in engineering.

Forsyth - Danielle Elizabeth Winter, daughter of Keith and Diane Winter, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Danielle will graduate from the Early College of Forsyth where she is president of the Simply Service club and one of the first two students in her school's history to be recognized by the National Merit Scholar Corporation. She is captain of the R.J. Reynolds High School women's cross country team and founder of Sisters to Stop Traffic, an anti-human-trafficking ministry. Danielle is involved in various ministries at Clemmons United Methodist Church and received the Winston-Salem Student Human Relations Award for completing close to 500 hours of community service. Danielle plans to study environmental engineering.

Gaston - Chandler Joseph Kay, son of John and Jenifer Kay, Gastonia, North Carolina. Chandler will graduate from Ashbrook Senior High School where he is student body president, Chief Marshal, and a two-sport varsity captain. He is also a member of Gastonia Mayor's Youth Leadership Council, Junior Leadership Gaston, and co-founder and grant writer for the Just SWIM Camp for disabled children. Chandler plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Gaston - Jeremy Nortei Nortey, son of Thomas and Julienne Nortey, Gastonia, North Carolina. Jeremy will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he is president of Legacy, a student-organized club that focuses on developing the underrepresented male population of his school, and an Attaché, a leadership position that organizes school fundraising activities. He initiated a tutoring partnership between Legacy and Urban Hope, a nonprofit organization that helps the underprivileged youth of Durham, and he has volunteered as a tutor at the Emily Krzyzewski Center. Jeremy plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Gaston - Kathryn Nicole Scruggs, daughter of Don and Jeanette Scruggs, Belmont, North Carolina. Kathryn will graduate from South Point High School where she is senior class president, school representative for the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council of Gaston County, and a varsity swimmer. She has volunteered with a Special Olympics swim team, served on mission teams to Nicaragua the past three summers, and attended the Governor's School of North Carolina for social science. Kathryn plans to major in biological sciences or political science.

Greene- Shade Aldridge Mazingo, son of Steve and Pam Mazingo, Snow Hill, North Carolina. Ridge will graduate from Arendell Parrott Academy where he is captain of the varsity swim and tennis teams, parliamentarian of the Senior Beta Club, and an AP Scholar with Honors. He serves on the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Department, is active in the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, and volunteers at Northwest Elementary School tutoring students in reading. He has been awarded the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award, and Snow Hill Fire Department's "Rookie of the Year." Ridge plans to major in psychology.

Greene - Benjamin Abram Walker, son of Benjamin and Charis Walker, Jason, North Carolina. Benjamin will graduate from Greene Central High School where he is a captain of the varsity wrestling team, an editor for the *Rampage* literary magazine, and president of the Beta Club. He helped found the Young Minority Male Initiative and mentors at-risk minority students. Benjamin plans to major in computer science.

Guilford - Aditya Garg, son of Naveen and Sangeeta Garg, Greensboro, North Carolina. Aditya will graduate from the Early College at Guilford where he is founder and president of EducateUS and treasurer of Robotics Team 1533 - Triple Strange. An Eagle Scout, he was one of two North Carolina delegates to the United States Senate Youth Program. Aditya plans to major in economics.

Guilford - Donald George Lindner II, son of Doug Lindner and Mary-Lynn Moore, High Point, North Carolina. George will graduate from the McCallie School where he is a residential advisor in his dorm, helps run a student-led church service, and is a four-year member of the varsity crew team. He raises money for the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry and is a member of Cum Laude and National Honor Society. George plans to major in civil engineering.

Guilford - Anthony Scala, son of Michael and Tiziana Scala, Greensboro, NC. Anthony will graduate from Southern Guilford High School where he is Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter president, Interact Club vice president, and a participant in his local Adopt-A-Highway program. He initiated a feeder FFA club at Southern Guilford Middle School, served as a National FFA delegate this year, and is an all-conference athlete on his school tennis team. Anthony plans to major in agriculture education and youth leadership.

Guilford - Robert Avery Travis, son of Mark and Nelkis Travis, Jamestown, North Carolina. Robert will graduate from Wesleyan Christian Academy where he is president of the National Honor Society and National Beta Club, the senior chaplain, and a member of the Diakonos service organization. He has been active in the community through Boy Scouts of America, the Miracle League, and the Macedonia Family Resource Center. Robert plans to major in electrical engineering.

Guilford - Hannah Britt Walser, daughter of Charles and Mary Walser, Greensboro, North Carolina. Hannah will graduate from Grimsley High School where she is a student ambassador, Young Life senior leader, and volunteer chemistry tutor as a member of the National Honor Society. She has been concert mistress of the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra in which she was awarded the Sam Wilson Concerto Competition Scholarship, a middle school small group leader at her church, and a member of the Spanish National Honor Society. Hannah plans to major in biological sciences.

Haywood - Alexandra Grace Dinwiddie, daughter of William and Barbara Dinwiddie, Waynesville, North Carolina. Allie will graduate from Tuscola High School where she is co-president of the Ecology Club, co-captain of an Envirothon team, and a core leader of the Tuscola Peace Jam Club. She volunteered in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, for a local arts organization, Folk Moot, and has received numerous high school honors and awards. Allie plans to major in environmental engineering.

Henderson - Anna Catherine Yarbrough, daughter of Jonathan Yarbrough and Elizabeth Schneider, Mills River, North Carolina. Anna will graduate from West Henderson High School where she is editor-in-chief of the *Wingspan*, the school news magazine; captain of the Mock Trial team; and an all-conference player on the tennis team. She attended North Carolina Governor's School West for English and volunteers with the Asheville Humane Society and Henderson County Parks and Recreation Youth Soccer Program. Anna plans to major in chemistry.

Iredell - Evie Katherine Brooks, daughter of Jeff and Lisa Brooks, Statesville, North Carolina. Evie will graduate from North Iredell High School where she is president of the Senior Beta Club, secretary of her senior class, and captain of the varsity cheerleading squad. She is an avid volunteer at the Statesville Boys & Girls Club, ranked third in her class, and editor of the school yearbook. Evie plans to major in polymer and color chemistry.

Iredell - Matthew Robert Sanford, son of Paul and Carole Sanford, Mooresville, North Carolina. Matthew will graduate from South Iredell High School where he is the cross country team captain, school musical stage director, and an IB Diploma Programme student. He is an Eagle Scout of Troop 171, a member of National Honor Society, and plays guitar and trumpet. Matthew plans to major in international relations or environmental engineering.

Jackson - Maggie Elizabeth DeWeese, daughter of Jerry and Catherine DeWeese, Sylva, North Carolina. Maggie will graduate from Smoky Mountain High School where she is involved in National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and varsity athletics. Her teachers voted her Miss Mustang all four years. She participates in a nationally recognized show choir and is a member of her youth group. Maggie plans to major in biological sciences.

Johnston - Lilian Lee Faulconer, daughter of Linwood and Johna Faulconer, Smithfield, North Carolina. Lilian will graduate from Smithfield-Selma High School where she is president of Mu Alpha Theta mathematics honor society, activities coordinator of the National Honor Society, and a four-year member and co-captain of the women's varsity tennis team. She serves as president of the Juniorettes of Johnston County, is a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient and was honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award for her work as an environmental advocate. Lilian plans to major in international studies with a concentration in economy and environment.

Johnston - Lauryn Mackenzie Kabrich, daughter of Troy and Jody Kabrich, Clayton, North Carolina. Lauryn will graduate from Clayton High School, where she is president of Technology Student Association, co-president of Environmental Club, and secretary of Interact Club. She is co-captain of the varsity soccer team and has volunteered extensively with Imhotep Academy at NC State's Science House. Lauryn plans to major in environmental engineering.

Mecklenburg - Jaylon De'Andre Alexander, son of Ira and Tisa Alexander, Charlotte, North Carolina. Jaylon will graduate from Hopewell High School where he is president of the Architecture, Construction, Engineering (ACE) mentoring program and leader of club relations for the Ambassadors Club. He is the lead server on his church's Kitchen Committee; a Young Black Men (YBM) Leadership Alliance Elite Scholar and Ambassador; and founder of the Hungry Helpers, a food drive organization. Jaylon plans to double major in electrical engineering and computer science.

Mecklenburg - Mona Amin, daughter of Hemant and Prerna Amin, Charlotte, North Carolina. Mona will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is president of Dance Marathon, vice president of Health Occupations Students of America, and officer of Asian Cultures Club. She has assisted in the organization of a citywide anti-bullying youth summit, was awarded Most Valuable Player in varsity soccer during her sophomore year, and has volunteered with her local YMCA's summer day camps. Mona plans to major in biological sciences.

Mecklenburg - Deirdre Clare An, daughter of Michael and Miao Qin An, Charlotte, North Carolina. Deirdre will graduate from Cato Middle College High School where she is editor-in-chief of the school yearbook, induction committee member and historian of National Honor Society, and member of the CPCC Student Government Association. She is a volunteer tutor at 1-7 Academy, a Freedom School Zephyr during the summer, and was the recipient of the Grady Lane Award at the NC State Resource Conservation Workshop. Deirdre plans to major in environmental sciences.

Mecklenburg - Rachel Elizabeth Bringewatt, daughter of Tamara and Kevin Bringewatt, Davidson, North Carolina. Rachel will graduate from Davidson Day School where she is a member of the varsity cross country and basketball teams and is an editor on the yearbook staff. She volunteers at the local elementary school and is currently teaching a middle school biology class to several homeschoolers. Rachel plans to major in biological sciences.

Mecklenburg - Anna Claire Joyner, daughter of Matt and Betsy Joyner, Charlotte, North Carolina. Anna Claire will graduate from Myers Park High School where she is a senior representative on Student Government, president of the Habitat for Humanity Club, and a member of National Honor Society. She has been a volunteer math tutor at Cotswold Elementary and co-chaired International Week at her high school. Anna Claire plans to major in biological sciences.

Mecklenburg - Jonathan Joseph McKenzie, son of Cindy and Greg McKenzie, Charlotte, North Carolina. Jonathan will graduate from South Mecklenburg High School where he is co-president of the National Honor Society and captain of the men's cross country team. He earned his Eagle Scout award in 2012 as a member of Troop 116. While serving on the Cross Country for Youth advisory board, he developed a nutrition and hydration program for middle school runners. He led the expansion of the community garden at his church to boost donations of produce to benefit local food pantries and the homeless. Jonathan plans to major in biological sciences.

Mecklenburg - Richa Vinay Patel, daughter of Vinay and Chetna Patel, Charlotte, North Carolina. Richa will graduate from Mallard Creek High School where she is president of the Interact Club, vice president of Health Occupations Students of America Future Health Professionals, and a National Honor Society member. She is teaches Hinduism to kindergartners at her Hindu Center and volunteers at the Presbyterian Hospital. Richa plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Mecklenburg - Shraddha Rathod, daughter of Nitesh and Jayshree Rathod, Charlotte, North Carolina. Shraddha will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is president of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Dance Marathon, and the Indian Classical Dance Club. She has placed twice at the National HOSA Conference, has become involved in the HOSA District Office, and has worked on various science research projects and competitions. Shraddha plans to major in business administration with a focus in science.

Mecklenburg - Laura Elizabeth Wenzel, daughter of Ron and Betsy Wenzel, Huntersville, North Carolina. Laura will graduate from Community School of Davidson where she is the senior representative for Student Government, a member of the National Honor Society, and a summer travel student coordinator. She also is a tutor for Hispanic elementary school students, a tutor for Mandarin students, and a volunteer in China's orphanages. Laura will major in elementary education.

Moore - Joseph Robert Nail, son of Chris and Kerry Nail, Whispering Pines, North Carolina. Joe will graduate from Blue Valley West High School in Overland Park, Kansas where he is a two-sport varsity athlete, National Honor Society president, and founder of two service projects benefiting disadvantaged children in Indonesia. He serves as committee co-chair, logistics chair and team captain of Relay for Life and executive of the Freshman Mentor Program. Last spring, he placed second at the International DECA Competition in Anaheim, California. Joe plans to major in economics and political science, while also pursuing Arabic or Mandarin language study.

New Hanover - Rachel Elizabeth DeLange, daughter of Stephen and Theresa DeLange, Wilmington, North Carolina. Rachel will graduate from John T. Hoggard High School where she is a legislator for Hoggard Youth and Government, a representative for Hoggard Student Council, and a member of National Honor Society. She also volunteers with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, tutors students regularly in math, and was selected to the 2012 U.S. Army Pacific Teen Panel. Rachel plans to major in biological sciences.

New Hanover - Rachel Grace Walter, daughter of Joseph and Kenda Walter, Wilmington, North Carolina. Rachel will graduate from New Hanover High School where she is co-captain of the cross country team, senior class treasurer of Student Council, and a member of the Lyceum Academy. She is a frequent volunteer and summer intern at the Cameron Art Museum and is an actress in the Wilmington community theater. Rachel plans to major in environmental sciences.

Orange - Stephanie Ann Peres-da-Silva, daughter of Atul Peres-da-Silva and Carol Hancock, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Stephanie will graduate from Chapel Hill High School where she serves as president of the National Spanish Honor Society, is the School News section editor for the school paper, and leads the school's all-female *a cappella* group, Lucky 13. She also founded her school's chapter of Girls Learn International, an organization that works to promote girls' education and rights in developing counties. Stephanie plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Pitt - Laura Helena Goodman, daughter of Charles and Tatjana Goodman, Greenville, North Carolina. Laura will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is president of Model United Nations Club and Mock Trial Club, and publicist for Red Cross Club. She volunteers with A Time for Science: Nature and Science Learning Center, received semifinalist status for National Merit Scholar, and placed in the state and regional cross country championships. Laura plans to major in physics.

Pitt - Ashish Thakur Khanchandani, son of Thakur and Jaya Khanchandani, Greenville, North Carolina. Ashish will graduate from Junius H. Rose High School where she is founder and president of Project Unify, co-founder and vice president of Indian American Young Life, and chairman of the Greenville Youth Council. Ashish is a two-time winner of the President's Volunteer Service Award and volunteers as a coach for Elmhurst Elementary School's Science Olympiad team. Ashish plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Rutherford - Sierra Marena Morgan Wren Fowler, daughter of Jeff and Denise Fowler, Rutherfordton, North Carolina. Sierra will graduate from R-S Central High School where she is founding president of the Music Club and president of the Teen Democrats. She has her nursing assistant certification (CNA) and will graduate high school with her Associate of Arts degree. Sierra plans to major in biological sciences.

Scotland - Jack Walker Davis, son of Andrew Garrett Davis Sr. and Phyllis Abernethy Davis, Laurinburg, North Carolina. Jack will graduate from Scotland High School where he is vice president of National Honor Society, the alto saxophone section leader of the marching band, and plays on the varsity tennis team. He is also a Life Scout in Troop 447, an alumnus of North Carolina Governor's School West, and participates in a youth group at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. Jack plans to major in physics.

Stokes - Kenneth Andrew Erickson, son of Andrew and Patricia Erickson, King, North Carolina. Kenneth will graduate from West Stokes High School where he is a member of North Carolina Youth and Government, the Rotary Interact Club, and the lacrosse team. He is a section chief for the Order of the Arrow, an Eagle Scout, and a Special Olympics volunteer. Kenneth plans to major in fisheries, wildlife, and conservation biology.

Stokes - Ashley Michelle Lawson, daughter of Nolan and Kim Lawson, Sandy Ridge, North Carolina. Ashley will graduate from North Stokes High School where she is president of the Beta Club and the Technology Student Association, and the senior class treasurer. She has received the award for the highest grade point average in her class since her freshman year. She has participated in or organized a canned food drive since her freshman year and taught dance to a group of handicapped young adults to improve their physical abilities. Ashley plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Union - Katelyn Elizabeth Brock, daughter of Cheryl and Steven Brock, Waxhaw, North Carolina. Katelyn will graduate from Cuthbertson High School where she is president of the Protect Animals Worldwide (PAW) Club, three-year varsity letterman and captain of the softball team, and volunteer coordinator at Heavensown Animal Rescue. She tutors students as a member of the Spanish Honor Society, and serves as Junior Marshall – awarded to the top ten percent of the class. Katelyn plans to major in civil engineering.

Union - Lindsay Mikayla Clontz, daughter of James and Karen Clontz, Monroe, North Carolina. Lindsay will graduate from Piedmont High School where she is senior class president, Student Government vice president, and a co-leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club. She has volunteered with the Mephibosheth Farms Angelic Riders program and maintained membership on The Renn's Nest Teen Board for four years where she has participated in multiple community service projects. Lindsay plans to major in biological sciences.

Union - Christina Rayen Kresser, daughter of David and Susan Kresser, Waxhaw, North Carolina. Christina will graduate from Marvin Ridge High School where she is captain of the varsity swim team, president of the Science National Honor Society, and lead first soprano in the Women's Honors Choir. She serves as a missionary for a national disability ministry, works as a piano instructor, and helps lead the children's ministry at her church. Christina plans to major in genetics.

Union - Zachary Thomas Polizzi, son of Martha and Jim Polizzi, Weddington, North Carolina. Zack will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he is a residential life assistant, captain of the diving team, and has performed award-winning research through the Research in Physics program. He is an Eagle Scout and won the Grand Champion award in Fieldwork at the Singapore International Science Challenge. Zack plans to major in electrical engineering.

Wake - Alex Chen, son of Liang Chen and Karen Peng, Raleigh, North Carolina. Alex will graduate from William G. Enloe High School where he is president of Science Days, vice president of Debate Club, a member of the Science Olympiad team, and has been voted Homecoming King. He has been a volunteer youth attorney at Capital Area Teen Court in Raleigh and is an Eagle Scout. Alex plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Wake - Helen Mary Drotor, daughter of Calvin and Barbara Drotor, Wendell, North Carolina. Helen will graduate from East Wake Academy where she is student body president, National Honor Society vice president, and co-founder of the Health and Wellness Club. She is an alumna of the Hugh O'Brian Young Leaders Conference and a recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award, as well as a consistent honor roll student. Helen plans to major in environmental sciences.

Wake - Madeline Julia Finnegan, daughter of Stephen and Carla Finnegan, Apex, North Carolina. Madeline will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is editor-in-chief of the *Broad Street Scientific*, a scientific research publication; president of Junior Civitan; and a student ambassador. She is a participant in the Shaw University/ Environmental Protection Agency Research Apprenticeship program and has tutored neighborhood children in math since her freshman year of high school. Madeline plans to major in mathematics.

Wake - Sanjay Kannan, son of Kannan Rajagopalan and Veena Kannan, Apex, North Carolina. Sanjay will graduate from Raleigh Charter High School where he is captain of the Quiz Bowl team, vice president of the Mathletics Department, and a member of the varsity tennis team. He volunteers at the Kramden Institute in Durham and organizes the yearly Triangle Middle School Science Bowl. Sanjay plans to major in computer engineering.

Wake - Morgan Marie Maccherone, daughter of Christina Motley and Lawrence Maccherone, Raleigh, North Carolina. Morgan will graduate from Wakefield High School where she is president of Spanish Honor Society and the special events chairperson for Executive Council. Morgan is very involved in her school and her community; she owns two businesses and will graduate as valedictorian of Wakefield High School. Morgan plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Wake - Nicholas William Mazzoleni, son of Andre and Kate Mazzoleni, Raleigh, North Carolina. Nicholas will graduate from Franklin Academy High School in Wake Forest, where he is president of the National Honor Society and the National French Honor Society. He has taken classical piano lessons since first grade. He is a volunteer tutor in math and chemistry, a cantor and instrumentalist at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, and a volunteer trombone instructor. Nicholas plans to double major in mechanical engineering and physics with a minor in music.

Wake - Chase Avery McConnachie, daughter of Derek and Kimber McConnachie, Apex, North Carolina. Chase will graduate from Middle Creek High School where she is student body president and founder and president of the Middle Creek Miracle Club, a volunteer group for the Miracle League of the Triangle. She is a member of the National, Spanish, and Math Honor Societies. Chase has played varsity lacrosse and volleyball and is a member of the Cary Debutante Ball Society. She attended North Carolina Governor's School for English. Chase plans to major in business administration.

Wake - Gabriela Carmen Merz, daughter of Rob and Patti Merz, Cary, North Carolina. Gabriela will graduate from William G. Enloe High School where she is captain of the women's golf team, secretary of Engineering Club, and a member of Science Olympiad. Gabriela plans to major in both engineering and mathematics.

Wake - Gautam Ramakrishnan Nagaraj, son of Shubha and Ramakrishnan Nagaraj, Cary, North Carolina. Gautam will graduate from Raleigh Charter High School where he is a three-time varsity member of Science Olympiad; president of the Mathletics Department; and founder and president of Quark Heroes Club, in which students interested in physics discuss and learn about exciting facets of the field not covered in the classroom. He is the director of marketing for the North Carolina Youth Classical Arts for Charity, a group of young musicians that hosts an annual music festival to raise money for various charities, and he placed third in Fermi Questions in the 2013 National Science Olympiad tournament. Gautam plans to major in physics.

Wake - Adarsh Vasudeva Rao, son of Vasudeva Rao and Mohini Sarma, Cary, North Carolina. Adarsh will graduate from Green Hope High School where he is president of the Habitat for Humanity Club and captain of the Green Hope Science Bowl team. He is a certified Microsoft Office Specialist Master and a National Honor Society member. Adarsh plans to major in biochemistry.

Wake - Bailey John Schultz, son of Nancy and Kevin Schultz, Raleigh, North Carolina. Bailey will graduate from Cardinal Gibbons High School where he is vice president of the National Honor Society, the financial officer for the Science Olympiad team, and a woodwind player in the pit orchestra. He is a tutor at his school, has been a volunteer on the Longbow Council for the YMCA Indian Guides and Princesses program, and was named a National Merit Semifinalist. Bailey plans to major in chemical engineering.

Wake - Rachel Frances Schwitzgebel, daughter of Gregg and Gina Schwitzgebel, Raleigh, North Carolina. Rachel will graduate from both Saint Mary's School and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Online. At Saint Mary's School, she is president of the National Honor Society and the Science Olympiad Club, as well as captain of the varsity soccer team. She interned at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland and subsequently presented her research at the NIH Summer Research Program Poster Day. She has been a peer leader and a member of the planning committee for the General H. Hugh Shelton Leadership Center at NC State, and has volunteered at InterAct Family Safety and Empowerment Center of Wake County. Rachel plans to major in chemistry.

Wake - Kathryn Lilly Sebastian, daughter of Joseph and Teresa Sebastian, Morrisville, North Carolina. Kathryn will graduate from Cary High School where she is president of both History Club and Book Club and chairwoman of Junior Bank Board. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been voted "Most Likely to Become the Next Steve Jobs" by her classmates. Kathryn plans to major in electrical engineering.

Wake - Sonia Su, daughter of Keli Su and Huey-Lin Ni, Cary, North Carolina. Sonia will graduate from William G. Enloe High School where she is president of the Chinese Club, a lead marshal, and treasurer of Enloe's Key Club. She volunteers with The Carying Place, and serves as chairman of the Cary Teen Council and vice president of the Triangle Area Chinese American Society Youth Group. Sonia plans to major in food science.

Wake - Dawson Reid Tripp, son of Reid and Angela Tripp, Cary, North Carolina. Dawson will graduate from Athens Drive High School where he is a board member for the National Honor Society and a section leader for the marching band. He received the AP Scholar with Distinction Award and was nominated by his peers for Homecoming Court and the Athens' Senior Superlative Show, Gradman. Dawson is an Eagle Scout and has served as a Governor's Page and Boys' State Delegate. He plans to major in engineering.

Warren - Evan Cortez Brooks, son of Burke and Iva Brooks, Norlina, North Carolina. Evan will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he is a residential life assistant, president of the Service Learning Board, and director of competitions of Health Occupations Students of America. He is a National Achievement Semifinalist, a tutor at Urban Hope Ministries, and is a state and national winner for medical spelling. Evan plans to major in biochemistry.

Watauga - Spencer Louis Schlenker, son of Erich and Lynn Schlenker, Deep Gap, North Carolina. Spencer will graduate from Watauga High School where he is founder and manager of the Swipe for Schools Fundraising Program, president of the Friends of Rachel Club, and coordinator of the Recycling Program through the National Honor Society School Service Committee. He tutors students in math and chemistry at his school, is a recipient of the Education Partnership Award from the Watauga County School Board, and was honored to attend North Carolina Governor's School for mathematics. Spencer plans to major in chemical engineering.

Wayne - Myra Noor Waheed, daughter of Shabana and Waheed Akhtar, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Myra Waheed will graduate from Charles B. Aycock High School where she is president of Health Occupations Students of America, a member of National Honors Society, and a school ambassador. She has been very involved in the Teen Court community program and the Goldsboro Mayor's Youth Council as well as worked as a North Carolina Senate Page. Myra plans to major in international relations.

OHIO

Franklin - Kelsey Taylor Shevlin, daughter of Tom Shevlin and Amy Aspengren, Columbus, Ohio. Kelsey will graduate from Hilliard Davidson High School where she is field commander of the marching band, a member of the National Honor Society, and a Renaissance Club Ambassador. She has been a math tutor for two years and is initiating a student-led band mentor group for Weaver Middle School band members. Kelsey plans to major in accounting.

Hamilton - Cambray Smith, daughter of Blayne and Suzanna Smith, Wyoming, Ohio. Cambray will graduate from Wyoming High School where she is vice president of Model UN, varsity swim captain, and a Project LEAD officer. She planned a community-wide viewing of *The Human Experience* documentary and corresponding volunteer fair her senior year, and she has been on service and medical trips to Mexico and India. Cambray plans to major in biological sciences.

PENNSYLVANIA

Cumberland - Ruby Elizabeth Monn, daughter of Rodney and Jennifer Monn, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Ruby will graduate from Shippensburg Area Senior High School where she is president of the Shippensburg Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter, the Latin Club, and National Honor Society. She helps with Prince Street United Brethren Church's nursery, the Shippensburg FFA chapter's Adopt-a-Highway program, and won the state award for the Pennsylvania FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience Contest. She plans to major in biochemistry.

Dauphin - Jake Patrick Cronin, son of Art and Donna Cronin, Hershey, Pennsylvania. Jake will graduate from Hershey High School where he is president of the Student Council, treasurer of the National Honor Society, and founder and president of the Chinese Club. Jake recently traveled to Ecuador as a translator for a medical mission trip, is working with township planners on improving the local bike path, and has volunteered with youth sports teams as a varsity soccer and lacrosse player. Jake plans to major in engineering.

Montgomery - Samik Deval Patel, son of Deval and Vishwa Patel, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Samik will graduate from Upper Merion High School where he is a fundraising director of DECA, a starter on the varsity basketball team, and a co-captain of the Math Team. He is a National Merit Commended Student, a volunteer First Responder, a DECA national competitor, and a Technology Student Association state qualifier; he has also conducted research at a local university pertaining to asthma actuations on a metered-dose inhaler. Samik plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Northampton - Jacob Daniel Alfieri, son of James and Leslie Alfieri, Easton, Pennsylvania. Jacob will graduate from Easton Area High School where he is president of the Technology Student Association, vice president of the National Honor Society, and a member of the varsity indoor and outdoor track teams. He has been active in his Boy Scout troop, recently earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Jacob plans to major in chemical engineering.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston - Brendan Shea Ward, son of Gerald and Germaine Ward, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Brendan will graduate from Porter Gaud School where he is a member of the Student Council, a service leader for Ronald McDonald House, and captain of the cross country and ice hockey teams. Brendan received the West Point Leadership Award and Richards Memorial Award which allowed him to visit Cape Town, South Africa this past summer. Brendan plans to major in international relations.

Dorchester - James Chandler Gonzales, son of Michael Gonzales and Lynda Grossman, Summerville, South Carolina. James will graduate from Ashley Ridge High School where he is drum major of the marching band, president of Mu Alpha Theta math honor society, and leader of the math and engineering teams. He was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout and served as a junior marshal and a Palmetto Boys State attendee. James plans to major in computer science.

Richland - Habiba Fayyaz, daughter of Muhammad F. Rasul and Aliya Fayyaz, Columbia, South Carolina. Habiba will graduate from Spring Valley High School where she is president of the International Club, children's books chair of the Winter Days Organization, and secretary of Spring Valley's Call to Action. She is a summer volunteer at the Dorn Veterans' Affairs Medical Center and has competed at the University of South Carolina Regional Science Fair and Junior Academy of Science with two research projects. Habiba plans to major in chemistry.

York - John Westley Slavens, son of Gary and Dawn Slavens, York, South Carolina. John will graduate from Clover High School where he is president of the Special Olympics Fan Club, captain of the varsity swim team, and a member of the National Honor Society. He is an Eagle Scout, a member of the South Carolina "Project Unify" Special Olympics committee, and a USA Swimming and YMCA Swimming All-American. John plans to major in chemical engineering.

TENNESSEE

Knox - Sarah Layton Lucas, daughter of Jay and Deanne Lucas, Knoxville, Tennessee. Sarah will graduate from the Webb School of Knoxville where she is president of the Tennessee YMCA Model United Nations Security Council, solicitor general of the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government, and a competing member of the PBS Scholar's Bowl team. She tutors weekly at the Emerald Youth Foundation and has been conducting nanoparticulate research at the University of Tennessee since the beginning of summer 2013. Sarah plans to major in biomedical engineering.

TEXAS

Galveston - Nicole Taylor Stelling, daughter of James and Laurie Stelling, League City, Texas. Nicole will graduate from Clear Falls High School where she has maintained straight A's, will graduate Summa Cum Laude, and has been awarded the Superintendent's Scholar Award for academic excellence. She shadows local physicians and has been actively involved in the community, setting up a program that benefited underprivileged youths and abandoned dogs. Nicole plans to major in biological sciences.

Montgomery - Donnielle Ashly Jones, daughter of Donnie and Kimberly Jones, Spring, Texas. Donnielle will graduate from Oak Ridge High School where she is president of Mu Alpha Theta math honor society, secretary of Science National Honor Society, and a spokesperson for Advanced Placement Ambassadors. She is an Interfaith of the Woodlands All Star Volunteer, was awarded the 2013 Rotary Youth Leadership Award, and volunteers at the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum. Donnielle plans to major in biomedical engineering.

VIRGINIA

Chesterfield - Zachary Mitchell Allen, son of Mark and Shelley Allen, Midlothian, Virginia. Zach will graduate from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School where he is captain of the varsity baseball team, fabrication lead of Maggie Walker's FIRST Robotics team, and an intern at Flexicell Robotics. He is a volunteer judge and mentor for FIRST Lego League children's robotics competitions, a National Merit Semifinalist, and a 2013 All-Colonial District Honorable Mention 1st Baseman. Zach plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Colonial Heights - Anna-Claire Virginia Bousquet, daughter of Joanna and Marc Bousquet, Colonial Heights, Virginia. Anna-Claire will graduate from Colonial Heights High School where she is president of the Beta Club, the Science National Honor Society, and the Youth Advisory Council. She has been recognized as both an AP Scholar and a National Merit Commended Student, and has attended the Virginia Residential Governor's School for Math, Science, and Technology. Anna-Claire plans to major in biochemistry.

Danville - Bhavika Patel, daughter of Mukesh and Dimple Patel, Danville, Virginia. Bhavika will graduate from Galileo Magnet High School where she is vice president of Beta Club and JETS. She volunteers with Roots and Shoots in various community service projects. Bhavika plans to major in engineering.

Loudoun - J.C. Panagides, son of Chris and Katrina Panagides, Potomac Falls, Virginia. J.C. will graduate from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology where he is a varsity golf captain, president of the Biotechnology Club, and member of his school's Ocean Bowl team. He is a member of the National Honor Society, placed first in Virginia on Level 5 of the National Spanish Exam, and is an avid pianist. J.C. plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Roanoke - Ryan Devens, son of James and Karen Devens, Salem, Virginia. Ryan will graduate from Glenvar High School and the Roanoke Valley Governor's School where he is co-captain of the Academic Team, a leader of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) team that placed at the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International Student Unmanned Air Systems international robotics competition, and serves on the Roanoke County Student Advisory Council as vice chairman and an organizer of an annual risk-prevention event. He is an Eagle Scout, an AP Scholar with Distinction, and has won multiple state science fair and Junior Science and Humanities Symposia awards for his UAV research projects. Ryan plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Virginia Beach - Isabella Maria Zecchini, daughter of James and Eloise McLean Zecchini, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Isabella will graduate from Ocean Lakes High School Math and Science Academy where she is a co-captain of the Debate team, leader on the girls' varsity soccer team, and member of the National Honor Society. She participates in service projects and mission trips with King's Grant Baptist Church, is a member of MENSA, and as part of her senior capstone project has created educational premedical tutorials and participated in research later published in the Second Annual World Congress on Ultrasound in Medical Education. Isabella plans to major in chemical engineering.