



## Park Scholarships

### Class of 2021

*(Biographies provided by the candidates.)*

#### ALABAMA



**Jefferson – Elijah Bouma-Sims**, son of Katherine Bouma and Robert Sims, Homewood, Alabama. Elijah will graduate from Homewood High School where he is trombone section leader in the marching band, programmer for the BEST Robotics team, and secretary of the Beta Club. He is also an Eagle Scout and a member of the Key Club. Elijah intends to major in electrical engineering.

#### DELAWARE



**New Castle – Hannah Rose Cooper**, daughter of Heather Suchanec-Cooper and Jon Cooper, Newark, Delaware. Hannah will graduate from Newark Charter High School where she is president of the Marine Science Club, secretary of National Honor Society, and captain of both the varsity field hockey and lacrosse teams. She was named her high school's True Patriot of the Year, an award given to athletes demonstrating scholarship and sportsmanship; is a founding member of her church's youth group; and served as public relations officer for her school's student government in her junior year. Hannah plans to major in marine science.

#### GEORGIA



**Fulton – Sydney Laws**, daughter of Eldrick and Krista Laws, Atlanta, Georgia. Sydney will graduate from Riverwood International Charter School where she is president of SkillsUSA, co-president of Mu Alpha Theta, and an active member of National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Film Society, and Beta Club. Sydney plans to double major in art studies and business administration, with concentrations in film and marketing, respectively.

#### MARYLAND



**Anne Arundel – Catherine Moylan Ault**, daughter of Mendy and Andy Ault, Laurel, Maryland. Catherine will graduate from North County High School where she is class president, president of National Honor Society, and captain of the varsity soccer team. She also led 40 teens in a year-long project to help local nonprofits with their technology-based issues, volunteered summers at The Smithsonian's National Zoo, and was an engineering intern where she worked on a project recommending safer school bus routes in Baltimore County, Md. Catherine plans to major in chemical engineering.

## MASSACHUSETTS



**Middlesex – Alexander Benson Lerner**, son of Gary and Leslie Lerner, Lexington, Massachusetts. Alexander will graduate from Lexington High School where he is captain of varsity Ultimate Frisbee, a peer mentor leader, and a starter on the varsity soccer team. He also is an adaptive ski instructor and a National Merit Semifinalist. Alexander plans to major in chemical engineering.



**Norfolk – Taylor Jacqueline White**, daughter of John and Janine White, Millis, Massachusetts. Taylor will graduate from Millis High School where she is president of Amnesty International, captain of the indoor and outdoor varsity track and field teams, and director of communications for the Millis chapter of the American Chemistry Society Club. She also volunteers with Massachusetts Special Olympics, tutors for area families, and will receive a second diploma from the Spanish Embassy upon graduation for completion of a 12-year Spanish immersion program. Taylor plans to major in biochemistry.

## MISSOURI



**Osage – Claire Emma Ludwig**, daughter of Dale and Rhonda Ludwig, Linn, Missouri. Claire will graduate from Helias High School where she is president of both International Club and her school's chapter of FFA, and treasurer of Area FFA. She has earned varsity letters in four high school sports, completed a three-week animal rescue project in Costa Rica last summer, and currently serves as Missouri 4-H State vice president. Claire plans to major in animal science and ultimately become a veterinarian.

## NORTH CAROLINA



**Carteret – Natalie Anne Chazal**, daughter of John Chazal and Nicole D'Andrea, Morehead City, North Carolina. Natalie will graduate from West Carteret High School where she is captain of the Math Team and a student in the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics online program. She also is an avid volunteer with her local National Parks Service, performing more than 200 hours of service. Natalie plans to major in animal science.



**Catawba – Anne Lavender Haunton**, daughter of Richard Haunton, Hickory, North Carolina. Anne will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is a student ambassador for the Office of Admissions, and president of both HOSA Future Health Professionals and Future Business Leaders of America. She has also volunteered more than 425 hours for the Catawba Science Center's Summer Fun Camps, researches adolescent brain development at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and works as part of the her school's Technical Theater Leadership Team. Anne plans to double major in biology and sociology.



**Cumberland – Jenna Caryn Nabors**, daughter of Scott Nabors and Marilyn Van Landuit, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Jenna will graduate from Massey Hill Classical High School where she is a member of the Student Government Association, Speech and Debate team, and National Honor Society. She also promotes leadership and service across the region and state through her position on the Executive Boards of the North Carolina Association of Student Councils and the Fayetteville-Cumberland Youth Council. Jenna plans to major in communication.



**Cumberland – Emma Elizabeth West**, daughter of Greg and Kristie West, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Emma will graduate from Terry Sanford High School where she is the student body president, vice president of National Spanish Honor Society, and a captain on the volleyball team. She also volunteered in Port-au-Prince, Haiti; started a Lending Library for college textbooks; and was named a Distinguished Student Leader by the National Association of Student Councils. Emma plans to major in biological sciences.



**Duplin – Carley-Martin MacFarlane**, daughter of Marty and Amy MacFarlane, Beulaville, North Carolina. Carley-Martin will graduate from East Duplin High School where she has been a props production manager for the Theater Club, a Junior Marshal at the Class of 2016 graduation, and was nominated to attend the NC-07 Youth Congressional Leadership Conference. She is also a student in the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics online program, regularly participates in volunteer activities with the Health Science Academy, and works as a server at Hwy 55 Burgers, Shakes & Fries. Carley-Martin plans to major in zoology.



**Forsyth – Georgia Grae Burgess**, daughter of Jill and Gregg Burgess, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Georgia will graduate from Parkland Magnet High School where she is a co-founder and editor of the school newspaper, co-captain of the distance track team, and an IB diploma candidate. Georgia plans to major in aerospace engineering.



**Guilford – Ethan Jacob Strubinger**, son of Joe and Sandra Strubinger, Summerfield, North Carolina. Ethan will graduate from Northern Guilford High School where he is captain of the Science Olympiad and swim teams, as well as a member of the cross country and track teams. He has been a volunteer with Youth for Christ since the 6th grade, worked at Managua Christian Academy in Nicaragua for four consecutive summers, and for his graduation project started a Science Olympiad team at Northern Guilford Middle School. Ethan plans to major in materials science and engineering.



**Guilford – Nicolas Bernard Wirtz**, son of Carl and Simona Wirtz, Oak Ridge, North Carolina. Nicolas will graduate from The Early College at Guilford where he is president of DECA and a member of National Honors Society. He founded the "Coins for Carefree" fund, and has volunteered as a soundboard technician at a local church. Nicolas plans to major in electrical engineering and business administration.



**Johnston – Jessica Lynn Autry**, daughter of Randy and Tammy Autry, Benson, North Carolina. Jessica will graduate from South Johnston High School where she is president of FFA, a member of National Honor Society, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Johnston Community College. Jessica plans to major in animal science.



**Johnston – Christopher Lerma**, son of Pilar Lerma, Benson, North Carolina. Christopher will graduate from West Johnston High School where he is president of Science Olympiad, senior class representative, and an active member of National Honor Society. He is also co-founder and leader of the All Stars STEM Club, a club that introduces students to STEM concepts and careers; is initiating a student-led Spanish Interpretation team; and maintains his high school's recycling program. Chris intends to major in engineering.



**Martin – Amy Tucker Ward**, daughter of James and Vinya Ward, Williamston, North Carolina. Amy will graduate from Riverside High School where she is treasurer of both the Student Government Association Executive Board and National Honor Society, and President of HOSA Future Health Professionals. She has worked as a veterinary assistant for the past two years, tutored middle school students, and received the Coach's Award for volleyball. Amy plans to major in animal science and become a veterinarian.



**Mecklenburg – Haley Gibbs Ritchie**, daughter of Chuck and Veronica Ritchie, Charlotte, North Carolina. Haley will graduate from Providence Day School where she is a National Honor Society executive, cross country captain, and recipient of the Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam grant. She has spent her last four summers volunteering/interning with McClintock Partners in Education and Freedom School Partners where she has provided high-risk students opportunities to learn and love science and reading. Haley plans to major in biomedical engineering.



**Pitt – Bryan Góngora Cooper**, son of Monica and James, Greenville, North Carolina. Bryan will graduate from Junius H. Rose High School where he is president of the Computer Science Club; lead pianist for the Honors Jazz Band; and a medical research intern, exploring the relationship between stress factors and drug addiction. At his school, Bryan peer-tutors students in STEM related courses and coaches four cyber-defense teams. Bryan received his Eagle Scout from Troop 826. Bryan plans to double major in computer science and economics.



**Rowan – Micah Furr**, daughter of Drs. Ann and Stephen Furr of Salisbury, North Carolina. Micah will graduate from Jesse C. Carson High School where she is president of National Honor Society, student body secretary, and two-time Southern Piedmont Conference Individual Player of the Year in women's golf. She also is a ten-year member of 4-H, competing on the national level in Horsebowl and Hippology; a volunteer for her local Humane Society; and a champion horsewoman. Micah plans to major in biology.



**Wake – Natalie Rose Collier**, daughter of Douglas and April Collier, Raleigh, North Carolina. Natalie will graduate from Wakefield High School where she is president of the Choral Department, historian and chairperson of Tri-M Music Honor Society, and historian of Red Cross Club. She also attended North Carolina Governor's School, taught English as a Second Language on a global scale, and volunteers more than 300 hours per year at Wake Med Hospital and other community organizations. Natalie plans to major in biomedical engineering.



**Wake – Elizabeth Elikem Dogbe**, daughter of John and Alberta Dogbe, Knightdale, North Carolina. Elizabeth will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is a residential life assistant; conducts humanities research; and was previously a publication editor for the *Broad Street Scientific*, a student-run research journal on campus. She also volunteers regularly with the Durham branch of Habitat for Humanity. Elizabeth plans to major in civil engineering.



**Wake – David Parker Flowers**, son of Parker and Kristi Flowers, Raleigh, North Carolina. David will graduate from Millbrook High School where he is student body president, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and vice president of Science Olympiad. He was a recipient of his school's Service Club award. David plans to major in engineering.



**Wake – Benjamin Gray**, son of Tim and Rhonda Gray, Raleigh, North Carolina. Ben will graduate from North Raleigh Christian Academy where he is president of both the Speech and Debate Club and the Math and Physics Club and prime minister of the Young Patriots Club. He has volunteered as a spelling bee tutor, enjoys learning Italian, and has been named a North Carolina AP Scholar. Ben plans to major in chemistry.



**Wake – Salam Ibrahim**, daughter of Akram and Fatemah Ibrahim, Raleigh, North Carolina. Salam will graduate from Athens Drive High School where she is president of both the Red Cross Club and the Leo Club and vice president of the Muslim Student Association. She has been a volunteer teacher at her local mosque throughout high school and is a co-founder of a "Health Care for the Soul" initiative, a leadership development program based upon cultivating the passions and inner strengths of women who participate. Salam plans to major in engineering.



**Wake – Mackenzie Elizabeth Lamb**, daughter of Lynne Hicks and the late Van Lamb, Cary, North Carolina. Mackenzie will graduate from Wake STEM Early College High School where she is founder and president of the International Club – a partnership with Suzhou North America High School in Suzhou, China; is an active member of National Honor Society; and was president of Student Council. She is a volunteer tutor for Briarcliff Elementary School students, an intern at the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation, and the Youth Elder at Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church. Mackenzie plans to major in international studies.



**Wake – Odai Azem Mansour**, son of Azem and Ghadier Mansour, Raleigh, North Carolina. Odai will graduate from Jesse O. Sanderson High School where he is student body president, co-president of the Speech and Debate Club, and a member of the Passing Along Lifelong Smiles Club. He has been a volunteer for United Muslim Relief; led his school food drive that raised over \$50,000; and helped start a fundraiser for Syrians in war-torn areas that raised over \$7,000. Odai plans to major in biochemistry.



**Wake – Nikhil Milind**, son of Anamika Deo and Milind Phase, Raleigh, North Carolina. Nikhil will graduate from North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he is co-director of information technology for the Student Government Association, the residential life assistant for his dorm, and senior officer for the UniChords A Capella Group. He has also been the lead coordinator for Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, where he has planned and coordinated physical, mental, and spiritual activities for his community for the last four years. Nikhil plans to major in computer science.



**Wake – Lauren Olivia Spell**, daughter of Rodney and Marie Spell, Willow Spring, North Carolina. Lauren will graduate from Fuquay-Varina Senior High School where she is a member of both the National Honor and Spanish Honor Societies and serves as president of National Art Honor Society. Lauren is also a National Merit Semifinalist, her school's Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Ambassador, and a two-time alumna of Duke University's Summer Studies. Lauren plans to major in biomedical engineering.



**Wake – Ana Sofia Uzsoy**, daughter of Lucia Mendez and Reha Uzsoy, Cary, North Carolina. Ana Sofia will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is a mathematics teaching assistant, a student researcher conducting original astrobiology research, and principal oboist of the Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra. She also has knitted more than 50 caps for cancer patients across the country, and was selected to play with the 2016 Honor Band of America in Indianapolis. Ana Sofia plans to major in physics.



**Wake – Lindsay Finnegan Wrege**, daughter of Katie and Dallas Wrege, Cary, North Carolina. Lindsay will graduate from Cary Academy where she is co-president of HOSA Future Health Professionals, co-captain of the Community Emergency Response Team, and co-captain of the Dance Team. She is passionate about working with the special needs community and runs a special needs dance program; volunteers as a counselor at Camp Carefree, a sleep away camp for children with special needs; and coaches the Abilities Tennis Association of NC. Lindsay plans to major in biomedical engineering.

## PENNSYLVANIA



**Chester – Michael Evans**, son of Fran and David Evans, Downingtown, Pennsylvania. Michael will graduate from the Downingtown STEM Academy where he is president of Student Council, treasurer of Technology Students Association, and head coach of the Class of 2017 Powderpuff Football Team. He also is a member of National Honor Society, a national qualifier in structural engineering for Technology Students Association, and is coordinating a service trip to the Dominican Republic. Michael plans to major in mechanical engineering.

## SOUTH CAROLINA



**Florence – Neil Dey**, son of Subir and Indrani Dey, Florence, South Carolina. Neil will graduate from Wilson High School where he is captain of the Math Team and Quiz Bowl Team, and is the first chair violist in his orchestra. He was selected to play at Carnegie Hall, participates in the South Carolina State Math Team, and is a National Merit Semifinalist. Neil plans to major in computer science.

## TENNESSEE



**Davidson – Anna Paige Owens**, daughter of Therese Tlapek and William Owens, Nashville, Tennessee. Anna will graduate from Harpeth Hall where she is president of Spanish Club and Spanish Honor Society, programming leader on the robotics team, and a member of the student government. She has also organized weekly, student-taught English as a Second Language classes for more than 90 Spanish-speaking adults in Nashville. Anna plans to major in computer science.

## VIRGINIA



**Fauquier – Mallory Faith Bryan**, daughter of William and Susan Bryan, Warrenton, Virginia. Mallory will graduate from Highland School where she is a Founder's Scholar, a member and officer of National Honor Society, on the executive board of Key Club, and co-founder and vice president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She also attended Virginia Governor's School for Medicine and Health Sciences, and is heavily involved with Morven Park civic engagement programs and Fauquier County Relay for Life. Mallory plans to major in biomedical engineering.



**Loudoun – Elise Romola**, daughter of David and Ellen Romola, Ashburn, Virginia. Elise will graduate from Briar Woods High School where she is president of both National Honor Society and DECA and captain of the varsity cross country team. She also volunteers as a member of both her school's Key Club and the Washington Figure Skating Club. Elise plans to major in marketing.



**Loudoun – Matthew Anthony Traenkle**, son of Ken and Sheila Traenkle, Potomac Falls, Virginia. Matthew will graduate from Dominion High School where he is president of National Honor Society and a captain of the men's varsity swim team. He attends the Loudoun Academy of Science where he was selected for and participated in an international research collaboration with Hwa Chong Institution in Singapore. He also earned the rank of Eagle Scout, received the Loudoun County Excellence in Education award, and attended the Arlington Diocese Work Camp. Matthew plans to major in engineering.



**Prince William – Steven Paul Rehard**, son of Brian and Rhonda Rehard, Manassas, Virginia. Steven will graduate from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology where he is captain of the varsity football and varsity boy's lacrosse teams. He was awarded First Team All-Conference Running Back honors in football, is an Eagle Scout, and built Prince William County's first dog park for his Eagle project. Steven plans to major in mechanical engineering.