



**Class of 2020 Finalists**

*(Biographies provided by the candidates.)*

**CHINA**

**Shanghai – Alyssa Rei Cox**, daughter of Bruce and Sherri Cox, Shanghai, China. Alyssa will graduate from Dulwich Shanghai where she held the top student leadership position in the school, head girl; coached the middle and elementary school touch rugby teams; and was the team leader for students seeking the Duke of Edinburgh International Award, the world's leading youth achievement award. Alyssa actively volunteers with orphaned children in China, teaches English to Chinese migrant children, and was the sole recipient of the 2015 Edward Alveyn Citizenship Award for her leadership and service in the community. Alyssa plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**UNITED STATES**

**ALABAMA**

**Baldwin – Peiyi He**, daughter of Lily Zhang and James Thornton, Daphne, Alabama. Peiyi will graduate from Bayside Academy where she is president of both the Key Club and Teen Tutors and editor-in-chief of the yearbook. She has been a junior auxiliary volunteer at Fairhope Thomas Hospital for four years, serves on the Prodissee Pantry Teen Advisory Council Against Hunger, and has received the Harvard Book Award. Peiyi plans to major in biochemistry.

**Jefferson – Jack Tucker**, son of Ricky and Susan Tucker, Mountain Brook, Alabama. Jack will graduate from Mountain Brook High School where he is vice president of the Croquet Club, a member of the National Honor Society, and part of the varsity cross country and swim teams. He is a volunteer of Carpenter's Hands outreach group and helps provide handicap ramps and safe homes to residents recommended by social services. Jack plans to major in civil engineering.

**Lee – Maya Alexis Bian**, daughter of Morris Bian and Hui Chen, Auburn, Alabama. Maya will graduate from Auburn High School where she is publicist for the Gay-Straight Alliance; treasurer for Spanish Honor Society; and a chairperson of Unity in Diversity, speaking to more than 600 children about acceptance. She is a member of the varsity track and field team, was named an AP Scholar with Distinction, and tutors elementary school children through the student-led organization Students Helping Students.

**CALIFORNIA**

**Orange – Jennifer Lo**, daughter of Yen Lo and Linda Lee, Mission Viejo, California. Jennifer will graduate from El Toro High School where she is treasurer of National Honor Society, senior representative of California Scholarship Federation, and was a member of the Academic Decathlon Team. She is a volunteer at Mission Hospital, works as a tutor at Comprehensive College Prep, and was the concertmaster of Four Seasons Youth Orchestra. Jennifer plans to major in chemical engineering.

**COLORADO**

**Denver – Orlando “Koa” Halpern**, son of Roland and Marilyn Halpern, Denver, Colorado. Koa will graduate from Greenwood Village Options, a hybrid homeschool program of the Cherry Creek School District. Koa has served as a co-captain of a local FIRST Robotics Team and a student advisor for NASA's INSPIRE online learning program. Since 2012, he has been a volunteer at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Koa has been the concertmaster of both the Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Denver Young Artists' Orchestra. He currently plans to pursue a degree in aerospace engineering.

## **DELAWARE**

**New Castle – Jayna Paige Lennon**, daughter of Tim and Deval Lennon, Newark, Delaware. Jayna will graduate from The Charter School of Wilmington where she is president of student government and a member of both Envirothon and National Honors Society. She is also a company dancer at Mid-Atlantic Ballet, a volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware, and is involved with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Jayna plans to major in biology.

## **FLORIDA**

**Bay – Desiree Maria Flemming**, daughter of Ashley and Yolanda Flemming, Panama City, Florida. Desiree will graduate from Rutherford High School where she is president of Interact, a community service club. She has volunteered at the Children's Advocacy Center and has helped raise money for various organizations such as Doctors Without Borders and UNICEF. Desiree plans to major in architecture.

**Sarasota – Robyn Anne Natherson**, daughter of Russ and Megan Natherson, Sarasota, Florida. Robyn will graduate from Riverview High School where she is an International Baccalaureate diploma candidate, captain of the cross country team, and vice president of the Science National Honor Society. She also volunteers with Community Youth Development and tutors in mathematics at Sarasota Middle School. Robyn plans to major in aerospace engineering.

## **GEORGIA**

**Fulton – Luke Donovan**, son of John Donovan and Mary Jo DiLonardo, Alpharetta, Georgia. Luke will graduate from Blessed Trinity Catholic High School where he is captain of the drumline, head of programming for the robotics team, and vice president of the St. Vincent de Paul chapter. Luke started a warm clothing drive for several area elementary schools and has been honored by the Points of Light Foundation. Luke plans to major in computer engineering.

## **ILLINOIS**

**Kane – Arreyellen Larryn-Fae Salyards**, daughter of Vince and Ellen Salyards, St. Charles, Illinois. Arreyellen will graduate from St. Charles North High School where she is president of Key Club, treasurer of National Honor Society, and student ambassador for her school. She has been a volunteer at Delnor Hospital, coordinated service projects for more than 30 nonprofit organizations, and was selected to attend the National Student Leadership Medical Conference at Northwestern University. Arreyellen plans to major in biochemistry with a pre-medicine intent.

## **INDIANA**

**Hamilton – Elizabeth Saunders**, daughter of Carol and Jeff Saunders, Carmel, Indiana. Elizabeth will graduate from Brebeuf Jesuit where she is captain of the girls' basketball team, member of Timmy Global Health Foundation, and copy editor of the school newspaper. She also tutors at Nora Elementary School, is a member of National Honor Society, and has received Class Honors every year. Elizabeth plans to double major in physics and mathematics.

## **MARYLAND**

**Anne Arundel – Bailey Aaron Clark**, daughter of Jack and Kim Clark, Pasadena, Maryland. Bailey will graduate from Northeast High School where she is president of National Honor Society, secretary of the Student Council, and is part of the Scholars program. She has been a volunteer at the National Aquarium in Baltimore for three years, works for Calvert Veterinary Center, and has initiated a reading program called Pets with a Purpose at her local elementary school. Bailey plans to major in animal science and go on to veterinary school.

**Harford – Genae Orianna Hatcher**, daughter of Judah and Genelle Hatcher, Abingdon, Maryland. Genae will graduate from Patterson Mill High School where she is president of the Student Government Association, a member of National Honor Society, and an athlete on the track and field team. In the community she is a member of the NAACP Youth Counsel and Black Youth in Action. She is also serving as the 2015-2016 Student Member on the Harford County Board of Education. Genae plans to major in biological sciences.

**Howard – Benjamin Wayne Saia**, son of Tom and Donna Saia, Ellicott City, Maryland. Ben will graduate from Mount Saint Joseph High School where he is president of National Honor Society, an officer of No Bystanders Club, and an active leader of the Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools. He has been a volunteer at Carrington House, a transitional housing and support service in Baltimore for homeless men with substance abuse, as well as El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza, an orphanage in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Ben plans to major in aerospace engineering.

**Montgomery – Sara Dawn Jacob**, daughter of Dawn and Brian Jacob, Olney, Maryland. Sara will graduate from Sherwood High School where she is president of Warriors Don't, a chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions; treasurer of National Honors Society; and a Science Honors Society Scholar. She has also been a youth ambassador for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for the past nine years, volunteers with her church youth group, and participates in fundraisers with Project Change. Sara plans to major in biology.

**Montgomery – Lucie Michelle Henein**, daughter of Kim and Gerard Henein, Germantown, Maryland. Lucie will graduate from Richard Montgomery High School where she is an International Baccalaureate diploma candidate, president of Tails for Change Club, and a Science National Honor Society member. She is a research intern at the Biomedical Research Institute and an assistant at Kentlands Veterinary Hospital. Lucie plans to major in animal science.

## MINNESOTA

**Kanabec – Rosemary Angelica Edberg**, daughter of Kay and Eugene Edberg, Mora, Minnesota. Rosemary will graduate from Mora High School where she is president of National Honor Society, vice president of the Mora FFA Chapter, and parliamentarian of student council. She serves as president of the Knife River Ramblers 4-H Club, a Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador, and co-chair of the Student Advisory Council to the Minnesota Department of Education. Rosemary plans to major in textile engineering.

## NEW JERSEY

**Bergen – Patrick Carney**, son of Thomas and Susan Carney, River Edge, New Jersey. Patrick will graduate from River Dell Regional High School where he is vice president and tutoring coordinator of the National English Honor Society, co-president of the Zoology Club, and secretary of the Environmental Action Club. Patrick is an avid birder and nature photographer. He volunteers regularly with the Bergen County Audubon Society, and his photos have appeared in various print- and web-based publications. He has also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, and is a National Merit Commended Scholar. Patrick plans to major in wildlife and conservation biology.

**Bergen – Isabelle Rose Stern**, daughter of Michael and Stephanie Stern, Ridgewood, New Jersey. Isabelle will graduate from Ridgewood High School where she is founder and president of the STEM Club and a member of both the civic engagement program Teen LEADS and the Adventure Leadership Peer Support (ALPS) Club. She was a school delegate to the West Point Leadership and Character Conference and the recipient of the ALPS Club's Dave Marsh Award, which enrolled her in an Outward Bound course in Alaska. She has been an aquatic leader at the YMCA where she teaches water safety skills to children. Isabelle plans to major in mechanical engineering.

**Morris – Bradley Ritschel**, son of Glen and Sheryl Ritschel, Whippany, New Jersey. Bradley will graduate from Whippany Park High School where he leads "The Pride" marching band as drum major, conducts research as a New Jersey Governor's STEM Scholar, and performs as bass singer of The Whiptones Doo Wop Quartet. He also earned Eagle Scout rank, was selected as a Top 75 Finalist in Khan Academy's Breakthrough Junior Challenge, and is captain of the Whippany Park tennis team. Bradley plans to major in mechanical engineering.

## NEW MEXICO

**Bernalillo – Arynn Orlanes Gallegos**, daughter of David and Joselyne Gallegos, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Arynn will graduate from Albuquerque Academy where she is president of the Hispanic Student Association and captain of the varsity soccer team. She is recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar, has participated in hands-on university research in the area of next-generation light-emitting diodes (LEDs), and volunteers in the Read to Excel program tutoring refugee children. Arynn plans to major in electrical engineering.

## NEW YORK

**Dutchess – Ariane Garrett**, daughter of Chris and Teresa Garrett, Pleasant Valley, New York. Ariane will graduate from Arlington High School where she is captain of the cross country team. She also volunteers in homeless shelters during the summer and is part of the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Youth Group. Ariane plans to major in engineering.

**Nassau – Christel Remy Ongjoco Kuck**, daughter of Raymond and Rhodora Kuck, West Hempstead, New York. Christel Remy will graduate from Kellenberg Memorial High School where she is president of Lab Squad; vice president of Phoenix Band; and a member of SPICE, a club which leads school community service. She is also a Marianist Mentor for the freshman class, a tutor for second graders at a local elementary school, and an altar server at her local parish. Christel Remy plans to major in animal science.

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Alamance – Jordan Alexis Greenert**, daughter of Cindy and Craig Greenert, Mebane, North Carolina. Jordan will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is president of the Ethics Bowl Club, a Chinese Language teaching assistant, and an all-conference cross country runner. She has been a camp counselor for children with mental and physical challenges, leads two seminars at her high school, and enjoys painting in her free time. Jordan plans to major in mechanical engineering.

**Alamance – Megan Elizabeth Miller**, daughter of Mark and Lisa Miller, Elon, North Carolina. Megan will graduate from Western Alamance High School where she is president of National Honor Society and captain of the varsity tennis team. She is the director of Gifts of Love, a program to raise money for the poor of Nepal, and uses her experience with science research to work with middle school students to cultivate their interest in science. Megan plans to major in industrial engineering.

**Burke – Chloe Augusta Ross**, daughter of Mark and Diane Ross, Morganton, North Carolina. Chloe will graduate from Freedom High School where she is a marching band drum major, swim team captain, and Anchor Club president. She has also been a volunteer tutor and has helped orchestrate the Anchor Club's Backpack 5K fundraiser for impoverished students. Chloe plans to major in mathematics.

**Burke – Benjamin Sterling Succop, Jr.**, son of Ben and Sara Lou Succop, Morganton, North Carolina. Ben will graduate from Freedom High School where he is president of both the Key Club and Chemistry Club and captain of the swim team. He started the Arts and Medicine Program, an arts and music therapy initiative at Carolinas HealthCare System Blue Ridge-Morganton; served as an intern for NC State Superintendent June Atkinson; and has undertaken efforts to combat teen substance abuse through his senior project. Ben plans to major in chemical engineering.

**Cabarrus – Austin Thomas Coale**, son of Stuart and Melissa Coale, Concord, North Carolina. Austin will graduate from Cannon School where he is head boy of House Animus, co-head of Intramural Sports, and district attorney in the Dunngle Court. He has been an active volunteer, attended Governor's School for mathematics, and loves Ultimate Frisbee. Austin plans to major in computer science and business.

**Cabarrus – Jason Robert Coggins**, son of Jeff and Paula Coggins, Huntersville, North Carolina. Jason will graduate from Community School of Davidson where he is president of the Special Needs Advocacy Club, treasurer of Student Government, and captain of the varsity soccer team. He also interns in his school's special needs classroom, attended Governor's School for mathematics, and was a national finalist in a woodworking competition. He plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Cabarrus – Celeste McFarlane**, daughter of Lorraine Warner and Barrington McFarlane, Concord, North Carolina. Celeste will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Math where she is captain of the competitive cheerleading team; president of her Dance and Activism club, embody; and president of her school's chapter of the National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. She is also a volunteer for the social media movement #BlackandSTEM and for the Hispanic Learning Center in Concord. She has been awarded the Society for Science & the Public Advocacy Grant for her research. Celeste plans to major in chemical engineering.

**Carteret – Zachary Colton Miller**, son of Charles and Kim Miller, Morehead City, North Carolina. Zachary will graduate from West Carteret High School where he is a captain on the varsity football team, a Fellowship of Christian Athletes club leader, and the Associated Student Body's community liaison. He is also an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout troop 334, an AP Scholar with Honor, and a weekly volunteer in his church's worship band. Zachary plans to follow a pre-medicine track and major in biological sciences.

**Catawba – Aoife Ruth Sinclair**, daughter of Gavin and Elayne Sinclair, Conover, North Carolina. Aoife will graduate from Discovery High School where she is president of both Beta Club and National Honor Society and serves on Student Senate, a form of student government, and Student Court. She also volunteers at Conover School, a school for mentally disabled students, and serves as a committee member for The Run for Maggie, a memorial race in honor of her deceased guidance counselor. Aoife plans to major in environmental studies.

**Craven – Douglas (DJ) Edward Schilens, Jr.**, son of Doug and Julie Schilens, Yuma, Arizona. DJ will graduate from the Epiphany School where he is co-consul of the school's Junior Classical League program, student senator for the senior class, and former Advanced Computer Applications student teacher. He is also a National Honor Society member and has proudly served on the New Song Church's worship team nearly every week for well over a year. DJ plans to major in computer science or engineering.

**Cumberland – Nathaniel James Browning**, son of Lidia and James Browning, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Nathaniel will graduate from Terry Sanford High School where he is student body president, a two-time delegate for the School Improvement Team, and a captain of the varsity wrestling team. He is also an active member in his church's youth leadership team; a volunteer for Fayetteville Home Works, a project dedicated to fixing houses for those in need; and has been named a National Association of Student Council Distinguished Student Leader. He plans to major in aerospace engineering.

**Cumberland – Nashmil Islam**, daughter of S.M. Jafrul and Dilruba Islam, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Nashmil will graduate from Terry Sanford High School where she is president of both the Technology Student Association and Spanish Honors Society. She is also vice president of Key Club, in which she started a fundraiser called Food for Families. She is a talented singer and pianist for more than nine years. She also received the prestigious Catalyst Award from Summer Ventures, a science research camp, where she published her research paper about the attitudinal effects on water quality. Nashmil plans to major in biological sciences.

**Davie – Dominick John Carbone**, son of Dom and Nancy Carbone, Advance, North Carolina. Dominick will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he is president of Unis Fighting Hunger, founder and instructor of the Financial Mathematics Seminar, and a physics teaching assistant. He volunteers for the Clemmons Food Pantry, where he has led multiple food drives raising more than 1,700 pounds of food, and he has conducted research to aid divorcing families. Dominick plans to major in applied mathematics.

**Duplin – Modesty Efosa Obasohan**, daughter of Austin and Uyiosa Obasohan, Wallace, North Carolina. Modesty will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is president of the NIA Club, a women's empowerment group; co-president of the Heritage, Opportunity, Progress, and Education Club; and a student ambassador. She also conducts research in exercise physiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has volunteered at Vidant Family Medicine Wallace and Vidant Duplin Hospital, and was awarded the Harvard Book Award. Modesty plans to major in human biology.

**Edgecombe – John (Jack) Whitfield Leland**, son of William and June Leland, of Tarboro, North Carolina. Jack will graduate from Faith Christian School where he is president of the Student Government Association; editor of *The Patriot Press*, the school newspaper; and captain of the varsity soccer team. He tutors children at Peacemakers of Rocky Mount, is president of the Environmental Club, and is senior acolyte at Calvary Episcopal Church. John plans to major in medical sciences.

**Edgecombe – Jonina Stith Wrenn**, daughter of James Wrenn and Mavis Stith, Tarboro, North Carolina. Jonina will graduate from Tarboro High School where she is president of National Honor Society, co-chief editor of the yearbook committee, member of the marching band, and was selected by her civic economics teacher as "Most Likely to Change the World." She is also an active member of the Glorious Tabernacle Faith Church as an usher and choir member. Jonina plans to major in biological sciences with a concentration in human biology.

**Forsyth – Devika Ghosh**, daughter of Shagarika Ghosh, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Devika will graduate from Simon G. Atkins High School where she is president of Spanish Club, treasurer of Technology Student Association, and has been elected student body secretary. She has been a volunteer at Forsyth Medical Center and attended Governor's School. Devika plans to major in Spanish.

**Forsyth – Vignesh Vikranth Gopalan**, son of Suresh and Meera Gopalan, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Vignesh will graduate from Ronald Wilson Reagan High School where he is president of both the Debate Club and National Honor Society and co-captain of the varsity tennis team. He is also a Governor's School alumnus, a National Merit Semifinalist, and an active member and volunteer of the Indo-US Cultural Association (IUCA). Vignesh plans to major in biomedical or computer engineering.

**Forsyth – Jonathan David Grubbs**, son of Jim and Dana Grubbs, Walkertown, North Carolina. Jonathan will graduate from Atkins Academic and Technology High School where he is a captain of the championship Academic Team and a member of the varsity swim and tennis teams. He also qualified as a National Merit Semifinalist, was awarded the Optimist Club's Senior of the Year award, and is a member of the Winston-Salem Student Race Relations Forum. Jonathan plans to major in molecular, cell, and developmental biology.

**Forsyth – Kamryn McKenzie King**, daughter of Mark and Jill King, Winston-Salem, NC. Kamryn will graduate from R.J. Reynolds High School where she is captain of the Dancing Boots, a National Honor Society member, and has served as president of Reynolds Girls Club. She has been dancing at In Motion Dance Center since the age of two, and has been a member of the Elite Competition Team for seven years. Kamryn plans to major in biological sciences.

**Forsyth – Patrick Stephen Markwalter**, son of Patrick Markwalter and Brooke Barnard, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Stephen will graduate from Mount Tabor High School where he is captain of both the marching band and the science academic team and a leader on the varsity men's tennis team. He has been named into the 2016 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band on the trombone, is co-developing an application to help build social skills in children with communicative disorders, and attended Governor's School for natural science. Stephen plans to major in biological sciences.

**Forsyth – John Cole Morgan**, son of Eric and Dawn Morgan, Kernersville, North Carolina. John will graduate from East Forsyth High School where he is president of both the senior class and the Latin Club and captain of the Academic Team. He is also an Eagle Scout, volunteers at school blood drives, and participates in mission trips with his church youth group. John plans to major in environmental science.

**Forsyth – John Paul (JP) Spaventa**, son of Fernando and Virginia Spaventa, Clemmons, North Carolina. JP will graduate from West Forsyth High School where he is a varsity track athlete and valedictorian. He has volunteered at Sci-Works Science Center and for YMCA Camp Hanes; he has also raised money to build a soccer field in a slum in his home country of Argentina. JP plans to major in aerospace engineering.

**Gaston – Mallory Hayes Alman**, daughter of Shelly and Brent Alman, Gastonia, North Carolina. Mallory will graduate from Ashbrook High School where she is captain of the cross country team and top female on the swim team, and has been voted "Most Intellectual." She has also directed a swim camp for disabled children and coached a Special Olympics swim team. Mallory plans to major in chemical engineering or materials science and engineering.

**Gates – Kendall Madison Futrell**, daughter of Ginger and Jeffrey Futrell, Eure, North Carolina. Kendall will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is publication editor of the school's literary and arts magazine, *Blue Mirror*; a student director in the school's theater program; and head of the Accept the Greener Challenge Club, an organization devoted to creating a more sustainable school. She also serves as a residential life assistant, giving guidance and support to the other students in her residence hall. Kendall plans to major in natural resources with a concentration in policy and administration.

**Guilford – Amol Garg**, son of Naveen and Sangeeta Garg, Greensboro, North Carolina. Amol will graduate from The Early College at Guilford where he is president of both EducateUS and RAISE Club and board member assistant chair of Youth Leadership Greensboro. An Eagle Scout, he also serves on the Guilford County School Service-Learning Youth Council. Amol plans to major in biological sciences.

**Guilford – Zachary Aaron Patel**, son of Kalpen and Kris Patel, High Point, North Carolina. Zach will graduate from The Early College at Guilford where he is a member of National Honor Society and parliamentarian and class representative for Student Council. Zach is also an Eagle Scout and Senior Patrol Leader with troop 42, captain of Southwest Guilford's cross country and track teams, founder and co-president of the Medical Explorer Post, and will receive the Service Learning Diploma for his work volunteering with first graders and children with disabilities at Southwest Elementary and Middle Schools. Zach plans to major in biochemistry and minor in political science.

**Guilford – Marinna Skye Smith**, daughter of Brian and Melody Smith, Greensboro, North Carolina. Marinna will graduate from The Early College at Guilford where she is president of both Campus Life and the Book Club and treasurer of Interact. She was also named a National Merit Semifinalist, serves as a teacher assistant for underclassmen science classes, and is an AP Scholar with Distinction. Marinna plans to major in biological sciences with a concentration in human biology.

**Harnett – Emily Christine Neville**, daughter of Thomas and Crissy Neville, Linden, North Carolina. Emily will graduate from Triton High School where she is president and founder of Leadership Harnett Youth Academy and president of both Mock Trial and Junioresettes, the student level of the Dunn Chapter of the General Federation of Women's Club of North Carolina. She attended Governor's School for social sciences, received the Girl Scout Gold Award, and was a delegate for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2015 and will serve as a counselor in 2016. Emily plans to major in political science.

**Henderson – Kathryn Rose Speese**, daughter of Don and Dianne Speese, Flat Rock, North Carolina. Kathryn will graduate from Hendersonville High School where she is a multi-sport varsity athlete, two-time All-County Band member, and student body treasurer. She co-founded the YMCA Leaders Club and created her own charity, Pack-A-BackpackNC, that donates backpacks filled with school supplies to foster children in Henderson County. Kathryn plans to major in international studies.

**Iredell – Jay Nicholas Sherrill**, son of Jim and Carol Sherrill, Statesville, North Carolina. Jay will graduate from South Iredell High School where he is a cabinet member of Beta Club and a member of both the varsity tennis team and Interact Club. He also is an Eagle Scout in troop 609, chairman of the Iredell-Statesville Schools Superintendent's Advisory Council, and a Governor's School alumnus. Jay plans to major in political science and international business.

**Iredell – Eric Scott Warren, Jr.**, son of Eric and Christie Warren, Mooresville, North Carolina. Eric will graduate from Lake Norman High School where he is president of National Honor Society, captain of the varsity football team, and founder and leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In addition to being a North Piedmont Conference All-Conference linebacker, he spends summers on mission trips to Costa Rica leading vacation Bible school for children. Eric is exploring his interests in neuroscience by observing neural prosthetic surgeries. He plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Jackson – Evan Douglas Grant**, son of Peter and Tracey Grant, Webster, North Carolina. Evan will graduate from Smoky Mountain High School where he is president of National Honor Society, captain of the cross country team, and a member of the Health Occupations Students of America biomedical debate team. He attended Summer Ventures at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte for biology, and Governor's School for visual art. He is treasurer of the Jackson County Youth Leadership Council where he oversees the awarding of grants for local youth-led projects. Evan plans to major in engineering.

**Lee – Randall Layne Baker**, son of Randy and Angela Baker, Sanford, North Carolina. Layne will graduate from Lee County High School where he is student adviser of FFA, treasurer of National Honor Society, and an intern with the college advising office. He volunteers with his church's outreach programs including the Hope for Appalachia Care Package Ministry in southeastern Kentucky, the Bundles of Hope Diaper Ministry, and the Bread of Life Hunger Ministry. Layne plans to major in agricultural science.

**Lenoir – Holly Juliana Holder**, daughter of Lee and Cathy Holder, Kinston, North Carolina. Holly will graduate from North Lenoir High School where she created and teaches a Music and Motion class for exceptional children and has performed for intellectually disabled adults at Caswell Developmental Center. No stranger to the stage, Holly performs frequently and regionally for fundraisers and nonprofit events, and she has held leading roles in musicals throughout high school. Holly plans to pursue a career in law or broadcast journalism.

**Lincoln – Hannah Bain**, daughter of Tim and Heather Bain, Denver, North Carolina. Hannah will graduate from North Lincoln High School where she is captain of the varsity soccer team and vice president of DECA. She also serves as president and founder of a student-led service organization called Student Outreach Service (SOS). She has helped initiate free family portraits for low-income communities and volunteered monthly for a mentor program at a home for women and children fleeing domestic violence. She has served on mission trips to Panama and Guatemala delivering clean wood-burning stoves, distributing donations, and volunteering at schools. Hannah plans to major in communications and Spanish.

**Mecklenburg – Madeline Kate Garcia**, daughter of Justo and Robin Garcia, Charlotte, North Carolina. Madeline will graduate from East Mecklenburg High School where she is president of HOSA-Future Health Professionals and a member of Senior Board. She also is a member of the Ronald McDonald Teen Volunteer Board, received the Randolph-Macon Leadership award, and co-leads an initiative at local middle schools to promote women in engineering. She plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Mecklenburg – Brittany Jane Lawing**, daughter of Kelly Chapman and Steve Lawing, Charlotte, North Carolina. Brittany will graduate from Countryside Montessori where she is the lead member of honor council and treasurer of student government. She also holds an annual fundraiser for the Humane Society of Charlotte and does frequent graphic design projects for her school and community. Brittany plans to major in architecture.

**Mecklenburg – Kelsey Gates Mitchell**, daughter of Warren and Detra Mitchell, Charlotte, North Carolina. Kelsey will graduate from Mallard Creek High School where she is co-president of the Academy of Engineering, vice president of the National Technical Honor Society, and secretary of the internationally-ranked Mallard Creek VEX Robotics team. She has been a volunteer at the Center of Hope in Charlotte, aids in providing temporary shelter to the homeless through the Rooms in the Inn program, and is valedictorian of her class. Kelsey plans to double major in architecture and interior design.

**Mecklenburg – Saheli Narendra Parekh**, daughter of Narendra and Amishi Parekh, Charlotte, North Carolina. Saheli will graduate from Ardrey Kell High School where she has been a committee chairperson, vice president, and now president of DECA. She is also an avid member of Knights in Action, is a volunteer intern at Carolina Blood and Cancer Care Associates, and tutors third grade students at a Title I elementary school to help them improve their literacy skills. Saheli plans to double major in finance and biology.

**Mecklenburg – Matthew Salvino**, son of Michael and Denise Salvino, Charlotte, North Carolina. Matthew will graduate from Charlotte Catholic High School where he is president of the Honor Council and founder of the annual "Cougars 4 a Cure" fundraising event, which has raised more than \$60,000 for bladder cancer research. He is a cancer researcher at the Levine Cancer Institute and has been published by the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Matthew's most recent accolade is being named a 2016 Terrific Teen by *Charlotte Parent Magazine*. Matthew plans to major in chemical engineering and then attend medical school.

**Mecklenburg – Abigail Marie Scheper**, daughter of Steve and Jennifer Scheper, Matthews, North Carolina. Abigail will graduate from Providence High School where she is senior design editor of *Roars and Whispers* literary magazine, four-year line-one player and captain of the varsity tennis team, and sings and serves as librarian and soprano section leader in both the chamber and concert choirs. She is an avid writer and nationally recognized poet and has volunteered for the National League of Junior Cotillions for the past five years. Abigail plans to major in biological sciences.

**New Hanover – Shaffer Zimmer Lisle**, son of David and Laura Lisle, Wilmington, North Carolina. Shaffer will graduate from New Hanover High School where he is ambassador of the Legacy Men's Group, captain of the track and field team, and three-time soccer state semifinalist. He has been a volunteer at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and WIRE tutoring for multiple years and leads the Legacy group to various volunteer activities in the community. Shaffer plans to major in civil engineering.

**New Hanover – Frank Cadman Styers**, son of Frank and Tammy Styers, Wilmington, North Carolina. Cadman will graduate from John T. Hoggard High School where he is vice president of the Academic Tutoring Program, captain of the soccer team, and historian of Beta Club. He received the Howard Coble Public Service Scholarship Award for demonstrating academic achievement, personal merit, and leadership, and he volunteers by playing the piano for the residents of the memory care unit at a local nursing home. Cadman plans to major in biomedical engineering.



**New Hanover – Jasmine Florence Wang**, daughter of Jia Feng and Ping Wang, Wilmington, North Carolina. Jasmine will graduate from John T. Hoggard High School where she is president of Science Olympiad, Math Team, and the Academic Tutoring Program. She devotes much of her time to distributing emergency food resources at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and participating in local piano competitions. Jasmine has attended Governor's School for natural science and Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics; she has also won multiple medals at the North Carolina Science Olympiad State Tournament. Jasmine plans to major in computer science.

**Onslow – Drake Alexander Bodine**, son of Lt. Col. Wayne and Connie Bodine, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Drake will graduate from Lejeune High School where he is president of Student Government, National Honor Society, and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). He has also played varsity football, basketball, and baseball with captain roles throughout high school, as well as volunteers as a mentor of Semper Fi Fund Wounded Warrior Children. Drake plans to major in chemical engineering.

**Onslow – Justin William Powers**, son of Joseph and Lorraine Powers, Jacksonville, North Carolina. Justin will graduate from White Oak High School where he is president of SkillsUSA; a leader of the Marshals, a service organization; and treasurer of Green Team, a club that promotes environmental protection and awareness. He also volunteers at Christmas Cheer and participates in cleanups around his community. Justin plans to major in electrical engineering.

**Orange – Amalan Krishna Iyengar**, son of Sumathi and Sridhar Iyengar, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Amalan will graduate from East Chapel Hill High School where he is captain of the Robotics Team, president of the East Little Heroes Club, and varsity Science Olympiad medalist. He has also volunteered at the Shodor Educational Foundation, is a lead intern and was the U.S. representative at the 2015 World Youth Scrabble Championship, and received the Iceberg Award for Service to Duke Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Center for raising more than \$20,000. Amalan plans to major in computer engineering.

**Pender – Kimberly Andreassen**, daughter of Kris and Milena Andreassen, Rocky Point, North Carolina. Kimberly will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is a residential life adviser, senator in the Student Government Association, and plays trombone and tuba in the wind ensemble and orchestra. She also spends time volunteering at the East Coast Migrant Head Start in Long Creek, North Carolina. Kimberly plans to major in animal science and agroecology.

**Pitt – Reuben V. Chemmanam**, son of Isaac Chemmanam and Marina Alexander, Greenville, North Carolina. Reuben will graduate from J.H. Rose High School where he is senior Student Government president and co-founder and president of Indian-American Young Life, a cultural confidence network for immigrant children centered on service and celebration. Reuben regularly volunteers at Vidant Medical Center, where he helped introduce a green movement by digitalizing volunteering records. He won the Summer Ventures of Math and Science Catalyst Award for exemplary research on teens and the environment and placed fourth in the nation for National History Day. Reuben plans to major in biochemistry and environmental engineering.

**Robeson – Edwin Belton Moore**, son of Eddie and Tyra Moore, Red Springs, North Carolina. Edwin will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he is an executive officer of Akwe:kon Native American Culture Club, secretary and treasurer of Health Occupations Students of America, and a student ambassador in the admissions office. He was a World Food Prize Borlaug-Ruan International Intern at an agricultural research center in Chennai, India during the summer of 2015 and volunteered at the North Carolina Indian Housing Authority. Edwin plans to major in economics.

**Rowan – William Lawrence Jones**, son of Larry and Fran Jones, Salisbury, North Carolina. William will graduate from S.L. Jones Covenant Academy. He is president of the Zeta Epsilon chapter of Eta Sigma Alpha National Homeschool Honor Society, team captain and co-founder of the Blackstone Mock Trial team, and a violinist in the Winston-Salem Symphony Youth Orchestra. He is a National Merit Semifinalist, has served as a page for both the North Carolina House of Representatives and Senate, and actively volunteers with many organizations through his church and honor society. William plans to major in animal science.

**Rowan – Davis Vaughn Nelson**, son of Eva and Vaughn Nelson, Salisbury, North Carolina. Davis will graduate from Cannon School where he is treasurer of the Student Council, president of the Intramural Sports Program, and captain of the lacrosse team. He has also received the Vulcan Athletic Leadership Award, the gold level Presidential Service Award, and has completed the requirements for the Congressional Award Silver Medal. Davis plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Rowan – Matthew Franklin Washko**, son of Kenneth and Nancy Washko, Salisbury, North Carolina. Matt will graduate from Salisbury High School where he is a two-time soccer state champion, an AP Scholar with Distinction, and a cross country and track conference champion. He also is a church altar server, works in a community garden for the needy, and volunteers with various cancer awareness programs such as Make-A-Wish. Matt plans to major in chemistry.

**Sampson – Clayton Raynor Honeycutt**, son of Chad and Martha Honeycutt, Roseboro, North Carolina. Clay will graduate from Midway High School where he is FFA president and a member of both the varsity golf team and Beta Club. He also is a volunteer firefighter for the local fire department and a youth member at his church. Clay plans to major in biological and agricultural engineering.

**Stanly – Jacob Ryan Smith**, son of Scott and Alicia Smith, Albemarle, North Carolina. Jacob will graduate from South Stanly High School where he is president of SkillsUSA, National Honor Society, and Science National Honor Society. He is also a weekly volunteer at the local Christian Ministries; a state medalist in the SkillsUSA Electronics Technology competition; and heads his school's Awareness Club, which focuses on monthly service projects to fundraise for and support local organizations and those in need. Jacob plans to major in electrical engineering.

**Stokes – Kristen Nicole Rogers**, daughter of Mike and Christy Rogers, Walnut Cove, North Carolina. Nicole will graduate from South Stokes High School where she is president of the Beta Club, captain of the varsity golf team, and a member of Mu Alpha Theta. She is also the founder and leader of Charity Melons, an organization that grows and sells watermelons to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Nicole plans to major in genetics with a pre-med track.

**Transylvania – Carly Mathilde Onnink**, daughter of Paul Onnink and Ann Farash, Pisgah Forest, North Carolina. Carly will graduate from Brevard High School where she is drum major of the marching band and an officer for the Student Council. She also is a company ballerina with the Brevard Ballet, a two-time Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2<sup>nd</sup> Awardee in Animal Science, a 4-H assistant for the local SciGirls club, and a literacy advocate for the Reach Out and Read program. Carly plans to major in biological sciences.

**Wake – Sindhoor Reddy Ambati**, daughter of Venkat and Srivani Ambati, Cary, North Carolina. Sindhoor will graduate from Cary Academy where she is president of the Shakespeare Lovers Unite! Club; head of marketing for FIRST Robotics Team 5160, the Chargers; and head of social outreach for the Global Awareness Initiative Club. She is also active in tutoring students from elementary to high school age, has received the national Nordstrom scholarship, and is a member of National Honor Society. Sindhoor plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Wake – Dhvani Manoj Bhatia**, daughter of Manoj Bhatia and Anu Mehra, Apex, North Carolina. Dhvani will graduate from the Academy of Information Technology at Apex High School where she is co-president of the National Technical Honor Society, founder and president of the first-ever high school chapter of Nourish International, and president of community service organization DOC. She is also an information technology intern at SAS Institute. Dhvani plans to double major in business and computer science.

**Wake – Wynn Alexandra Burrus**, daughter of Erik and Beth Burrus, Raleigh, North Carolina. Wynn will graduate from Broughton High School where she has created a service program and high school dances for special needs students across the county, served as second vice president of the student body, and is co-captain of the tennis team. She also interns at a start-up technology company, Exit Intel; tutors local middle school students; and is a member of the National Charity League. Wynn plans to major in industrial engineering.

**Wake – Jack Andrew Davis**, son of Marcia and Mark Davis, Raleigh, North Carolina. Jack will graduate from Cary Academy where he is president of National Honor Society, editor of *iNKBLot* magazine, and vice president of French Club. He has received the Cary Academy Innovation and Community Awards. Jack plans to major in Art + Design.

**Wake – Michael Tyrone Denning, Jr.**, son of Michael and Renita Denning, Garner, North Carolina. Michael will graduate from Wake Early College of Health and Sciences where he was junior and senior class president; co-founder, president, and advisory board member of Key Club; and National Honor Society parliamentarian. He also received the Principal's Award for Outstanding Freshman and Sophomore, was selected as a Phi Theta Kappa member, and has been a guest ambassador and patient services volunteer at WakeMed Health and Hospitals. Michael plans to major in chemistry.

**Wake – Jada Vyrene Hester**, daughter of Billie and Martavyrene Hester, Wake Forest, North Carolina. Jada will graduate from Wake Forest High School where she is student body vice president; co-captain of TROUPE, the school's competitive theater team; and president of the National Achiever's Society. She also has been selected as a 2016 Wake Forest High School Outstanding Senior, was the 2015 Alpha Theta Omega Raleigh Chapter AKA Debutante Queen, and is a Governor's School alumna. Jada plans to double major in international studies and business administration, with a minor in biological sciences.

**Wake – Hal Lin**, son of Shan Lin and Xinrong Jiang, Cary, North Carolina. Hal will graduate from William G. Enloe High School where he is co-founder and treasurer of the National History Day team, vice president of Chemistry Club, and senior chair of Model United Nations. He is also a two-time recipient of the U.S. Department of State NSLI-Y scholarship and studied Russian in Russia, Moldova, and Estonia; volunteers as event coordinator for AFS Intercultural Programs, a student exchange organization; and received the Catalyst Award for research on Pollock's Conjectures at Summer Ventures. Hal plans to major in mathematics.

**Wake – August Tianyin Ning**, son of Xuan and Weihong Ning, Cary, North Carolina. August will graduate from William G. Enloe High School where he is a team captain and board member of the Science Olympiad and board member of The Food Ark, an organization dedicated to help reduce local food insecurity. He also is a math department tutor and teacher assistant and attended Governor's School for natural science. August plans to major in computer engineering and computer science.

**Wake – Alexandra Lee Obiol**, daughter of John and Carla Obiol, Fuquay-Varina, NC. Alexandra will graduate from Fuquay Varina High School where she is a member of both the Spanish and Art Honors Societies and president of National Honors Society. She has danced competitively for seven years at Main Street Dance. Alexandra plans to major in civil engineering.

**Wake – Elena Martin Price**, daughter of David and Luisa Price, Raleigh, North Carolina. Elena will graduate from Athens Drive High School where she is senior class president and vice president of both National Honor Society and the Parent-Teacher-Student Association. She has tutored for Y-Learning at A.B. Combs Elementary School, helped with Stop Hunger Now, and served the homeless in downtown Raleigh. Elena plans to major in communication.

**Wake – Akaash Sanyal**, son of Amit and Sumali Sanyal, Cary, North Carolina. Akaash will graduate from William G. Enloe High School where he is a founding member of the robotics team, the RoboEagles; communication head of the Enloe Webmasters, a club that maintains the school website; and president of the Neuroscience Club. He is also a member of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics online program, tutors students in varying levels of mathematics, and, as a member of the Bengali Association of North Carolina Youth Group, is involved in organizing fundraisers for community members in need and nonprofits such as CureSearch for Children's Cancer and the Salvation Army. Akaash plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Wake – Jonathan Schertz**, son of Rick Schertz and Leah Dail, Cary, North Carolina. Jonathan will graduate from Cary High School where he is captain of the swim team, a member of Nation Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society, and sings with the concert chorus and "Green Eggs and Jam" a capella group. He has been a youth leader on Appalachian Service Project, is very active in the youth ministry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Jonathan plans to major in computer and electrical engineering.

**Wake – Armaan Sethi**, son of Sutinder and Gurpreet Sethi, Cary, North Carolina. Armaan will graduate from William G. Enloe High School where he is president of Enloe Webmasters, a FIRST Lego League team mentor, and the primary driver of the RoboEagles FIRST Robotics Team. He also attended Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics for "Quantitative Methods in Rocks and Minerals" and is a Governor's School alumnus. Armaan plans to major in computer science.

**Wake - Lauren Siegel**, daughter of Raffaella Di Giorgio and Robert Siegel, Raleigh, North Carolina. Lauren will graduate from Raleigh Charter High School where she is a member of National Honor Society and president of both the Robotics Club and Math Contest Club. She has interned with SAS Institute's Research and Development department and mentors visually impaired students. Lauren plans to major in computer science.

**Wake – Shivpriya Sridhar**, daughter of Sridhar Balasubramanian and Kalpana Sridhar, Apex, North Carolina. Shivpriya will graduate from William G. Enloe High School where she is editor of the literary magazine, secretary of Health Occupations Students of America, and senior representative of National Honor Society. She is president of the Haven House Youth Advisory Board; chair of the North Carolina Youth Legislative Assembly; and has founded a community initiative, Prison Lives Matter, through the Bezos Scholars Program. Shivpriya plans to major in chemistry.

**Wake – Jessica Prashant Tawade**, daughter of Kalyani and Prashant Tawade, Cary, North Carolina. Jessica will graduate from William G. Enloe High School where she is president of Science Days, principal violist of the Symphony Orchestra, and a varsity member of Science Olympiad. She has also been a volunteer at Marbles Kids Museum and helped young girls get excited about STEM through events such as "Tech Girls Rock." Jessica plans to major in computer science.

**Wake – Lauren Haleigh Tucker**, daughter of Hugh and Allison Tucker, Wake Forest, North Carolina. Haleigh will graduate from Franklin Academy High School where she is president of National Honor Society, founder and president of the National Technical Honor Society, and has been voted "Most Likely to Cheer Someone Up." She also serves as chair of the Town of Wake Forest Technology Advisory Board and is leading a project to create hands-on computing and technology education opportunities for high school students. Haleigh plans to major in computer science.

**Wake – Vamsi Jaya Varanasi**, son of Chakrapani and Sridevi Varanasi, Apex, North Carolina. Vamsi will graduate from William G. Enloe High School where he is co-captain of Science Olympiad, captain of Science Bowl, and president of the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) club. He also has conducted research in NC State University's Department of Materials Science and Engineering since his freshman year, publishing a research paper and earning the rank of Regional Finalist in the Siemens Competition for Math, Science & Technology. Vamsi plans to major in materials science and engineering.

**Watauga – Max Schlenker**, son of Erich and Lynn Schlenker, Boone, North Carolina. Max will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he is actively involved in Student Government, editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, and a member of the Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra. Max also conducts sociolinguistics research at Duke University and is president of his school's Model United Nations Club. Max plans to major in applied mathematics and economics.

**Wayne – Cassie Nicole Alphin**, daughter of Van and Susan Alphin, Mt. Olive, North Carolina. Cassie will graduate from Spring Creek High School where she is student body president; captain of the cheerleading, tennis, and soccer teams; and a yearbook editor. She was honored by her school as assistant chief marshal. She also volunteers with Meals on Wheels and at the Mt. Olive Community Garden. Cassie plans to major in history.

**Wilson – Joshua Blake Boyd**, son of Donald and Vicky Boyd of Elm City, North Carolina. Blake will graduate from Southern Nash High School where he is president of both the Student Government Association and Beta Club and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has played football and baseball for the Southern Nash Firebirds and has served as an American Red Cross volunteer. Blake is a private pilot and enjoys flying with family and friends. He plans to major in business administration and go on to law school.

## **OHIO**

**Clermont – Jonathan Jeffrey Reese**, son of Jeff and Susan Reese, Loveland, Ohio. Jonathan will graduate from Loveland High School where he is president of INTERalliance, vice president of National Honor Society, and director of engineering for the nonprofit STEMs for Youth. He also has been named a National Merit Semifinalist, has a perfect ACT score, and volunteers as a leadership intern at Camp Invention. Jon plans to major in electrical engineering

**Hamilton – Claire Elise Mellott**, daughter of Lisa and Tom Mellott, Cincinnati, Ohio. Claire will graduate from Wyoming High School where she is student body secretary, officer for Project Lead, and captain of the varsity lacrosse team. She is a recipient of the Ohio Governor's Art Award, two-time recipient of the National President's Service Award, and member of National Honor Society. She plans to major in engineering.

**Mahoning – Audrey Mae Dearing**, daughter of Rick and Anita Dearing, New Middletown, Ohio. Audrey will graduate from Springfield Local High School where she is president of Student Council, a member of National Honor Society, and was voted "Most Artistic." She also works as a summer camp counselor at Camp Fitch, volunteers with Crossroads Hospice, and will be valedictorian of her graduating class. Audrey plans to major in architecture.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Charleston – William David Pugh**, son of Willis and Charlisa Pugh, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. William will graduate from Academic Magnet High School where he is co-founder and president of Students Advocating for Multicultural Education (SAME), captain of the varsity tennis team, and a student ambassador for the school. He also volunteers as a tutor with the Liberty Hill Community Center, was selected as one of two senators representing South Carolina for Boys Nation, and was promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout through Boy Scouts of America. William plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Florence – Emily Ann Milz**, daughter of Ron and Lisa Milz, Florence, South Carolina. Emily will graduate from the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics (GSSM) where she is secretary of Student Council, president of Writing Society, and vice president of Bring a Smile to the Service. She also tutors students in the Writing Center and serves as a Natural Helper, a student leader that helps incoming juniors assimilate to GSSM's residential setting. Emily plans to major in biomedical engineering.

## **TENNESSEE**

**Hamilton – Hampton Gandy Clark**, son of Robert and Margaret Clark, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. Hampton will graduate from McCallie School where he is president of the Honor Council; vice president of Student Council; and an active member of the Missionary Committee, a community service organization. He has served as a U.S. Senate page, and he works with local widows to improve their homes. Hampton plans to major in mechanical engineering.

**Hamilton – Jordan Munday Brinn**, daughter of Tona Munday and Ken Brinn, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Jordan will graduate from Baylor School where she is captain of the cross country team, an Abshire Scholar, and a Scientific Investigations student. She is also a National Merit Commended Scholar and an AP Scholar, and she enjoys volunteering at her summer camp. Jordan plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Shelby – William Neal McAtee, Jr.**, son of Neal and Amy McAtee, Memphis, Tennessee. Will will graduate from Memphis University School where he is a school ambassador, goalie for the varsity soccer team, and a former senator for the Latin Club. He is also an Academic All-Star in foreign languages, an Eagle Scout, and a member of Cum Laude Society. Will plans to major in electrical engineering.

## **VIRGINIA**

**Arlington – Meredith Anne Layman**, daughter of Richard and Lisa Layman, Arlington, Virginia. Meredith will graduate from HB Woodlawn Secondary Program where she is an active member of National Honor Society, co-president of the literary magazine, and co-founder and leader of the HB Initiative for Volunteer Engagement. She is also an Ambassador member of Girl Scouts pursuing her Gold Award. Meredith plans to major in architecture.

**Chesapeake – Alina Marie Creamer**, daughter of Thomas and Deborah Creamer, Chesapeake, Virginia. Alina will graduate from Grassfield High School where she is president of Key Club, co-founder of the Student to Student program, and recording secretary of National Honor Society. She volunteers at a local Autism Respite program, is a captain of her school's tennis team, and was voted "Most Likely to Change the World." Alina plans to major in aerospace engineering.

**Henrico – George Richard Vithoukias**, son of Peter and Kristen Vithoukias, Richmond, Virginia. George will graduate from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies where he is treasurer of the Student Council Association; earned All-State honors for pole vault in the VHSL Group 2A; and served as treasurer and vice president of his church youth group, the Greek Orthodox Youth of America. He was selected for the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Engineering Dean's Early Research Initiative, earned the AP Scholar with Distinction award, and planned the Skipwith Elementary School Science Fair as co-chair. George intends to major in biomedical engineering.

**Lynchburg – Sarah Ashley Phillips**, daughter of Jon and Bernadette Phillips, Lynchburg, Virginia. Sarah will graduate from E.C. Glass High School and the Central Virginia Governor's School where she is president of her senior class, secretary of National Honor Society, and plays on the varsity tennis team. She has been a volunteer at Stroobants Cardiovascular Center for the past four years, teaches her church's kindergarten Sunday School classes, and serves as an E.C. Glass representative on the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust Youth Philanthropy Board. She plans to major in biological sciences.

**Roanoke – Kelly Devens**, daughter of James and Karen Devens, Salem, Virginia. Kelly will graduate from Glenvar High School and the Roanoke Valley Governor's School for Science and Technology where she is president of the Student Advisory Council, co-captain of the Academic Team, and a member of the Roanoke County Student Advisory Council to the School Board. She has won numerous international, national, and state science fair awards, including five Grand and Special Awards at the International Science and Engineering Fair; received a *Popular Mechanics* 2015 Next Generation Breakthrough Award; and volunteers for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, her local theatre, and other community organizations through Keyette Club. Kelly plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Suffolk – Kali Fillhart**, daughter of Cindy and Spencer Fillhart, Suffolk, Virginia. Kali will graduate from the Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts and Technology where she is a forum member of the Writers' Club and a member of both the a cappella team and National Honor Society. She is also the president of her local Leaders' Club, a seven-year participant with her Future Problem Solving team, and a part-time YMCA lifeguard and Subway sandwich artist. Kali plans to major in international affairs with a minor in creative writing.