



## Park Scholarships



Class of 2025 Finalists  
(*Biographies provided by the candidates.*)

### **CALIFORNIA**

**Sacramento - Shreya Meghana Holikatti**, daughter of Srikanth and Mamatha Holikatti, Folsom, California. Shreya will graduate from Granite Bay High School where she founded the Cognitive Exchange club and was a vice president of FBLA. She is co-president of Cognitive Exchange — a student run, student led nonprofit that teaches English public speaking and debating to 2,000+ students in under-resourced communities both locally and globally — and founded Senior Melodies, an informal volunteer group that plays piano at a local senior center every other week. Shreya plans to major in computer science.

### **COLORADO**

**Broomfield - Madison Lin**, daughter of Lihong Diao and Shuaibin Lin, Broomfield, Colorado. Madison will graduate from Peak to Peak Charter School where she is the captain of Science Bowl, secretary of Tri-M Music Honor Society, and captain of Science Olympiad. She also volunteers at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, co-founded Edu4Space, and has been accepted into the Colorado All-State Band. Madison plans to major in aerospace engineering.

### **FLORIDA**

**Miami-Dade- Mariana Giglio**, daughter of Fernanda Costa and Tadeu Giglio, Key Biscayne, Florida. Mariana will graduate from MAST Academy where she was a nominee and a participant to attend a RYLA Conference, was the manager of the soccer teams, and the CEO and owner of Mari's Sweet Goodies. She also is the co-founder of Ocean Vida KB Youth Beach Clean Up Program, a volunteer to tutor underprivileged Spanish-speaking children, and an administrative intern at Key Capital Advisors Inc. Mariana plans to major in communication media.

### **GEORGIA**

**Fulton - Caroline Elizabeth Causey**, daughter of Jerel and Leslie Causey, Atlanta, Georgia. Caroline will graduate from Holy Innocents' Episcopal School where she is head editor of the URSIDAE yearbook, president of the Science National Honor Society, and leader of Girl Talk, a middle school mentorship program. She has taught high school students Java, a coding language; is working on a sustainable climate change solution for the "2050 Project;" and has been nominated for Teen Volunteer of the Year in metro Atlanta. Caroline plans to major in computer science.

## **ILLINOIS**

**Cook - Elizabeth Diann Finley**, daughter of Diann and Michael Finley, Glenview, Illinois. Elizabeth will graduate from Glenbrook South High School where she is the director of technology for Model United Nations club, secretary of History Club, and a team leader on the GBS varsity basketball team. She has also founded "Passing the Ball," a basketball service project; president of Glenview's Got STEAM; and has been named a National Merit Semifinalist. Elizabeth plans to major in biomedical engineering.

## **IOWA**

**Dubuque - Kunal Chugh**, son of Pankaj and Preeti Chugh, Dubuque, Iowa. Kunal will graduate from Hempstead High School where he is the captain of the debate team and a team leader on the math modeling team. He also is Iowa Chapter Head for Beyond Resolved, a top-ranked chess player in Iowa, and an executive board member on the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC). Kunal plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Linn - Alexander Drahos**, son of Matt and Amy Drahos, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Alex will graduate from Linn-Mar High School, where he is president of Linn-Mar Democrats and the former Dance Marathon/Variety Show head coordinator. He is also president of the Key Club International, vice chair of State of Iowa Youth Advisory, and a Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student. Alex plans to major in political science with a concentration in public policy.

## **LOUISIANA**

**East Baton Rouge - Emily Cristelle Boldor**, daughter of Dorin Boldor and Cristina Sabliov, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Emily will graduate from Baton Rouge Magnet High School where she is National Honor Society Service project coordinator (president), Mu Alpha Theta State Board corresponding secretary, and Student Council vice president. She is also a National Merit Semifinalist, a member of the All-State Academic Volleyball Team, and the East Baton Rouge Parish Student of the Year. Emily plans to major in civil engineering.

## **MARYLAND**

**Baltimore - Rylee Faith Wienhold**, daughter of Adam and Stephanie Wienhold, White Marsh, Maryland. Rylee will graduate from Perry Hall High School where she is Class of 2021 vice president and Hallways Yearbook senior and design editor. She will also graduate from The Community College of Baltimore County with an associate of arts in general studies. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a Mellon Scholar, and a volunteer field hockey coach at the local recreation council. Rylee plans to major in social work.

**Harford - Benjamin Ellis Tewey**, son of Robert and Jill Tewey, Fallston, Maryland. Ben will graduate from Gilman School where he is the president of the One Love Club, a Tickner Writing Center consultant and is on the board of the Investment Society. He also volunteered at Linking All So Others Succeed (L.A.S.O.S) and is a member of Gilder Lehrman Institute's National Academy of American History. Ben plans to major in business with a focus in finance and accounting.

**Prince George's - Darlene Janneth Salvador**, daughter of Edwin and Delmi Salvador, Accokeek, Maryland. Darlene will graduate from Saint Mary's Ryken High School where she is the publicity manager of Stage Guild and the membership and induction organizer of the National Honor Society. She also has been a volunteer teacher of English as a Second Language and is initiating a pen pal program for elders. Darlene plans to major in neuroscience.

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

**Middlesex - Jeremy Pietropaolo**, son of Sam and Sue Pietropaolo, Carlisle, Massachusetts. Jeremy will graduate from Concord-Carlisle Regional High School where he is a captain of the Math Team, co-founder and co-president of the Italian Culture Club, and a National Honors Society officer. He has won regional awards for his 3D-printed ceramics, Wah Lum Kung Fu, and Yang style Tai Chi. Jeremy plans to major in chemical engineering.

## **NEBRASKA**

**Douglas - Aidan Douglas Chapman**, son of Thomas and Cheryl Chapman, Omaha, Nebraska. Aidan will graduate from Creighton Preparatory School where he is the president of the Young Democrats, editor and creative director for the school literary magazine Ink Inc., and vice president of Students for Sustainability. He also assists with Operation Others, and volunteers to lead school retreats. He recently wrote and published his first nonfiction book: American Football. Aidan plans on entering as undecided for his major, but is very interested in the social sciences.

## **NEW MEXICO**

**Bernalillo - Ryan Sanchez**, son of Greg and Annie Sanchez, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ryan will graduate from La Cueva High School where he is active with leadership positions in speech and debate, the local chapter of Best Buddies, and the National Social Studies Honor Society. He is a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist, volunteer with the Athlete's Reading Program, and was one of 12 people in the state of New Mexico to receive the 2020 STAR Summer Internship with Sandia National Laboratories. He plans to major in nuclear engineering.

## **NEW YORK**

**Rensselaer - Grace Genevieve Bartow**, daughter of Katherine and Douglas Bartow, Troy, New York. Grace will graduate from the Academy of the Holy Names where she is the president of the Students Against Destructive Decisions Club, a 12-year member of a top-ranking Odyssey of the Mind team, and a member of the Student Council. She has been a long-term Making Strides Against Breast Cancer team leader, raising over \$15,000 in three years. Grace is also a member of the National Honor Society and was named the Capital Region's Miss Limerick for 2020-2021. She plans to major in industrial engineering.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

**Alamance - Sheidy Rios-Vazquez**, daughter of Emelia Vazquez Puebla, Burlington, North Carolina. Sheidy will graduate from Walter M. Williams High School where she is student body president, captain of the varsity cheerleading team, and vice president of Mu Alpha Theta. She has started her own club called Crafting for the Community, volunteers with Young Musicians of Alamance, and is part of four honor societies at her high school. Sheidy plans to major in biological sciences.

**Buncombe - Evelyn Perry Berlin**, daughter of Alfred and Melanie Berlin, Asheville, North Carolina. Perry will graduate from Martin L. Nesbitt Jr. Discovery Academy where she is student body president, varsity lacrosse team captain, and leads Poetry Club. She volunteers with Youth for Environmental Stewardship and was a state finalist for Poetry Out Loud. Perry plans to major in materials science engineering.

**Buncombe - Adeline Scout Green**, daughter of Barbara and Cliff Green, Asheville, North Carolina. Scout will graduate from Asheville Christian Academy where she is the founder and president of an outdoor adventure club, Boundless Lions; chaplain of National Honor Society; and captain of the varsity swim team. She also started Green Adventure Camp, volunteers at the nonprofit, Twelve Baskets, and interned at South Eastern Sports Medicine. Scout plans to major in biological sciences.

**Burke - Georgia Caroline Goulding**, daughter of Rebecca Goulding and Rob and Zondra Goulding, Valdese, North Carolina. Georgia will graduate from Draughn High School where she is president of the Anchor Club, the student body, and the Computer Science National Honors Society. She has also been a volunteer recreational volleyball coach and assisted in implementing Hour of Code in Draughn High School. Georgia plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Cabarrus - Amaya Christina Beard**, daughter of Marcie and Adrian Beard, Harrisburg, North Carolina. Amaya will graduate from Hickory Ridge High School where she is in National Honor Society and Beta Club, and serves as a class representative on Student Council. She also led a suitcase drive for foster children to provide them a piece of luggage when moving from place to place. Amaya plans to major in biology.

**Cabarrus - Akhilesh Shivaramakrishnan**, son of Shiva Akhileswaran and Lakshmi Shivaramakrishnan, Charlotte, North Carolina. Akhilesh will graduate from the International Baccalaureate program at Concord High School, where he is president of Mu Alpha Theta, co-lead of a virtual peer tutoring initiative, and a runner on the cross-country team. He is also a four-year member and the 2020 president of the Concord Youth Council, a recipient of the Bronze Presidential Volunteer Service Award, and a teacher and mentor with the Jeeyar Educational Trust organization. Akhilesh plans to major in biological sciences and political science.

**Cabarrus - Jaleah Ayanna Taylor**, daughter of Benjamin and Akira Taylor, Charlotte, North Carolina. Jaleah will graduate from Hickory Ridge High School where she serves as student body president, the chair of the Harrisburg Youth Council, and the vice president of Students Against Violence Everywhere Club (S.A.V.E.). Jaleah has been voted "most inspirational" by her senior class and has initiated several service projects for her school including a virtual walk-a-thon to raise donations for breast cancer patients. Jaleah plans to major in political science.

**Cabarrus - Brandon Zachary Wilson**, son of Dale and Yolanda Wilson, Concord, North Carolina. Brandon will graduate from Jay M. Robinson High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honors Society, and the Academy of Engineering and Automation. He is a community outreach and worship leader at his local youth church where he helped raise \$500,000 for international missions, was a percussionist in the marching and jazz bands, and served as an assistant basketball coach for a rising middle school league. Brandon plans to major in environmental science.

**Caldwell - Zarina Villacorte**, daughter of Arnold and Lizette Villacorte, Granite Falls, North Carolina. Zarina will graduate from South Caldwell High School where she is president of Beta Club, lead saxophone and section leader of Wind Ensemble, and secretary of her senior class. She attended Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics, won 4th place in math at the National Beta Club Convention, and is a top six player for the varsity tennis team for her high school. Zarina plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Carteret - Eric Matthew Klosterman**, son of Jason and Sharon Klosterman, New Bern, North Carolina. Eric will graduate from Gramercy Christian School where he is the student government vice president, varsity basketball team captain, and a member of the Senior Beta Club. Eric plans to major in business administration with a concentration in finance.

**Catawba - Tobias Glenn Hulette**, son of Thomas and Eve Hulette, Newton, North Carolina. Tobias is a homeschooled student who will graduate high school with two associate degrees: an associate of engineering and an associate of science. He is a member of the Catawba County Youth Council and a volunteer pianist for his church. Tobias plans to major in aerospace engineering.

**Chatham - Shane Phillip Conroy**, son of Nathan and Kathleen Conroy, Siler City, North Carolina. Shane will graduate from Jordan-Matthews High School where he is the captain of the robotics team, captain of the Quiz Bowl team, and dungeon master/founder of the Dungeons and Dragons club. He also volunteers at the West Chatham Food Pantry and received the Harvard book award. Shane plans to major in bioprocessing.

**Craven - Sara Gerber**, daughter of Terry and Kathryn Gerber, New Bern, North Carolina. Sara will graduate from The Epiphany School of Global Studies where she is the president of the Youth and Government club, the president of the Science National Honor Society, and captain of the varsity swim team. She volunteers every year with the Historical Society for their Spring Homes Tour and at the local Religious Christian Serves food bank. Sara plans to major in biochemistry.

**Craven - Rowan Payne Waterman**, daughter of Michaëlle and Kenneth Waterman, Havelock, North Carolina. Rowan will graduate from Havelock High School where she is the president of the National Technical Honor Society, editor-in-chief of the yearbook, and the National Beta Club senior class representative. She also takes dual enrollment community college classes, volunteers at Tryon Palace, and has received the Havelock High School Technology Department Award. Rowan plans to major in sociology and criminology.

**Cumberland - Sarah Wright**, daughter of Larry and Amanda Wright, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Sarah will graduate from Fayetteville Terry Sanford High School where she is the student body president, captain of the varsity cheerleading team, and an active member of the School of Global Studies Program. Sarah is the founder of the clothing nonprofit Fashioning Hope and has tutored elementary school students in math and science since her freshman year. Sarah plans to major in zoology.

**Davidson - Katherine Grae McKenzie**, daughter of Allan and Charity McKenzie, Wallburg, North Carolina. Katherine will graduate from Oak Grove High School where she is senior class president, drum major for the marching band, and chairperson for the Davidson County Teen Leadership Council. She serves on the NC DPI Superintendent's Student Advisory Council representing public schools, is an active member of Junior Civitans, and a volunteer tutor for both academics and music. Katherine plans to major in political science with a concentration in international politics.

**Duplin - Callie Rose Thornton**, daughter of Allan and Laura Thornton, Faison, North Carolina. Callie will graduate from North Duplin Jr./Sr. High School where she is president of Beta Club, vice president of Student Government Association, and is a member of Duplin Health Sciences Academy. She initiated “The Rose Project: Notes of Love” where she has written over 1,000 letters and made paper roses for nursing home residents, donated books monthly to the local elementary school in her project “Books for Buddies” throughout high school, and served as Chief Marshal.

**Durham - Kathryn Karla Ximena Dukelow**, daughter of Lisa Dukelow, Durham, North Carolina. Kathryn will graduate from Eno River Academy where she is a member of National Honor Society and the secretary of Science Olympiad. She also has been a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and Food Pantry, a head coordinator for the American Red Cross blood drives, and an active member with her church's environmental group. Kathryn plans to major in environmental engineering.

**Durham - Molly Frances Furman**, daughter of Jeff and Leigh Furman, Durham, North Carolina. Molly will graduate from Charles E. Jordan Senior High School where she is student body president, executive chef of the culinary arts program, and captain of the varsity tennis team. She volunteers in her city and state as the Co-leader of the youth group at Westminster Presbyterian Church, represents her school as a member of the Superintendent Student Advisory Council, and is the co-founder and president of the Girl Up Club, a gender equity and female empowerment organization. Molly plans to major in business.

**Durham - Graham Kenan Shunk**, son of Robert and Sarah Shunk, Durham, North Carolina. Graham will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Math where he is the captain of the Rocketry Team, the president of the Russian Club, and a member of the Golf team. He is also a 1st Lieutenant and Pilot in the Civil Air Patrol, the high school winner of the national NASA Grow Beyond Earth Design Contest, and a published first author of research with a Stanford University postdoc and NASA researcher. Graham plans to major in aerospace engineering.

**Forsyth - Jennifer Oliva-Roque**, daughter of Rafael Oliva and Crispina Roque, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Jennifer will graduate from Robert B. Glenn High School, where she is treasurer of the Spanish Club, an elected official for the Student Government Association, and a senior dean for the Class of 2021. She also organizes and volunteers in the Spanish Club's annual Operación Feliz Navidad, where low-income elementary schools receive over 1,000 toys. She was selected to be a page for a North Carolina State Senator in 2020. Jennifer plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Forsyth - David Richard Sieg**, son of Richard and Amanda Sieg, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. David will graduate from Mount Tabor High School where he is an officer for Students Taking Action Now for Darfur, a mentee in Forsyth County Young Leaders, and competes as a tri-subject captain for the Academic Team. He was designated Chief Junior Marshal of his class, Headmaster of Ceremonies at his school's Sophomore Research Project Presentation Night, and actively tutors peers in math and physics. David plans to major in mathematics.

**Forsyth - Helen Ruth Watson**, daughter of Charles and Shelly Watson, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Helen will graduate from Salem Academy where she is president of the Ecology Club, in the National Honor Society, and a member of the FTC #7444 Sisters of the Motherboard robotics team. A recipient of the Hollins University Creative Writing Book Award, she has served each year as a counselor in the summer STEM camps for kids organized by the two Salem Academy FTC robotics teams. Helen plans to major in integrative physiology, neuroscience, and behavior.

**Gaston - Olivia Goodson**, daughter of Chandra Goodson, Cramerton, North Carolina. Olivia will graduate from Stuart W. Cramer High School where she is president of the Choral Ambassadors, a National Honor Society member, and a NewGen Peacebuilder. She also is a part of the student government and chorus. Olivia plans to major in business management.

**Guilford - Sarah Ahmed Ali**, daughter of Ahmed Ali and Rasha Arafa, Oak Ridge, North Carolina. Sarah will graduate from the Early College at Guilford where she is the world and nation news editor for The Guilfordian, Guilford College's student newspaper; director of communication for The Learning Helpline, a remote tutoring organization she helped start at the onset of the pandemic; and president and founder of the acapella club. She is currently a community leader in the Sunrise Movement, earned the Catalyst Award runner-up for her biochemistry research at the Summer Ventures of Science and Math program, and has created several award-winning historical documentaries for National History Day. Sarah plans to major in chemical engineering.

**Guilford - Hannah Claire Davis**, daughter of Robert and Wanda Davis, High Point, North Carolina. Hannah will graduate from High Point Central High School where she is a member of the Interact Club, the Beta Club, and a competitor in Twelve. She is a devoted Girl Scout, earning her Bronze and Silver Awards and currently working on her Gold Award; a lifelong member of Bunker Hill UMC; and a trainee and instructor at Triad Martial Arts, where she earned her Third Dan Black Belt. Hannah plans to major in environmental science.

**Guilford - Cameron Lee Neale**, daughter of Jill Parker-Neale, Greensboro, North Carolina. Cameron will graduate from Grimsley High School where she is in the International Baccalaureate program. She also co-founded March for Our Lives Greensboro and the Grimsley History Project. Cameron plans to major in history.

**Harnett - Madeline Scott**, daughter of Melissa and Gray Scott, Dunn, North Carolina. Madeline will graduate Triton High School where she is the president of the senior class, MVP of the 2020 winter track team, and voted "Best All Around." She has painted a mural in downtown Dunn and is leading a feminine hygiene product drive for area schools. Madeline plans to major in biological sciences and pursue a career in medicine.

**Hoke - Andres Alexis Mejia-Pena**, son of Jose Mejia and Claudia Pena. Andres will graduate from Hoke County High School where he is an active member of National Honor Society, a senior member of Envirothon, and a member of BETA. He was also chosen to go to the Governor's School of North Carolina and he has volunteered for many events through National Honor Society. Andres plans to major in electrical engineering.

**Iredell - Harrison Chadwick Kendall**, son of Susan and Jason Kendall, Mooresville, North Carolina. Harrison will graduate from the Collaborative College for Technology and Leadership where he is head judge of student court, a math tutor with Mitchell Community College, and the alto saxophone section leader in the Mooresville High School Marching Band. He also is the founder of the Statesville Kindness Closet, a volunteer at the Carolina Raptor Center, and a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. Harrison plans to major in environmental engineering.

**Iredell - Madison Lynn Martin**, daughter of Kent and Barbara Martin, Statesville, North Carolina. Madison will graduate from North Iredell High School where she is the senior class vice president, a student section leader, and member of the school's AP Academy. She is a volunteer at the Gordon Hospice House where she has served more than 100 hours this year working the front desk and doing bereavement work. Madison plans to major in civil engineering.

**Johnston - Mya Lowry**, daughter of Davey and Shannon Lowry, Garner, North Carolina. Mya will graduate from Cleveland High School where she is president of Spirit Club, secretary of Racial and Ethnic Diversity Club, and a tutor leader in Rise Through Education Club. She also initiated the Cleveland Community Drive, a student-led service project that hosts supply drives for local organizations, including the Cleveland Area Backpack Buddies. She serves as a student representative for the Johnston County Schools American Indian Education Program. Mya plans to major in environmental sciences.

**Johnston - Madeline Vale Smith**, daughter of Curtis and Julie Smith, Smithfield, North Carolina. Madeline Smith will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is the captain of the wrestling team, leader of Jewish Culture Club, and the founder of Crafting A Community Club. She is a tutor for El Centro Tutoring and Maureen Joy Trailblazers, teaches Scratch and HTML to middle school students, and as a Girl Scout Ambassador, has earned her Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. Madeline plans to major in electrical engineering.

**Lenoir - Matthew Arman Heath**, son of Billy and Ana Heath, Kinston, North Carolina. Matthew will graduate from South Lenoir High School where he is the president of National Honor Society and the Student Council Association, as well as team captain of the cross-country team. He also a HOBY Ambassador, Junior Rotarian, and the founder of his own local tutoring service, SL PACT. Matthew plans to major in computer engineering.

**Lincoln - Jenna Brooke Schronce**, daughter of Marty Schronce and Stacy Cadenhead, Vale, North Carolina. Jenna will graduate from Lincoln High School where she is president of Interact Club, a member of the leadership council of Project Unify, and is ranked second in her class. She also has volunteered as a Special Olympic buddy and attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership conference. Jenna plans to major in animal science.

**Mecklenburg - Raisa-Claire Aghomo**, daughter of Jean Aghomo and Celina Akwo, Charlotte, North Carolina. Claire will graduate from North Mecklenburg High School where she is president of the African and Caribbean Student Association, co-founder of the Progressive Women's Club and an IB Student Ambassador. She is also a Levine Cancer Institute ICAN Ambassador, secretary of the Bedamba Diaspora Forum, and a SHRED for Gabe volunteer. Claire plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Mecklenburg - Ethan Baker**, son of Stacy and Brian Baker, Davidson, North Carolina. Ethan will graduate from the Community School of Davidson where he is a middle school coding teacher, a captain of the soccer team, and a leader of the Math Challenge club. He also is a 2021 North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics graduate, has published numerous software applications, and was a Kepner Cup state champion for soccer. Ethan plans to major in computer science.

**Mecklenburg - Daraja Nadiri Brown**, daughter of Niles and Tameka Brown, Charlotte, North Carolina. Daraja will graduate from Mallard Creek High School where she is president of the Academy of Engineering and DECA, and co-president of Interact. She has mentored elementary school students in STEM, organized a city-wide book drive, and won first place in Apparel and Accessories Marketing at the North Carolina DECA Career Development Conference. Daraja plans to major in civil engineering.

**Mecklenburg - Dev Mayur Chheda**, son of Mayur and Krutika Chheda, Charlotte, North Carolina. Dev will graduate from Ardrey Kell High School where he is the founder and president of the Ardrey Kell Math Club, working to reach 3,000+ students in the community. Dev is a researcher and long-term collaborator at MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. He also tutors underprivileged students as a VolunTeen at Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, and advocates against gerrymandering at a local and national level. In 2019, Dev presented his novel mathematical solution to gerrymandering as a Finalist at the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). Dev plans to major in computer science.

**Mecklenburg - Pallavi Char Patil**, daughter of Sadhana Char and Shekhar Patil, Charlotte, North Carolina. Pallavi will graduate from Harper Middle College High School where she is the founder and president of the STEM Greyhounds Club, a Student Council member, and National Honor Society Tutor for Sterling Elementary School. She has also played the flute for nine years, winning scholarship competitions and performing therapeutic music for residents of Sharon Towers and Brookdale nursing homes with neurodegenerative diseases. She has spent the majority of her time working on community health initiatives for women by interning for the Matthews Free Medical Clinic to create outreach projects for local residents and dedicating her topic of focus for the Mayor's Youth Employment Program internship to the same cause. Pallavi plans to study the intersection of public policy and women and gender studies.

**Mecklenburg - Sonia Therese Pereira**, daughter of Carol-Anne and Eric Pereira, Charlotte, North Carolina. Sonia will graduate from North Mecklenburg High School where she is the president of Key Club, vice president and Public Address Captain of the Speech Team, and AFJROTC Deputy Corps Commander. She also donates over 500 weekly food items from her jobs to Blissfully Humble, a non-profit that helps rehabilitate the homeless and provide for families in need, is a teen volunteer at her local Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, and was admitted to NC Governor's School East 2020 for social science. Sonia plans to major in international studies.

**Mecklenburg - Shreya Dutta Selvavel**, daughter of Neelima Devineni and Selvavel Shanmugam, Charlotte, North Carolina. Shreya will graduate from Levine Middle College High School with an associate degree in biological sciences where she is a peer mentor, president of National Honor Society, and a Junior Marshall. She is also an active member of her community through various volunteering and outreach efforts including NC Virtual Peer Tutoring Center, youth campaign lead at the Charlotte City Council office, and the co-founder of a youth organization centered around public health and medicine. She is also a recipient of the Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award for four consecutive years. Shreya plans to major in biological sciences.

**Mecklenburg - Tucker Brooks Stillman**, son of Meredith and Vance Stillman, Charlotte, North Carolina. Tucker will graduate from South Mecklenburg High School where he is student body vice president, president of Interclub Council and National Beta Club, and captain of the varsity swim team. He is co-president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, an alumnus, current ambassador, and intern team lead for the global youth peace education program NewGen Peacebuilders, and president and founder of ATOM Senior Leaders, a student-athlete service organization. Tucker plans to major in business management.

**Mecklenburg - David Armond Thrower**, son of David Thrower and Shaniqua Mooring, Charlotte, North Carolina. David will graduate from Rocky River High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honors Society, the president of the Ravens in Flight Aeronautics club, and the J-3 STEM officer in the Ravens JROTC Battalion. He also is a student-teacher in CTE classes for the Academy of Information Technology and volunteers with Junior Achievement and the Ravens Battalion to teach community-oriented curriculum to elementary school students. David plans to major in computer science.

**Mecklenburg - Maxwell Zetina-Jimenez**, son of Mario Zetina and Maria Jimenez, Charlotte, North Carolina. Maxwell will graduate from South Mecklenburg High School where he is president of the Hispanic Organization Promoting Education Chapter and vice president of the French Honor Society. He also tutors English Language Learners at his school. Maxwell plans to major in mechanical engineering.

**Moore - Mallie Clara Purvis**, daughter of Jerry and Jenny Purvis, Highfalls, North Carolina. Mallie Clara will graduate from North Moore High School where she is the president of Future Business Leaders of America, president of Future Health Professionals (HOSA), and captain of the varsity volleyball team. She dedicates time each week to the HOPE Academy Preschool where she created the FIT Kids Program to ensure children learn healthy food and fitness habits from a young age, and was awarded first place in the Moore County Writer's Competition with winning poem "Where I'm From," which was chosen for publication in PineStraw magazine. Acting on her passion for healthcare and education, she volunteered during the summer of 2020 with the Moore County Literacy Council taking lunches and free books into various areas of the community to ensure food needs were met and literacy levels were maintained during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mallie Clara plans to major in psychology while completing pre-med requirements.

**New Hanover - William B. Dahl**, son of Jason and Jennifer Dahl, Wilmington, North Carolina. William will graduate from Cape Fear Academy where he is Student Government president, yearbook co-editor-in-chief, and vice president of Cape Fear Academy's chapter of the International Thespian Society. William plans to major in business management.

**New Hanover - Amy Michelle Leister**, daughter of Thad Leister and Mary Leister, Wilmington, North Carolina. Amy Leister will graduate from Laney High School where she is president of Laney's Science Olympiad team, a peer tutor for North Carolina Virtual Public Schools, and a member of Laney's cross-country team. She also is a counselor at No Sleeves Magic Camp, a recipient of the Women in Science and Engineering Award, and a member of Laney's STEM Engineering Club. Amy plans to major in chemical engineering.

**Onslow - Jalen Elijah Hadnott Lucas**, son of Dawn Hadnott-Lucas and James Lucas Jr., Jacksonville, North Carolina. Jalen will graduate from the Onslow Early College High School where he is president of Key Club, a senior class representative for the Student Government Association, and a board member of HARMONY, a group of young philanthropists that seek to fund youth led organizations and their events. He also regularly volunteers with the Cape Fear branch of the American Red Cross and has received an honorable mention for the Catalyst Award in the Summer Ventures program under UNC Charlotte. Jalen plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Orange - Sascha Godfrey**, daughter of Devon Godfrey and Jocelyn Carbonara, Hillsborough, North Carolina. Sascha will graduate from Orange High School where she is an intern journalist with the News of Orange County; a varsity track and cross-country athlete; and co-founder of the Save Hillsborough movement, dedicated to promoting sustainable development in her hometown. Sascha plans to major in statistics or environmental science.

**Orange - Catherine Meixiao Kunz**, daughter of Diane Kunz, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Catherine will graduate from Carolina Friends School where she is the editor of the yearbook, co-leader of the Madagascar Club, and a member of her school's student government program, the Student-Staff Discipline Committee. She has also dedicated her time volunteering for Teen Court and Porch in her local community. Catherine plans to major in sociology.

**Orange - Kate Genevieve Scheer**, daughter of George and Cherie Scheer, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Kate will graduate from East Chapel Hill High School where she is editor-in-chief of Silver-Tongued literary magazine, acts/directs/techs in countless theatre productions and is captain of the fencing team. She volunteers in her community with her church, serves on Appalachia Service Project, and is a member of National Honor Society. Kate plans to major in mechanical or aerospace engineering.

**Pitt - Noelle Marie de Vente**, daughter of James and Lorita de Vente, Greenville, North Carolina. Noelle will graduate from Junius H. Rose High School where she is the president of Mu Alpha Theta, the team captain for her school's swim team, and the vice president of her senior class. She has been a long-standing volunteer at the Third Street Academy where she created a private violin tutoring service, acted as an academic tutor, and has organized business-themed presentations in collaboration with the J.H. Rose Future Business Leader of America chapter. In addition, she has helped develop a Virtual Math Peer Tutoring Center for the students at her school and has dedicated many hours serving as a nurse's assistant and patient transporter at her local hospital. Noelle plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Pitt - Janie Sasha Webster Surkin**, daughter of Lee and Elizabeth Surkin, Greenville, North Carolina. Sasha will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) as well as Stanford Online High School. She is Executive Chair of TEDx Youth@NCSSM, and was elected to NCSSM student government. She is the founder and CEO of ClearCare, a self-prescribing glasses kit to create global accessible vision care. She graduated from the Raleigh Chinese Language School, spoke at her graduation, and can speak, read, and write traditional Mandarin. She has been in the Girl Scouts her whole life. Sasha plans to major in entrepreneurship or economics.

**Pitt - Abigail Jooyoung Yoon**, daughter of Intae Yoon and Soonhwa Oh, Greenville, North Carolina. Abigail will graduate from D. H. Conley High School where she is president of the Peoples of Americans Club. She also serves as the founder and executive director of a service-program called the Sustainable Hunger Initiative, Student Ambassador of the local non-profit organization Love A Sea Turtle (LAST), and has been selected as a US Cellular Future of Good \$10,000 Community Grant Winner. Abigail plans to major in international studies.

**Randolph - Ferdinand “Freddy” Ray Kelley**, child of Kathy and JW Kelley, Asheboro, North Carolina. Freddy will graduate from Asheboro High School (AHS) where they are the drum major of the AHS Band, President of the Mu Alpha Theta: National Math Honors Society, and Captain of the AHS Swim Team. They also work as the AHS student volunteer recruiter for Randolph County Habitat for Humanity, Science Olympiad team Captain, and was voted "Most School Spirit" for their senior class. Freddy plans to major in biochemistry.

**Robeson - Zoe Paige Hall**, daughter of Lee Ann Walker, Lumberton, North Carolina, and Michael Hall, Leland, North Carolina. Zoe will graduate from Lumberton Senior High School where she is the senior class president and is the highest-ranking student of the graduating Class of 2021 where she has remained since her freshman year. She has also given over 1,000 hours of academic support to her community, organized community outreach events, and represented her local Pirates on the swim, golf, and volleyball teams. Zoe plans to major in mathematics.

**Rowan - Adrianna Jordan Sanchez**, granddaughter of Tommy and Diane Jordan, Salisbury, North Carolina. Adrianna will graduate from West Rowan High School where she is on “Blue Crew” for the West Rowan Marching Falcons, a group of five Marching Falcons who are dedicated to the overall success of the band. She is also top ten in her class, a member of National Honor Society, and was awarded Junior Marshal. Adrianna plans to major in biological sciences.

**Rowan - Jaden Christopher Collins**, son of Donna Collins and the late Marc Collins, Salisbury, North Carolina. Jaden will graduate from East Rowan High School where he is an active member of the National Honor Society, captain of the varsity tennis team, and a volunteer for Rowan Helping Ministries. He is also an Eagle Scout of Troop 333, a part of the top one percent of his class as well as an aspiring children’s book illustrator. Jaden plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Sampson - Rhylee Kaylyn Pope**, daughter of Danny Joe and Kim Pope, Clinton, North Carolina. Rhylee will graduate from Harrells Christian Academy where she is captain of the cheerleading squad and president of the Student Government Association and Future Farmers of America clubs. She also plays on the varsity soccer team, dances with Carolina Dance Company, and shows market lambs through the Eastern Carolina Showmanship Circuit. Rhylee plans to major in biology.

**Swain - Shalyn Barker**, daughter of Craig and Melissa Barker, Cherokee, North Carolina. Shalyn will graduate from Cherokee High School, where she is class president, North Carolina Western Region HOSA Representative, and a National Honor Society officer. She is the founder of Barker's Blessings, an organization that raises money and collects supplies for children battling cancer. Shalyn is a three-sport athlete and one of the top-ranked academic students at Cherokee High School. Shalyn plans to major in biology and later attend medical school.

**Union - Kabir Dewan**, son of Ritu Dass and Kamal Dewan, Waxhaw, North Carolina. Kabir will graduate from Weddington High School where he is involved in varsity tennis, DECA, and the National Honor Society, serving as a vice president in both clubs and the co-captain of the tennis team. He also is a US Presidential Gold Medal recipient, three-time DECA state finalist and international qualifier, and holds a winning record across his three years in varsity sports. Kabir plans to major in biomedical engineering and business.

**Wake - Aishwarya Balaji**, daughter of Balaji and Vaishnavi, Morrisville, North Carolina. Aishwarya will graduate from Enloe High School, where she is president of the Women in Computer Science Club, Biology Club, and Environmental Club. She is also a SWENext Global Innovator Award and Gold Presidential Service Award recipient. Aishwarya plans to major in engineering.

**Wake - Pratik Bairoliya**, son of Prem and Jyoti Bairoliya, Morrisville, North Carolina. Pratik will graduate from William G. Magnet High School where he is a member of the Computer Science Club and the general lead of a nonprofit organization, InspireNC, which aims to promote STEAM in local communities. He has also captained a Bhangra dance team through Carolina Indian Arts Lok Naach. He received the FIRST North Carolina Deans List Semi-Finalist Award, AP Scholar with Distinction Award, and placed third at Dol Re Dandiya Bhangra dance competition. Pratik plans to major in engineering and study computer science.

**Wake - Anika Bhadriraju**, daughter of Vijay and Aparna Bhadriraju, Cary, North Carolina. Anika will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, where she is president of the South Asian Cultures Club, a teaching assistant for the physics department, and is currently doing research in the field of computational medicinal chemistry. She is also a lead coach for elementary school Science Olympiad teams, a junior volunteer at local hospitals, and a competitive member of her school's DECA team. Anika plans to major in biology.

**Wake - Mariam Darboe**, daughter of Kinteh and Isatou Darboe, Raleigh, North Carolina. Mariam will graduate from Rolesville High School where she is the vice president of Student Council, vice president and social media manager of Best Buddies, and a member of French, dance, and national honor societies. She also volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club and is a Youth Leadership of Rolesville and Wake Forest representative. she plans to major in business administration.

**Wake - Charlotte Byrd Fullbright**, daughter of Kent and Amy (Henderson) Fullbright, Raleigh, North Carolina. Charlotte will graduate from Needham B. Broughton High School where she is a member of the varsity volleyball and basketball teams, Student Government Executive Cabinet, and president of the Spanish Honor Society. Charlotte created the Maintain Your Brain Battle of the Bands to increase awareness of neurological health issues and raised over \$33,000 for the Triangle Aphasia Project. Charlotte plans to major in biology with a concentration in integrative physiology and neurobiology.

**Wake - Shannon Kellie Jenkins**, daughter of Jeffrey and Colleen Jenkins, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. Shannon will graduate from Cary Academy where she is a founding member and captain of Volunteers for Triangle Debate League, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering students through speech and debate; a member of the tutoring committee for her school's chapter of National Honor Society; and co-captain of the Community Emergency Response Team and Search and Rescue Club. She also tutors math and French, is an Algebra I teaching assistant, and most recently received her school's Bryn Mawr award which celebrates her "intense intellectual commitment, a self-directed and purposeful vision of her life, and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to the world." Shannon plans to major in mathematics and international relations.

**Wake - Katherine Lillian "KaLa" Keaton**, daughter of Michael and Markita Keaton, Cary, North Carolina. KaLa will graduate from Middle Creek High School where she is founder and president of the Social Justice Club, captain of her Creek Squad Step Team, and an active member of four honor societies. She also earned her Girl Scout Gold Award over the summer and has given more than fifteen presentations on the history of lynching and inclusivity in education. KaLa plans to major in history.

**Wake - Sriya Mantena**, daughter of Gouri Mantena and Ravindra Mantena, Cary, North Carolina. Sriya will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is the editor-in-chief of the Broad Street Scientific Research Journal, president of the Girls Computer Science Club, and vice chairman of TEDxNCSSM. She is a Society of Women Engineers Global Innovator and a FIRST Robotics Dean's List International Finalist. She plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Wake - Samuel Christian Nechyba**, son of Christian and Lyana Nechyba, Raleigh, North Carolina. Samuel will graduate from St. David's School where he holds the most academic awards for a high school student, is a National Honor Society officer, and tutors physics. He has tutored kids in reading who speak Spanish natively, is training for his private pilot's certificate, and enjoys studying languages. Samuel plans to major in physics.

**Wake - Om Nerurkar**, son of Ashlesha and Prasad Nerurkar, Cary, North Carolina. Om will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he has founded the North Carolina Citizens Climate Lobby Youth Team, is a Mentorship and Research Team Leader, and is co-president of NCSSM Kids Are Scientists Too, where he volunteers to promote educational equity. Om was recently named as a finalist in the North Carolina International Science Challenge for his independent research project on ocean acidification. Outside of academics and activism, Om is a competitive road cyclist and mentors a TARC competition rocketry team.

**Wake - Reagan Lenora Razon**, daughter of Ricardo and Michelleta Razon, Morrisville, North Carolina. Reagan will graduate from Enloe High School where she is vice president of Women in Science, a speaker with TEDxEnloe, and an executive-at-large of the Wake County Black Student Coalition. She was a member of the MIT Online Science, Technology and Engineering Community (MOSTEC), and has been dancing pre-professionally for 12 years, winning the national gold medal at NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO). Reagan plans to major in computer science.

**Wake - Emma Rose Rossilli**, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Rossilli, Cary, North Carolina. Emma will graduate from Durham Academy where she is lead captain of the Durham Academy FIRST Robotics Competition robotics team, an assistant instructor for Drama Camps, and a student ambassador. She is also the co-founding member of the Sunrise Movement Cary Chapter, and during the pandemic she was featured on ABC 11 Eyewitness News for sewing masks to protect the community and raise money for local relief funds. Emma plans to major in environmental engineering.

**Wake - Pratyush Seshadri**, son of Vijay Seshadri and Jayanti Jagannathan, Cary, North Carolina. Pratyush will graduate from Raleigh Charter High School, where he is president of the Model United Nations club, the speaker for the Student Legislative Assembly, and president of the Investment Club. He is also a Senior Action Fellow at the Alliance for Climate Education, the founder and executive director of Investokids, an organization dedicated to promoting financial literacy, and a research associate at the Cardiovascular Dynamics Group at NC State University. Pratyush plans to major in applied mathematics and economics.

**Wake - Syna Prem Sharma**, daughter of Prem and Juhi Sharma, Garner, North Carolina. Syna will graduate from Garner Magnet High School where she served as the co-president of the school's Science Olympiad Team and community service coordinator of the Beta Club. She also served as a Teen Leader and Library Ambassador at the Southeast Regional Library, where she worked with children to improve their pre-literacy skills, and she is initiating a service project at her school to work with teachers to infuse computational thinking and programming within their lessons. Syna plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Wake - Katelyn Sheets**, daughter of Christa Riker-Sheets and Dave Sheets, Holly Springs, North Carolina. Katelyn will graduate from Holly Springs High School where she is president of National Honor Society, president of Science National Honor Society, and is founder and president of Mental Health Advocacy Club. She is a captain of the varsity swim and dive team and has volunteered with the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences for the past five years. Katelyn plans to major in biological sciences.

**Wake - Nihar Thakkar**, son of Kunal and Bina Thakkar, Cary, North Carolina. Nihar will graduate from Green Hope High School where he is the founder and president of Kids Are Scientists Too (KAST) and the North Carolina State President of HOSA-Future Health Professionals. He collected more than 135 pounds of dental supplies for North Carolina troops through the NC Dental Society, plays clarinet at the national level, and has been featured as a Notable Teen in Cary Magazine. Nihar plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Wake - Srikant Vasudevan**, son of Revathi Ramaswami and Vasudevan Raghavan, Holly Springs, North Carolina. Srikant will graduate from Apex Friendship High School where he is the vice president of Technology Student Association, test captain of Science Olympiad, and secretary of National Technical Honor Society. He also tutors math through Schoolhouse.world, an organization founded by Sal Khan, is a Junior Marshal, and is a freelance software developer for local companies. Srikant plans to major in computer science.

**Watauga - Rachel Cactus Amburose**, daughter of Janish Jayapal, Boone, North Carolina. Rachel will graduate from Watauga High School where she is the president of Student Journalism Club and Debate Club, along with being the Key Club Division 3 Lt. Governor. She is a National History Day first place winner, a National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar, and the recipient of the Richard Gilder History Prize. Rachel plans to major in history and political science.

**Wayne - Giovonnii Cromartie Nelson**, daughter of Ryan and NaTale Nelson, Mount Olive, North Carolina. Giovonnii will graduate from Wayne School of Engineering where she is a member of the Goldsboro High School varsity volleyball, varsity basketball, and varsity golf teams. She is also a senior in Girl Scout Troop 389, a member of the Goldsboro City Youth Council, a member of North Carolina Child's Youth Advocacy Council, and a Junior Volunteer at Wayne UNC Healthcare. Giovonnii plans to major in biology with aspirations of becoming a pediatric oncologist.

**Wilkes - Ethan Thomas Hurley**, son of Frank and Katrina Hurley, Wilkesboro, North Carolina. Ethan will graduate from West Wilkes High School where he is president of the Key Club, senior class secretary, and a captain of the swim team. He received his Eagle Scout in 2018, is the senior patrol leader for Troop 399, and received his Silver and Gold Wings from the National Youth Leadership Training in 2019 and 2020. Ethan plans to study computer science.

**Wilkes - Jonas Evan Scott**, child of Nathan and Jennifer Scott, Moravian Falls, Jonas will graduate from Wilkes Central High School where he is co-founder of the Philosophy Club, Former President of the Interact Club, and a Junior Marshall. He was accepted into Governor School, is a local fire fighter volunteer, and illustrated an award-winning children's book. Jonas plans to major in resource and land management.

**Wilson - Virginia Grey Newton**, daughter of Buck and Hope Newton, Wilson, North Carolina. Virginia will graduate from Rocky Mount Academy where she is the president of Student Government, Delegation Leader for Youth and Government, and vice president for National Honor Society. She is an AP Scholar and spends time planning, fundraising, and participating in Kidz Konnect Missions, an outreach program in Southern Belize. Virginia Grey plans to major in business administration.

**Yadkin - Ainsley Elizabeth Davis**, daughter of Anthony and Abigail Davis, Yadkinville, North Carolina. Ainsley will graduate from Forbush High School where she is the vice president of Junior Civitan, a service club; captain of the tennis team; and a devotion leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club. She has volunteered through clubs such as the Future Health Professionals and she is also a hospice volunteer at the Mountain Valley Hospice home in Yadkinville. She has also been named All-Conference in soccer and tennis. Ainsley plans to major in business administration.

## **OHIO**

**Cuyahoga - Clovis Parker Westlund**, son of Annie Jouan-Westlund and Glen Westlund, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Clovis will graduate from Shaker Heights High School where he is the founder and director of STEM Ambassadors and The Shaker Heights Virtual Tutoring Program, as well as a QYou Ambassador through The LGBT Center of Cleveland. He also is a CORE leader of the Student Group on Race Relations, the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes' 2020 Youth Volunteer of The Year, and a recipient of the Congressional Award Silver Medal.

## **OREGON**

**Washington - Veer Nayyar**, son of Raman and Vibha Nayyar, Hillsboro, Oregon. Veer will graduate from Valley Catholic High School where he is an assistant stage manager for the theatre department, an avid cross-country runner, and a member of the National Honor Society. He has been a volunteer track and field coach since his freshman year, and helped run a student-run nonprofit geared towards providing students free tutoring since March 2020. Veer plans to major in aerospace engineering.

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

**Northampton - Katelyn Alexandra Coleman**, daughter of Jennifer Coleman, Easton, Pennsylvania. Katelyn will graduate from Easton Area High School where she is a starting goalie for the varsity soccer team, trombone section leader of the school's marching band, and president of the Animal Welfare Club. She also is a member of four honor societies, a recipient of her Silver Award through Girl Scouts, and a team member of the 2020 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Student of the Year. Katelyn plans to major in animal science.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Charleston - Daniel Alexander Newlands**, son of Frank and Anoma Newlands, Charleston, South Carolina. Daniel will graduate from Porter-Gaud School where he is student body president, president of the Health Science Club, and captain of the Academic Team. He also leads the Ronald McDonald House service project, earned the Global Seal of Biliteracy in Chinese, and earned Porter-Gaud's Frank C. Ford Leadership Award. Daniel plans to major in biological sciences.

**Charleston - Sydney Hope Lanier**, daughter of Frank and Stephanie Lanier, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Hope will graduate from Wando High School where she is the president of the Wando Storytellers Club, National Honor Society vice president, and AP Academy Leadership Board representative. She is a part of the Ronald McDonald Junior Leadership Board, a weekly volunteer at Roper St. Francis Hospital, and a previous Rotary foreign exchange student. Hope plans to major in mechanical engineering.

**Florence - Sophia "Sophie" Delaine Watson**, daughter of Russell and Suzette Watson, Florence, South Carolina. Sophie will graduate from the International Baccalaureate program at Wilson High School, where she is captain of the mock trial team and president of Tiger Club, the school's student-led service organization. She volunteers with the Greater Florence Habitat for Humanity and has interned with Students First, a grassroots campaign advocating for a local education referendum. Sophie was also selected as a recipient of the American Association of Teachers of German/Pädagogischer Austauschdienst Study Trip Award to study abroad in Germany. Sophie plans to major in architecture.

**Horry - Cynthia Madison Hardwick**, daughter of Cindy Hardwick, Loris, South Carolina. Madison will graduate from Loris High School where she is student body president, reporter of the local HOSA Chapter, and has been voted "Most Likely to Succeed." Madison is the Assistant Media Director for the South Carolina Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Organization, she is a peer mentor at Loris High and is starting a Math National Honors Society at her high school. Madison plans to major in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

## **TENNESSEE**

**Knox - Audrey Lauren Richards**, daughter of Darryl Richards and Wendy Hahn, Knoxville, Tennessee. Audrey Richards will graduate from Farragut High School where she is the Student Government president, the reporter of HOSA-Future Health Professionals, and has received the senior superlative at Farragut High School of "Ms. Farragut." She also serves as an ambassador to HOSA United, a fundraising effort for Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, and volunteers as a mentor for freshmen and new students at Farragut High School. Audrey plans to major in genetics.

## **TEXAS**

**Tarrant - Kimberly Caroline Wang**, child of Andrien Wang and Wendy Lee, Fort Worth, Texas. Kimberly will graduate from Westlake Academy where they are the president of Youth and Government, Model United Nations club, and the Gender Sexualities Alliance. They are also the president and founder of a youth board for the International Esperanza Project that initiates educational opportunities for children in El Molino, Guatemala and volunteers at local races and neighborhood events. Kimberly plans to major in mechanical engineering.

## **VIRGINIA**

**Amherst - Brooke Eby**, daughter of Chad and Debra Eby, Amherst, Virginia. Brooke will graduate from Amherst County High School, where she is the varsity soccer team captain. She also attends the Central Virginia Governor's School for Science and Technology, where she enjoys research and representing CVGS a senior ambassador. She also serves as the youth representative for the Amherst County Economic Development Authority and hosts a delivery route for the Blue Ledge Meals on Wheels program. Brooke plans to major in chemical engineering.

**Chesterfield - Adachi Amaram**, daughter of Adaeze Amaram, Chesterfield, Virginia. Adachi will graduate from Appomattox Regional Governor's School where she majors in the literary arts and is president of the National Honor Society, the president of Model United Nations club, and vice president of Spanish Club. She has volunteered as a tutor for three years, organized and participated in several community outreach events, and has been published in many publications, winning numerous national awards for her writing. She plans to major in political science.

**Chesterfield - Alexander Joseph Scott**, son of Mitch and Leila Scott, Chesterfield, Virginia. Alexander will graduate from Matoaca High School where he is the senior class president, National Honor Society vice president, and captain of the varsity swim team. He also was the recipient of the West Point Leadership Award, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club, and was awarded the AP Scholar with Distinction award. Alexander plans to major in chemical engineering.

**Henrico - Ria Bakshi**, daughter of Arindam and Megha Bakshi, Glen Allen, Virginia. Ria will graduate from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School where she is co-secretary of National Honors Society, co-treasurer of the Model United Nations club, and an active competitor in debate club. She is also a founder of Project EngageRVA, an educational initiative providing free classes to young students, and volunteers at the hospital on the weekend. Ria plans to major in public health.

**Virginia Beach - Ava Bratton Swirzinski**, daughter of Martha and Michael Swirzinski, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Ava will graduate from Kempsville High School where she is secretary of the senior class, an E.E Brickell Scholar, and is a representative on the Entrepreneurship and Business Academy Advisory Committee. She also serves as a small group leader at Grace Bible Church, placed at the state leadership conference for Future Business Leaders of America, and received the Rachel Carson Healthy Planet Award. Ava plans to major in fashion textile management.