PARK SCHOLARSHIPS

The Park Scholarships program brings exceptional students to NC State based on their accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Park Scholars receive a four-year scholarship valued at $112,000 for North Carolina residents and $203,000 for out-of-state students, a computer stipend, and specialized faculty mentoring. They take part in an extensive series of enrichment programming that prepares them to make lifelong contributions to the university, state, nation, and world.

Established by the Park Foundation in 1996, the Park Scholarships program has since brought more than 1,100 talented students to learn at NC State. Our thriving network of more than 950 alumni put their Think and Do education to work addressing challenges around the world, a testament to the legacy of NC State alumnus Roy H. Park ’31.

Park Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding entering freshmen for study in any discipline, with two-thirds of the scholarships designated for North Carolina residents.

More than 130 years after its creation, NC State continues to produce career-ready graduates and distinguished faculty whose world-class scholarship and research make a difference in the lives of everyday people across the state, throughout the nation, and around the world.
Department of Public Health Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch, focused on helping state courts safely resume jury trials during the pandemic.

Many Park alumni around the country worked on the front lines as medical professionals. Psychiatrist Emily Holmes ’07 led her hospital’s program to support health care workers through the stress of operating during a pandemic. Rachel Delange ’18 put her master’s degree in biohazardous threat agents and emerging infectious diseases to work coordinating the pandemic response of federal, state, and local agencies in the DC Health Emergency Coordination Center. Other Park Scholars stepped up in their communities in a variety of ways. Emily Neville ’20 spearheaded the Triangle Bundle Project to support small businesses in Raleigh. Wortham Boyle ’03 partnered with A Place at the Table to provide 250 meals to the community.

At the end of May, the murder of George Floyd sparked a national reckoning with the longstanding impacts of systemic racism. Park alumni spoke out about racism within the Park Scholarships program — rightly so. National change will begin with change at home, and for us that includes an explicit and specific commitment to the work of anti-racism. Two years ago, we initiated a three-year plan to enhance our program’s specific commitment to the work of anti-racism. Two years ago, we initiated a three-year plan to enhance our program’s commitment to the work of anti-racism. Two years ago, we initiated a three-year plan to enhance our program’s commitment to the work of anti-racism. Two years ago, we initiated a three-year plan to enhance our program’s commitment to the work of anti-racism. Two years ago, we initiated a three-year plan to enhance our program's commitment to the work of anti-racism.

Our generous donors make Park Scholarships possible. Since the Park Foundation’s $50 million seed gift started our endowment, a vibrant community of alumni and friends has responded with gifts to help sustain the Park Scholarships program long into the future. This year, we announced our seventh Co-named Park Scholarship — our second from a Park alumnus — which will be joined with the funds from the Park Foundation to perpetually fund one Park Scholarship. We are grateful to the Park Foundation and our many supporters for their steadfast commitment to our mission. With each gift, our program is better positioned to provide these opportunities to future generations.

As of this writing in July 2020, much is still uncertain; but I do know that as we begin our 25th year, there has never been a greater need for Park Scholars to take on the major challenges of our time. I am grateful to all who support them in preparing to do just that.

Eva Maria Feucht ’02

Park Scholarships has opened so many doors for me. The family and community I found in Park Scholarships has helped me attend international conferences and get involved with amazing service groups in innovative ways.

— Daryn Wilkerson ’23

Park Scholarships is a diverse community that educates, supports, challenges, and inspires me. Because of Park Scholarships, I learned how to be a better leader, connected with a service organization I am passionate about, and received a grant to study abroad in China.

— Emily Ostermann ’22

The Park Scholarships program has opened a world of opportunities for me at NC State and connected me with so many other bright people. I am beyond grateful for those who make this program a reality through their support.

— Michael Evans ’21

The past four years at NC State and in the Park Scholarships program have helped me decide what it is that I am truly passionate about and wish to do with my life. I have realized and continued to develop my desire for helping others on a large scale.

— Elena Price ’20
Mallory Alman ’20 led an undergraduate research team studying electrified, pilot-scale woodchip bioreactors. Woodchip bioreactors are underground pits filled with woodchips that are used to treat agricultural drainage for excess nitrate, to limit algal blooms. Alman led her team in constructing two novel electric reactor configurations and comparing them with standard woodchip reactors.

Elijah Bouma-Sims ’21 worked on a project to reduce robocalling by using an audio fingerprinting technique similar to how the Shazam app identifies songs. By clustering calls with the same audio, the technique identified common attackers. The findings were published in USENIX ’20 and will allow service providers to eliminate spam sent by unsolicited callers.

Autumn Boyce ’23 investigated the growth of urea-degrading microbes in the presence of other microbial species to characterize an optimal consortium and construct a kinetic model of system dynamics.

Zack Jenio ’22 researched the treatment of osteoarthritis in horses through novel biological injections. The project aims to increase the synthesis of hyaluronic acid, a beneficial joint fluid, and decrease the activity of inflammatory pathways through the use of specific antimicrobial peptides.

Nikhil Milind ’21 conducted a meta-analysis of two mouse studies, one involving allergic asthma and the other involving influenza A response. Comparing these studies produced novel biological information about genetic regulation that could not have been inferred from the individual studies alone.

Every day, Park Scholars conduct and share meaningful research on topics ranging from autonomous underwater vehicles to equine osteoarthritis. Below is a sample of some of the projects scholars have worked on this year.

Mallory Alman ’20

Amalan Iyengar ’20
Chapel Hill, NC

Amalan earned his bachelor’s degree in computer science in December and will finish his master’s in electrical engineering this August. He served as president of NC State’s Underwater Robotics Club, mentors two high school robotics teams, and led a robotics program for low-income and homeless youth in Wake County. He runs a charity Scrabble tournament that raises funds for the Duke Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Program. During summer internships, he wrote code for a laser communication satellite and software for an experimental phased-array antenna. After completing his master’s degree, Amalan will join the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab’s Wireless Communication and Networking group.

Shannon Pinnell ’22 received a $5,000 University Fellowship Office SUPER-Curricular Seed Grant for her work improving autonomous underwater vehicles. The vehicle approximates its location by listening for sound pulses and measuring the time it takes a pulse to reach each hydrophone. Shannon developed electrical and software systems that reduce background noise and determine the validity of a pulse.

Ana Sofia Uzsoy ’21 collaborated with Mary Elting ’07 to create open-source software that will automatically analyze microscopy images of dividing yeast cells. She also studied ultrashort-period exoplanets, which orbit their host stars in less than 24 hours. She analyzed data collected by the Kepler Space Telescope to calculate the masses and radii of these extremely rare planets to provide information about the planets’ formation.

Lauren Warner ’22 worked in a lab developing fluidic artificial muscles for better incorporation with prostheses and human bodies. The project’s goal is to create soft silicone muscles with complex manifolding for variable recruitment of muscle systems.

Emma West ’21 used the CRISPR Cas9 gene-editing system to remove a gene responsible for ACL development in pigs to study adaptation mechanisms in the knee joint. She created a porcine model of ACL aplasia, a medical condition in which the ligament fails to develop or function normally. Her research won second place overall at NC State’s Comparative Medicine Institute Annual Research Summit.

Jonina Wrenn ’20 conducted research on the use of hands-on models in the college classroom. She found that the use of 3-D oxidative phosphorylation models as a teaching aid improved students’ understanding of biological structures and overall processes.
BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLAR

Daniel Haller ’22 is pursuing a degree in chemical and biomolecular engineering with minors in biotechnology, English, and mathematics. His research at NC State has focused on infectious diseases and developing methods to engineer the human gut microbiome. After earning his doctorate, he plans to enter academia and research synthetic biology, the practice of redesigning nature’s existing biological systems for human purposes.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR FINALIST

Sara Jacob ’20 graduated in May with a degree in nutrition science and a minor in Spanish. During her time at NC State, she held leadership positions with Service Raleigh, interned in the Access to Care Department at Urban Ministries of Wake County, and studied abroad in Lima, Peru, and Cork, Ireland. She plans to focus her career on addressing health care inequities, starting by serving as a MedServe Fellow.

HONOR SOCIETIES

Phi Beta Kappa
Hannah Bain ’20
Jonathan Grubbs ’20
Jayna Lennon ’20
Modesty Obasohan ’20
Saheli Parekh ’20

Zach Patel ’20
Elena Price ’20
Abby Schepel ’20
Jack Tucker ’20

Phi Kappa Phi
Jonathan Grubbs ’20
Jonina Wrenn ’20
Michael Evans ’21
Lauren Spell ’21

On Sept. 23, the Park Scholarships Classes of 2020 and 2021 hosted the program’s second Gerald H. Elkan Distinguished Lecture in Science and Society. Internationally renowned health policy expert Nicole Lurie met with Park Scholars at the Hunt Library and gave a lecture titled “Reaching the Other Side: Lessons From the Intersection of Medicine and Policy.”

Lurie, the strategic advisor at the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations and a research faculty member at Massachusetts General Hospital, previously served as assistant secretary for preparedness and response in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and director of the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities.

She has led the nation in preventing and responding to public health emergencies and disasters ranging from hurricanes to bioterrorism. She oversaw the federal public response to Hurricane Sandy, the H1N1 pandemic, the Boston Marathon bombing, and the Flint water crisis.

The Gerald H. Elkan Distinguished Lecture on Science and Society, an annual talk at NC State by a prominent thought leader, was established in honor of Elkan’s 40-year career as a microbiology professor in NC State’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Elkan Lecture Advisory Committee
Gerald Elkan, Professor Emeritus, Microbiology, NC State University
Amy Grunden, Professor, Microbiology, NC State University
Jim Ligon, Consultant, Ligon Biotechnology Consulting Services
T.J. Schneeweis, Retired Microbiology Laboratory Supervisor, NC State University
Mark Stowers, Chief Operations Officer and President, Inari Agriculture
Mark Voelker ’02, OpenStack Architect, VMware

Elkan Lecture Planning Committee
Georgia Burgess ’21
Natalie Chazal ’21
Hannah Cooper ’21, Co-chair
Kali Fillhart ’20
Micah Furr ’21

Evan Grant ’20, Co-chair
Alex Lemer ’21
Modesty Obasohan ’20
Alex Obiol ’20
Jonathan Schertz ’20

Aoiife Sinclair ’20
Jasmine Wang ’20
Jonina Wrenn ’20

Members of the Elkan Lecture Planning Committee meet with Nicole Lurie.
PARK ENRICHMENT GRANTS

Park Enrichment Grants provide financial support for professional and personal enrichment experiences designed to foster the development of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These grants are funded by the Park Foundation and other donor gifts. Grants are awarded by a committee of faculty members and a Park Alumni Society representative. The following grants were awarded between Nov. 1, 2019, and June 15, 2020.

Artistic/Creative Activity

Kevin Cabral ‘23
Development as a Voice-Over Artist

Internship

Mallory Bryan ‘21
Clinical Analyst Internship with Alliance Medical Ministry

Zack Jenio ‘22
Primary Care Pediatrics and Internal Medicine Brody-Park Internship*

Tatum Kellum ‘22
Cardiovascular Brody-Park Internship*

Mackenzie Lamb ‘21
Internship at the Excellence Center in Europe*

Odal Mansour ‘21
Cardiovascular Brody-Park Internship*

*These experiences were canceled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kelly Koehler ‘23
Gonadal Neoplasia in C. virginica

Odal Mansour ‘21
Certified Nursing Assistant Certification

Katelyn Molneme ‘23
University Scholars Cultural Explorations Trip to New York City

Beth Rodgers ‘22
Gender Issues Exploration in Guatemala

Lauren Warner ‘22
Summer Undergraduate Research in the Intelligent Structures and Systems Research Lab

Noah Wolfe ‘22
Developing a Description of Radiative Recombination in the Environment of the Milky Way’s Central Black Hole

Loujain Al Samara ‘22
Alternative Spring Break in the Dominican Republic

Natalie Bress ‘22
Winter Alternative Service Break in the Dominican Republic

Alvin Mutongi ‘23
Mikuyuni Primary School Library Construction in Kenya

Nehemiah MacDonald ‘23
Summer 2020 Spain: Language, Technology, and Culture*

William McPhaul ‘23
Summer 2020 Adelaide, Australia: Entrepreneurship and Business Opportunity Analysis*

Madison Mueller ‘23
Summer 2020 United Kingdom: STEM and Liberal Studies in London*

Srikar Nanduri ‘23
Summer 2020 Prague Study Abroad*

Keya Pothireddy ‘23
Summer 2020 Prague Study Abroad*

Zach VanHekken ‘23
Summer 2020 Peru: Spanish Language and Peruvian Culture Study Abroad*

Hampton Clark ‘20
Autonomous Vehicle Silicon Valley Professional Conference

Belton Moore ‘20
Global Student Leadership Summit*

Shannon Pinnell ‘22
International RoboSub Competition*

Thomas Steckmann ‘22
Material Research Society Spring 2020 Meeting*

Ana Sofia Uzsoy ‘21
Presentation at the 2020 American Astronomical Society Meeting

Lindsay Wrege ‘21
Speaker at Alt Summit Conference

Research/Scholarly Activity

Christiana Daniel ‘23
University Scholars Cultural Explorations Trip to New York City

Katelyn Glen ‘22
Certified Nurse Aide I Course

David Home ‘23
University Scholars Cultural Explorations Trip to New York City

David Home ‘23
University Scholars Spring Break Cultural Explorations Europe Trip

Zack Jenio ‘22
Fall 2020 Online Arabic Instruction

Zack Jenio ‘22
Osteoarthritis and Hyaluronic Acid Summer Research Project

Zack Jenio ‘22
Osteoarthritis Research Training Project

Tatum Kellum ‘22
EMT Basic License*

Madison Mueller ‘23
Alternative Service Break in the Dominican Republic

Shannon Pinnell ‘22
Low-Cost Air Quality Monitor Mesh Networks for Rural North Carolina – Solution Development and Implementation

Keya Pothireddy ‘23
Interfaith Dialogue Alternative Service Break in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Zach VanHekken ‘23
Alternative Service Break in Costa Rica

Trenton Wallis ‘22
Alternative Service Break in Costa Rica

Annie Kate Watson ‘23
Alternative Service Break in Costa Rica

Nehemiah MacDonald ‘23
Summer 2020 Spain: Language, Technology, and Culture*

Nadia Sheppard ‘22
Spring Break in Reykjavik, Iceland

Megan Pryor ‘22
Spring Semester in Manchester, United Kingdom

Nehemiah MacDonald ‘23
Summer 2020 Spain: Language, Technology, and Culture*

Srikar Nanduri ‘23
Summer 2020 Prague Study Abroad*

Keya Pothireddy ‘23
Summer 2020 Prague Study Abroad*

Zach VanHekken ‘23
Summer 2020 Peru: Spanish Language and Peruvian Culture Study Abroad*

Kelci Cox ‘22
Spring Semester in Seoul, South Korea*

Hayley Harwood ‘22
Spring Semester in Manchester, United Kingdom

Salam Ibrahim ‘21
Spring Break in Reykjavik, Iceland

Megan Pryor ‘22
Spring Semester in Seville, Spain

Nadia Sheppard ‘22
Spring Semester in Perth, Australia

Catherine Dean ‘23
Summer 2020 Mexico: Culture, Language, and Service Learning for Educators*

Noah Wolfe ‘22
Alternative Service Break in Hoonah, Alaska

Noah Wolfe ‘22
Low-Cost Air Quality Monitor Mesh Networks for Rural North Carolina – Community Outreach Workshops

Study Abroad

Nehemiah MacDonald ‘23
Summer 2020 Spain: Language, Technology, and Culture*

William McPhaul ‘23
Summer 2020 Adelaide, Australia: Entrepreneurship and Business Opportunity Analysis*

Madison Mueller ‘23
Summer 2020 United Kingdom: STEM and Liberal Studies in London*

Srikar Nanduri ‘23
Summer 2020 Prague Study Abroad*

Keya Pothireddy ‘23
Summer 2020 Prague Study Abroad*

Zach VanHekken ‘23
Summer 2020 Peru: Spanish Language and Peruvian Culture Study Abroad*

Alvin Mutongi ‘23 builds a library for a primary school in Kenya.
Leadership

Jayna Lennon ’20
Newark, DE

Jayna graduated in May with degrees in political science and Arabic language and culture, and a minor in nutrition. During her time at NC State, she studied in Morocco with the support of a Boren Scholarship. She served as a mental health ambassador on campus and as executive director of Feed the Pack, NC State’s on-campus food pantry. She received the Mathews Medal, NC State’s highest nonacademic honor, in recognition of her service, commitment, and leadership and the lasting legacy of her contributions to the university.

Class of 2020 Legacy Project

Park Scholars’ commitment to service is the motivating force behind their class legacy project, a way for students to make a significant contribution to a cause that will outlast their time at NC State. Battling food insecurity was a major commitment for the Class of 2020. For their class legacy project, they partnered with Urban Ministries of Wake County to provide commercial refrigerators and freezers for the organization’s food pantry.

For years, Park Scholars have volunteered at Urban Ministries’ food pantry, the second largest in Wake County, and at its Open Door Clinic, which serves more than 2,000 patients free of charge. Through their service, they gained valuable professional experience. The Class of 2020 wanted to give back to an organization that had helped them and that supports the greater Raleigh community.

The Class of 2020 raised more than $10,000 to purchase reach-in refrigerators and freezers that will improve Urban Ministries’ ability to distribute fresh food to people in need. In early 2020, the food pantry was already serving as many as 50 families each day, so increasing their capacity could not have happened at a more crucial time. As the Class of 2020 sets out to apply their Think and Do education to new challenges, the impact of their service and class legacy project will resonate in the Raleigh community for years to come.

Class Legacy Committee

Hannah Bain ’20
Nate Browning ’20
Dominick Carbone ’20, Co-chair
Hampton Clark ’20

Jason Coggins ’20
Maggie He ’20
Clay Honeystutt ’20
Jayna Lennon ’20

Emily Neville ’20
Zach Patel ’20
Elena Price ’20
Jonathan Reese ’20

Ben Saia ’20
Jack Tucker ’20
Eric Warren ’20, Co-chair

Several members of the Class Legacy Committee gather during Final Selection Activities.
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Leadership Academy is a comprehensive four-year program designed to develop Park Scholars’ leadership potential. The academy addresses a variety of topics relevant to leadership, from self-awareness and implicit bias to public speaking and collaboration when experiencing conflict. Leadership Academy explores theories and methods from a practical standpoint, helping Park Scholars gain a deeper understanding of their own leadership style and benefit from that insight immediately.

Year 1
- Counseling for Support and Success
- Self-Awareness
- Email Extinguisher
- Diversity and Identities
- Privilege
- Emerging Issues: Microaggressions
  Racial Profiling and Police Brutality
  Diversity in the Media
  Socioeconomic Status

Year 2
- Implicit Bias
- Team Development
- Task Mastery
- Conflict Resolution
- Public Speaking
- Building Your Fan Base

Year 3
- Concepts and Models: Leadership Coaches
- Having Difficult Conversations
- Leadership Interview
- Motivating Others

Year 4
- Ethics and Values
- Collaboration Within Conflict
- Taking Risks and Failing Well
- Leadership and Diversity

LEARNING LAB II

During Learning Lab II, sophomores hone skills in communication, engagement, inclusion, and change by discussing national challenges with prominent leaders.

In October, the Class of 2022 traveled to Washington, D.C., to learn about mass incarceration reform. They analyzed proposed policy reforms and the disproportionate effects of mass incarceration on low-income and minority communities. Scholars met with leaders from a variety of governmental and nongovernmental organizations involved in the criminal justice system and criminal justice reform. Leaders highlighted the challenges inherent in balancing safety and justice, and they emphasized the complexity of the legal and political landscape surrounding mass incarceration. Scholars met with Somil Trivedi, a senior staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union, who discussed the central role of prosecutors in the current criminal justice system, and Deputy Attorney General Jeff Rosen, who explained the role of the Department of Justice in preventing recidivism. They also heard from Jacqueline Smith ’06, an FBI special agent and a staff member on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

One of the more poignant sessions took place when the Class of 2022 met with Tara Libert and poet ambassadors Cliff Yarborough, Ontae Butler, and Davon Benton of the Free Minds Book Club. Free Minds uses books and creative writing to serve D.C. youth charged and incarcerated as adults, enabling them to achieve educational and career goals and to become powerful voices for change in their communities. During the meeting, former incarcerated members of Free Minds read poetry written by currently incarcerated members. This experience included the critical voice of the currently incarcerated as part of the scholars’ discussion of mass incarceration.

The Class of 2022’s Learning Lab II trip was a powerful experience that taught scholars about the challenges and opportunities of leadership at a national level. Meeting with experts on mass incarceration reform endowed them with the strategies and motivation necessary to make the scholars more effective leaders in their own communities.

Through Leadership Academy’s diversity sessions, I learned a lot of interesting ways to improve my leadership in different groups. I have been able to apply many of these concepts immediately at NC State.

— Nikhil Milind ’21

During Learning Lab II, I had the opportunity to learn how many voices both in the government and in the community come together to influence policy, and how leaders approach complex issues like mass incarceration reform.

— Sarah Hartsell ’22

The Class of 2022 meets with members of the Free Minds Book Club.
Service

Georgia Burgess '21
Winston-Salem, NC

Georgia is an industrial and systems engineering major interested in applying engineering problem-solving to health care challenges. She is an avid runner who served as one of four race directors for this year’s Krispy Kreme Challenge, ran from San Francisco to New York in summer 2018 to raise funds for young adults with cancer, and volunteered with the Ulman Foundation’s Cancer to 5K to train cancer survivors interested in running a 5K. As an ISE student ambassador, she performs STEM education community outreach and serves as a student mentor within the department.

The impact of Park Scholar initiatives resonates throughout our city, across the state, and far beyond. Consider the Krispy Kreme Challenge: What began as a lighthearted dare among friends in 2004 has transformed into an NC State tradition that draws thousands of participants to Hillsborough Street annually and has raised more than $1.87 million for UNC Children’s hospital in the process.

The 16th annual Krispy Kreme Challenge, a charity event created and managed by Park Scholars, attracted 5,480 participants on Feb. 1. The five-mile race starts and ends at NC State’s Memorial Belltower, and it challenges runners to consume a dozen doughnuts at the halfway point and return to the finish line in under an hour. “Casual” and “No Doughnut” categories have been introduced over the years to accommodate various activity levels and dietary preferences. The 2020 event raised $175,000 for UNC Children’s, bringing the race’s cumulative donation near its $2 million commitment to the hospital.

In December, the 2020 Krispy Kreme Challenge race directors Georgia Burgess ’21, Natalie Collier ’21, Elise Romola ’21, and Matt Traenkle ’21 toured the newly opened NC State Park Scholars Children’s Specialty Care Program at UNC Children’s Raleigh. The clinic, which serves children from across the state, was named in honor of Park Scholars for the substantial financial support provided by their management of the Krispy Kreme Challenge.

The clinic is decorated with images depicting iconic scenery from various regions of North Carolina, so children who come from distant parts of the state can be comforted by a familiar view. The facility also includes an interactive replica of the North Carolina State Fair, with a scavenger hunt featuring Mr. Wuf.

“It is amazing to see the efforts of the Krispy Kreme Challenge over the past 16 years play a significant part in the opening of this clinic. Not only does it affirm that the work we do makes a real impact at UNC Children’s, but also that it is now helping so many families and kids in and around Raleigh.”

— Matt Traenkle ’21

Above, the Krispy Kreme Challenge race directors celebrate with Ms. and Mr. Wuf at the finish line. Below, signage in the lobby of the NC State Park Scholars Children’s Specialty Care Program honors the contributions of Park Scholars.
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Civic Engagement Initiatives (CEIs) introduce Park Scholars to community needs and how organizations operate to address those needs and create beneficial change. Park Scholars build skills by working in small groups to implement solutions to community challenges. Students also participate in reflection sessions led by junior and senior Park Scholar facilitators. The Park Scholarships Service Advisory Committee received 24 CEI project proposals for 2019-2020 from community sponsors and Park Scholars. A fair in August launched the CEIs and gave students a chance to meet project sponsors.

Air Quality Monitoring in Rural North Carolina
Shannon Pinnell ’22 and Noah Wolfe ’22, in partnership with Clean Air Carolina, prototyped a low-cost air quality monitoring system to address air quality data gaps in rural North Carolina. They also started the nonprofit organization Scivir to support this work in the future.

The Blood Connection
Abby Hodges ’22, Ethan Schepker ’22, and Tatum Kellum ’22 spread awareness about the importance of donating platelets and the mission of the Blood Connection, a blood donation center that focuses on providing locally sourced blood product donations to local hospitals.

Crowdsolv
Jacob Anders ’22, Dominick Carbone ’20, and Thomas Steckmann ’22 collaborated with Alex Kim ’17 to create a website, Crowdsolv, which enables people from across the world to collaborate to solve complex, difficult problems.

Ethiopian Children’s Appeal
Andrew Daddone ’22 and Lauren Warner ’22 developed a model for a drip irrigation system that allows the Melka Olba school in rural Ethiopia to conserve their limited water while growing corn plants.

Homework Haven: Opening the Door to Math
Jenna Nabor’s ’21 and Noor Shehata’s ’22 provided tutoring services for younger students who may not have access to extra school help, and they compiled a list of online educational resources for students and parents.

Institute for Emerging Issues: Service Year North Carolina
Annie Haunton ’22 and Shevani Mehta ’22 crafted surveys used to understand challenges and opportunities surrounding inclusive member recruitment and training. IEI also used the data to inform the planning of a Service Year NC summit (now an online webinar) with the purpose of building community among service year host organizations.

InterAct of Wake County
Loujain Al Samara ’22, Katelyn Glen ’22, and Jayna Lennon ’20 worked with kids in families dealing with domestic violence by facilitating children’s groups at InterAct that included discussion of healthy relationships and strategies for coping and staying safe.

Junior Achievement of Eastern North Carolina
Sarah Hartsell ’22 and Beth Rodgers ’22 taught Junior Achievement’s curriculum at Fred A. Olds Elementary, sharing foundational concepts for fostering good financial habits with first- and fourth-grade students. They also created a survey for Junior Achievement volunteers to use in tailoring opportunities to their preferences.

321 Coffee: Donor Development
Natalie Bress ’22 and Annalise Hafner ’22 developed multiple tools for 321 Coffee, a coffeeshop that employs adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to engage its donors. The resources developed included an annual report template, a model donation tier system with merchandise rewards, and a postcard template.

321 Coffee: Employment Prep
Liam Dao ’22 and Emily Ostermann ’22 developed and led resume workshops and employee training sessions for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The workshops provided resources, knowledge, and skills for attendees to maximize their potential as employees at 321 Coffee and in future positions.

Museum of Life and Science: Public and Civic Engagement with Science
Zack Jenio ’22, Trenton Wallis ’22, and Ben Zino ’22 developed curriculum and facilitation materials for a Public Engagement with Science forum on the topic of red wolves.

Musical Empowerment: Growth
Micah Holdsworth ’22 and Daniel Tolle ’22 designed and developed a website for Musical Empowerment at NC State, which provides free music lessons to Raleigh-area children who might not otherwise be able to take the lessons. They also created a donor packet to help Musical Empowerment recruit and update donors.

North Carolina Science Olympiad: Developing a Framework for Alumni Involvement
Daniel Haller ’22 and Shalay Shah ’22 founded the Science Olympiad Alumni Organization at NC State and led the club in creating event content and volunteering at Science Olympiad tournaments.

Redress Raleigh: Activating Sustainable Fashion Advocates
Grace Baecom ’22 and Alexa Roland ’22 supported Redress Raleigh’s mission to spread consumer-driven sustainable fashion activism by designing social media campaigns and assisting in event planning processes.

Special Olympics North Carolina: Unified Health and Fitness
Jason Coggins ’20 and Matt Taenkle ’21 developed performance station plans to incorporate physical fitness, health, and wellness education into current Special Olympics sporting events and to connect athletes and volunteers with health and wellness resources on college campuses.

Well Fed Community Garden
Elizabeth Beyer ’22 and Mackenzie Lamb ’21 strengthened connections between the Well Fed Community Garden and the surrounding neighborhood by planning a community garden day and developing a survey to collect data on community needs and interests.

During my Civic Engagement Initiative with the Institute for Emerging Issues, I learned the importance of being adaptable in the workplace and adjusting quickly to changes in directions of projects.

— Shevani Mehta ’22

Andrew Daddone ’22 (bottom row, second from right) completed the installation of a new water remediation system near the Melka Olba school in rural Ethiopia.

Park Scholar CEI Facilitators
Catherine Ault ’21
Nikhil Milind ’21
Hannah Bain ’20
Anna Owens ’21
Sara Jacob ’20
Haley Ritchie ’21
Claire Mellott ’20
Abby Schepker ’20
Nate is pursuing a degree in aerospace engineering and a minor in Spanish. He is active in Student Government, the Hip Hop Project, the National Society of Black Engineers, and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and he participates in the campus music scene as a DJ and producer. He has always been willing to help his peers, whether through serving as Freshman Retreat facilitator for incoming Park Scholars or by leading NC State SolarPak’s aerodynamics team as the group built a solar-powered vehicle. Throughout his collegiate career, he has helped the Park Scholarships program improve its diversity recruitment and engagement efforts. He completed a co-op at BMW Manufacturing, and he plans to pursue his master’s degree in engineering, with the goal of eventually working in the renewable energy sector.

FRESHMAN RETREAT

Retreats are integral components of the Park Scholarships experience. At the start of the academic year, they afford scholars the perspective to reflect on where they’ve been and make preparations for their next steps. Location plays a key role: The natural beauty of each retreat’s setting creates a space for contemplation and relationship building without the distractions of everyday campus life.

The Class of 2023’s Freshman Retreat was held Aug. 14-16 in Black Mountain, North Carolina. The scholars became acquainted with one another, their Park Scholar facilitators, faculty, and staff through a series of team-building activities. Park Faculty Scholars Cyndi Edgington and Kanton Reynolds integrated Dare to Lead by Brené Brown to inform discussions during the Class of 2023’s Freshman Retreat and the yearlong freshman seminar.

Ten upperclassmen served as facilitators for the Class of 2023 Freshman Retreat. They led icebreakers, answered questions, and took part in ropes course team-building activities alongside the freshmen. Most importantly, they helped the new Park Scholars translate lessons learned during the retreat into methods for managing the challenges they could expect to encounter during their first year in college.

Class of 2023 Freshman Retreat Facilitators

- Elijah Bouma-Sims ’21
- Nate Browning ’20
- Hampton Clark ’20
- Elizabeth Dogbe ’21
- Maggie He ’20
- Clay Honeycutt ’20
- Jennifer Lo ’20
- Claire Mellott ’20
- Abby Scheper ’20
- Owen Webster ’18

I discovered the strength of the Park support system on Freshman Retreat as I got to know the rest of my cohort.

— Keya Pothireddy ’23

Top, Sarah Jarrell ’23 takes part in a high ropes course activity during Freshman Retreat. Above, Park Scholars relax during a break from team-building activities.
In late August, the Class of 2020 traveled to Colorado’s Rocky Mountain National Park for a four-day Senior Retreat.

Park faculty, staff, and alumni led discussions and activities designed to reconnect the class and allow scholars to reflect on their personal and professional development, their future aspirations, and how to make the most of their final year at NC State.

Five Park alumni – Ben Coulter ’02, Leah Haile ’13, Heidi Klumpe ’13, A.J. Martin ’12, and Evan Smith ’17 – joined the Class of 2020 for their Senior Retreat. The seniors bonded and networked with these alumni during structured panel sessions and while whitewater rafting, horseback riding, and hiking.

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The Program Community

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The Park Scholars in the Classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 come from four countries, 18 states, and 33 counties in North Carolina. Their academic interests span all of NC State’s 12 colleges. Several Park Scholars finished their undergraduate degrees in less than four years and have applied their Park Scholarship to fund graduate studies at NC State.

PARK SCHOLARS CLASS PROFILE

CLASS OF 2020

Undergraduate Majors by College

Some Park Scholars have more than one major

- Agriculture and Life Sciences: 21
- Design: 3
- Education: 5
- Engineering: 68
- Humanities and Social Sciences: 37
- Management: 14
- Natural Resources: 2
- Sciences: 39
- Textiles: 5
- University College: 2

CLASS OF 2021

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CLASS OF 2023

Scholars also hail from China, Germany, and Turkey.
CLASS OF 2020 BIOGRAPHIES

Dominick Carbone
B.S. Mathematics; M.S. Analytics
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Dominick graduated as valedictorian of the mathematics program and served as co-chair of the Class Legacy Committee and vice president of the Actuarial Club. He interned for Lincoln Financial Group, Milliman Inc., and Bank of America, and he studied abroad in Hong Kong. After graduation, Dominick is moving to Boston to work as a data scientist for Verizon.

Nathaniel Browning
B.S. Aerospace Engineering
Fayetteville, North Carolina
Nathaniel was active in Student Government and served as the aerodynamics team lead for NC State’s Solar Car organization. He completed a co-op at BMW Manufacturing and research in the university’s SMART Composite Lab. Nathaniel plans to pursue a master’s degree in engineering.

Hannah Bain
B.A. Communication, International Studies, and Spanish; Minor: Nonprofit Studies
Denver, North Carolina
Hannah served as a Social Innovation Fellow and as the marketing and creative director for the 15th annual Krispy Kreme Challenge, and she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She volunteered locally with Urban Ministries, studied abroad in Peru and Spain, and completed internships at RTI International, Intuitive Surgical, and Habitat for Humanity. After graduation, Hannah plans to work in the public sector for a year before pursuing a Master of Public Health and Master of Social Work dual-degree program.

Sindhoor Ambati
B.A. English and Psychology
Cary, North Carolina
Sindhoor interned at several nonprofits and a newspaper in Raleigh and throughout the Triangle, including Witness for Peace, North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, Hopeline, and INDYWeek. She served as a resident advisor in the Honors and Scholars Village, and she conducted research in biomedical engineering and psychology. After graduation, Sindhoor plans to pursue a Master of Public Health and Master of Social Work dual-degree program.

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Alyssa Cox
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Shanghai, China
Alyssa served as vice president of the NC State Women’s Rugby Club and a personal trainer, small-group fitness coach, and personal training program assistant with NC State Wellness and Recreation. She was a Shelton National Leadership scholar and a Social Innovation Fellow. She studied at the University of Adelaide in Australia and interned at Rogue Fitness. Alyssa plans to intern at Adidas and pursue a career in athletic apparel and footwear innovation after graduation.

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Alina Creamer
B.S. Aerospace Engineering
Chesapeake, Virginia
Alina served as the co-president of the Women in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Club, an ambassador for the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department, and a volunteer for Feed the Pack food pantry. She completed internships at NASA Langley Research Center and Northrop Grumman Innovation Systems and is currently a Pathways intern at NASA Johnson Space Center. Alina spent a semester abroad at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poland and participated in Alternative Service Breaks in Belize and Rwanda. After graduation, Alina plans to join NASA full time as an aerospace engineer at Johnson Space Center.

Rosemary Edberg
B.S. Textile Engineering
Mora, Minnesota
Rosemary was active in NC State Stewards and Phi Psi professional textile fraternity. She served as logistics department head for the Krispy Kreme Challenge, service chair and vice president of Special Good Textile Group, and student representative for the Wilson College of Textiles Sustainability Committee. She studied abroad in Poznan, Poland, and completed internships at Nautica and Converse. Rosemary will be interning at Nike this summer before returning to NC State to finish her master’s degree in textile engineering.
Kali Fillhart
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Suffolk, Virginia
Kali served as a diversity peer, educated and volunteered at the Women’s Center, and served as an editor of NC State’s literary magazine, Windhover. She completed ACE Life Coach training, worked as a life coach on campus, and worked closely with the University Scholars Program. After her sophomore year, Kali took a gap year to travel the country in a converted van. During that time, she worked as a camp counselor in Los Angeles, attended the Portland School of Astrology, and became a sales associate/lead barista at Moonstruck Chocolate in Beaverton, Oregon. Kali also studied abroad in Guatemala and conducted research on the educational system in San Juan La Laguna. After graduation, Kali plans to pursue a career in social work, local politics, and beekeeping, as well as continuing to write and publish.

Maggie He
B.S. Nutrition Science; B.A. Spanish
Fort Worth, Texas
Maggie served in various roles at Urban Ministries of Wake County, took part in a medical brigade serving rural Ecuador towns, and volunteered in the ICU at WakeMed Raleigh. She performed research in the nutrition science and biochemistry departments, completed a clinical cardiovascular internship at Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, and studied abroad in Spain. After graduation, Maggie will work as a MedServe Fellow in Charlotte before pursuing medical school, with the ultimate goal of becoming a primary care physician.

Jada Hester
B.S. Business Management, Concentration: Marketing; B.A. International Studies, Concentration: Global Relations
Wake Forest, North Carolina
Jada was active as a University Ambassador, Chancellor’s Aide, Poole College of Management Peer Leader, Alexander Hamilton Scholar, and member of the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Society and the University Honors Program. As a 2019 WomenNC Scholar, she presented her original gender-based research at the United Nations. Jada also held internships at GoGlobalNC, Spectrum News Raleigh, Entrepising Women magazine, and The Van Jones Show/The Axe Files at CNN. Jada studied abroad in Shanghai, China, and Madrid, Spain. After graduation, Jada plans to attend graduate school for journalism, communication, and entertainment media.

Jonathan Grubbs
B.S. Biological Sciences; Minor: Psychology
Walkertown, North Carolina
Jonathan was a teaching assistant in organic chemistry and served as the director of hospital relations for Dance Marathon at NC State. He was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, and he is a member of the National Eagle Scout Association. He tutored student-athletes at NC State and worked as a medical support staff member for the city of Raleigh. After graduation, Jonathan plans to pursue a career in medicine. He graduated a semester early in December of 2019. He will attend the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in 2020, where he received a full-tuition scholarship.

Evan Grant
B.S. Mechanical Engineering; Minor: Art and Design
Sylva, North Carolina
Evan led the outreach and education efforts of the NC State Sustainability Stewards. He served as an international project lead for the university’s chapter of Engineers Without Borders and led two service trips to complete a solar installation in Freetown, Sierra Leone. He studied abroad in Hangzhou, China, conducted a research internship in biomechanics at Rostock University in Northern Germany through the DAAD RISE program, and had an NSF research internship in robotics at Oregon State University. Following graduation, Evan plans to take a gap year before attending the University of Pennsylvania to obtain a master’s degree in robotics.

Sara Jacob
B.S. Nutrition Science; Minor: Spanish
Olney, Maryland
Sara served as a co-head and co-chair of the Service Raleigh logistics committee and completed one year as an Oaks Leadership Scholar. She was a University Ambassador and a Pack Ahead Ambassador, and she studied abroad in Lima, Peru, and Cork, Ireland. She interned in the Access to Care Department at Urban Ministries of Wake County and worked as a research assistant on diabetes medical device testing for Advanced Metabolic Care and Research Institute in San Diego, California. She plans to continue to address inequities in health care after graduation as a MedServe Fellow.

Jayna Lennon
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Newark, Delaware
Jayna worked with Feed the Pack, NC State’s food pantry, in multiple capacities, and she served as the executive director during her senior year. A recipient of the Boren Scholarship, she studied abroad in Morocco for six months. She was involved in Student Government and served as a mental health ambassador on campus. Jayna plans to pursue a Ph.D. in sociology and study the role of food in society.

Jennifer Lo
B.S. Chemical Engineering; Minors: Statistics and Biotechnology
Mission Viejo, California
Jennifer served as the logistics director for Musical Empowerment and the chief financial officer for the Kripsky Kreme Challenge. She was also involved in both the logistics committee and the service committee of Service Raleigh. She dedicated time to the Department of Chemical Engineering, serving as both the vice president of finance for NC State’s chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and as a department ambassador. During her summer, she conducted synthetic biology research and interned with Merck and Deloitte’s commercial consulting practice. After graduation, Jennifer will join GlaxoSmithKline as a part of their Technology Future Leaders Program.

Amalan Iyengar
B.S. Computer Science; M.S. Electrical Engineering
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Amalan is president of the Underwater Robotics Club and mentors two local high school robotics teams. He completed two internships at Northrop Grumman and one at MIT Lincoln Laboratories in the Space Systems and Technology Division. After graduation, Amalan will join the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab’s Wireless Communication and Networking group.

Clay Honeycutt
B.S. Biological and Agricultural Engineering Technology; Minor: Agricultural Business Management
Spivey’s Corner, North Carolina
Clay served as the vice chair of the Collegiate Young Farmers and Ranchers and was an active member of the Agri-Life Council. He also served as a volunteer firefighter with Spivey’s Corner Fire and Rescue. He interned as a program assistant with the North Carolina FFA Association and received his American FFA Degree. He also studied international agriculture in Scotland and Ireland. After graduation, Clay will begin his career in agricultural technology working as a field manager for EarthOptics, a startup in Raleigh.

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Claire Mellott
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Cincinnati, Ohio
Claire was a group fitness instructor for NC State Wellness and Recreation, teaching yoga, cycling, and TRX circuits. She served as a committee member and chair of the Park Philanthropy Council and was a member of the University Scholars Program. She conducted anthropological research in Guatemala and studied abroad for a semester at Swansea University in Wales. Claire also completed a Rural Works! AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates Internship with Mountain Area Health Education Center in Asheville, North Carolina, working on opioid misuse prevention programming. After graduation, Claire will join the Health Solutions team at RTI International as a research health economist/decision analytic modeler.

Belton Moore
B.S. Economics; B.A. Spanish; Minor: Political Science
Red Springs, North Carolina
Belton was appointed to the North Carolina Internship Council by Gov. Roy Cooper, served as a senator in Student Government, and was heavily involved in the Native American student community. He volunteered as an interpreter with Voluntarios Ahora en Raleigh and was a Witness for Justice with Legal Aid of North Carolina’s Farmworker Unit. Belton interned with the Office of the Governor of North Carolina and studied abroad in China, Mexico, and Spain. He plans to pursue a career in public policy and international affairs.

Emily Neville
B.A. Political Science; Minor: French
Linden, North Carolina
Emily served as an intern in the North Carolina General Assembly for Rules Chairman David Lewis before completing a summer internship in the U.S. House of Representatives with Congressman Richard Hudson. While working for Rep. Lewis, Emily formed an advisory committee to bring the first Boys and Girls Club to Harnett County, which opened its doors to 100 children in the fall of 2019. Emily spent the remainder of her college career creating Reborn Clothing Co., an upcycling company that transforms surplus branded apparel into unique products. She is now the CEO of a company with 14 employees. Emily graduated from NC State a semester early in December of 2019 to focus full time on her startup.

Modesty Obasohan
B.S. Genetics; Minor: Spanish
Wallace, North Carolina
Modesty served as a College of Sciences Ambassador, the president of the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students, and a Spanish eligibility interviewer at the Urban Ministries of Wake County Open Door Clinic. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and conducted research at the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. She studied abroad at the Universidad de las Americas Puebla in Mexico. After graduation, Modesty will attend medical school at the University of Pennsylvania.

Alex Obiol
B.S. Textile Engineering; Minor: Industrial Engineering
Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina
Alex was active in Student Government, where she served as chair of the University Affairs Committee, head of the Engineering Delegation, and director of the University Affairs Department. She served as the student representative on the Friends of Arts NC State Advisory Board for two terms and worked as an Engineering Ambassador. She researched wearable electrodes with the ASIIT Center and interned for the American Apparel and Footwear Association. In pursuit of a career in public policy, Alex will attend Duke University School of Law in the fall.

Saheli Parekh
B.S. Microbiology; Concentration: Microbial Health Sciences; Minor: Business Administration
Charlotte, North Carolina
Saheli served as the director of Oak City Revolution and vice president of Global Medical Brigades. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and danced with Nazaare, a competitive dance team. She interned at the ECU Heart Clinic, the North Carolina Heart and Vascular Clinical Research Center, and Carolina Blood and Cancer Associates. She also conducted research with the microbiology department on foodborne pathogens. Saheli will attend UNC School of Medicine after graduation.

Zachary Patel
B.S. Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, and Business Administration
High Point, North Carolina
Zachary held leadership positions in the Special Olympics Club and Life Science Peer Mentors, and he was an active member in Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He studied abroad in Poland and conducted research in a biochemistry lab and at WakeMed Health and Hospitals. After graduation, Zach plans to pursue a career in medicine.

Elena Price
B.A. Communication, Concentration: Public Relations; Minor: French
Raleigh, North Carolina
Elena served as head of the logistics department for the Krispy Kreme Challenge, event coordinator of NC State’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America, student ambassador for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and a Chancellor’s Aide. Elena was a member of the University Scholars Program and Lambda Pi Eta communication honors fraternity, and she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She studied abroad in Gabarone, Botswana, and Brussels, Belgium, and she conducted public relations research in NC State’s Department of Communication. Elena is continuing her studies at NC State by pursuing a Master of Public Administration and a graduate certificate in nonprofit management.

Jonathan Reese
B.S. Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering
Loveland, Ohio
Jonathan served as president ofEta Kappa Nu electrical engineering honor society, team lead of the Underwater Robotics Club, and a lead instructor for Students in Programming, Robotics, and Computer Science, and he was named an outstanding senior in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He interned with International Paper, Duke Energy, Hughes Network Systems, and John Deere. Jonathan plans to get his master’s degree in robotics, controls, and automation at NC State.

Ben Saia
B.S. Aerospace Engineering; B.A. Spanish
Elliott City, Maryland
Ben served as a senior fellow for NC State’s Social Innovation Fellowship, was a member of the University Scholars Program, and volunteered with Urban Ministries of Wake County. He studied abroad in Valencia, Spain, and completed internships with Collins Aerospace and General Electric Aviation. After graduation, Ben will begin his career as an officer of the U.S. Marine Corps and will attend flight school to become a pilot.
Abigail Scheper  
B.A. Philosophy, Concentration: Law and Law Theory; Minors: Genetics, Art and Design, and Health, Medicine, and Human Values  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Abigail served as the student relations chair of Musical Empowerment at NC State, head coordinator of the Neurocomputational Ethics Research Group, and chair of the Park Community Committee. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi, Order of Omega Panhellenic Honor Society, and the Movement Peer Educators, and she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Abigail studied abroad in Prague, researched the media presentation of transcranial magnetic stimulation, and participated in internships related to medical ethics and interpersonal violence. After graduation Abigail will attend the University of Virginia School of Law to pursue her interests in health law and ethics.

Jonathan Schertz  
B.S. Computer Science; Minors: Psychology and Middle East Studies  
Cary, North Carolina

Jonathan served as director of Triangle Youth Leadership Services, led NC State’s Solar Spring Break trip, and supported refugees in Ketermaya, Lebanon. Through internships with UMETHD Health and Applied Research Associates, he worked on genetic indicators of Alzheimer’s as well as military targeting software. Next year, Jonathan will be pursuing a master’s degree in artificial intelligence at Boston University.

Naila Segule  
B.S. Biomedical Engineering and Interdisciplinary Studies: Global Health Communication and Development  
Cary, North Carolina

Naila was a research assistant for the GenX Exposure Study, an Abrams Scholar, and a Juanita Bryan Scholar, and she presented her findings to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. She served as a delegate for the Association for Student Government, a College of Engineering Ambassador, a Virtual Student Foreign Service intern for the U.S. Department of Defense, and an ambassador coordinator for Leadership and Civic Engagement. She studied abroad in Botswana, Morocco, and Armenia. Naila is the first NC State graduate to be awarded the Payne Fellowship from the U.S. Agency for International Development. After graduation, she plans to pursue a master’s in environmental health from Harvard University, followed by a five-year career at USAID as a Foreign Service Officer.

Lauren Siegel  
B.S. Computer Science, Economics, and Political Science  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Lauren served as president of the Benjamin Franklin Scholars program and as treasury assistant for Student Government. She co-founded Engineering Opportunity, an organization that provides accessible LEGO robotics workshops to kids and teens in the Raleigh area, served as an ambassador for the Department of Computer Science, and received the Erin Malloy-Harley Award for ethics and community service. She studied abroad in Italy, worked as a lead teaching assistant for CSC 116, and interned at SAS, Apple, and the Princeton Gerrymandering Project. After graduation, Lauren will join Google as a software engineer and hopes to pursue master’s degrees in computer science and public policy.

Aioile Sinclair  
B.A. Political Science  
Conover, North Carolina

Aioile discovered and pursued an interest in media, politics, and satire throughout her collegiate career. She completed internships with late-night television show Full Frontal With Samantha Bee and Sesame Street. She then interned and worked with The Pink Ceiling, which invests in female entrepreneurs and products. After graduation, Aioile plans to pursue a career in television and comedy.

Kate Speese  
B.S. Business Finance  
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Kate served as a board member for NC State’s Student Conduct Board and as an executive council member for Kappa Delta. She studied for a semester in Adelaide, Australia, and spent a summer studying in Shanghai, China. She interned as a finance co-op at Lenovo. Kate will graduate with valedictorian honors and will work as an investment banking analyst for Regions Bank.

Jack Tucker  
B.S. Economics  
Mountain Brook, Alabama

Jack served as a member of NC State’s Student Conduct Board and as vice president of Beta Theta Pi. He was also a member of NC State’s Mock Trial Team and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Jack volunteered with the Neighborhood Ecology Corps to encourage Raleigh high school students to become civically engaged. He also completed internships with the Alabama Secretary of State, two state think tanks, the North Carolina General Assembly, and U.S. Senator Richard Shelby. Jack graduated in May 2019 and received the Karsh-Dillard Scholarship to attend the University of Virginia School of Law. He will earn his law degree in 2022.

Jasmine Wang  
B.S. Computer Science; Minor: Sociology  
Wilmington, North Carolina

Jasmine served as brand coordinator of Feed the Pack (NC State’s food pantry), a computer science ambassador, and outreach chair of the Triangle Area Asian American Student Conference. She also served as the information technology officer of the Krispy Kreme Challenge and as a high school outreach member for Students in Technology, Academia, Research, and Service Computing Corps. Jasmine has interned at Allstate, Red Hat, and WillowTree, and she will work at Microsoft in summer 2020 as a program manager intern. Jasmine is currently pursuing a master’s degree in computer science at NC State.

Eric Warren Jr.  
B.S. Biomedical Engineering  
Mooreville, North Carolina

Eric was an active volunteer in the Krispy Kreme Challenge throughout his four years, including serving as 2018-2019 race director. He also served as a co-chair of the Class of 2020 Class Legacy project. Eric conducted research on changes in muscle and bone architecture following nerve injuries during birth. He completed the Brody-Park Cardiovascular Surgery internship at East Carolina University and a computational analysis internship at Corvid Technologies, which focused on creating high-fidelity computer models of human organ systems. Following graduation, Eric will attend Duke University School of Medicine, where he received a half-tuition scholarship.

Jonina Wrenn  
B.S. Biological Sciences, Concentration: Human Biology; Minors: Nutrition and Health, Medicine, and Human Value  
Taboro, North Carolina

Jonina served as a teaching assistant for introductory biology and nutrition courses and as an academic tutor for student-athletes. She was the co-chair of her Park Class Distinguished Speakers Committee and served as club representative for the Society of Multicultural Scientists. She was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and the Department of Biology Honors Program. Jonina interned at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University and volunteered at rural clinics and city hospitals in Trujillo, Peru. She was a University Scholar, and she volunteered at InterAct of Wake County. Jonina plans to take a gap year before attending medical school.
As an oncology research specialist at Atrium Health’s Levine Cancer Institute, Emily Baldrige ’16 coordinates multiple interventional research studies. These include retrospective studies, prospective molecular biomarker studies across a variety of cancer types, and two registry studies examining cancer patients who have contracted COVID-19. Baldrige graduated with a bachelor’s degree in biological sciences with a concentration in integrative physiology and neurobiology, and she recently graduated with her Master of Public Health with a concentration in epidemiology.

Evan Brooks ’18 was the first inducible into the Science Hall of Fame for Black Scientists Matter, a nonprofit organization that empowers the Black community through the promotion of science literacy and STEM education. Brooks is a doctoral candidate in molecular and developmental biology at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and is investigating how abnormalities of the lower jaw skeleton arise in a rare class of diseases called cleftiopaghes. As a product manager at Cochlear Americas in Denver, Colorado, Wade Colburn ’14 leads the Cochlear Implant product line, providing low-level oversight to companies and investors within the cochlear implant industry.

In September 2019, Natalie Cooke ’13 announced a new position in the Department of Food Bioproducts and Nutrition Sciences at NC State University as assistant professor and director of undergraduate programs for food science.

As general counsel for Miami Waterkeeper, Kelly Cox ’13 oversees the organization’s litigation and policy initiatives to advance water resource protection for south Florida. Cox was recently selected for the Miami Foundation’s Miami Leaders Program, through which she will attend Columbia University’s Developing Leaders Program. Cox is entering her fourth year as a member of the adjunct faculty at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science and Technology, where she teaches environmental law and policy to graduate students.

In December 2019, Logan Dawson ’12 joined the federal workforce as a physical scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Environmental Modeling Center (EMC). Dawson is a member of EMC’s Model Evaluation Group, a team that plays a critical role in verifying and validating numerical forecast models proposed for implementation in National Weather Service operations. Although he only recently became a federal employee, Dawson has worked at EMC since earning a doctorate in atmospheric science from Purdue University in 2017.

As a second-year doctoral student in UNC-Chapel Hill’s Health Behavior Department, Dina Emmerode ’08 conducts research on critical consciousness-raising interventions, experiences that help people make sense of themselves as a part of larger systems. As a data scientist at Bank of America in artificial intelligence, she has experience implementing AI solutions across a variety of industries, and she frequently advises clients on fair lending and AI principles (e.g., fairness/equality/justice, transparency, privacy) and ways to mitigate any unintended consequences or risks.

This summer, Chasta Hamilton ’07 will release her first book, titled Trash The Trophies: How to Win Without Losing Your Soul. Hamilton is the owner/artistic director of Stage Door Dance Productions and the founder/president of the newly formed nonprofit Great Girls, both located in Raleigh. She has served as chair of the S'Park planning committee for three years and enjoys staying connected with arts and entrepreneurial programs at NC State.

As a neuroscience graduate student at Emory University, Ashlyn Johnson ’17 studies the role of astrocytes in frontotemporal dementia, the second-most-common cause of dementia in people under 65 years of age. As a project manager and science writer for Northwell Health and her doctoral advisor, Johnson has worked with physicians and researchers to publish their findings on COVID-19 patients in the greater New York region. Johnson, who has master’s degrees in molecular biology and English, specializes in editing, manuscript development and teaching writing and content development in the sciences and business. She also works as a project manuscript editor for medical textbooks and nonfiction books. As a senior analyst with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Nick Kaplan ’15 builds data models for evaluation, in-game strategy, and player development. In addition to his work with the Dodgers, Kapler is remotely working on his doctorate in statistics at NC State.

Jacob Kintz ’19 researches human-system teaming for future space habitats as a Ph.D. student in the bioastronautics group at the University of Colorado Boulder. He works with other students and faculty as part of the Interdisciplinary Teleoperated Rotorcraft (ITRC) team, and his poster presentation won first place in the student competition at the NASA HRP Investigators’ Workshop in January 2020.

Daniel Malechuk ’03 was appointed CEO of Kalera, an innovator of indoor vertical farming company. A food industry veteran, Malechuk formed a partnership with Publix grocery stores to bring Kalera’s locally grown produce directly to consumers when the pandemic led to the cancellation of orders slated for restaurants and entertainment venues. Kalera’s energy-efficient facility produces six million heads of lettuce a year and eliminates a large carbon footprint caused by transporting produce from the West Coast.

Kari Moore ’16, who has a master’s degree in agricultural economics, supports Native American agricultural development through strategic grantmaking at the Native American Agriculture Fund in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Will Quick ’07 was admitted to the partnership of Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard on Jan. 1. Quick has a diverse litigation and regulatory practice representing businesses and local governments in trial and appellate matters. He also advises clients on the design and improvement of policies and regulations related to assertive response and notification processes. He is a member of the board of directors for the NC State Friends of the Library and the board of directors for the NC State Alumni Association.

As a resident physician at Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, Charlotte Rastas ’13 has had a busy start to 2020 in light of the coronavirus pandemic. Rastas will finish her internal medicine residency and has been selected to stay on for an extra year as chief resident for CHA.

Meghan Rebuli ’11 has accepted an assistant professor position at UNC-Chapel Hill in the Department of Pediatrics. She is a member of the Center for Environmental Medicine, Asthma and Lung Biology, and the Curriculum in Toxicology and Environmental Medicine, where she teaches courses on toxicology and uses clinical and translational models of respiratory toxicity to study why males and females respond differently to air pollutant exposure.

Remy Roque ’06 recently completed a pediatric anesthesiology fellowship at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, where he provides anesthetics for infants and perioperative care at Seattle Children’s Hospital and is involved in resident and fellow education. Roque has an interest in continuing the perioperative experience for transgender youth and recently published his first article on the topic.

An associate attorney at Chapman Law Firm, Emily Scotton ’15 practices immigration law and assists immigrants seeking legal status through family, employment, and humanitarian programs. Scotton earned her law degree from the Wake Forest School of Law in 2018. Prior to joining Chapman Law Firm she completed a one-year federal judicial clerkship in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Brooke Summers ’19 analyzes and defends vaccine quality as an associate specialist in engineering at McKesson’s vaccine manufacturing facility in Durham. Summers uses her degree in bioprocessing science to evaluate the microbial and mechanical concerns central to aseptic manufacturing.

As an intern and consultant at the World Health Organization in Switzerland, Kelly VanTeeck ’19 conducted research on comprehensive sexual health education and on best practices for implementing digital sexual health interventions for adolescents. VanTeeck recently returned to the Raleigh area, where she continues her career in addressing global reproductive health needs as a pharmaceutical development associate at FHI 360. She works on projects to develop innovative contraceptive technologies to be used in low- and middle-income countries.

As a Massachusetts state representative up for reelection in 2020, represented Vitro’s work to advocate for social and economic justice, public education, and climate policy that is consistent with science. Vitro, who has a doctorate in invertebrate zoology, has been selected to present research results with Synapse Energy Economics to provide advice to both residential and environmental advocates.

Samuel (Owen) Webster ’18 currently works as a returning fellow with Beyond the Bomb, a nonprofit organization working to create a world without nuclear weapons. He can be found working on the implementation of no-first-use, no-signatory, or end sole authority, and to bring about restorative nuclear justice. He will begin a nuclear engineering Ph.D. program at NC State this fall, where he will research advanced radiation detection technologies while pursuing a graduate certificate in nuclear nonproliferation science and policy.
The Park Scholarships program serves as an important recruitment tool for NC State, attracting talented students to the university. A Selection Committee comprising 401 accomplished NC State alumni, faculty, and friends conducted application review, interviews, and outreach. This year, 25% of all applicants to the Park Scholarships program and more than half of the high-achieving students who attended Final Selection Activities decided to enroll at NC State. The university provided a $10,000 scholarship to each Finalist who did not receive a Park Scholarship but enrolled at NC State.

During Final Selection Activities in February, Park Scholarships brought 112 Finalists to NC State for interviews, group discussion activities, and information sessions. This year, an interest group session was introduced to provide insights into student experiences. The interest groups included GLBTQ+, people of color, under-resourced communities, and spiritual/secular beliefs, among other identities and affiliations.

At the Finalist Reception and Dinner, Finalists and their families joined Park Scholars, alumni, NC State faculty, deans, and Selection Committee members. More than 400 guests enjoyed a program featuring Chancellor Randy Woodson; Park Scholarships Director Eva Feucht ’02; Park Scholars Maggie He ’20 and Daryn Wilkerson ’23; and keynote speaker Greg Mulholland ’07, co-founder and CEO of Citrine Informatics.

The 25th class of Park Scholars was selected from a pool of 2,136 applicants from 96 of North Carolina’s 100 counties, 44 states and territories, and three countries on the basis of outstanding achievements and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

### Applicants and Recipients by Stage

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### Applicants and Recipients by County

- Applicants also hailed from the U.S. Virgin Islands, Washington, D.C., China, and India.
- Applicants and Recipients by State

### Class of 2024

- Emma Holincheck
  - Centreville High School
  - Centre, Virginia
- Addison Hughes
  - Apex Friendship High School
  - Apex, North Carolina
- Jeannine Anjola Ikereh
  - Salem Academy
  - Tampa, Florida
- Anagha Jandhyala
  - Durham School of the Arts
  - Durham, North Carolina
- Alexa Jimenez Escrivan
  - Heritage High School
  - Wake Forest, North Carolina
- Marina Kapitanov
  - Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School
  - Midlothian, Virginia
- Emmalee Elise Kiser
  - Columbus East High School
  - Columbus, Indiana
- Robert Kobrin
  - The Early College at Guilford
  - Greensboro, North Carolina
- Nissha Elise Kodzi
  - The D’Neal School
  - Southern Pines, North Carolina
- Katie Krawcheck
  - Porter-Gaud School
  - Mount Pleasant, South Carolina
- William Lamm
  - Mariet School
  - Brookhaven, Georgia
- Aisha Mahmood
  - Mallard Creek High School
  - Charlotte, North Carolina
- Jenni Mangala
  - Needham R. Boughton High School
  - Raleigh, North Carolina
- Joshua Mason
  - Highland Park Senior High School
  - Mendota Heights, Minnesota
- Karlyn Breeze Matheson
  - Robbinsville High School
  - Robbinsville, North Carolina
- Nicholas Oyarzun
  - Bolin Asul Preparatory School
  - Miami, Florida
- Timothy Reid
  - Pine Lake Preparatory School
  - Cornelius, North Carolina
- Paige Seibert
  - Clear Spring High School
  - Clear Spring, Maryland
- Beijul Shah
  - Marvin Ridge High School
  - Washaw, North Carolina
- Kiran Soma
  - The Early College at Guilford
  - Oak Ridge, North Carolina
- Joseph David Staudt
  - Navarre High School
  - Navarre, Florida
- Samuel Thomas Wallace
  - Cedar Ridge High School
  - Hillisborough, North Carolina
- Bryan Wilson
  - Jay M. Robinson High School
  - Concord, North Carolina

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**Diversity Student Task Force**

Park Scholarships completed the second year of a three-year plan to enhance efforts to recruit, select, and yield a diverse cohort of Park Scholars. The Diversity Student Task Force is an important component of this plan and provides valued input and strategic support.

- Loujain Al Samara ’22
- Grace Baucum ’22
- Elizabeth Dobge ’21
- Rosemary Edberg ’20
- Daniel Friday ’23
- Annie Haunton ’22
- Sarah Jarrell ’23
- Nehemiah MacDonald ’23
- Alexa Roland ’22
- Nalia Segume ’20
- Noor Shehata ’22
- Daryn Wilkerson ’23
- Jonina Wrenn ’20
- Ramkisforh Annachi
  - North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics
  - Cary, North Carolina
- Samantha Anthony
  - Richlands High School
  - Richlands, North Carolina
- Sami Atassi
  - Early College of Forsyth
  - Clemmons, North Carolina
- Emma Grace Barnes
  - South Mecklenburg High School
  - Charlotte, North Carolina
- Reagan Bustabad
  - Clinton High School
  - Faison, North Carolina
- Meera Butala
  - Northwood High School
  - Pittsboro, North Carolina
- Sahib Chandli
  - Norfolk Academy
  - Elizabeth City, North Carolina
- Rebecca Chemmanam
  - Junius H. Rose High School
  - Greenville, North Carolina
- Katherine Cherry
  - Lafayette Senior High School
  - Lexington, Kentucky
- Samantha Dotson
  - McDowell High School
  - Marion, North Carolina
- Ryley Fallon
  - Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science
  - Lucedale, Mississippi
- Kennedy Fipps
  - South Central High School
  - Winterville, North Carolina
- Akshaya Ganesan
  - Frisco High School
  - Frisco, Texas
- Meredith Gaskill
  - Jesse C. Carson High School
  - Salisbury, North Carolina
- Kevin Govindarajan
  - Enloe Magnet High School
  - Morrisville, North Carolina
- Elliott Gytli
  - Leasburg Road High School
  - Raleigh, North Carolina
- Madalyn Claire Hannan
  - Holy Innocents Episcopal School
  - Sandy Springs, Georgia
- Anna Hill
  - Smithfield-Selma High School
  - Benson, North Carolina

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**Number of Candidates by Stage**

- Applicants: 2,136
- Semifinalists: 444
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- Class of 2024: 41
Gifts of every size and type make a difference. Park Scholarships is funded by a community of supporters ranging from communities today and tomorrow. The impact of gifts to the Park Scholarships program continues to resonate as Park Scholars shape their lives, provide life-changing opportunities for scholars to engage in research, pursue ideas, share their discoveries, and serve their communities.

By investing in the brightest students dedicated to scholarship, leadership, service, and character, Park Scholarships donors provide life-changing opportunities for scholars to engage in research, pursue ideas, share their discoveries, and serve their communities. The impact of gifts to the Park Scholarships program continues to resonate as Park Scholars shape their communities today and tomorrow.

In 2020, the program received its seventh Co-named Park Scholarship and the second created by a Park alumnus. Inspired by Eva Feucht’s call for Park Scholars to consider repaying their scholarships, Ben Darnell ’02 pledged an endowment gift of $350,000 that will be matched by Park Foundation funds and will provide for one Park Scholarship in perpetuity. Co-named Park Scholarships have been given by alumni, families, faculty, and volunteers. Co-named Park Scholarship donor Ben Darnell ’02, alumnus and current Park Scholar, says thanks.

Creating a Culture of Philanthropy

NC State’s first-ever Park Appreciation Day was held in November in conjunction with Red and White Week. This campuswide event celebrated the philanthropic generosity of our donors. Park Scholars volunteered to take photos, write messages of gratitude, and participate in an on-campus community event outside Talley Student Union. The Park Philanthropy Council, a group of Park Scholars working to encourage giving to the Park Scholarships program, hosted a Thankathon that evening. In one night, 16 Park Scholars called 223 Park Scholarships donors to say thanks.

Although Park March Madness and NC State Day of Giving were postponed during the 2019-2020 academic year, the Park Philanthropy Council is enthusiastic about continuing these traditions next year.

As a Park Scholar, I have been given the ultimate environment to experience life — changing growth opportunities and an even greater community to back what I hope to accomplish with my life. I choose to donate as a student because it is not too early for me to share what I have received with someone else.

— Nick Wirtz ’21, current student

The Park Scholarships program has supported me in all aspects of my development: intellectually, professionally, personally, and morally. As a student, I choose to donate to the program to ensure that future scholars will have the same opportunities to grow.

— Jennifer Lo ’20, current student

Park Scholars are the future leaders of our country. We want to further the education of these dedicated and talented students, and by contributing financially, we can bring more of them to NC State. They make the university, North Carolina, and frankly, the world a better place.

— Peter Peiffer, Selection Committee Member

Make an Impact

Your gifts lead us forward in solving the grand challenges of a complicated world. Whether you are interested in a current-use gift, an estate or planned gift, or creating an endowment, your contribution will make an impact. To learn how you can support Park Scholarships, visit park.ncsu.edu/give or contact:

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100% of the Class of 2020 made a gift or pledge to support Park Scholarships during their collegiate career.
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