

Goodnight Scholars Program Transfer Class of 2021

Listed alphabetically by county, then last name

Cumberland County



Grace Gore will graduate from Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) where she received the President’s List Award. Grace was elected president of the Science Club where she collaborated with FTCC faculty to promote scientific curiosity on-campus. Grace was also a member of Sigma Kappa Delta and Phi Theta Kappa. She also volunteered as a notetaker for FTCC’s Disability Support Services. She plans to major in biochemistry.

Durham County



Guan-Wen Chou will graduate from Durham Technical Community College where she was a member of Phi Beta Lambda and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Guan-Wen participated in NASA Swarmathon, High Altitude Balloon and NCMATYC Math. Guan-Wen was involved in numerous service activities with the Chapel Hill Chinese Culture and Learning School, the Animal Protection Society of Durham, and Duke Gardens. She plans to major in computer science.

Johnston County



Jose “Luis” Jimenez will graduate from Johnston Community College (JCC) where he was a member of both the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and National Society of Leadership and Success. Luis was a team mentor for JoCo Robos and prepared meals for the Wilmington Street Men’s Shelter. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.



Aaron Pridgen will graduate from Johnston Community College (JCC) where he was a student mentor for the JoCo Robos. Aaron also worked with the JCC Foundation Office where he helped organize and conduct the JCC’s Distinguished Citizen Gala. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.



Britanya Wright will graduate from Johnston Community College (JCC) where she was elected secretary of the JCC STEM Club and participated in multiple leadership activities as a community service chair for the JCC Student Ambassadors. Britanya was involved with a variety of community service endeavors including Stop Hunger Now, JoCo Robos, and the Brian’s Center Nursing Home. She plans to major in electrical engineering.

Lee County



Jaideep Ramani will graduate from Central Carolina Community College where he was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Jaideep volunteered for BAPS Temple in Raleigh along with supporting clean-up efforts at Raven Rock State Park. In 2017, Jaideep was elected treasurer of the Math Club. He plans to major in computer science.



Frank Roth Ewens will graduate from Central Carolina Community College where he earned the Academic Excellence in Physical Science Award. Frank was a member of both the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Math Club. He plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Lincoln County



Christian Williams will graduate from Gaston College where she was an Arts and Science Division Outstanding Associate of Science graduate. Christian worked as a technician assistant for the Maiden Small Animal Hospital while also tutoring for the Gaston College Learning Center. In 2017, Christian was inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society. She plans to major in animal science.

Moore County



Tesla Anderson will graduate from Sandhills Community College where she earned Dean's List honors. Tesla is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and worked as an equestrian coach for Camp Grier. Tesla also competed at multiple McDowell County 4-H events including the WNC Summer Horse Camp. She plans to major in biological sciences.

Nash County



Adriana Cabrera Zurita will graduate from Nash Community College (NCC) where she earned Dean's List honors and the SSE/BEACON Undergraduate Diversity at Evolution Travel Award. Adriana worked as an NCC chemistry tutor and lab assistant. In 2015, Adriana was appointed vice president of the STEM Club where she participated in public outreach and community service events. She plans to major in environmental engineering.



Marilu Salazar will graduate from Nash Community College. Marilu was appointed historian for the STEM Club and held an internship at Bridgestone where she participates in quality testing, sample collection, and learning the process of creating a tire from rubber. She plans to major in paper science and engineering.

Transylvania County



Luke Owen will graduate from Blue Ridge Community College where he was a member of the National Technical Honors Society. Luke was appointed greenhouse manager for the Blue Ridge Community College Greenhouse Plant Sale, and was employed as a greenhouse worker for Henderson's Greenhouse. He plans to major in horticultural science.

Wake County



Christian Kennedy will graduate from Wake Technical Community College here he earned Dean's List honors and was a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. While taking courses at Wake Tech, Christian worked multiple food service jobs and job shadowed at a local civil engineering firm. He plans to major in civil engineering.



Jon Vincent Medenilla will graduate from Wake Technical Community College where he earned both President's and Dean's List honors. Jon was a participant in the Wake Tech Alternative Spring Break trip to New York where he volunteered at food banks in the Bronx and Manhattan and with the Boys and Girls Club in Newark, New Jersey. Jon was also an active member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. He plans to major in electrical engineering.

Wayne County



Alex Ambriz-Huerta will graduate from Wayne Community College (WCC) where he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Alex was elected vice president of the Multicultural Club and secretary of the Chess Club. In his free time, Alex works as a farmhand repairing watering systems and electric fences. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.