Goodnight Scholars Program Class of 2023
Listed alphabetically by county, then last name

Avery County

Elisabeth Kitchin will graduate from Avery High STEM Academy where she was a Borlaug International Scholar and North Carolina Science and Engineering Fair State Winner. Elisabeth was elected student body president, and was appointed team captain of the varsity tennis team. Since 2017, Elisabeth has volunteered with the Linville Central Rescue Squad. She plans to major in biological sciences.

Bladen County

Constance Smith will graduate from East Bladen High School where she was a junior marshal and member of both the National Honor Society and Beta Club. Constance was active in volunteer groups such as the History Club and Keyettes Club while working full-time on her family’s blueberry farm. She participated in a drug development and delivery system project at NC State in the summer of 2018. She plans to major in biochemistry.

Buncombe County

Gaven Bell will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) where she was a National Merit Scholar Finalist. Gaven worked as an NCSSM Residential Life Assistant, and was also a member of the Drama Board where she recently co-directed the NCSSM production of “She Kills Monsters.” In 2018, Gaven co-founded the NCSSM Learning Disabilities Student Alliance. She plans to major in biology.

Burke County

Catherine Gamewell will graduate from Robert L. Patton High School where she was a junior marshal and member of the National Honor Society. Catherine was appointed as team captain of her school’s cross country team, and dedicated her time serving with the Anchor Club, Garden Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and the American Adventure Service Corps. She plans to major in environmental technology and management.

Brunswick County

Lanie Prevatte will graduate from South Brunswick High School where she was a junior marshal, STEM ambassador, and AP Scholar Award recipient. Lanie interned with the Southport Animal Hospital and attended VetCAMP at NC State. From 2017-2019, Lanie served as director of creative design and editor of student life for the yearbook. She plans to major in animal science.
Caldwell County

**David Moore** will graduate from Caldwell Early College High School where he received the Presidential Education Award and was a member of the Caldwell County A-Team for his exceptional academic performance. David served as a Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute ambassador and helped coordinate an annual Christmas Toy Drive as part of the Caldwell Early College Interact Club. He plans to major in biochemistry.

Catawba County

**Anna Lawrence** will graduate from Saint Stephens High School where she was a junior marshal and member of the National Beta Club. In 2018, Anna attended NC School of Science and Math Summer Ventures. Anna served as team captain of FIRST Robotics team #6639 and competed in SkillsUSA and Science Olympiad. Anna served as a leader for marching band and Junior State of America. She plans to major in environmental engineering.

Carteret County

**Skylar Harrelson** will graduate from West Carteret High School where she earned AP Scholar with Honor and qualified for East Carolina University’s Regional Math competition. Skylar was elected president of both the Interact Club and Math Team, along with serving as vice president of the Key Club. In 2018, Skylar participated in the North Carolina Governor’s School for Mathematics. She plans to major in chemical engineering.

Chatham County

**Michael Hinson** will graduate from Northwood High School where he was an AP Scholar Award recipient. Michael was elected president of the National Honor Society, and served as a senior patrol leader for the Boy Scouts of America. Michael also competed in indoor and outdoor track, and was the head drum major for the Northwood High School Marching Band. He plans to major in civil engineering.

Kerwin Rodriguez will graduate from Jordan Matthews High School where he was selected for Boys State by the American Legion of Siler City. Kerwin was a participant in the 2018 DECA State Competition, and spends his free time being involved with the Chatham Soccer League and as a youth mentor for his church. He plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Cleveland County

**Casey Greene** will graduate from Crest High School where he was a junior marshal and member of both the National Honor Society and TRIO Talent Search program. Casey served as the social media and PR manager for the National Beta Club, and worked as a summer intern for the Cleveland Community College IT department with a focus on installing computer equipment and networking classrooms. He plans to major in computer science.
Kaleb Estridge will graduate from Kings Mountain High School where he was a Wendy’s Heisman School winner and National Presidential Career and Technical Education Scholar nominee. He is an Eagle Scout and served as senior patrol leader of Troop 92. Kaleb was elected president of National Honor Society and the Debate Club. In 2018, he set the school record for indoor track men’s pole vault with a height of 12’3”. He plans to major in paper science and engineering.

Cumberland County

Arana Blake will graduate from Massey Hill Classical High School where she was chief marshal for the Class of 2019. Over the course of two years, Arana was elected first as junior class representative and then senior class president for the Student Government Association. In 2017, Arana joined the National Honor Society and contributed to charity events for the Second Harvest Food Bank. She plans to major in chemistry.

Dare County

Morgan Fairbanks will graduate from Cape Hatteras Secondary School of Coastal Studies where she was a recipient of the Virginian-Pilot Scholastic Achievement Award and was elected captain of both the varsity basketball and volleyball teams. Morgan served as junior class president and vice president of DECA and National Honor Society. In 2017-2018, Morgan interned on a blue crab research project with NC State. She plans to major in marine science.

Duplin County

Graham Hanchey will graduate from Wallace Rose-Hill High School where he was an Eagle Scout and junior marshal. Graham was a dual-sport athlete in varsity football and baseball, and also interned for the North Carolina Pork Council. In 2017, Graham volunteered with Cause N’ Dog Rescue and helped facilitate adoption events. He plans to major in agricultural and environmental technology.

Forsyth County

Cindy Liu will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) where she was an AP Scholar and Finalist at the National Technology Student Association conference. Cindy was chosen to join the Mentorship Research Program at Duke University’s Derbyshire Lab, and also served as vice president of the NCSSM Art Club and teacher for the Plant Biology seminar. She plans to major in animal science.

Gaston County

Teresa Purello will graduate from the Highland School of Technology where she was an AP Scholar with Honor. Teresa was an active member of the Future Business Leaders of America and National Beta Club. In 2018, Teresa was chosen for the North Carolina General Assembly’s Youth Legislative Assembly, where she served as an extraordinary delegate for the Environment Committee. She plans to major in environmental sciences.
Guilford County

Benjamin Greenly will graduate from Northwest Guilford High School where he earned AP Scholar with Honor recognition. Richard holds membership in the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society. Richard also served as a mathematics and Spanish tutor. He plans to major in human biology.

Sarah Krementz will graduate from Cornerstone Charter Academy where she was a U.S. Presidential Scholar candidate and Student-Athlete Award recipient. Sarah was named captain of the varsity volleyball team, and was the founder and president of the Quiz Bowl Club. In 2017, Sarah was appointed vice president of the Red Cross Club and assisted with blood drives in her community. She plans to major in environmental sciences.

Harnett County

Myra Holder will graduate from Western Harnett High School (WHHS) where she was a chief junior marshal and voted Goalkeeper of the Year by the WHHS varsity soccer team. Myra was a member of the Beta Club, a peer tutor, and a cross country athlete. She plans to major in biochemistry.

Sarah Phillips will graduate from Triton High School where she received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award and the Coach Bobby Tart Sportsmanship Award. Sarah was elected captain of the varsity volleyball, appointed captain of the varsity spring track team, and coached at the Triton High School Volleyball Camp. Sarah also accumulated over 128 volunteer hours with Harnett Health Hospitals. She plans to major in high school mathematics education.

Henderson County

Kathryn King will graduate from West Henderson High School where she was a junior marshal and president of the Student Government Association. Kathryn was elected as treasurer of the PRIDE and Junior Civitan, and earned the lead role of Sandy in the school’s production of Grease. Kathryn has also served as a K-8 STEM instructor at Zaniac Asheville. She plans to major in high school mathematics education.

Samuel Ray-Alverson will graduate from Hendersonville High School where he was an AP Scholar. Samuel was appointed team captain of the Henderson County Public School Robotics team #1225, and mentored a middle school LEGO robotics team through the Boys and Girls Club of Henderson County. Samuel was also named percussion captain and assistant drum major for the Hendersonville High School marching band. He plans to major in engineering.
Johnston County

**Mya McDowell** will graduate from Corinth Holders High School where she was president of the National Honor Society. Mya was selected as a cast member for her school’s production of *The Music Man*. Mya also spent 15 hours per week volunteering at the Helen Wright Center for Women in Raleigh. In 2018, Mya was selected for the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Summer Venture program. She plans to major in biological sciences.

Lee County

**Sara Buchanan** will graduate from Southern Lee High School where she was chief junior marshal and a Catalyst Award nominee. Sara participated in Governor’s School West and Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics, and was elected as vice president of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). Recently, she was elected president of her school’s Science Olympiad team. She plans to major in biological sciences.

Mecklenburg County

**Zachary Boulton** will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where he was a QuestBridge finalist. Zachary has been awarded the Eagle rank in the Boy Scouts of America, and has competed in both Science Olympiad and FIRST Robotics. In 2018-2019, Zachary participated in a Robotics Research Mentorship program at Duke University. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.

**Madison Darley** will graduate from Olympic High School where she served on Student Council as student body president. Madison was a member of a variety of clubs including the Black Student Union, National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. In 2017, she was appointed president of the Student Culture Alliance. She plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Minh-Thu Dinh** will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) where she was co-founder and vice president of the NCSSM Vietnamese Student Association and technology officer for the Asian Cultures Club. Minh-Thu is currently developing independent engineering research on solar panel efficiency. She plans to major in electrical engineering.

**Salem Hailu** will graduate from Olympic High School where she was a junior marshal and vice president of the National Honor Society. Salem was elected as vice president of both the Environmental Club and Mu Alpha Theta, and was an active member of the Science National Honor Society. Last summer, Salem completed an internship with McKee Dental. She plans to major in human biology.
**Mohamed Hijazi** will graduate from Mallard Creek High School where he was enrolled in the PLTW Engineering Program. Mohamed served as an ambassador with the Young Black Leadership Alliance, mentor for the Maverick Mentors Club, and volunteer for the Muslim Community Center of Charlotte. He plans to major in biomedical engineering.

**Maya Payne-Wiens** will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) where she was co-founder and leader of the Haptic Feedback Sub team for the FIRST Robotics competition. Maya’s interests outside of the classroom included the NCSSM Rocketry Club, softball team, and volunteering as a camp counselor for River Camp in Fresno, California. She plans to major in mechanical engineering.

**Luis Villalobos** will graduate from North Mecklenburg High School where he ranked first in the CFL of Charlotte District in Lincoln-Douglas debate. Luis is a North Carolina Science Olympiad captain and champion in wind power and helicopters, and he also served as a Science Olympiad coach for the J.M. Alexander Middle School team. He plans to major in aerospace engineering.

**Luna Wang** will graduate from William Amos Hough High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and a North Carolina Virtual Public School Peer Tutor in Chinese language. Lu Na was an active member of Science Olympiad, Mu Alpha Theta, and the National English Honor Society. From 2017-2019, Lu Na volunteered with the Cornelius Library’s Reading Buddies program. She plans to major in chemical engineering.

**New Hanover County**

**Yates Weaver** will graduate from EA Laney High School where he was a member of National Honor Society. Yates competed in Science Olympiad, and was an EA Laney High School STEM officer. Outside of the classroom, Yates worked as a drafter for a local structural engineering firm. In 2018, Yates was a regional selection for the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference. He plans to major in civil engineering.

**Onslow County**

**Jordan Roed** will graduate from Richlands High School where he was a North Carolina Academic Scholar, AP Scholar, and chief junior marshal. Jordan was captain of the varsity soccer team, and was elected vice president of the Student Council Organization and historian of the Beta Club. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.
Rhiannon See will graduate from Pender Early College High School where she was inducted into the National Honor Society and Cape Fear Community College’s (CFCC) Phi Theta Kappa. Rhiannon was appointed team leader for CFCC’s Chem-Techathon, and was also a participant in Science Olympiad. Since 2014, Rhiannon has tutored at-risk youth through the Communities in Schools program. She plans to major in high school science education.

Rafael Macababat will graduate from D.H. Conley High School where he was a junior marshal and participant in Pitt County’s Project MERC. Rafael is a founding member of a youth program at the Mediation Center of Eastern North Carolina that engages underserved youth in discussions about diversity and conflict resolution. Rafael was also elected president of People of America and team captain for the Link Crew. He plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Laura Gomez-Rodriguez will graduate from Asheboro High School where she was a junior marshal and All Conference Award recipient. Laura was appointed president of the Key Club, vice president of the Honor Society, and captain of her Science Olympiad team. From 2016-2018, Laura played on the Asheboro High School tennis team. She plans to major in environmental engineering.

Chloe Patterson will graduate from West Rowan High School where she earned scholar-athlete honors and was a member of Future Farmers of America. Chloe was elected captain of both the varsity soccer and cheer teams, and was also a member of the varsity swim team. Chloe has volunteered with a number of organizations including Special Olympics and Thyatira Presbyterian Church. She plans to major in nutrition science.

Erica Council will graduate from Panther Creek High School (PCHS) where she was a National Merit Commended Student Award recipient and member of the National Honor Society. Erica was elected as captain of the PCHS varsity cheerleading team, and served as president of Project Unify: a club that helps athletes prepare for the Special Olympics. She plans to major in high school mathematics education.

Alexa Hamm will graduate from Needham Broughton High School where she was founder and president of the BHS Animal Shelter Alliance Organization. At the NCSSM Summer Ventures in Science and Math at East Carolina University, she researched a new method to treat P. aeruginosa infections in patients with cystic fibrosis and presented at the State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research & Creativity Symposium. She plans to major in animal science.
Hailey Hammonds will graduate from East Wake High School where she received the Most Outstanding Student in Mathematics and Science awards. Hailey was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, and Spanish Honor Society. In 2016, Hailey was appointed class representative for Student Government. She plans to major in chemistry.

Mohhid Kidwai will graduate from Wake Young Men’s Leadership Academy where he earned his BB&T Financial Foundations certification and was on the Honor Roll. Mohhid was elected president of the Future Business Leaders of America, and served as technology chair for the Key Club. Mohhid also dedicated time tutoring middle school students. He plans to major in computer science.

Andrew Lopez will graduate from Millbrook High School where he was a member of the National Honor, Technical, Achievement, and Spanish Societies. Andrew is an active member of FRC Robotics, and has experience volunteering with Centro Para Familias Hispanas and serving as an assistant coach for local tennis clinics. He plans to major in computer science.

Elias Ramos will graduate from the Triangle Math and Science Academy where he earned Summa Cum Laude honors. Elias was elected vice president of the National Honor Society, and was a member of the Future Health Professional Club and FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics. Elias also has extensive volunteer experience with Miracle League and Habitat for Humanity. He plans to major in biology.

Jafeth Vasquez-Cerros will graduate from Wake Early College of Health and Sciences where he was recognized by the Wake County Student Spotlight for his outstanding academic achievement. Outside of the classroom, Jafeth worked with Citadel Contractors Inc., where he was responsible for safe environment maintenance. He plans to major in civil engineering.

Watauga County

Landon Burt will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) where he earned his certification through the NCSSM Student Instructors Developing Enrichments (SIDE) program. In addition to being a student instructor for SIDE, Landon was an English teacher for International World Changers and trombone player for the NCSSM Jazz Band. He plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Mark Hagaman will graduate from Watauga Innovation Academy where he was on the academic honor roll and was selected to the North Carolina Governor's School. Mark was elected chapter officer and delegate for the National FFA Organization, and was an active member with the Coding Club, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and French Club. He plans to major in aerospace engineering.
Yancey County

**Ian Cassida** will graduate from Mountain Heritage High School where he earned his FFA Greenhand degree. Ian was elected as the environmental improvement coordinator for the Eco Club, and spent his free time volunteering with Seed Savers and the Children’s Advocacy Center. In 2018, Ian’s FFA chapter received the Farmer of the Year Award for growing 1000 pounds of potatoes that were served in the school’s cafeteria. He plans to major in plant biology.

**Ethan Renfro** will graduate from Mountain Heritage High School (MHHS) where he was a member of both the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. Ethan was a leadership team member and drum major for the MHHS Marching Band, and served as the NC FFA West Region secretary. In 2016, Ethan volunteered at the Blue Ridge Regional Hospital. He plans to major in agricultural education.