

Goodnight Scholars Program Class of 2024 and Transfer Class of 2023

Listed alphabetically by county, then last name.

Alamance County

Rhett Pasour will graduate from Southern Alamance High School where he was treasurer for Future Farmers of America, team captain for FFA Floriculture, participant in Envirothon FFA, and member of the National Honor Society. Rhett also played on the lacrosse team and attended the Institute for Future Agriculture Leaders in 2019. He plans to major in horticultural science.

Avery County

Lila Cantrell will graduate from Avery County High School where she was an AP Scholar, Junior Marshal, and Tennessee Washington Youth Tour delegate. Lila was a member of Beta Club and Key Club where she gained over 300 service hours, and a team captain for the volleyball, basketball, and track and field teams. Lila has worked a variety of jobs including lifeguard, paper deliverer, and Christmas tree farmer. She also maintained an internship at her local branch of the North Carolina Forest Service Nursery. She plans to major in fisheries, wildlife, and conservation biology.

Brunswick County

Kamryn Auger will graduate from South Brunswick High School where she was an AP Scholar, president of the National Honor Society, and secretary of the Science National Honor Society. In 2018, Kamryn founded the Forward Thinking Club: a student organization that promotes solution based thinking on real world issues with the goal of inspiring future change. She plans to major in biological sciences.

Buncombe County

Gregory Capps will graduate from Martin L. Nesbitt Jr. Discovery Academy where he was a finalist for both National Merit and QuestBridge. Gregory was a founding officer in his school's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, a mathematics honor society. Gregory also won several local awards for his poetry and his paper aircraft models. He plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Emily Easterday will graduate from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College where she was on the Dean's List, served as vice president of Phi Beta Lambda, and was an I3 S-STEM National Science Foundation Scholar. Emily received a NC Space Grant for undergraduate research and was a team lead engineer with the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars. She also completed an internship with the Department of Energy at Oak Ridge National Labs. She plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Madeline Ellis will graduate from A.C. Reynolds High School where she was a four-time varsity member of the cross-country team and two-time State Championship participant. Madeline participated in the Environmental Club, Youth for Environmental Stewardship, and Student Council. Madeline served as a junior volunteer at Mission Hospital and as a junior counselor at the NC Arboretum. She is also an ultra-runner and has participated in many marathons and longer runs, often as the youngest runner. She plans to major in natural resources.

Burke County

Lillian Williams will graduate from Jimmy C. Draughn High School where she was an AP Scholar with Honor, Junior Marshal, and a mathematics competitor in Governor's School West. Lillian was the founder of her school's Science Olympiad team and also served as a Burke Hospice volunteer. In 2019, Lillian was selected to be an EngineerGirl ambassador. She plans to major in biomedical and health science engineering.

Carteret County

Lane Nickson will graduate from Croatan High School where he was a four-year member of History Club and was a National History Day Contest State Champion for website creation. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2017 and served as a senior patrol leader, crew vice president, summer camp counselor, and assistant scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America. Lane was a member of Beta Club and was recognized by his school for his four-year outstanding academic achievement. He plans to major in computer science.

Cumberland County

Nyana Williams will graduate from Cross Creek Early College High School where she was in the Academy of Scholars. Nyana was president of Student Government where she was able to coordinate fundraisers and events. She was also involved in Beta Club, Science Olympiad and as a member of her varsity soccer team. She plans to major in chemistry.

Davidson County

Morgan Ayscue will graduate from Ledford High School where she was a finalist for QuestBridge and co-president of Mu Alpha Theta, the mathematics honor society. Morgan was a member of National Honor Society, National Beta Club, and International Thespian Society. She also participated in competitive dance as both a teacher and performer, reported for the Thomasville Times, volunteered with the Out of the Garden Project, and was a member of her church's youth group and choir. She plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Duplin County

Manuel Valbuena will graduate from Sampson Early College High School where he received a Spotlight Award of Excellence for his participation in Living Literature, was ranked first in his class, and received academic awards for Honors Precalculus and Honors Math III. He was president of Key Club, vice president of Beta Club, and treasurer for Student Government. Manuel also played for Clinton United Travel Soccer Club and attended Governor's School East. He plans to major in environmental engineering.

Durham County

Sharonda Daniels will graduate from Riverside High School where she was awarded the Girls Go Cyberstart Certificate of Achievement and has participated in the Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy, for which she is creating a summative video. She works for a start-up business, Kintsugi Life, in which she is experimenting with search engine optimization through blog posts and articles. She plans to major in computer science.

Samuel Korvie will graduate from Durham Technical Community College and was a member of NC State's C3 Program. Samuel was vice president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, president of Durham Tech Ambassadors for Christ, and a long-time volunteer with the Red Cross. He has also worked as a supervisor at CVS Pharmacy and as a kitchen manager at Chipotle. He plans to major in electrical engineering.

Franklin County

Chandler Parrish will graduate from Louisburg High School where she received the George Eastman Young Leaders Award and the Shocco Creek DAR Good Citizen Award. She was also a Junior Marshal and member of the National Honor Society. Chandler held multiple positions at Louisburg High School including peer tutor, admission ambassador, senior class president, and color guard team member. Outside of school, she participated in competitive dance and volleyball. She plans to major in mathematics education.

Andrea Zamudio will graduate from Franklin Academy where she served as captain of the Model Bridge Building team, president of the Société Honoraire de Français, and vice president of both the National Science Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She was also a member of the varsity tennis and Science Olympiad teams, and studied taekwondo. Andrea is a National Hispanic Scholar, AP Scholar, and has won multiple National French Contest medals. She plans to major in engineering.

Gaston County

Ruben Pelayo Quezada will graduate from Highland School of Technology where he served as the co-captain and head programmer of Vex Robotics, a global robotics competition. He also participated in Technology Student Association and Future Business Leaders of America, volunteered at the Tri-County Animal Rescue, and worked as a production team assistant for Elevation Church. He plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Samuel Shiles will graduate from Highland School of Technology where he served as captain of the VEX Robotics Team and accomplished the rank of Eagle Scout while serving as a senior patrol leader for Boy Scouts of America. He also participated in the Technology Student Association, Math Club, and Computer Engineering Explorations Club while playing on the football, swim, and track and field teams. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Tyler Southward will graduate from Gaston College where he was on the President's List every semester. He was a member of the Global Imprints Club and received a scholarship to study abroad. He also works as an Aquatic and Safety Coordinator at the Warlick Family YMCA and volunteers at the African American Museum of History and Culture. Tyler plans to major in statistics.

Andrea Tejada will graduate from East Gaston High School where she was a member of the varsity volleyball Team, representative to the Superintendent's Advisory Council, and president of the Future Business Leaders of America. She participated in both the Governor's School West and Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics programs, and was recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar. She plans to major in zoology.

Jesus Vina Moreno will graduate from Gaston College where he was on the President's List every semester, and was inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society. Jesus completed water quality research with Dr. Virginie Maggiotti, professor Patricia Williams, and the Women's Impact Fund. He presented the early stages of the project at the 2019 NC Undergraduate Research & Creativity Symposium. He also served as a volunteer tutor with his local ESL program, helping students obtain their GED. He plans to major in biological sciences.

Guilford County

Muskan Aslam will graduate from the STEM Early College at NC A&T where she received the Character Award, AP Scholar Award, Most Outstanding Student in Math, and third place in the Regional Envirothon competition. She was a member of the National Honors Society, junior representative for Student Council, co-founded the Envirothon Club, and was a mathematics student

at Governor's School West. She also volunteered with Wake Forest Baptist Health, worked as a math instructor, and participated in prosthetics research through a senior internship. She plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Thushan Fernando will graduate from Guilford Technical Community College where he received the Jim Morgan Scholarship, served as a math peer tutor, and was a member of the Stellar Society. Thushan also worked as a maintenance technician and pool service technician, and volunteered with the Jamestown Presbyterian Church. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Hyunmin "Andy" Kim will graduate from STEM Early College at NC A&T where he received the Meritorious Award for first place in NC Korean Math Olympiad and the AP Environmental Science Endurance Award. Andy served as an assistant teacher and tutor for Korean Greensboro School and was appointed president of the Math Club at STEM Early College at NC A&T. He plans to major in mathematics.

Sydney Lucas will graduate from Northern Guilford High School where she was an AP Scholar with Distinction and Junior Marshal. Sydnier served as the president of the FTC Robotics team at her school, Irrational DoorKeepers #4653, while also working part-time as a custodian for St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, and volunteering as a peer tutor for the National Honor Society. She plans to major in polymer and color chemistry.

Brendan Yoo will graduate from Walter Hines Page High School where he was president of the Spanish National Honor Society, vice president of Mu Alpha Theta, and a team member for varsity lacrosse. He was also a team captain with NC Fusion Lacrosse. Brendan volunteered with youth soccer, youth lacrosse, and with the Greensboro Veteran's Home. Brendan plans to major in chemical engineering.

Halifax County

Eric Phan will graduate from Roanoke Rapids High School where he was an AP Scholar and a student for the Governor's School of North Carolina for natural science. Eric was elected president of the Science National Honors Society, vice president of the National Honors Society, secretary of Key Club, and co-chair for the Student Council Service Committee. Eric was also active in Roanoke Rapids High School's art scene, where he served as vice president of RoMasquer's Drama Club and secretary of the Art Club. He plans to major in chemistry.

Haywood County

Adam Wampler will graduate from Tuscola High School where he served as president of National Honor Society, captain of the Envirothon team and president of the Naturalists' Club. He was an active member of the Debate Club and vice president of the STEM-E Club. Adam was also involved in the arts, serving as the brass coordinator for the Tuscola High School Marching Band and lead trumpet for Jazz Band. He plans to major in environmental sciences.

Iredell County

Mika'el Chabeda will graduate from the Community School of Davidson where he was a Borlaug Scholar and member of National Honor Society. He was the captain of his school's soccer team where he was also honored as player of the conference and region. He completed research papers on sustainable agriculture which he was able to present at the North Carolina Youth Institute at NC State and the World Food Prize in Des Moines. He plans to major in agricultural science.

Johnston County

Haley Evans will graduate from Johnston Community College, and was a member of NC State's C3 Program. Haley was a lead mentor for the JoCo Robos FIRST Robotics team and president of Girls Programming For Success (GPS). She was also a member of the STEM Club, Phi Theta Kappa, and a STEM Camp counselor. Haley plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Isabel Fricke will graduate from Corinth Holders High School where she was the Agriscience Applications Student of the Year. Isabel was a member of the HOSA Club, National Honor Society, and varsity golf team; the latter of which she earned Academic All-Conference honors. She was also an officer for the Corinth Holders FFA chapter. Isabel worked part-time for the Carolina Mudcats baseball team as a member of the Cats Crew. She plans to major in polymer and color chemistry.

Joshua Murphy will graduate from Johnston Community College where he served as president of the Engineering Club and as head design mentor for the JoCo Robos FIRST Robotics team. He was a Technical Drafting State Champion and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Joshua also worked as a technical draftsman, prototype designer, and quality assurance specialist. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Josue Peralta-Mejia will graduate from Johnston Community College where he studied engineering and bioprocessing technology. He earned a BioWorks Certification and the North Carolina State Bioprocess Certificate. Josue is currently working full-time as a project planning and management contractor with Merck Pharmaceuticals. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Macon County

Marco Corrales Briones will graduate from Macon Early College where he was on the President's List and a member of the Honor Society. Marco participated in STEM Challenge, was vice president of the Spanish Club, and was secretary of the Student Council. He also volunteered as an interpreter for the college and with Vecinos, a health clinic for farmworkers. He plans to major in biological sciences.

Mecklenburg County

Nyela Allen will graduate from Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology where she was a member of the National Technical Honor Society, National Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. She completed STEM outreach through her involvement in FIRST Robotics and taught students how to play chess through her role as president of the Chess Club. She was involved in an internship with Cisco and the REAP Engineering Apprenticeship program. She plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Jared Arriola will graduate from Central Piedmont Community College where he earned his Associate in Engineering and was on the President's List. He works as a sales associate for Metro PCS and also worked for The Elite Outdoors and McDonald's. He will major in mechanical engineering.

Braeden Coughlin will graduate from the Community School of Davidson where he was a member of the varsity cross country team, National Honor Society, co-president of the Math Club, and calculus teaching assistant. He was very involved in scouting with his troop and council, earning his Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor, and serving as a senior patrol leader and chapter chief. Braeden has been recognized as an AP Scholar, National Merit Finalist, and math student for Governor's School East. He plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Phuong “Amy” Dinh will graduate from Olympic High School where she was an AP Scholar with Honor and served as president of Science Olympiad and vice president of National Honor Society. Amy also volunteered at the Regency Senior Living and participated in Youth 4 Abolition, Thieu Nhi Thanh The (TNTT), Model UN, Junior Leadership Society, Terra Troopers Environmental Club, and Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, & Bioengineering (B3). She plans to major in chemistry.

Roman Peace will graduate from Ardrey Kell High School where he was a member of the Marching Band, Technology Student Association, and Economics Club and served as a macroeconomics and math tutor. He was also a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M, and Mu Alpha Theta. Roman also achieved Eagle Scout rank in 2019 and served as junior assistant scoutmaster, troop guide, and senior patrol leader. He was also selected as an Amazon future engineer. He plans to major in computer engineering.

Briany Santos-Villalobos will graduate from Central Piedmont Community College where she served as president of Phi Theta Kappa, representative of the Student Government Association, and ambassador for the Central Piedmont Foundation. Briany conducted research as a fellow with the NC STEM Alliance, and was awarded a Gilman Scholarship to intern in Peru. While at Central Piedmont, she also received the Ruth G. Shaw Scholarship and Presidential Scholarship. She plans to major in biological sciences.

Kodjo Tanou will graduate from Sugar Creek Charter High School where he was a Junior Marshal and National Honors Society member. Kodjo served as a tutor with a focus on first grade reading comprehension and eight grade mathematics while also volunteering for the Wake Forest College Launch for Leadership program. In 2019, Kodjo attended the Governor’s School of North Carolina. He plans to major in computer engineering.

Montgomery County

Alec Parsons will graduate from Haywood Community College where he was vice president of the Forestry Club, captain of the Lumberjack Team, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. He also served as a volunteer with the Montgomery County Rescue Squad and interned with the NC Forest Service. He plans to major in forest management.

Raymond Villalobos will graduate from Sandhills Community College where he served as a member of the Student Trustee Advisory Committee for the Association of Community College Trustees, as president of the Student Government Association, and was on the President’s List. Raymond also participated in the National Conference of Student Leadership, worked with countless student leaders across the nation, advocated in the United States Senate, was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, and worked as a department manager at McDonald’s on the weekends. He plans to major in biomedical health sciences and engineering.

New Hanover County

Madilyn Smith will graduate from Eugene Ashley High School where she was part of the National Honor Society and National Society of High School Scholars. She was the section leader in her concert band, captain of her club volleyball team and participated in a three week EcoChallenge. She spent time volunteering with Adopt an Angel and as a tutor for her middle school. She plans to major in mathematics.

Onslow County

Danielle Chadwick will graduate from Swansboro High School where she served as class treasurer, vice president of HOSA, and president of Student to Student Club. She also served as treasurer of

Interact Club and played varsity soccer. Danielle participated in both the Governor's School of North Carolina and NCSSM's Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics, and she is a member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. She plans to major in biochemistry.

Orange County

Nadia Chapple will graduate from Cedar Ridge High School as an IB Diploma candidate where she served as an officer of National Honors Society, member of the Spanish Honor Society, section head of Science Olympiad, and co-president of the Environmental Club. She was a member of the cross-country and swim teams, and also volunteered with the Special Olympics. She plans to major in materials science and engineering.

Perquimans County

Allison Copeland will graduate from Perquimans County High School where she served as senior class president, Interact Club president, a Fellowship of Christian Athletes student leader, and a varsity volleyball and softball captain. Allison has been recognized as a Junior Marshal, Volleyball Conference Player of the Year, and as a member of the Virginian-Pilot Scholastic Achievement Team. She was also instrumental in the establishment and growth of the junior volunteer program at Sentara Albemarle Medical Center and is an alumnus of the Governor's School of North Carolina. She plans to major in human biology.

Pitt County

Martha Crisp will graduate from D.H. Conley High School where she was a Junior Marshall and member of National Honor Society. Martha has volunteered over 250 hours with her robotics team where she was able to earn the gold level for the President's Volunteer Service Award. She has participated in the FIRST Robotics International Championship, Society of Women Engineers Next, and Pitt County Health Sciences Academy where she was selected to participate in the High School Medical Research Honors Program. She has also earned a second degree black belt in taekwondo. She plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Jonah Ghebremichael will graduate from Pitt Community College where he earned two associates degrees. Johan was on Dean's List and inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. He was a member of the Engineering & Physical Science Club and Astronomy Club while also volunteering with Pitt County Special Olympics. He plans to major in computer science.

Ashton Jones will graduate from North Pitt High School where he was executive president of the Student Body Government and a member of the National Honors Society. He was also an active member of Link Crew, Friends Reaching out Encouraging Student Help (F.R.E.S.H.) Club, Drama Club, and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). He plans to major in elementary education.

Robeson County

Elijah Hammonds will graduate from Lumberton High School where he served as captain of Science Olympiad, president of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), and president of the 3D Printing Club. He also played varsity soccer, bowling, and tennis. Elijah was recognized with the Superintendent Award, Varsity Soccer Coaches Award, and Student of Excellence Award. He plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Lukan Hardin will graduate from Lumberton High School where he received the Superintendent's Award. Lukan was a member of the tennis team, National Honor Society, and Native American Student Association. He also completed community service for his school and other clubs focused on

science and mathematics activities for natives through the American Indian Science and Engineering Society. He plans to major in computer science.

Rowan County

Kierstyn Buchanan will graduate from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College (RCCC) where she was on the President's List and received High Honors. She was a member of the Wayfinders, RCCC's High Altitude Ballooning Team, and was a math tutor. Kierstyn plans to major in computer science.

Isaac Mayle will graduate from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College where he was on the President's List, inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, and received a STEAM scholarship. Isaac served as a student ambassador, tutor, and member of the High Altitude Ballooning Team. He also participated in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars Program and has worked as a certified automotive master technician. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Stokes County

Maggie Campbell will graduate from Salem Academy where she was a Questbridge National College Match Finalist, Randolph College Book Award recipient, and received Summa Cum Laude honors on her National Latin Exam. Maggie was captain on her all-girls robotics team, was president of the Outdoors Club, secretary of Girl Up (a subgroup of the United Nations), and was active in social justice at her school and in her community. She worked as a camp counselor at a STEAM camp and held an internship in a neonatal intensive care unit. She plans to major in human biology.

Surry County

Brandan Shur will graduate from Surry Community College where he was on the President's List and served as the vice president of the Horticulture Club. Brandan completed internships with Surry Cellar's Vineyard as a student viticulturist and with the Surry Community College Greenhouse as a student horticulturist. Brandan also served on the Board of Directors for Miss Angel's Charitable Trust. He plans to major in horticultural science.

Wake County

Maab Aldulimy will graduate from Wake Technical Community College where she was on the President's List every semester, received the Dr. Adawia STEM Scholarship, and worked as a chemistry lab assistant. Maab served as a student ambassador and as an officer with the Muslim Society Association. She also volunteers at WakeMed Raleigh's Children's Emergency Department, Walk-In Family Care Clinic, Habitat for Humanity, and as an Arabic teacher. She plans to major in chemical engineering.

Samantha Graff will graduate from Apex High School where she served as co-president of the Math Club and Writers Club, social media manager of the Gender-Sexuality Alliance, and member of the Robotics Club and DECA. Samantha was also a varsity team member of Science Olympiad. In addition to working at various preschools and daycare centers, Samantha was accepted into the 2019 NCMEA Honors Chorus and participated in three school productions as a prompter and ensemble member. She plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Luis Maradiaga will graduate from Millbrook High School where he was an AP Scholar with Distinction. For the past two years, Luis has been the electrical executive for his robotics team and an animation executive producer to design and edit the school's news show. He also spent time volunteering with the Brentwood Boys and Girls Club. He plans to major in computer science.

Nyssa Ndey-Bongo will graduate from Wake NC State STEM Early College where she received the Wake County Spotlight on Student Award. Nyssa participated in the Duke Clinical Research Institute Summer Training in Academic Research program. She also tutored for Mathnasium of Lake Boon and created workshops and conferences centered on womxn for the Girls Club and North Carolina Black Girls Initiative. She plans to major in plant biology.

Tyler Paryz will graduate from Cardinal Gibbons High School where he was the president of the History Club and National Honors Society member. In addition to being on the varsity cross-country team, Tyler runs a technology assistance business in which he provides training sessions and IT support at a local senior community. He also works as a front-of-house trainer at PDQ. He plans to major in computer science.

Dylan Pham will graduate from Millbrook High School as an AP Scholar with Honor where he was a member of the National Honor Society, National Achievers Society, Math Honors Society, and Spanish Honor Society. As the strategy executive for FIRST Robotics Team 6500, Dylan worked with local youth on engaging STEM activities with an emphasis on robotics. He plans to major in chemical engineering.

Hannah Prescott will graduate from Wake Technical Community College where she was on the Dean's List and President's List. Hannah volunteered at a thyme and lavender farm in France, and worked full-time as a head bartender at her local pub until going back to school. She plans to major in plant biology.

Avery Schrage will graduate from Needham B. Broughton High School where he was captain of the varsity cross-country team, a member of the varsity and YOTA swim teams, and vice president and co-captain of Science Olympiad. He has been a counselor with both Camp Kanata and Arts Together, and a project leader with the Architecture, Construction, Engineering (ACE) Mentor Program. Avery has also been recognized with the ACE Leadership Award & Scholarship Award, the National German Exam Gold Medal, and a Rotary Youth Leadership Award. He plans to major in engineering.

Hilton Stallworth will graduate from William G. Enloe High School where he served as senior class president for Enloe Student Council, vice president and chair of social actions for the Black Student Union, executive board member of the Spanish Club, member of the Beta Club, and served on the Equity Team. Hilton also played baseball for Enloe High School. He plans to major in mechanical and aerospace engineering.

Breyonna Williams will graduate from Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School where she was a member of FIRST Robotics, Brain Game, and National Honor Society. She was active with the NC-MSEN Pre-College Program and completed an internship with the NC Department of Transportation. Breyonna was also involved in the humanities as a member of the National Art Honor Society, Writer's Club, and Reader's Club. She plans to major in civil engineering.

Warren County

Heidy Labra-Franco will graduate from Warren Early College High School where she was part of the Governor's School of North Carolina and received first place for her science project in the district's Science and Engineering Fair. Heidy was involved in the National Beta Club, Student Government Association, Superintendent's Student Council, and worked as a peer tutor for Vance-Granville Community College. She plans to major in mathematics education.

Wilkes County

Brian Foster will graduate from Wilkes Community College where he was on the President's List and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. Brian served as a student ambassador, SAGE mentor, and participated in the Student Leadership Development Program. He also worked as a WXII 12 News Intern, student notetaker for the Disability Services Department, and Chick-fil-A team member. He plans to major in meteorology.

Yadkin County

Erica Castillo-Duran will graduate from Yadkin Early College High School where she served as a Yadkin Early College board representative and student recruiter. Erica worked on a poultry farm and as a mentor for the Kaleideum Museum. She also participated in UNC Greensboro's CHANCE program which aims at helping the Hispanic community navigate the challenges of applying to college. She plans to major in life sciences.

Yancey County

Ryan Argent will graduate from Mountain Heritage High School where he served as secretary for National Honor Society, Math Club leader, Marching Band member, and Eco Club's service project organizer. Through Eco Club, Ryan helped establish a marker recycling partnership with Craylola. He also served as a group leader for Toes in the Toe, a project that educates elementary students on the importance of water quality. He plans to major in materials science and engineering.

Erik Fernandez will graduate from Mountain Heritage High School where he was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the mathematics honor society. Erik was active with STEM Academy and held leadership positions with the Math Club and Boys State. In 2019, Erik was recognized by his school for his outstanding academic achievement and being the top student in calculus. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.