

Goodnight Scholars Program Class of 2025 and T2024

Graduates listed alphabetically by county, then by last name

Alamance County

Rose Xiao will graduate from Alamance Community College, where they were on the Dean's List and a member of the IT club. Rose was nominated as the "Business, Arts, and Sciences Student of the Month" for December 2019 and was also recognized for their "Academic Distinction in Chemistry." Attending ACC taught Rose how to balance academic work with family business obligations. Rose is a member of the Community College Collaboration (C3) program. Rose plans to major in Computer Science.

Ashe County

Rhianna Absher will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science & Mathematics where they were involved in the Alliance for Climate Education, Health Occupational Students of America, their high school's Wildlife Club, and a researcher in the Lichen Biodiversity Seminar. Rhianna was also a varsity athlete in volleyball and track and field, a tutor across multiple subjects, and dance ensemble member for their high school's production of "Chicago The Musical". Rhianna plans to major in Environmental Sciences.

Brunswick County

Krystyn Hewett is a two-time graduate from Brunswick Community College where they graduated summa cum laude. Krystyn dedicates time to environmental cleanup and attends local beach sweeps and debris clearing after hurricanes. For the past five years, Krystyn has worked as a pet groomer and volunteers services to pets in need. In addition, Krystyn plans to undergo training to become a court-appointed advocate for children in foster care. Krystyn plans to major in Materials Science and Engineering.

Buncombe County

Eliette Crenshaw will be graduating from North Buncombe High School where they were a trombonist in the Marching Band and Jazz Band, a tutor to elementary students, and a peer mentor to freshman students. Eliette was also a member of the Beta Club, the Social Justice Club, and the Gay-Straight Alliance Club. Eliette plans to major in Human Biology.

Gabrielle Martin will be graduating from T.C. Roberson High School where they were involved in Advanced Ensemble, the National English Honors Society, Future Teachers of America, and the Asheville Humane Society Fostering Department. Gabrielle was also a member of the Theater/Drama Club, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and engaged in volunteer work with the Manna Foodbank and Ingle's Tools for School Supply Drive. Gabrielle plans to major in Mathematics Education with a concentration on Middle Grades Mathematics.

Cabarrus County

Stephanie Ortiz will be graduating from Cabarrus-Kannapolis Early College High School where they were a member of the Travel Club and editor for the Left to Write/Eagle's Echo Newspaper. Stephanie is also the co-owner of the KruhBakery Baking Business, participant in the



Aerospace Career Exploration Camp, and volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Stephanie plans to major in Aerospace Engineering.

Carteret County

Courtney Smith will graduate from East Carteret High School where they were a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, and the Varsity Cheer Team. Courtney volunteered at her local hospital and works at a local boutique. Courtney also tutors and babysits. Courtney plans to major in Elementary Education.

Catawba County

Jonathan Lawrence will graduate from Saint Stephens High School where they served as the senior class secretary on Student Council, the build team captain for FIRST Robotics Team #6639, and a marching band section leader. A life scout in BSA Troop #341, Jonathan has also served as senior patrol leader and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. Jonathan attended NC School of Science and Mathematics Summer Ventures and was selected for NC Governor's School. Jonathan plans to major in Computer Engineering.

Chatham County

Cameron Stephens will graduate from Wake Technical Community College (WTCC) with Associate's degrees in Science and Engineering. Cameron earned a 4.0 GPA while working full-time as a restaurant manager during their educational career. Cameron was also involved in a year-long WTCC START internship for statistical design of experiments (DOE) where they configured and analyzed different scenarios using iodine clock reactions. Cameron plans to major in Physics.

Morgan Stephens will graduate from Wake Technical Community College (WTCC) where they maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout earning Associate's degrees in engineering and science. This was accomplished while working full-time for a robotics company, starting as a warehouse associate and advancing into engineering documentation support. Morgan participated in the WTCC START internship program where they researched and analyzed trends in the rise of antibiotic resistance and the over prescription of antibiotics. Morgan plans to major in Chemical Engineering with a Biomolecular Concentration.

Chowan County

Meredith Tunstall will be graduating from John A. Holmes High School where they were the President of the Health Occupation Students of America, Vice-President of the Student Government Association Club, and a varsity cheerleader. Meredith was also a member of the Buddy Club, worked as a sales associate for Feather's Boutique, and volunteered with Food Distribution at Open Door Church. Meredith plans to major in Biochemistry.

Cleveland County

Austin Brown will be graduating from Kings Mountain High School where they were involved in FFA, a member of the Beta Club and the National Honors Society, and an athlete on the track and field team. Austin is also a certified Lifeguard and has held this role with various summer camps and has been actively involved with his church youth group in mission trips and service activities. Austin also works with Yarbro farms helping with all aspects of the family farm

operation. Austin plans to double major in Paper Science Engineering and Chemical Engineering.

Morgan Walker will be graduating from Burns High School where they were involved in the National Honor Society, the National Beta Club, and the National French Honor Society. Morgan volunteered with The Lord Provides Soup Kitchen, the children's ministry at Hope Community Church, and tutored elementary-age students. Morgan also works with Walker Farms during the summer. Morgan plans to major in Environmental Engineering.

Columbus County

Evans Humphreys will be graduating from Whiteville High School where they were involved with the Bridge Building Club as the lead builder, a member of Independent Music Award nominated group "The Family Band", and started as an offensive lineman on the varsity football team. Evans was a part of the First Presbyterian Church Praise Band, took part in different fundraising initiatives, and received a McDonalds Academic Spotlight. Evans plans to major in Biomedical & Health Sciences Engineering.

Craven County

Thomas Dolson will graduate from Craven Community College where they were on the Dean's List, was a Scholars in Engineering and Science scholar, and a member of the Math & Engineering club. Thomas also volunteered at the Eastern North Carolina Summer Elementary School Engineering Camp and was the treasurer of their high school's National Technical Honor Society. Thomas plans to major in Aerospace Engineering.

Cumberland

Brianna Soto will graduate from Cross Creek Early College High School where they were involved in Beta Club, Interact Club, and the Academy of Scholars. They were also a junior marshal, a STEM tutor, the captain of the Science Olympiad team, and the historian and representative for their high school's student government. They also took part in Girl Who Code, Youth Connections: Teen Leadership Council, and the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Brianna plans to major in Computer Science.

Duplin County

Sahmad Moore will be graduating from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where they co-led the Acapella group, UniChords, the COLOURS Choir, served as an officer for the Heritage Opportunity and Progressive Education Club, and served as a student ambassador. Sahmad was also an active member of James Kenan High School's Beta Club, volunteered as a youth tutor/mentor for Lyrical Vision Scholars, and worked as a crew member at Cook Out. Sahmad plans to major in Computer Engineering.

Durham County

Haley Attix will graduate from Durham Technical Community College where they worked as the lab assistant work-study for the science department and where they were named the winner of the 2021 Academic Excellence Award. Haley is a member of the Community College Collaboration (C3) program. Haley also volunteers with Pharaoh's Daughter, a program for

incarcerated women and their kids, and Our Wild Neighbors, a local wildlife rehabilitation clinic. Haley plans to major in Zoology.

Haleema Begum is from Pakistan and lives in Durham County. Haleem will graduate with their Associate's degree in engineering at Durham Tech. Haleema is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Gamma Beta Phi honor societies. Haleema is a member of the Community College Collaboration (C3) program. Haleema has worked as an assistant manager at Refugee school, Malaysian Social Research Institute, in Malaysia for over three years and also has worked as a computer literacy teacher. Haleema plans to major in Computer Science.

Edgecombe County

Maria Mata-Reyes will be graduating from Edgecombe Early College High School where they volunteered at Edgecombe Memorial Library, was a member of the National Honor Society and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and was a member of the Scholar Teacher Program. Maria was awarded the Silver President's Volunteer Service Award for Teens. Maria plans to major in Science Education with a concentration in Biology.

Forsyth County

Jessie Urbina will graduate from Forsyth Technical Community College with an Associate's degree in Science. Jessie was awarded for their academic achievement and was on the President's List. Jessie worked around 30 hours weekly at a part time job while maintaining exceptional grades. Jessie plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Franklin County

Bethany Lee will be graduating from Franklin County Early College High School where they were the President of the Student Government Association, a member of the National Honor Society and National Beta Club, helped as a biology teacher assistant, and a tutor in multiple subjects. Bethany was also involved with the Summer Textile Exploration Program and was a Novozymes intern. Bethany plans to major in Science Education with a concentration in Chemistry.

Gaston County

Mariana de Andrea Pereira will graduate from Gaston College with an Associate's in Science with High Honors, where they on the President's List and served as an undergraduate research scholar on the Women's Impact Fund Research Grant investigating the potential antibiotic resistance of microbial populations along the Catawba River. Mariana presented research at several regional and national conferences, including SNCURCS and NCUR. Mariana was nominated for North Carolina Community College System Academic Excellence Award and received the Gaston College 2021 Associate in Science Outstanding Graduate award. Mariana intends to major in Biochemistry.

Granville County

Katelyn Moreland-Holsomback will be graduating from South Granville High School where they were the president of the 4-H Club, member of the National Honors Society, youth voice representative for Granville County, and youth delegate for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Katelyn was also involved with the NC State Horse Program as a

National Horse Bowl team member, a National Hippology team member, and Horse Judge. Katelyn plans to major in Biological Sciences.

Graham County

Joshua Anderson graduated from Haywood Community College where they graduated magna cum laude, and was recognized by the council of eastern forest technician schools for superior academic achievement. Joshua was involved in river clean up, red spruce planting and re-establishment initiatives, and is the chair of the Student Executive Committee for the Society of American Foresters. Joshua plans to major in Forest Management.

Guilford County

Harris Khan is graduating from Early College at Guilford where they were a member of the Economics Challenge team, the Robotics Team, and the Code Club. Harris was also a tutor at Mathnasium, was a member of the National Honors Society, and was an AP Scholar as well as on the Guilford College Dean's List. Harris is currently leading the effort to build and launch the website for ECG's new Alumni Association. Harris plans to major in Computer Science.

Halifax County

Jonathan Garcia will graduate from Roanoke Rapids High School where they played on the JV and varsity Football Team, competed in Science Olympiad, played Tennis, and ran on the Track Team. Jonathan has their OSHA Certification and was a Governor's School Selectee. Jonathan plans to major in Electrical Engineering.

Harnett County

Sydney Johnson will graduate from Triton High School where they played on the Varsity Tennis Team, was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and Key Clubs, and was involved with their Student Government Association. Sydney also served as a junior volunteer at Harnett Health and volunteered at the Dunn United Ministerial Association Food Pantry. Sydney plans to major in Nutrition Science.

Hoke County

Moayad Al Bayyari will graduate from Hoke County High School where they were in the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America and the Math Club. Moayad was also a part of the Robotics Club, volunteered at their local retirement community across various service initiatives, and helped to organize local civic engagement opportunities such as the Annual Walk for Hunger. Moayad plans to major in Civil Engineering.

Jackson County

Emma Budden will graduate from Jackson County Early College High School where they were the president of the National Honor Society, participant in the Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics, and president of the Chemistry Club. Emma was also the co-founder of the Jackson County Early College Running Club, member of the Jackson County Youth Leadership Council, and the PEAK Trail Maintenance Project. Emma plans to major in Chemistry.



Johnston County

Daisy Aguilar Aguilar will graduate from Johnston Community College where they were one of the leadership members of the Engineering club at college. Daisy was a recipient of the NC State's Women of Color STEM grant where they developed research about sustainability with the help of professors from NC State university. Daisy started learning English as a second language five years ago and plays soccer as an extracurricular activity. Daisy plans to major in Chemical Engineering.

Isabella Insignares will graduate from West Johnston High School where they participated in Science Olympiad, was a junior coach for the FFA Competitive Team at McGee's Crossroads Middle School, and served as a Wildcat ambassador. Isabella was also a junior curator with NC Museum of Natural Sciences, recreation aid for the City of Raleigh, and a kayak river trip facilitator with Triangle Paddle/Paddle Creek. Isabella plans to major in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology with a concentration in Wildlife Science.

Jacqueline Jimenez will graduate from Johnston Community (JCC) where they were a Lab technician, served as an Ambassador at JCC, and became part of the NC State Women of Color STEM Program. Jacqueline earned a certificate for completing JCC Honors Experience and was also involved in the Engineering club, My Kid Club, Robotic club, and the Ambassador Program. Jacqueline also completed an internship with Vazquez Law Firm in Smithfield. Jacqueline plans to double major in Electrical and Biomedical Engineering.

Natalie Locklear will graduate from Cleveland High School where they were president of the Senior Student Council Association, ran on the Girls Varsity Cross Country team, and was the Community Service Coordinator of the National Honor Society. Natalie was also awarded the Gold Award as an ambassador with the Girl Scouts of North Carolina Coastal Pines, a Youth Committee Member at Mount Zion United Methodist Church, and a member of Johnston County Indian Education. Natalie plans to major in Human Biology.

Michael Nunez will graduate from Wake Technical Community College where he participated in the honors program, community service, and was on the dean's list. Michael is a member of the Community College Collaboration (C3) program. Michael was also a part of the futures program which allowed him to talk with other fellow students pursuing STEM field careers and teachers that mentored him to become a better communicator and collaborator. The program also allowed him to create a speech of how he got into STEM. He plans to major in Computer Engineering at NC State's college of engineering.

Victoria Tuggle will graduate from South Johnston High School where they held memberships with the Inclusion Club, Key Club, Skills USA, and was on the Student Government Leadership Team. Victoria was also a varsity athlete on the Soccer, Cross Country, and Swim teams at their high school, and is a certified Lifeguard. Victoria plans to major in Civil Engineering.

Samuel Munoz-Valerio will graduate from Johnston Community College where they were a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. They are a member of the Community College Collaboration (C3) program. Samuel has worked for Browe Construction Company throughout his college career. Samuel has been involved with many aspects of construction including demolition, concrete finishing, and city road adjustments, which is where their love for engineering developed. Samuel plans to major in Civil Engineering.

Lee County

Alondra Badillo-Reyes will graduate from Central Carolina Community College and was a member of NC State's C3 Program. They were also on the dean's list and worked part-time as a sales associate at Belk. Alondra also spent time volunteering at her local church with decorations and helped tutor young children. Alondra plans to major in Elementary Education with a concentration in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Jason Urrutia will graduate from Lee Early College High School where they were involved in the Beta Club, Forensics Club, and the Rotary Club. Jason interned with Optum Health Group, received their NAFTTrack Certification, and made the president's and Dean's list at their high school. Jason plans to major in Computer Science.

Lincoln County

Yohana Nava-Trejo will graduate from West Lincoln High School where they were on the Superintendent Advisory Council, a team captain for the Battle of the Books, National Honor Society member, and a part of the Beta Club. Yohana was also a junior marshal, a member of the National Technical Honors Society, has a Python Programming 1 certification, and is a member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. Yohana plans to major in Elementary Education with a concentration in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

McDowell County

Jobie White will graduate from McDowell High School where they were the founder of Mini Maestros, senior class president, a member of Student Council, and vice president in charge of membership for DECA, and a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to serving as the pianist at Salem Free Will Baptist church, Jobie is also involved in MHS Marching band and served as drum major for three years. Jobie will major in Education and Physics.

Mecklenburg County

Lillian Godwin will graduate from Levine Middle College High School where they were co-president of Youth Commission International and interned with a county political party. Lillian was also involved in HOSA Club, works at Bridesmaid Gifts Boutique, and volunteered with the York County Animal Shelter. Lillian plans to major in Biomedical Engineering to pursue prosthetics.

Marco Izquierdo Garcia will graduate from Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology where they were involved in National Honors Society, Key Club, Art Club, Spanish Club, and National Technical Honors Society. Marco also completed an internship with Adobe Gen Z in addition to working in drywall finishing and sanding. Marco plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Nash County

Yasmin Gonzalez Arellano will graduate from Nash Community College where they were on the Dean's List and obtained the "2021 Excellence in Associate in Engineering Award". Yasmin was also involved in participating in community clean up and volunteered in packaging for the nonprofit organization of "NC packs 4 Patriots". Yasmin plans to major in Environmental Engineering.

Killian Smith will graduate from Nash Community College where they were a student of high academic achievement, served as the vice president in the NCC D&D Club, and was a member of several different clubs at Nash Community College. Killian was also a key member in several theater and community events hosted by Nash Community College. Killian plans to double major in Chemical Engineering and Paper Science.

New Hanover County

Ayden Baer will graduate from Eugene Ashley High School where they were the president of Drama Club and senior class representative of Beta Club. Ayden was also involved in Student Government Association, National Honors Society, Eye of the Eagle, and International Thespians Society in addition to working part time at Food Lion. Ayden plans to major in Electrical Engineering.

Cody Curran will graduate from E. A. Laney High School where they were Co-president of Science Olympiad and vice president of SkillsUSA Robotics. Cody was also involved in Wilmington Hammerheads travel soccer and volunteered at both Young Scientist Academy and Murrayville Elementary while working as a team leader at Chick-Fil-A. Cody plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Mario Ramalho will graduate from Cape Fear Community College, where they were on the President's List every semester and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Mario served nine years in the U.S. Navy. Mario currently works full-time as a site manager with Konrady & Son Construction LLC, where they helped establish their aerial photography service. Mario plans to major in Construction Engineering.

Onslow County

Hannah Thompson will graduate from Coastal Carolina Community College where they maintained a 4.0 GPA. Hannah was also greatly involved in conducting numerous Physics and Biology experiments. Hannah plans to major in Crop and Soil Science with a concentration in Soil Science.

Amani Petway will graduate from Onslow Early College High School where they were involved in National Honor Society and volunteered at the local library. In addition to babysitting and completing an internship at a dentist's office, Amani co-founded a Women's Devotional Club at their school and also served as a Youth Worship Leader at church. Amani plans to major in biological sciences.

Pamlico County

Liam McCarthy will graduate from Arapahoe Charter School where they were president of National Honor Society and editor-in-chief of the yearbook. Liam logged countless volunteer hours with a summer camp. Liam also worked as the primary landscaper at Camp Caroline Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center. Liam plans to major in Forest Management.

Pender County

Logan Manns will graduate from Pender Early College High School where they were a co-founder, actor, and stage manager for the Performing Arts Club. Logan also worked as a quality control technician with Seaira Global, as a soccer official with Port City Soccer and Surf City

Recreation, and as the first mate, history narrator, and maintenance technician with Tiki Tours in addition to serving as an elementary youth leader at Scott's Hill Baptist Church. Logan plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.

Pitt County

Cristal Gonzalez-Valdez will graduate from Pitt County Schools Early College High School where they were a photographer and layout editor for the yearbook and a cheerleader in addition developing an app for Pitt County Parks through Girls Who Code. Cristal was also involved in Book Club and was a tutor for STEM summer camps. Cristal completed AmeriCorps having volunteered 750 hours. Cristal plans to major in Mathematics Education.

Randolph County

Ellen Benitez will graduate from Asheboro High School where they were the secretary of Phi Theta Kappa and served on the event committees for both Mu Alpha Theta and Key Club. Ellen was also a member of the National Honors Society and Science Olympiad, and worked as a processor at Expressions Scrubs and Shoes. Ellen plans to major in Civil Engineering.

Rowan County

Landon Mayhew will graduate from East Rowan High School where they were Student Body president and Key Club president in addition to being on the Track and Field Team and participating in Honors Chorus. Landon also volunteered at Rowan Helping Ministries, Oak Island Animal Hospital, Habitat for Humanity of Rowan County, and Zimbabwe Orphan Empowerment. Landon plans to major in Animal Science.

Sampson County

Samantha Britt will graduate from Hobbton High School where they were the founder of Newton Grove Circle Food Pantry, vice president of Hobbton FFA, a leader in HHS Peer Group Connection, secretary of HOSA, junior class vice president, and secretary of Beta Club. Samantha also earned the title Miss Hobbton High School in the scholarship pageant. Samantha plans to major in Biological Sciences.

Scotland County

Chrishaud McLeod will graduate from Scotland High School where they were awarded the Rookie Inspiration Award and was a Presidential Scholar nominee. Chrishaud was a varsity athlete in track and field, member of FBLA, member of the National Honor Society, and completed an internship with the technology department in which he specialized in the repair of Chromebooks. Chrishaud plans to major in Computer Science.

Surry County

Madison Lawson will graduate from Millennium Charter Academy where they were vice president of National Honor Society and participated in both North Carolina Science Olympiad and Science Fair, through which they developed a potential plastic replacement in the form of a potato starch-based bioplastic. Madison was also a content writer for Cibirix through which they write digital marketing content for websites and blogs. Madison plans to major in Horticultural Science.

Vance County

Malik Beason will graduate from Henderson Collegiate High School where they were the treasurer of the Science Club, member of the varsity track and field team, all american track athlete, and the first chair clarinet player. Malik was also involved in varsity soccer and was an AP Scholar with honors. Malik plans to major in computer engineering.

Annie Peoples will graduate from Vance Charter School where they were a team captain of the varsity girls soccer team and Vice President of their school's National Honor Society. Annie was also involved in Area Christians Together in Service (ACTS), participated in Chick-fil-A Leader Academy, and worked at Dabney Drive Animal Hospital. Annie plans to major in Animal Science.

Wake County

Jamel Clarke will graduate from Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy where they were a Gates Scholarship finalist, the editor of Yearbook Club, vice president of National Honor Society, and vice president of Senior Beta Club. Jamel was also involved in Wake County Superintendent Student Leadership Council, Raleigh Digital Connectors, Phoenix Crew, Key Club, and Media and Technology Advisory Committee. Jamel plans to major in Computer Science.

Robert English will graduate from Wake STEM Early College High School as a National Merit Finalist where they were a student ambassador for the school's chapter of National Honor Society, ninth and tenth grade class vice president, and eleventh grade executive secretary in Student Council. Robert was also a member of MOSTEC 2020 (MIT Online Science Technology Engineering Community). Robert plans to major in Computer Science.

Jennifer Jimenez will graduate from Wake Technical Community College where they were on the President's List. Jennifer works with her family in their home cleaning business, where Jennifer ran the business for a few months while her parents were indisposed. Jennifer has also tutored local kids in her neighborhood in math, where many struggled with attention difficulties. Jennifer plans to major in Computer Engineering.

Xavier Jones will graduate from Garner Magnet High School where they were a member of the North Carolina Math and Science Education Network Pre-College Program, co-president of the JETS Club/Science Olympiad, and a member of Beta Club. Xavier also worked at Happy + Hale. Xavier plans to major in Computer Science.

Safina Luu will graduate from Heritage High School where they were co-president of Science Olympiad, senior class president for Student Government Association, and participated in Chick-fil-A Leader Academy. Safina also founded her high school's chapter of Brain Game and was involved in Chess Club and National Achievers Society. Safina plans to major in Industrial Engineering.

Hannah Morris will graduate from Grace Christian School where they were a three-sport athlete throughout high school and served as the team captain of the Volleyball and Basketball teams. Hannah co-founded the Minority Honors Society and a girls' mentoring program for lower school minority females at GRACE. Hannah served as the event coordinator and club coordinator for Student Council, was a member of the National Honors Society and Fellowship

of Christian Athletes, served as a Math and Writing Center mentor, and was a North Carolina Democratic Party intern. Hannah plans to major in middle grades mathematics education.

Trey Mumma will graduate from Heritage High School where they were drum captain of the Marching Band and Indoor Percussion ensemble, president of National Honor Society, and participated in Chick-fil-A Leader Academy. In addition to serving as a youth deacon with First Presbyterian Church, Trey also completed an engineering internship with Wake Electric Membership Corporation and worked at Wake Forest Dairy Depot. Trey plans to major in Environmental Sciences.

Amber Parker will graduate from Durham Technical Community College where they were on the President's List, served as a fundraising coordinator for the Student Occupational Therapy Association, and was a member of the Helping Hands Project. Amber served as the chairperson for a service-learning project, providing resources to local elementary schools during the Covid-19 pandemic. Amber also collaborated with the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association, providing continuing education resources to practitioners. Amber plans to major in Biological Science with a focus on Human Biology.

Jacob Peterson will graduate from Wake Tech Community College where they maintained a stellar GPA throughout their studies in engineering. In addition to being a full-time student, Jacob is currently a full-time worker servicing electronic equipment for local pharmaceutical manufacturers and has 14 years of similar experience across several industries. Jacob is also a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, a husband, and a father of a three-year old daughter. Jacob's intended major is Electrical Engineering.

Sarah Vessey will graduate from Wake Technical Community College with an Associate's degree in Science. Prior to Wake Tech, Sarah attended Gavilan Community College where they were on the Dean's List and a member of their STEM Academy. Sarah currently works as a veterinary assistant at Banfield Pet Hospital. Sarah plans to major in Animal Science.

Watauga County

Jimin Yu will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science & Mathematics where they swam freestyle and breaststroke for the varsity swim team, co-founded and led the NCSSM Guitar Club, and participated in Asian Cultures Club and NCSSM Advancement Attache. Jimin completed an NCSSM Summer Research and Innovation Program (SRIP) studying COVID-19 and an independent research project titled "Long-Term Weather Analysis of Watauga County." Jimin also played as first violinist with Watauga High School Honors Orchestra in addition to mountain biking with the High Country Pioneers Composite team. Jimin plans to major in computer science.

Wayne County

Viviana Ponce will graduate from Wayne Community College where they were part of the Honor Society, and Phi Theta Kappa. Viviana also enjoys helping and interacting with her fellow classmates. Viviana is also working at Mount Olive Animal Hospital, where they are learning valuable traits and knowledge that will help them in their major. Viviana plans to major in Animal Science with a focus on Veterinary Medicine.

Paul Randolph will graduate from Wayne School of Engineering where they were a physics and advanced math peer tutor, STEM competitor and Academic Twelve team captain. Paul was



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a member of the National History Day Club and served as Technology volunteer for his school and church. Paul also held an engineering internship with Raven Antenna Systems in addition to being a senior company dancer at Artistic Dance Academy, a middle school youth mentor, and student assistant volunteer at Princeton Elementary School. Paul plans to major in Aerospace Engineering.

Wilkes County

Cameron Brown will graduate from Surry Community College where they were on the President's List and served as a tutor for physics and mathematics. Cameron also served as a public relations secretary for the Surry chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Alpha Xi Tau. Furthermore, Cameron was a member of the Surry chapter of the Scholars of Global Distinction and will graduate with global distinction. Cameron plans to major in Aerospace Engineering to pursue his dream of one day working with NASA to contribute to the next generation of human spaceflight.

Wilson County

Alberto Herrera will graduate from Wilson Preparatory Academy where they served as team captain of the men's varsity soccer team in addition to competing on the Wilson Youth Soccer Academy travel team. Alberto was a youth group leader and choir member at St. Therese Catholic Church and also worked as a cook at Chick-fil-A and as a groundsman for Herrera Tree Service. Alberto co-founded a community group and worked alongside former Governor Jim Hunt to raise political awareness in the youth of Wilson County. Alberto plans to major in Construction Engineering.