

## **Goodnight Scholars Program Class of 2026 Interview Finalists**

*Finalists listed alphabetically first by county, then last name.*

### **Alamance County**

Josie Gonzalez - Burlington, *Civil Engineering*, Eastern Alamance High School  
Julian Perez Velasquez - Gibsonville, *Biomedical and Health Sci. Engineering*, Western Alamance High School

### **Ashe County**

Grayson Miller - West Jefferson, *Human Biology*, Ashe County Early College High School  
Joel Robinson - Warrensville, *Civil Engineering*, Ashe County High School

### **Bladen County**

Sydney Gardner - Harrells, *Biological Sciences*, East Bladen High School

### **Brunswick County**

Sophia Cunningham - Southport, *Environmental Technology and Management*, Brunswick County Early College High School  
Fiona Evans - Oak Island, *Statistics*, South Brunswick High School

### **Buncombe County**

Willamina Ingle - Asheville, *Biochemistry*, North Buncombe High School  
Ella Kopp - Weaverville, *Chemistry*, North Buncombe High School  
Mattie Lehman - Black Mountain, *Education*, Owen High School  
Theodore Nguyen - Ashville, *Engineering*, Enka High School

### **Burke County**

Owen Streppa - Morganton, *Biomedical and Health Sci. Engineering*, North Carolina School of Science and Math

### **Cabarrus County**

Asma Idris - Harrisburg, *Mathematics*, Jay M. Robinson High School  
Yash Thakkar - Concord, *Computer Science*, Cox Mill High School  
Jabez White - Davidson, *Chemical Engineering*, Corvian Community School

### **Caldwell County**

Abigail Braswell - Lenoir, *Animal Science*, West Caldwell High School

### **Camden County**

Alexander Andrews - South Mills, *Electrical Engineering*, Camden Early College High School  
Abigail Broyles - Shawboro, *Animal Science*, Camden County High School

### **Catawba County**

John Miller - Newton, *Applied Mathematics*, North Carolina School of Science and Math

### **Chowan County**

Amanda Turner - Tyner, *Human Biology*, John A. Holmes High School

**Cleveland County**

Mark Petrilli - Kings Mountain, *Aerospace Engineering*, Kings Mountain High School

**Columbus County**

Ashleigh Stocks - Whiteville, *Human Biology*, Whiteville High School

**Cumberland County**

Alysha Blake - Fayetteville, *Physics*, Massey Hill Classical High School

Laiya Davis - Stedman, *Civil Engineering*, Cumberland International Early College High School

Josue Fernandez - Fayetteville, *Biomedical and Health Sci. Engineering*, Cross Creek Early College High School

Chloe Israel - Fayetteville, *Computer Science*, Fayetteville Academy

Isatou Kah - Fayetteville, *Nutritional Science*, Cross Creek Early College High School

Ethan Patten - Fayetteville, *Mathematics*, Cross Creek Early College High School

Devin Roberts - Fayetteville, *Electrical Engineering*, Cross Creek Early College High School

**Dare County**

Damien Gregory - Kill Devil Hills, *Aerospace Engineering*, First Flight High School

Kate Hamilton - Kill Devil Hills, *Elementary Education*, First Flight High School

**Davie County**

Dallas Yount - Mocksville, *Mechanical Engineering*, Davie County High School

**Durham County**

Brianna O'Briant - Durham, *Mechanical Engineering*, Josephine Dobbs Clement Early College High School

Ariana Vaida - Durham, *Human Biology*, Hillside High School

**Forsyth County**

Holly Albright - Kernersville, *Plant Biology*, East Forsyth High School

Makayla Destafino - Winston Salem, *Plant Biology*, North Carolina School of Science and Math

Zeeshawn Hasnain - Winston Salem, *Computer Science*, Atkins Academic and Technology High School

**Gaston County**

Josie Braddy - Gastonia, *Environmental Engineering*, Forestview High School

**Greene County**

Ariana Infante - Hookerton, *Chemistry*, Greene Central High School

**Guilford County**

Anthony Bell - Greensboro, *Electrical Engineering*, Western Guilford High School

Kiran Khan - High Point, *Zoology*, Ben L. Smith High School

Ria Patel - High Point, *Integrative Physiology and Neuroscience*, Southwest Guilford High School

**Harnett County**

Andrew Bowen – Angier, *Computer Science*, Longleaf School of the Arts  
Rebekah Sharpe – Fuquay Varina, *Elementary Education*, Harnett Central High School

**Haywood County**

Andrew DelBane – Waynesville, *Aerospace Engineering*, Tuscola High School  
Jonah Ottie – Waynesville, *Mechanical Engineering*, Tuscola High School

**Halifax County**

Nyla Thornton – Hollister, *Animal Science*, Rocky Mount Preparatory

**Hoke County**

Amber Locklear – Red Springs, *Aerospace Engineering*, SandHoke Early College High School

**Iredell County**

Matthew Pugliese – Mooresville, *Electrical Engineering*, North Carolina School of Science and Math

**Jackson County**

Patrick Cardona-Cosner – Cullowhee, *Environmental Science*, Jackson County Early College  
Maia Wilde – Sylva, *Environmental Science*, Smoky Mountain High School

**Johnson County**

Maria Jenkins – Clayton, *Biomedical and Health Sci. Engineering*, Clayton High School  
Attalia McDowell – Archer Lodge, *Integrative Physiology and Neuroscience*, Corinth Holders High School  
Adam Miller – Benson, *Biological Sciences*, South Johnston High School  
Madison Pullium – Clayton, *Math Education*, Corinth Holders High School

**Lenoir County**

Geneva Benson – La Grange, *Animal Science*, Lenoir County Early High School  
Moises Ramirez-Barron – La Grange, *Computer Engineering*, Lenoir County Early High School

**Lincoln County**

Deana Poteat – Denver, *Animal Science*, East Lincoln High School

**Madison County**

Mason Stimach – Marshall, *Aerospace Engineering*, Madison Early College High School

**Martin County**

Javian McMillan – Robersonville, *Animal Science*, Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience

### **Mecklenburg County**

Tigest Aboye – Charlotte, *Chemical Engineering*, East Mecklenburg High School  
Nishant Dengi – Charlotte, *Computer Science*, Ardrey Kell High School  
Zoe Glover – Charlotte, *Aerospace Engineering*, South Mecklenburg High School  
Emely Hernandez Urbina – Charlotte, *Chemical Engineering*, South Mecklenburg High School

Michelle Rayo-Solano – Charlotte, *Microbiology*, Harper Middle College High School  
Jhneal Williams – Charlotte, *Biological Sciences*, Mallard Creek High School

### **Montgomery County**

Darby Massey – Biscoe, *Biological Sciences* Montgomery, County Early College

### **Nash County**

Aramis Gutierrez – Bailey, *Aerospace Engineering*, Nash-Rocky Mount Early College High School  
Roberto Juarez-Vera – Rocky Mount, *Aerospace Engineering*, Nash-Rocky Mount Early College High School

### **New Hanover County**

Abby Arcuri – Wilmington, *Integrative Physiology and Neuroscience*, EA Laney High School

### **Onslow County**

Jua Augustin – Jacksonville, *Computer Science*, Jacksonville High School

### **Orange County**

Emerson Krause – Chapel Hill, *Nuclear Engineering*, East Chapel Hill High School

### **Polk County**

Lacey Gonsell – Green Creek, *Elementary Education*, Polk County High School  
Ashlyn Ramsey – Saluda, *Animal Science*, Polk County High School

### **Randolph County**

Alonzo Castro Perez – Asheboro, *Computer Science*, Asheboro High School  
Alexander Scruggs – Asheboro, *Electrical Engineering*, Southwestern Randolph High School  
Emanuella Tran – Staley, *Environmental Sciences*, Providence Grove High School

### **Robeson County**

Ashton Sumpter – Lumberton, *Engineering*, Lumberton Senior High School

### **Rockingham County**

Ayden Smith – Stoneville, *Human Biology*, Dalton L. McMichael High School

### **Rutherford County**

Brynna Glover – Forest City, *Biological Sciences*, Chase High School  
Kevin Tang – Forest City, *Computer Science*, East Rutherford High School

### **Stokes County**

Sadie Shelton – King, *Computer Science*, Stokes Early College High School

### **Union County**

Emily Adams – Waxhaw, *Electrical Engineering*, Central Academy of Technology and Arts  
Rex Colvard – Indian Trail, *Chemical Engineering*, Union Academy Charter School  
Riley Fecker – Monroe, *Nuclear Engineering*, Central Academy of Technology and Arts  
Nathan Ladimir – Indian Trail, *Statistics*, Porter Ridge High School

### **Wake County**

Zuhair Abouelkheir – Apex, *Environmental Engineering*, Middle Creek High School  
Alexander Feng – Cary, *Environmental Engineering*, Enloe High School  
Katherine Harvey – Raleigh, *Computer Science*, Cardinal Gibson High School  
Ayush Kumar – Cary, *Chemical Engineering*, Green Level High School  
Pegah Montazeri – Cary, *Environmental Sciences*, Panther Creek High School  
Afzaa Mujibur Rahman – Cary, *Biomedical and Health Sci. Engineering*, Research Triangle High School  
Rishik Pavani – Cary, *Computer Science*, Panther Creek High School  
Selena Price – Garner, *Computer Engineering*, Garner Magnet High School  
Bruno Rosa – Apex, *Aerospace Engineering*, Apex Friendship High School  
Diya Shah – Morrisville, *Human Biology*, Panther Creek High School  
Kimberly Tomczak – Raleigh, *Education*, Needham B. Broughton High School  
Matias Vantilburg – Apex, *Biological Sciences*, Triangle Math and Science Academy  
Naga Ritvika Yeyuvuri – Cary, *Computer Science*, Green Hope High School

### **Yadkin County**

Kaleb Harrison – Jonesville, *Physics*, Yadkin Early College High School