

Goodnight Scholars Program Transfer Class of 2025 Finalists

Finalists listed alphabetically first by county, then last name.

Alamance County



Logan White will graduate from Alamance Community College, where she was the 2022 recipient of the NCCCS Academic Excellence Award. She was involved in the Honors Program and IT Club and presented at UNCG's 2022 Honors Symposium. Logan is also a NASA Community College Aerospace Scholar and teaches coding to elementary students at a local after school program. She plans to major in physics.

Buncombe County



Samuel Babak will complete his Associate of Science degree at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. He previously attended Nesbitt Discovery Academy, from which he graduated in June 2021. Samuel also volunteers with Blessed Hill Church and is a member of a group of aspiring engineers who research, design, and develop small motorized vehicles. Samuel plans to major in computer science.

Burke County



Robert Dorian Gregory will graduate from Catawba Valley Community College where he was the President of the CVCC Engineering Club, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Robert plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Catawba County



Ashlynn Eurey will graduate from Gaston Community College with an Associate of Science degree. Ashlynn plans to major in animal science to one day become a veterinarian. She has always had a passion for working with animals to provide the care and comfort they deserve while also having a passion for her local community in Lincolnton, NC. Ashlynn plans to one day return to her community to give back to families and their beloved pets.

Chatham County



Jorge Rivera Lopez, a DACA student, graduated from Durham Technical Community College, where he was awarded the General Consulate of Mexico Scholarship for his academic performance and community involvement. He was also involved in his childhood neighborhood's math and English tutoring efforts. Jorge plans to major in computer science and looks forward to researching the future directions of blockchain technology as an effective tool for preserving data privacy.



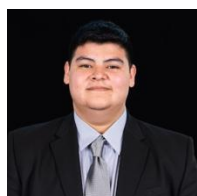
Heidi Schouten graduated from Central Carolina Community College where she was in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Heidi worked while enrolled in school and spent her free time gardening, doing martial arts, and helping on her family's small farm. Heidi plans to major in crop and soil science.

Cumberland County



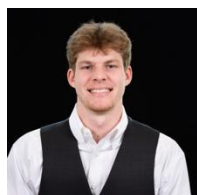
Anthony Avery will graduate from Fayetteville Technical Community College, where he pursued an Associate in Engineering. He has worked full time as a Fiber Optic Splicing Foreman. He also served in the US Army. Anthony plans to major in aerospace engineering and complete his BS and MS degrees while attending NC State University.

Davidson County



Erick Contreras will graduate from Davidson Davie Community College where they were on the Dean's List for two semesters and a member of TRIO Student Support Services. Erick was also involved in the National Honor Society and Leo's Club. Erick was his class's high school valedictorian and has earned a 4.0 GPA while working full time during his time at DDCC. Erick plans to major in fisheries, wildlife and conservation biology with a conservation concentration.

Duplin County



Dallas Hatcher will graduate from Craven Community College where they were a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and on the Dean's List. Dallas graduated *summa cum laude* with an Associate in Science. Dallas was involved in Hurricane Florence relief efforts for neighboring houses and communities and also volunteered to clean up their high school and local roads. Dallas plans to major in chemical engineering.

Durham County



Jessie Parmelee graduated *summa cum laude* from Durham Technical Community College where she earned her Associate in Science. She plans to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in biology followed by a physician assistant program. She is thrilled to be joining the Goodnight Scholars Program Transfer Class of 2025!

Forsyth County



Mario Rosas will graduate from Forsyth Tech where he served as President of the Student Government Association. Mario was also involved in the student newspaper, North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association, and Phi Theta Kappa. Mario plans to major in electrical engineering.



Daniel Sartin will graduate from Forsyth Tech Community College where they were on the Dean's List and member of Phi Theta Kappa. Daniel was also involved in taking care of dogs and cats with the Forsyth Humane Society, was a member of the Student National Medical Association, and worked part time. Daniel plans to major in Biological Sciences.

Granville County



Don Teasley Jr. will graduate from Wake Technical Community College with an Associate in Science. He has worked full time as a Consultative Sales Lead. Don was both a President's and Dean's List honoree throughout his time at Wake Tech. He plans to major in biochemistry.

Guilford County



Bryce Scott, a South African international student, will graduate from Guilford Technical Community College where he served as the Student Government President. Bryce was also involved as a student ambassador and President of the International Student Association. He worked part time as a peer tutor and taught swimming lessons to children with disabilities. He plans to major in aerospace engineering and hopes to work in space flight one day.

Harnett County



Andrea Rosales Alvarado graduated from Wake Technical Community College with her Associate Degree and is a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member. While completing her degree, she worked as a full-time office manager and paralegal. As a DREAMer, she faced language barriers and education difficulties but mathematics opened her mind to curiosity, persistence, understanding, and confidence. Andrea will be majoring in mathematics education with hopes of teaching her son and future students to develop new skills and overcome any obstacles.

Henderson County



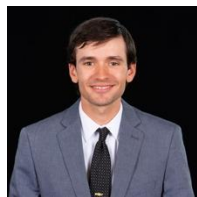
Zack Martin will graduate from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College with their Associate of Science. Zack had previously attended high school at Nesbitt Discovery Academy, the first STEM high school in Western North Carolina, where he graduated in June 2021. Zack also worked as a Team Leader at Chick-fil-A and as an A/V Team Member at Fletcher United Methodist Church. Zack plans to major in computer science.

Hertford County

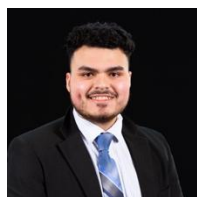


Hanh Tran will graduate from Pitt Community College with an Associate in Engineering and Science. While at Pitt, Hanh was involved with the Science and Engineering Club and in research. Hanh was one of only six community college students nationwide to be awarded the Barry Goldwater Scholarship. Hanh plans to major in biomedical and health sciences engineering, with a focus in regenerative medicine and a minor in tissue engineering.

Iredell County



Eli Blackwelder will graduate from Mitchell Community College where he is receiving two Associate Degrees in Science and in the Arts. He was on the Dean's List every semester. While in school, Eli coached Mooresville High School's cross country and track team. Seeing his athletes grow and be successful is his pride and joy. Eli plans to major in science education with a concentration in earth sciences.



Juan Gomez will graduate from Mitchell Community College where he was on the Dean's List. Juan was also a part of Appalachian State's Chancellor's and Dean's Lists. Juan also maintained a part time job where he worked around 30 hours weekly. Juan plans to major in nutrition sciences with a concentration in applied sciences.

Johnston County



Arlen Miles Bueza will graduate from Johnston Community College with Associate degrees in engineering and science. She was a member of math club, engineering club and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Since the start of the pandemic, she has been balancing family obligations while maintaining a spot in the Dean's List. Miles plans to major in biomedical & health sciences engineering.



Ricardo Hernandez Rojas will graduate from Johnston Community College where he was involved with Ciencias, Tecnologia, Ingenieria, y Matematica (CTIM), a program that translates STEM lecture videos for Spanish speaking students. He also worked as a TRIO Math Tutor assisting several students with various math needs. Ricardo plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Lee County



Jairo Lara Diaz will graduate from Central Carolina Community College where he earned his Associate of Engineering and Science. Jairo was part of NC State's C3 program and involved in Brothers of Excellence, which encourages minority students to chase their dreams. Jairo plans to major in computer engineering.

Mecklenburg County



Kodjo Akouedjinoude will graduate from Central Piedmont Community College where he was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and a President's List honoree. As a student leader in the NC STEM Alliance Program, he served as a mentor to his fellow students new to the research environment. Kodjo plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Nash County

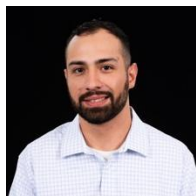


Samantha Clagg will graduate from Nash Community College where she obtained an Associate in Science degree. Samantha was a part of the Blue Love Scholars Program at Nash Community College and remained on the Dean's List. She plans to major in biology.



Grayson Morris will graduate from Nash Community College where they were the Individual Payload Lead for the High Altitude Balloon Team. Grayson was also involved in a STEM outreach group and served as a math tutor. Grayson plans to major in electrical engineering.

New Hanover



Miguel Ruiz graduated from Coastal Carolina Community College where he received his Associate in Engineering. Miguel was also involved in numerous engineering projects while enlisted in the Marine Corps. He now plans to major in biomedical engineering and hopes to continue his service to others through his next endeavors.

Onslow County



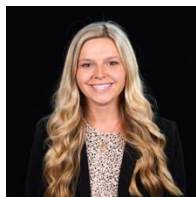
Deven Salo will graduate from Cape Fear Community College where he attended while serving as an active duty service member. Deven Salo was also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Deven Salo plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Orange County



Susan Edelstein graduated *magna cum laude* from Durham Technical Community College where she earned an Associate in Science. She attended East Chapel Hill High School where she sang with the Honors Choir, was co-president of the all-female a cappella group, and discovered her passion for earth science. Susan served as a leader in the North Carolina National Guard Teen Council. She plans to major in geology.

Richmond County



Kirsten McDonald will graduate from Richmond Senior High School and Richmond Community College with her Associate in Science. Kirsten was heavily involved in many extracurricular activities, some of which include Beta Club, Future Farmers of America, National Honors Society, National Technical Honors Society, and the Varsity Tennis team. Kirsten plans to major in poultry science.

Vance County



Bessie Alexander will graduate from Vance-Granville Community College, where they received their Associate in Science. While attending VGCC, they were on the President's List and were accepted as part of the Alpha Sigma Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Bessie balances a full-time job as a customer accounts advisor while raising two daughters as a single mother. Bessie also contributes her free time to a few non-profit organizations, such as The Wakaboomee Program 501(c)3 and Little Big Blessing. Bessie plans to major in chemical engineering with a focus on sustainable energy.

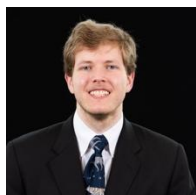
Wake County



Sam Ainley Zoll will graduate from Wake Technical Community College with an Associate in Science degree. He has also danced professionally with Carolina Ballet as a principal dancer since 2017. Having always had an interest in medicine, he recently received his EMT certification and intends to pursue a graduate degree in medicine. Sam plans to major in human biology.



Eh Taw Boe will graduate from Wake Tech Community College where she completed her Associate in Science degree. Eh Taw was also involved in the C3 transfer program and served as a C3 ambassador for Wake Tech and NC State. Eh Taw Boe plans to major in animal science with a concentration in veterinary bioscience.



Aaron Dusenbury will graduate from Wake Tech Community College with an Associate of Science degree. Aaron was also involved in various extracurricular activities, including working and athletics. He intends to continue to pursue a major in statistics and a minor in computer programming.



Paul Grena will graduate from Wake Technical Community College with an Associate in Engineering degree. Paul also works as an intern at Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies and helps coach wrestling. Paul plans to major in mechanical engineering.



Duaa Jalal will graduate from Wake Tech Community College with an Associate in Engineering and in Science. Duaa is a wife, a mother of two amazing kids, and a student. She moved to The United States eight years ago from Jordan. She loves to travel and cook in her free time! Duaa plans to further the percentage of women in STEM by majoring in chemical engineering and hopes to be a part of pharmaceutical manufacturing research in the future.



Katie Jordan will graduate from Durham Technical Community College where they were a full-time student. Katie was also involved in working at a local daycare as an after school teacher. Katie plans to major in Elementary Education at NC State.



Mona Khan graduated from Wake Technical Community College with an Associate in Science. She was selected by the National Society of Leadership and Success in the spring semester of 2020. Mona Khan is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She plans to major in nutrition science.



Jenna Kolbe graduated from Wake Technical Community College in 2020 where she received an Associate in Science and Engineering. She was also a Scott Scholar and worked with a group of biology students to create a student magazine about mental and gut health in the 2019-2020 school year. Jenna plans to major in chemical engineering at NC State University.



Jeffrey Lima will graduate from Wake Tech Community College with an Associate in Engineering where he made the President's List. Jeffrey began studying at Wake Tech while working at a local car dealership. Jeffrey also participated in the Wake Tech Math Club and the Raleigh Retro Gamers organization. Jeffrey plans to double major in computer and electrical engineering.



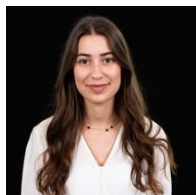
Luis Medina will graduate from Wake Technical Community College where they were a member of the Honors Program, Chess Club, and Math Club. Luis was also on the Dean's List while working part-time in a repairs and remodeling company as well as a cleaning company. Luis plans to major in civil engineering.



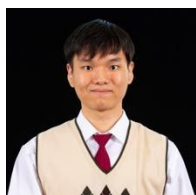
Jessi Miller will graduate from Wake Technical Community College with an Associate in Engineering. Jessi currently works at Code Ninjas teaching kids basic programming concepts. Jessi plans to major in computer science this fall.



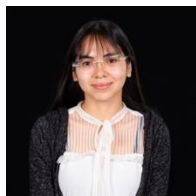
Bradford Moran will graduate from Wake Technical Community College with an Associate in Engineering. Brad also founded Project Endless Agape, a charity aimed at poverty relief in the Philadelphia area and volunteered at orphanages in East India teaching English and mathematics. Brad plans to major in electrical engineering.



Lea Osman graduated from Wake Technical Community College with an Associate in Science. While at Wake Tech, Lea was on the President's list. She was a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, which has helped her gain social skills and build stronger connections. Lea was also involved in hosting study group meetings. Lea is a member of the C3 program and plans to major in biochemistry.



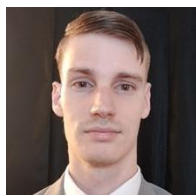
Jeongbin Pak will graduate from Wake Technical Community College where they received an Associate in Science. Jeongbin was also involved in Phi Theta Kappa society and the C3 program. Jeongbin plans to major in computer science.



Linda Posada-Argueta will graduate from Wake Technical Community College where she is completing her associate degrees in both Applied Science and Applied Engineering. Linda is also involved in the C3 Program and taking care of her many houseplants. Linda plans to major in environmental engineering.

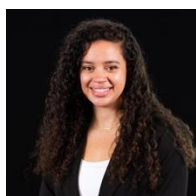


Kayla Sanderson graduated from Wake Technical Community College in 2020. She was involved in Wake Tech's honors program. Kayla plans to major in computer science with a concentration in game development and a minor in statistics.



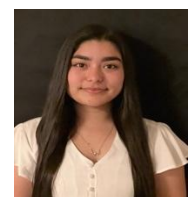
Zachary Walker will graduate from Wake Technical Community College with an Associate in Science. Zachary was also involved with the STEM Academic Research and Training Internship funded by the National Science Foundation. Zachary plans to major in chemistry.

Wayne County



Caitlyn Frazier will graduate from Durham Technical Community College where she was involved in the C3 program. Caitlyn plans to major in elementary education with a concentration in STEM.

Wilkes County



Cynthia Maciel will graduate from Wilkes Community College where she earned three associate degrees. Cynthia was on the President's List and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, National Honors Society, and the Animal Science Club. She is also certified in Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance, Animal Production, and Agricultural Mechanization. Cynthia was awarded with The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientist Award of Excellence. She has been working for an animal hospital and plans to major in animal science.

Yadkin County



Estevan Zamora will graduate from Surry Community College where he served as a student ambassador. Estevan was also involved in Juntos 4-H, which provides Latino students with the resources and skills to further their education. In addition to participating in these programs, he spends his time volunteering, working in landscaping, and as a sales associate for Lowes Hardware. Estevan plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Yancey County



Emma Benfield will graduate on the Dean's List from Blue Ridge Community College with an Associate in Science. Emma previously attended Mayland Community College where she received an award for being the top student in Basic Anatomy and Physiology and was on the President's List. Emma worked at two veterinary clinics as a completed a continuing education course in Veterinary Assisting. Emma plans to major in animal science.