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Goodnight Scholars Program Class of 2027 Scholarship Recipients

Recipients listed alphabetically first by county, then last name

Alamance County



Kaylen Breeze will graduate from Walter M. Williams High School. She is a Key Club and Math Honors Society member, and president of the Animal Care Club. Outside of school, Kaylen volunteers at her local animal shelter, works part-time as a K-12 tutor, and is an Elon Academy Scholar. She is very excited to start her journey at NC State as an Animal Science major with a concentration in genetics or nutrition.



Elayna Jo DiLello will graduate from Southern Alamance High School where she served as Vice President of the Southern Alamance FFA Chapter, Public Relations Coordinator of Junior Civitans, member of National Honor Society and reporter of the NC FFA West Central Region. Elayna was a member of a state winning Agricultural Sales Career Development Event team, where she placed highest scoring individual overall. She was also captain of the women's

varsity golf and soccer teams and a member of a MYSA travel soccer team. Elayna plans to major in elementary education.

Alexander County



Kayla Ruff will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she was a science communicator and captain of her volleyball and softball teams. She researched lemurs in Madagascar and was a part of her school's mentorship program, where she researched aye-aye lemurs at NC State University. Kayla was a winner of the 2020 NC International Science Challenge and had research published in the 2021 issue of the

National High School Journal of Science. Kayla plans to major in Fisheries and Wildlife Science.

Anson County



Lynlee Martin will graduate from Anson High School this May. She is also dually enrolled at South Piedmont Community College and will graduate with her Associate in Arts and Business Certificate. Lynlee is the President of her school's FFA chapter and the Regional Reporter for her FFA Region. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and very involved in her church. At NC State, Lynlee plans on majoring in Animal Science.

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Buncombe County



Esmeralda Zuniga will graduate from Martin L. Nesbitt Jr. Discovery Academy, where they were a Junior Representative and Secretary for the student government and a Student Ambassador. Esmeralda was also involved in Yearbook Club, Girl Up, Varsity Swim, a medical internship at MAHEC, and founding a multicultural club. Esmeralda plans to major in Biomedical Engineering.

Burke County



Coley Welch will graduate from Robert L. Patton High School where he was involved in the Technology Student Association, National Honor Society, and Garden Club. Coley was also involved in Cross Country, Tennis, and Swimming, and has swam for fourteen years. Coley plans to major in High School Science Education.

Cabarrus County



Jonathan Rogers will graduate from Northwest Cabarrus High School and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where they were the President of the NC Virtual Coding Club, a software developer and tutor for the NC Virtual Peer Tutoring Center, and an Advisory Council Member for NC Virtual Public Schools. Jonathan also has received two President's Volunteer Service Awards, is currently employed as a student intern with the state of

North Carolina, and has developed software applications for mobile devices. Jonathan plans to major in computer science.

Caldwell County



Miguel Garcia-Franquiz will graduate from Hibriten High School where they were involved in clubs that allowed him to contribute to his community and grow as a student, BETA club, varsity club, and school sports. Miguel was also involved in IMPACT Rotary Camp Enterprise serving as a mentor this year. Miguel plans to major in engineering at NC State.

Catawba County



Carter Schrag will graduate from Hickory High School where he was a Student Ambassador. Carter was also involved in the Research in Biology Program. At NC State, Carter plans to major in Biological Sciences and minor in Science Communication.

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Chatham County



Reyvadee Godehn will graduate from Northwood High School where she was President of National English Honor Society and Model United Nations. Reyvadee was also involved in Science Olympiad, HOSA, National Honor Society, and National Spanish Honor Society. She was a 4 year Varsity Swimmer and worked to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award. Reyvadee plans to major in Biology.

Cherokee County



Jacob Christiansen will graduate from Hayesville High School where he was Student Body President, President of Tri-M, Vice-President of FBLA, a member of the golf team, and Drum Major of the HHS Marching Band. He was also involved with other various clubs such as Mu Alpha Theta, NHS, NTHS, and Beta Club. Jacob will also graduate from Tri-County Community College with two Associate's Degrees. He is involved with various collegiate clubs such as

Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Beta Gamma, and NTHS. Jacob plans to major in computer engineering.

Cleveland County



Alexandria Epley will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she acted as a teaching assistant for the school's makerspace. She also leads NCSSM's Recorder and Origami clubs and conducted physics research last summer. Alexandria plans to major in Aerospace Engineering.



Allison Glover will graduate from Crest High School where she served as a Junior Marshal, was involved in Beta Club, National Honors Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Alli was also an active member of a local church, participated in youth events, and hosted multiple service projects. She also helped lead many camps for children at her church. Alli plans to major in Elementary Education with a STEM focus.

Cumberland County



Eunyss Froa will graduate from Jack Britt High School where they were Senior Class President, as well as president and cofounder of S.T.A.R.S club, which stands for students together advocating for reduced stress. Eunyss was also involved in Science Olympiad, Mu Alpha Theta, and Key Club. Eunyss is also heavily involved with volunteer work at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Eunyss plans to major in Engineering.



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Malayka Robinson will graduate from Trinity Christian School where they were the captain of three Varsity Sports including Volleyball, Basketball, and Track and Field. Malayka was also an active role model in her community by giving back to the less fortunate and participating in community outreach all over the city of Fayetteville. Malayka plans to major in Electrical Engineering.

Edgecombe County



Elise Hines will graduate from Edgecombe Early College High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Senior Beta Club, and Phi Theta Kappa. Elise is also involved in the Scholar Teachers program which has allowed her to complete three different internships in local elementary schools. She is also a part of her school's yearbook and writing center team. Elise plans to major in elementary education.

Franklin County



Lila Issa will graduate from Louisburg Magnet High School, where she was involved with the STEM Leadership Council. Lila was also involved in the ChickTech High School program and District C Teamship program. Lila plans to major in Biomedical Engineering.



Adam Nawar will graduate from Franklin County Early College High School where they were a Vance-Granville Student Ambassador, President of the National Honor Society Chapter, and Student Representative in Student Government. Adam was also involved as a tutor, mentor, and student leader during his time there. Adam plans to major in the field of Microbiology.

Gaston County



Abby-Lane Osborne will graduate from Highland School of Technology. Abby-Lane was in Beta Club and President of the HST Drama Club. Abby-Lane is a dancer with Southern Dance Academy and is on a team with multiple national championship titles. Abby-Lane will major in High School Science Education and Biology with a minor in entomology.

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Guilford County



Mariah Saavedra Garcia will graduate from Alamance Burlington Early College where she was Colors For Coats president and Key Club vice president. Mariah was also involved in UNICEF and the National Honors Society. At NC State, Mariah plans to major in Biochemistry.



Maddie Thompson will graduate from the STEM Early College at NC A&T State University where she was involved in National Honor Society, the Box From Home Project, and the AP Capstone Diploma program. Maddie was also involved in the Teen Grantmaking Council of the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, Summerfield Recreation Association, and Next Top Recruits' club softball. Maddie plans to major in computer science.

Halifax County



Connor Johnson will graduate from Roanoke Rapids High School where he served as the Student Body President, club officer in Roanoke Rapids High School's chapters of the Spanish National Honors Society, and member of the National Honors Society. Connor has also been a part of the Varsity Golf Team for four years. Connor plans to major in Biological Sciences with a Human Biology Concentration and later obtain a master's degree in physiology, with

plans to become a medical doctor.

Johnston County



Jack Fetkovich will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where they were involved in several FIRST Robotics teams. Jack was also involved in Chess Club. Jack plans to major in Computer Science at NC State.

Lenoir County



Zaire Garner will graduate from South Lenoir High School, where they were involved in the National Honor Society and the Student Council Association. Zaire was also an intern at Crown Equipment, an AmeriCorps Tutor, and a Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy Member. Zaire plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.

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McDowell County



Aidan Carpenter will graduate from McDowell High School where they were involved in the Titan's marching band as the alto saxophone section leader. Aidan was also involved in serving as a volunteer staff member at Teen Valley Ranch, a local summer Christian camp. Aidan plans to major in Construction Engineering.



Anna Carroll will graduate from McDowell High School where she was a fouryear member of the Science Olympiad team. Anna was also a frequent volunteer at Old Fort Elementary and was involved in the National Honor Society, Math Club, Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society and the Titan Varsity Track & Field team. Anna plans to major in Biology.



Gannon Molumby will graduate from McDowell High School where they were President of the Environmental Club. Gannon was also involved in Cross-County, DECA, Rho Kappa, and the National Honor Society. Gannon plans to major in Forest Management, Ecology.

Mecklenburg County



Chris Brower will graduate from Pine Lake Preparatory and the NCSSM online program, where he was concertmaster for his school's orchestra and founder of the school's music club. He was also involved in robotics Team SPORK 3196, and a proud graduate of the school's computer science pathway. Chris loves nature, music, and learning all about new ways to apply computers. He plans to major in Computer Science in the College of Engineering.

Orange County



Hugh Pugsley-Labrum will graduate from Carrboro High School where he was a member and President of their FIRST Robotics team Carrborobotics #7763. Hugh was also involved in the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Academy of International Studies, and Class Council. He also participated in and helped found multiple social clubs. Hugh plans to major in Computer Engineering.

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Pitt County



Makayla Gilland will graduate from Ayden-Grifton high school where she was involved in Future Farmers of America, National Honors Society, and game club. Makayla also breeds cosmos flowers, plays guitar, and keeps an aquarium in her spare time. Makayla plans to major in plant breeding and biotechnology.



Bailey Walters will graduate from Farmville Central High School and Pitt Community College with her Associates in Arts. At Farmville Central, she was Student Body President, a Link Crew Ambassador, a member of National Honors Society, and played as the 6th and 3rd seed on the Women's Varsity Tennis Team her junior and senior year, and loved going to basketball games. She is also a Silver Award Girl Scout, a top cookie seller in her county and

council, and a member of her local Methodist Church. Bailey plans to major in Polymer and Color Chemistry with a Medical Sciences Concentration.

Randolph County



Matthew Gallimore will graduate from Randolph Early College High School with both a high school diploma and Associate's Degree from Randolph Community College. Matthew was an active member of Beta Club, National Science Honor Society, and Phi Theta Kappa. He has served as a peer mentor for students at Randolph Early College High School. He also volunteered at various school and non-profit events, including a local equine center. Matthew

plans to major in Mechanical Engineering and minor in Agricultural Entrepreneurship.

Robeson County



Raven Cummings will graduate from Purnell Swett High School where she served in various leadership roles. She was the captain of the tennis and soccer teams, student athletic trainer for the football team and greenhouse manager for the horticulture department. Raven was also involved in her church serving as a Vacation Bible School teacher and participated in community volunteer programs. Raven plans to major in Engineering.



Samantha J. Nonigo will graduate from Lumberton High School where she was the Key Club Vice President, SGA Executive Secretary, Juniorette's Recording Secretary, and Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee Chair. She was also a National Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and Science Olympiad member. Samantha was also a Varsity Cheerleader all 4 years for the basketball, football, and competition season.

Samantha plans to major in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Human Biology with a Business Administration minor.

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Rockingham County



Kylie Belter will graduate from Dalton L. McMichael High School where she served as president of her school's Technology Student Association through which she won two national awards in Architecture. She was involved in community service through BETA Club and the National Honor Society and she enjoyed being part of the Marching Band and her school's Academic Challenge Competition team. Kylie plans to major in Textile Engineering.

Rutherford County



Abigail Roof is dually enrolled and will graduate from Rutherford Early College High School, as well as Isothermal Community College. She has been involved in STEM outreach programs and her high school volleyball team. Abbi plans to major in Middle Grades Science Education.

Stokes County



Samantha Mabe will graduate from North Stokes High School, where she was vice president of the NSHS National Honor Society, vice president of Beta Club, an active member of SADD Club and FFA, and a junior marshal. She will also graduate with an Associate in Science degree from Forsyth Technical Community College, where she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Samantha plans to major in Animal Science with a concentration in Veterinary Bioscience.

Wake County



Aminah Ahmad will graduate from Green Level High School this year. Aminah was a part of the Muslim Student Association and is a current board member. Aminah was also the president and co-founder of her school's Free Palestine club. Outside of her school activities, Aminah enjoys working with kids, volunteering at Rex Hospital, and baking. Aminah plans to major in Computer Science.



Eliza Rae Buhrman will graduate from Fuquay Varina High School, where she played volleyball and lacrosse. She served as a Junior Marshal and was a member of the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Sigma Xi, and Mu Alpha Theta. Eliza was a Girl Scout who earned her Gold Award and served on the Girl Scouts NC Coastal Pines Board of Directors. Eliza is completing an internship in the NC State Food Science Department and plans

to major in food science.



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Taquan Dewberry will graduate from North Wake College and Career Academy, where he served as president of his class since his freshman year and Student Body President in his senior year. Taquan was also involved in the National Honor Society and the Capital Area Food Network Youth Circle. He was a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and the National Society of Leadership and Success. He also served as a cofounder of

a Wellness Program at his high school. Taquan was also a dually enrolled as an Honors Student at Wake Technical Community College. Taquan plans to major in Computer Science.



Alexa Hadley will graduate from Jesse O. Sanderson High School, where she was a member of National Honors Society, Student Council, and the National Academy of Finance. Alexa was Co-President of Photography Club and a member of the Sandpipers Choir Ensemble. Alexa was a company member at CC & Co. Dance Complex. where she served as a Leadership Assistant. Alexa plans to major in Elementary Education.



Alissa Huang will graduate from North Wake College and Career Academy, where she was a Student Ambassador and the Vice President of Book Club. Alissa was also involved in tutoring students in math and volunteering at the local food pantry. Alissa plans to major in Engineering with a Nuclear Engineering intent.



Annette Jackson will graduate from North Wake College and Career Academy, where she was a member of both Beta Club and National Honor Society. Annette Jackson was also involved in her school swim team and her club team, as well as Girl Scouts. Annette plans to major in Environmental Science.



Matthew Morris will graduate from Fuquay-Varina High School. He has been able to give back to his community through his Electrical Engineering Apprenticeship Program and community service. Matthew was a member of the National Honors Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and has been involved in community outreach with the goal to spread the STEM field to several middle schools and elementary schools by establishing FLL teams and hosting events. He was

also the electrical captain for his school's FRC team. He plans to major in Electrical Engineering.



Ginger Rader will graduate from Knightdale High School, where she became the first captain of the math team. She was also co-captain of the women's varsity tennis team. Ginger served as an elementary school tutor and participated in various service projects alongside Key Club and the National Honor Society. She was an AP Capstone Diploma Program participant and is an AP Scholar with Distinction award recipient. Ginger plans to double major in

Mathematics and Statistics.



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Rishi Rau will graduate from Athens Drive Magnet High School where he was a member of the STEM Academy, president and co-founder of the Drone Club, vice president of the Environmental Club, and a member of the Wind Ensemble. Outside of school, Rishi was involved in FIRST Robotics, the ACE Mentor Program, and interned at a construction management firm. He also volunteered as a math tutor, played NCFC Soccer, and was a Shotokan Karate

black belt and instructor. Rishi plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.



Sari Selwaieh will graduate from Wake Early College of Health and Sciences, where he was involved in the National Honor Society, Key Club, Muslim Students' Association, and World Culture Club. Outside of school, Sari served as a guest ambassador at WakeMed Raleigh Hospital, a counselor for the Islamic Association of Raleigh's Youth Program, and enrolled in the Emergency Medical Services Citizens Academy. Sari plans to major in Biological Sciences

with a concentration in Human Biology.



Paul Witmer will graduate from Apex High School where he was involved in the National Honor Society and Apex Ambassadors. He ran Cross Country and Track all four years, serving as a Cross Country Captain his senior year. He is also involved in Peace Church, where he regularly volunteers and attends Youth Group. Paul plans to major in Mechanical or Industrial Engineering. He also has a special interest in leadership studies.

Wilson County



Jazmyn Fuentes will graduate from Wilson Academy of Applied Technology where she was involved in National Honor Society and Student Government. Jazmyn was also an intern at Farris and Thomas Law, a member of Teen Court, and a soccer coach at Wilson Parks and Recreation. Jazmyn plans to major in Computer Science at NC State.

Yancey County



Oscar Fernandez will graduate from Mountain Heritage High School where they were a captain of the Varsity Tennis team and part of the Men's Varsity soccer team. Oscar also coached a U6 soccer team and volunteered as a math tutor. Oscar plans to major in Computer Science.