Goodnight Scholars Program Class of 2028 Interview Finalist

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

**Alamance County**
Bridget Galicia, *Mebane*, Chemical Engineering, Eastern Alamance High School
Nsima Ikpe, *Mebane*, Biological Sciences, Southeast Alamance High School
George Thompson, *Graham*, Meteorology, Alamance Burlington Early College at ACC

**Ashe County**
Nathan Herman, *West Jefferson*, Engineering, Ashe County High School

**Avery County**
Mia Mattern, *Newland*, Environmental Sciences, Avery County High School

**Buncombe County**
Ashley Armstrong, *Asheville*, Biology, Asheville High School
Jenny Flores-De La Cruz, *Asheville*, Zoology, Buncombe County Early College

**Burke County**

**Cabarrus County**
Jaden Auten, *Concord*, Nuclear Engineering, Mount Pleasant High School
Chalmers Bankhead IV, *Kannapolis*, Biomedical Health Sciences and Engineering, Miller STEM Academy
Logan Rackowitz, *Concord*, Biological Sciences, Cabarrus-Kannapolis Early College High School

**Catawba County**
Karston Graf, *Hickory*, Environmental Sciences, St Stephen’s High School
Carson Walker, *Conover*, Computer Engineering, Challenger Early College High School

**Chatham County**
Estefani Merida Lopez, *Siler City*, Human Biology, Chatham County School of Science and Engineering
Jason De Paz Rodriguez, *Siler City*, Computer Science, Jordan Matthews High School
Tate Wilson, *Chapel Hill*, Biomedical Health Sciences and Engineering, Seaforth High School

**Chowan County**
Cleveland County
Daissy Soto, Shelby, Biological Sciences, Pinnacle Classical Academy

Columbus County
Kaylee Cartrette, Chadbourn, Animal Science, South Columbus High School
Seth Enzor, Fair Bluff, Environmental Engineering, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics - Morganton

Craven County
Haley Hernandez, New Bern, Computer Science, Early College EAST High School
Logan Tibbetts, New Bern, Computer Engineering, Early College EAST High School
Maliyah Hill, Havelock, Elementary Education, Havelock High School

Cumberland County
Kayla Carr, Fayetteville, Animal Science, Cumberland International Early College High School
Malehya Robinson, Fayetteville, Animal Science, Trinity Christian School of Fayetteville

Dare County
Anne Heath, Kill Devil Hills, Applied Mathematics, First Flight High School
Jamie Holcomb, Manteo, Zoology, Manteo High School

Davidson County
Emmanuel Contreras, Thomasville, Electrical Engineering, Thomasville Senior High School

Davie County
McKenna Sink, Mocksville, Middle Grades Math Education, Early College of Forsyth
Macey Smith, Mocksville, Biological Sciences, Davie County High School

Durham County
Christian Barron-Anaya, Durham, Computer Engineering, School for Creative Studies
LaPrecious Harris, Durham, Animal Science, Middle College High School
Kalli Simmons, Durham, Chemistry, City of Medicine Academy
Anastasia Smith, Durham, Horticultural Science, C.E. Jordan High School
Maya Van Kanegan, Durham, Biomedical Health Sciences and Engineering, Middle College High School

Forsyth County
Jeimy Aguilar-Mayoral, Walkertown, Animal Science, Early College of Forsyth
Sydnie Gottschalk, Winston-Salem, Mechanical Engineering, Simon G. Atkins Academic and Technology High School
Nathan Lindsay, Clemmons, Environmental Sciences, Early College of Forsyth
Jack Pfefferkorn, Winston-Salem, Biology, Mount Tabor High School
Franklin County
Tyler Grainger, *Franklinton*, Chemical Engineering, Franklin County Early College High School

Gaston County
Francess Ilevbare, *Cramerton*, Biochemistry, Stuart W. Cramer High School
Braxton Maiers, *Crouse*, Mathematics, Gaston Early College High School
Amy Okonkwo, *Gastonía*, Biology, North Carolina School of Science and Math

Guilford County
Talal Aslam, *High Point*, Biomedical Health Sciences and Engineering, STEM Early College at NC A&T
Liam Baldwin, *Greensboro*, Computer Engineering, Western Guilford High School
Nischal Bhattarai, *Greensboro*, Biomedical Health Sciences and Engineering, Western Guilford High School
Marwa Sharib, *High Point*, Biomedical Health Sciences and Engineering, STEM Early College at NC A&T
Charlotte Stewart, *Julian*, Biological Sciences, Stewart Academy (Homeschool)

Iredell County
Mallory Newton, *Statesville*, Aerospace Engineering, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

Jackson County
Emma Rowe, *Tuckasegee*, Human Biology, Smoky Mountain High School
Liangyu Zhao, *Cullowhee*, Electrical Engineering, Smoky Mountain High School

Johnston County
Jose Perez-Hernandez, *Dunn*, Chemical Engineering, Johnston County Early College Academy

Mecklenburg County
Saksham Anand, *Charlotte*, Electrical Engineering, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics - Morganton
Leya Edwards-Headen, *Charlotte*, Biological Sciences, Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology
Caren El Haddad, *Charlotte*, Biomedical Health Sciences and Engineering, East Mecklenburg High School
Sophia West, *Matthews*, Environmental First Year, Butler High School
Peyton Mount, *Charlotte*, Industrial Engineering, Myers Park

Montgomery County
Eduardo Vargas, *Star*, Engineering, Montgomery County Early College
Nash County
Hector Cazares-Medellin, Spring Hope, Mechanical Engineering, Nash Rocky Mount Early College High School
Owen Ordess, Bailey, Crop and Soil Sciences, Southern Nash High School

New Hanover County
Emily Alam, Wilmington, Biological Sciences, North Carolina school of Science and Mathematics
Deacon Ball, Wilmington, Biological Sciences, John T Hoggard High
Sebastian A. Rivera, Wilmington, Computer Science, Eugene Ashley High School

Orange County
Lily Crayton, Efland, Chemical Engineering, Orange High School

Pasquotank County
Hailey Mayhew, Elizabeth City, Physics, Elizabeth City Pasquotank Early College

Person County
Jonathan Durand, Roxboro, Civil Engineering, Roxboro Community School

Pitt County
Jerry Barajas-Nunez, Grimesland, Biological Sciences, D.H. Conley
Dakota Coburn, Winterville, Textile Engineering, Pitt County Schools Early College High School
Ty Daniels, Winterville, Biological Sciences, South Central High School
Valery Fernanda Rivera Castellanos, Greenville, Biomedical Health Sciences and Engineering, South Central High School

Randolph County
Isaias Martinez Hernandez, Asheboro, Biological Sciences, Uwharrie Charter Academy

Robeson County
Freddy Aguilar Lanzas, Saint Pauls, Computer Engineering, Saint Pauls High School
Logan Hickman, Lumberton, Horticultural Science, Lumberton Senior High School

Rockingham County
William Attaway, Ruffin, Computer Science, Rockingham County High School

Rutherford County
Kaden Fenner, Bostic, Engineering, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy
Naomi Vargas, Rutherfordton, Engineering, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy

Sampson County
Sa'Tori Lorenzo, Clinton, Biological Sciences, Hobbton High School
Stanly County
Tyler Chen, *Locust*, Chemical Engineering, West Stanly High School

Surry County
Emmanuel Ramirez Montoya, *Mount Airy*, Electrical Engineering, Surry Early College High School of Design

Swain County
Pablo Killebrew, *Bryson City*, Mechanical Engineering, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics – Morganton

Union County
Zain Aldulaimi, *Monroe*, Biochemistry, Porter Ridge High School
Indigo Antio, *Indian Trail*, Biological Sciences, Porter Ridge High School
Eshan Srivastav, *Indian Trail*, Computer Science, Marvin Ridge High School

Wake County
Leo Bai, *Cary*, Biomedical Health Sciences and Engineering, Wake STEM Early College High School
Caleb Cockerham, *Holly Springs*, Statistics, Apex Friendship High School
Grace Carter Eddins, *Zebulon*, Natural Resources, East Wake Academy
Alice Chen, *Cary*, Mechanical Engineering, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics
Brock Davis, *Cary*, Biological Sciences, Cary High School
Kata Koloszar, *Cary*, Biological Sciences, Green Hope High School
Penny Kudlak, *Cary*, Textile Technology, Cary High School
Mathiew Lewis, *Raleigh*, Mathematics, Athens Drive Magnet High School
Amin Mohamed, *Raleigh*, Computer Science, Wakefield High
Derek Xiu, *Apex*, Computer Science, Apex High School

Watauga County
Lillian Farley, *Boone*, Agricultural Education, Watauga High School

Wilson County
Pranathi Gorty, *Wilson*, Biomedical Health Sciences and Engineering, Wilson Preparatory Academy

Yadkin County
Annette Angeles-Arellano, *Boonville*, Biological Sciences, Yadkin Early College High School