

## 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  
Michael Quintanilla-Lopez, *Arden*, Applied Mathematics, T.C. Roberson High School

### **Burke County**

Everett Tucker, *Morganton*, Computer Science, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics- Morganton

### **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**

Hannah Nixon, *Edenton*, Animal Science, John A. Holmes High School



### **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, *Gastonia*, 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

Rachel Heggie, *Huntersville*, Statistics, Hopewell 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

Akshay Balasubramanian, *Cary*, Computer Science, William G. Enloe High School

Sofia Burr Reynolds, *Raleigh*, High School Math Education, Millbrook 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

Nina Digruccio, *Morrisville*, Computer Science, 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**

Elijah Denton, *Wilson*, Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology, North Carolina School of Science and Math

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

### **Yadkin County**

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