

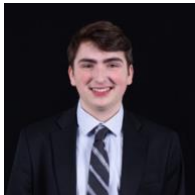
Goodnight Scholars Program Class of 2028 I Recipients

Finalists listed alphabetically first by county, then last name

Alamance County

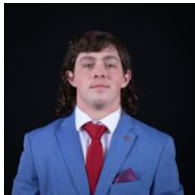


Bridget Galicia will graduate from Eastern Alamance High School where she was Co-Captain of the cheer team, student body vice president, an officer in National Honor Society, and ambassador of Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy. Bridget was also involved in Science Olympiad, Envirothon, and she attended the North Carolina Governor's School. Bridget plans to major in chemical engineering.



George Thompson will graduate from the Alamance Burlington Early College where he was Student Government President, competed in the Ethics Bowl, and was a Yearbook Editor. George was also involved with the Youth Passion Project where he developed and taught a middle school weather class in addition to being an Elon Academy Scholar. George plans to major in meteorology.

Ashe County

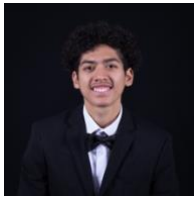


Nathan Herman will graduate from Ashe County High School where he was involved with Beta Club, ACHS football and wrestling, served as President of the Future Farmers of America, and was an active member of Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church. He plans to major in construction and civil engineering.

Buncombe County



Jennifer Flores-De La Cruz will graduate from Buncombe County Early College where they were part of the Student Ambassador Association as well as a past member of the Community Service Group. Jenny was also involved in an Altar Server's Group at her local church where she was the head of the association. She also has done internships with Brother Wolf Animal Rescue and The North Carolina Arboretum where she expanded her knowledge in animal care and had the opportunity to work with children in the summer camps. Jenny plans to major in Zoology, then head off to veterinarian school.



Michael Quintanilla-Lopez will graduate from T.C. Roberson High School where they were the Drum Major of the marching band, the president of Mu Alpha Theta, a Math Honor Society, and the treasurer of the Student Council. Michael has also been recognized by the College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program. Michael plans to major in applied

mathematics.

Burke County



Everett Tucker will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Morganton, where he pioneered local math tutoring initiatives through the NCSSM Math Club. Everett was also the head programmer on NCSSM's Leviathan Underwater Robotics Team. Everett plans to major in computer science with a concentration in artificial

intelligence.

Cabarrus County



Chalmers C. Bankhead, IV will graduate from Miller Stem Academy where he was president of the National Honor Society, a member of NSBE JR, and created Sizzler's Tutoring: a high-impact tutoring service. Chalmers volunteered as a Goju-Ryu karate instructor, holding certifications in Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED. He was also involved in various community service initiatives, served as a mentor, worked as a technology intern, and founded CC's Gaming. Chalmers plans to major in biomedical engineering.



Logan Rackowitz will graduate from Cabarrus-Kannapolis Early College High School where she was an integral part of her school community - acting as secretary of the Inter-Club Counsel, participating in Model United Nations, partaking in peer tutoring, and pursuing all available volunteer opportunities. Logan was also involved in Playing for Others, a Non-Profit

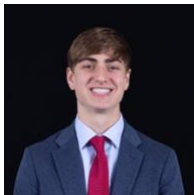
leadership and arts organization wherein she served on the Leadership team for four years. Logan plans to double major in genetics and biology with a human biology concentration.

Catawba County



Carson Walker will graduate from Challenger Early College High School with an associate of arts and a certificate in application development. He was involved as an active member of his school's STEM Club coding division and Beta Club engineering team. While balancing a job, he was also involved at the Hospice Resale Store in Hickory as a regular volunteer and volunteer event coordinator. At NC State, Carson plans to major in computer engineering.

Chatham County



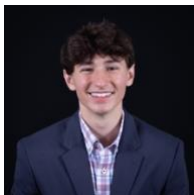
Tate Wilson is a member of Seaforth High School's inaugural graduating class in Pittsboro, NC, and will also graduate from NC School of Science and Math Online program. At Seaforth, he co-founded the IT Club and actively participated in Key Club, Car Club, Ties for Hope, and National Honor Society. Tate is also an avid ultimate frisbee player, placing third at Nationals with his travel team last summer. Tate plans to major in biomedical engineering and is looking forward to being an engaged member of the Goodnight Scholars program.

Chowan County



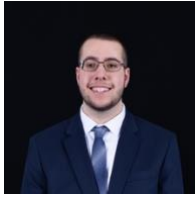
Hannah Nixon will graduate from John A. Holmes High School in Edenton, NC. She was actively involved in FFA and served as the vice president for two years, assisting her chapter in earning the National Gold Chapter. She held three rabies clinics and two showmanship clinics as part of her community outreach. Hannah Nixon plans to major in animal science at NC State University and her career plans are to become a large animal veterinarian and return to eastern North Carolina to practice veterinary medicine.

Columbus County



Seth Enzor will graduate from NCSSM-Morganton where he participated in cross country, track and field, and rock climbing. Seth was also a member of NCSSM's Fire and Flair Players drama group. Seth plans to major in environmental engineering.

Craven County



Logan Tibbetts will graduate from Early College EAST High School where he was an active member of his school's National Honor Society chapter. He will also graduate from Craven Community College with an associate in science and associate in engineering. Logan was also active in Scouts BSA, earning his Eagle Scout rank from Troop 13 in New Bern, and was active in his community college's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, serving as Chapter President. Logan plans to major in computer engineering.

Cumberland County

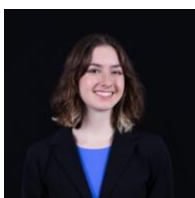


Kayla Carr will graduate from Cumberland International Early College High School where she was president of their school's key club, part of the Science Olympiad team, Speech & Debate, National Honor Society, Speech & Debate National Honor Society, International Club, and Magazine Club. Kayla was also involved in many volunteer-based organizations throughout her community, such as the Cumberland County Animal Shelter, where she shadowed local veterinarians. Kayla plans to major in animal science with a minor in biology.



Malehya Robinson will graduate from Trinity Christian School of Fayetteville where they were Lead Football Statistician, member of the Yearbook Staff, and a Teacher Assistant. Malehya also helped give back to the community of Fayetteville, helping the less fortunate. Malehya plans to major in animal science.

Dare County

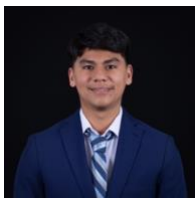


Annie Heath will graduate from First Flight high school where they were involved in National Honors Society and were the editor of their high school's newspaper. Annie was also involved in dance and volunteered to choreograph dances for the school musical. Annie plans to major in applied mathematics.



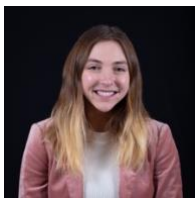
Jamie Holcomb will graduate from Manteo High School, where she was captain of the varsity tennis team, vice president of the theater leadership committee, and an active member of the theater, where she starred in multiple productions. She was a member of the choir, mathletes, the National Honor Society, student government, and hosted the school news show. Jamie was also involved with Leo Club, volunteering and interning at the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island, photographing local events, and hosting town events. Jamie plans to major in zoology.

Davidson County



Emmanuel Contreras will graduate from Thomasville Senior High School where they were involved in National Honors Society, TRIO Talent Search, and Futuro Latino. Emmanuel was also involved in varsity soccer being named team captain and was an NC academic scholar. Emmanuel plans to major in electrical engineering.

Davie County



McKenna Sink will graduate from The Early College of Forsyth with an associate in science. McKenna was involved in drama club as an actor and director for all four years of high school. McKenna was also involved in math tutoring and volunteering for various organizations. McKenna plans to major in middle grades mathematics education.

Durham County



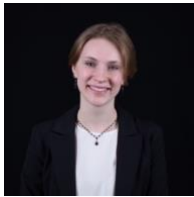
Christian Barron-Anaya will graduate from The School for Creative Studies where they were involved in Micro:bit Coding Club, Dungeons & Dragons Club, and Drama Club. Christian was also involved in assisting daily math tutoring sessions in their school. Christian plans to major in computer engineering.



LaPrecious Harris will graduate from Middle College High School. There, she was involved in the Youth In Action club which put volunteer work and leadership in the hands of the youth. She also participated in the BOOST science program at Duke University and aiding in inexpensive veterinary care for a non-profit called Beyond Fences in Durham North Carolina. I plan on majoring in animal science in hopes of becoming a veterinarian.



Anastasia Smith will graduate from C.E. Jordan High School where they were involved in FFA for 4 years and served as an officer for 3. Anastasia was also involved in Girl Scouts for 13 years and received her Gold Award. Anastasia was also involved in 4-H for 5 years and competitively rode horses, attended 3 national public speaking competitions, and 2 national leadership conferences. Anastasia has a love for plants and insects and plans to major in plant biology.



Maya Van Kanegan will graduate from Middle College High School where she was the president of the National Honor Society Chapter. She was also the captain of the Science Olympiad team, and president of the Speech and Debate Team. Maya plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Forsyth County



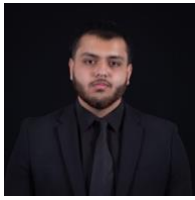
Sydnie Gottschalk will graduate from Atkins Academic & Technology High School, where she is President of the National Technical Honor Society and a dedicated member of Student Government and Crosby Scholars. She has also used her involvement in other honor societies and clubs to further the connectivity of her school community. Sydnie is dually enrolled at Forsyth Technical Community College, and at her internship with Davenport this past summer, she was able to build upon her knowledge and gain real-life experience. Sydnie plans to major in engineering during her time at NC State.

Gaston County



Francess Ilevbare will graduate from Stuart W. Cramer High School where they were a member of HOSA, National Honor society, and National Technical Honor Society. Francess was also involved in volunteer opportunities in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Birthplace at CaroMont Regional Medical Center. Francess plans to major in biochemistry.

Guilford County



Talal Aslam will graduate from the STEM Early College at NCA&T where they served as an Ambassador on the Superintendent Student Advisory Council. Talal also founded the Muslim Student Association, led as president of the Math Tutoring Club, and competed at the regional state level for the Health Occupations Students of America organization. Talal plans to major in biomedical engineering.



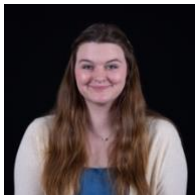
Liam Baldwin will graduate from Western Guilford High School where he was a part of the AP Capstone program, was captain of varsity cross country and swim and participated in track and tennis. He was a member of the National Honor Society, UNICEF, and helped found the Model United Nations club. Liam was also involved in Scouts BSA where he earned Eagle Scout. He volunteered at the Center for Visual Artists and Backpack Beginnings. He also earned a certification in Information Technology: Computer Technology Integration at Guilford Technical Community College. Liam plans to major in computer engineering.

Iredell County



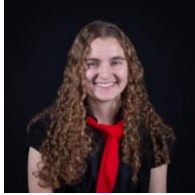
Mallory Newton will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, where she was a Residential Life Assistant, the Captain of the Envirothon Team, and the Co-chair of Student Affairs in the Student Government Association. Mallory was also a member of the Varsity Soccer Team and the Rocketry Team. Outside of school, Mallory participated in the volunteer program at the Christian Mission and served as both a calculus and physics tutor. Mallory plans to major in aerospace engineering.

Jackson County



Emma Rowe will graduate from Smoky Mountain High School where she was involved with HOSA- Future Medical Professionals and National Honor Society. She was the reporter for HOSA at her high school where she oversaw newsletters, assisted with community outreach, and volunteered to educate about the medical field. Within the National Honor Society, she held the position of president. She helped organize volunteer experiences and induct new members. Emma plans to major in biological sciences with a human biology concentration. She plans to follow a pre-medical pathway.

Mecklenburg County

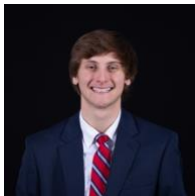


Rachel Heggie will graduate from Hopewell High School where she was a three-sport varsity athlete, competing in tennis, swim, and softball. Rachel was also heavily involved in Hopewell's chapter of National Honor Society, where she served as the Secretary and Beautification Committee Chair. She organized and led a number of service projects in addition to her own self-initiated projects, such as her care packages for the homeless. Rachel plans to major in statistics.



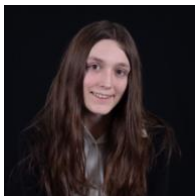
Peyton Mount will graduate from Myers Park High School where she participated in a film club, even winning a film award at her school's film festival. Peyton was also involved in the FIRST Robotics team Bots on Wheels as a Team Coordinator. She also spent time volunteering to teach robotics to elementary students in her community. Peyton plans to major in industrial engineering.

Nash County



Owen Ordess will graduate from Southern Nash High School. Throughout high school, Owen was involved in several sports including Varsity Baseball and Cross Country, along with clubs such as FFA and Beta Club. Owen spends his free time working on his family's farm alongside his father, where his love for agriculture truly sparked. He plans to major in crop and soil science with a focus on crop biotechnology, in hopes of one day being a Crop Geneticist.

Pasquotank County



Hailey Mayhew will graduate from Elizabeth City Pasquotank Early College, where she was the president of her school's chapter of the National Honor Society, a student representative for her school on the county school board, and a representative for the Student Government Association. Hailey was also a student at the College of the Albemarle, where she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She was also a volunteer at her town's local science center, Port Discover and an alumna of the North Carolina Governor's School. Hailey plans to major in physics.

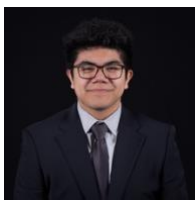
Pitt County



Dakota Coburn will graduate from Pitt County Schools Early College High School where she was the Vice President of the National Honor Society and will receive her associate in science degree. Dakota was also a Scouting Lead on the robotics team the Pitt Pirates and helped mentor an elementary FLL team and Science Olympiad team. Dakota plans to major in textile

engineering.

Randolph County



Isaias Martinez Hernandez will graduate from Uwharrie Charter Academy High School where he was involved in many clubs like Beta Club and HOSA. Isaias also earned his North Carolina State EMT license and certification while in high school and had an internship at his local hospital. Isaias plans to major in biology with a focus in integrative physiology and neurobiology.

Robeson County



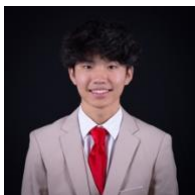
Freddy Aguilar will graduate from Saint Paul's High School where he was involved in making his community a better place through various forms of service, tutoring, and working throughout the entirety of his time in high school to support his family. Freddy was also involved in wrestling and band. Freddy plans to major in computer engineering.



Logan Hickman will graduate from Lumberton Senior High School where she is a Varsity Tennis Captain, Teacher Cadet, and Greenhouse Manager. She is also a member of the National Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and the Drivers Ed Dream Team. Logan was also Vice President of the FFA Lumber River Federation, as well as the Robeson

County Juniorettes. Logan plans to major in horticulture science - production systems and entrepreneurship.

Stanly County



Tyler Chen will graduate from West Stanly High School where he was an Eagle Scout, president of National Technical Honor Society, and a Junior Marshal. Tyler was also involved in varsity Cross Country and Track for four years where he placed All-County and All-Conference in different events. Moreover, he will graduate high school with an associate in science. Tyler

plans to major in chemical engineering.

Surry County



Emmanuel Ramirez Montoya will graduate from Surry Early College Highschool where he will receive an associate of arts along with his Highschool diploma. Emmanuel is involved with Surry Community College's Math Club and the newly formed Robotics Club. Surry Community College's Math Club placed third in the 27th annual UNG competition and brought home a trophy! Emmanuel plans to major in electrical engineering at North Carolina State University.

Union County

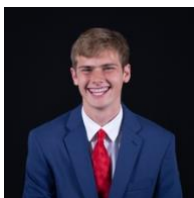


Eshan Srivastav will graduate from Marvin Ridge High School where he was an International Baccalaureate Program Student. Eshan was also involved in Future Business Leaders of America and was a member of the National Technical Honors Society. Eshan Plans to major in computer science.

Wake County



Akshay Balasubramanian will graduate from Enloe High School, where he was captain of the Varsity soccer team, board member of the National Honors Society, advisor in the Student Council, and trumpet player in the jazz program. Outside of school, he was a member of the nationally recognized Triangle Youth Jazz Ensemble, interned at an NC State Engineering Lab, and volunteered as a buddy in the TOPSoccer organization. Akshay plans to major in electrical engineering with a minor in business administration.



Caleb Cockerham will graduate from Apex Friendship High School where he was the Cross Country and Distance Track Captain, Science National Honor's Society president, and a men's volleyball player. Caleb was also involved in the Apex Mayoral Internship Program as a Senior Ambassador, an assistant basketball coach for his former middle school, and founder and leader of a small group for middle school boys in his community. Caleb plans to major in statistics.



Nina DiGruccio will graduate from Cary High School where she served as the President of the Girls Who Code Club. She also played on Cary High's volleyball team and was an active member of the National Honors Society, Alpha Beta Club, and Environmental Club. Additionally, she worked as an intern under Dr. Veronica Catete at the NC State Game2LearnLab where she developed educational software aimed at exposing younger students to computing skills. Nina plans to major in Computer Science and is excited to continue her mission to create a more inclusive tech industry at NC State.



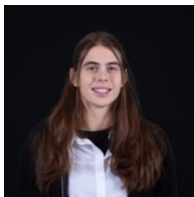
Gracie Eddins will graduate from East Wake Academy where she was editor of the yearbook staff and captain of the volleyball team. Gracie was also involved in National Honors Society and Eagle Ambassadors. Gracie plans to major in fisheries, wildlife, and conservation biology.



Penny Kudlak will graduate from Cary High School where she was two-year captain of her Varsity Volleyball team, a Student Ambassador, a member of Student council, Junior Marshal, member of the National Honor Society, and served as Treasurer for her Concert Chorus class. Outside of high school, Penny was involved in her community pool where she lifeguarded and coached the swim team. Penny plans to major in textile technology at the Wilson School of Textiles.

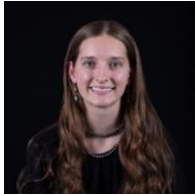


Amin Mohamed will graduate from Wakefield High School where he was a National Achievers Society member and served as the Reporter for his FFA chapter. Amin was a member of a state-winning Farm Business Management Career Development Event team and was also heavily involved in his school's recycling club. Amin plans to major in computer science.



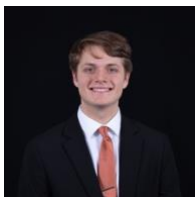
Kata Koloszar will graduate from Green Hope High School where she was involved in the unified championship club, math and science clubs, formed a biochemistry club, and competed in school volleyball, track and field, and unified track and field. Kata also participated in sustainable materials-related research focusing on lignin UV properties at NC State and was involved in a volunteer program at UNC REX Hospital. Kata plans to major in biological sciences and hopes to pursue a career in medicine.

Watauga County



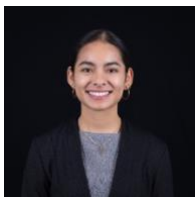
Lilly Farley will graduate from Watauga High School where she served as the FFA Chapter President her senior year. Lilly was also involved in the Varsity Women's Lacrosse team, where she served as a captain. She enjoys working with cattle and looks forward to the Agricultural programs at NC State. Lilly plans to major in agricultural education with a concentration in animal science.

Wilson County



Elijah Denton will graduate from The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where they were a Residential Life Assistant for 3rd West Hunt. Elijah also founded the non-profit ReGame which deals with electronic waste. Elijah plans to major in fisheries, wildlife, conservation with a wildlife science concentration.

Yadkin County



Annette Angeles-Arellano will graduate from Yadkin Early College where she was the Super-Senior representative for the Student Council. Annette was also involved in the National Honors Society, Interact Club, and a Pre-Apprenticeship at Radford Family Dentistry. Annette plans to major in biological sciences.