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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2006-07 academic year marks the start of the Park Scholarships second decade. This report serves as a record of the program over the last twelve months. The generosity of the Park Foundation has established a program at NC State that is a fitting legacy of Roy Park '31. The Park Scholars have made remarkable contributions to their academic departments and to the community. We expect their legacy only to grow over the years. We remain deeply grateful to the Trustees of the Park Foundation for their steadfast support.

HOMEcomings: After ten years the University has fulfilled its original commitment to the Park Foundation, made in its first proposal, by moving the program offices out of Nelson Hall to Peele Hall near the University's main administration building. In addition, the program established an office to serve alumni in the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center on Centennial Campus. We are especially grateful to Trustees Dorothy Park, for her gift that made the Park Alumni Center a reality, and to Richard Robb, for his good judgment and assistance in the identification of Peele Hall for our main office location.



BUILDING ON A FOUNDATION: The new program offices have created spaces that empower the community of Park Scholars to achieve, to lead and to give. They continue to be exceptionally competitive for national scholarships and prestigious honor societies. More than 100 faculty work with Park Scholars and encourage them in their academic pursuits, research endeavors, and enrichment activities.

Students excelled academically and provided campus leadership. The Scholars earned an overall **3.8 grade point average** during the last year. Nine Park Scholars were named finalists, honorable mentions or recipients of national scholarships, including the **Fulbright, Gates, Goldwater, and Truman Scholarships**, and the **National Science Foundation Fellowships**. Twenty students were

awarded program-sponsored **Grants for Research, Service or Artistic Projects** for professional development activities. Park Scholars were leaders on campus this past year, including serving as the **Student Body President** and on the Judicial Board, as well as presiding over campus clubs and community organizations. One student learned about political leadership by **interning with Senator Richard Burr** (N.C.) on Capitol Hill.

The faculty were deeply involved in academic enrichment, which provided important development opportunities for the students. The freshmen traveled to Black Mountain, N.C., for the **first-year retreat** facilitated by upperclassmen. These students also attended a yearlong **seminar**, where they heard from leaders in academia, government, business and the community. Speakers included the eight **Park Faculty Scholars** and other distinguished individuals such as Roberta Baskin, former director of the Center for Public Integrity, who shared her reporting experiences. Two community leaders worked with the students to cultivate their civic engagement as they participated in **community service projects**, such as helping victims of domestic violence and addressing poverty through 'Ending Homelessness.' The Scholars worked with faculty to plan two Learning Labs. Learning Lab I focused on the **changing role of tobacco in North Carolina**. Students who attended Learning Lab II examined the relationship between **national security and freedom of the press**. In the spring, the sophomores held the **10th Annual Service Raleigh**, inviting project founders to address the 1,900 volunteers who attended. Juniors met individually with the director to reflect on their progress. Seniors traveled to **Rocky Mountain National Park** for their retreat, which provided a time for reflection and reconnection with classmates. The **Speaker Series** was a program highlight and sponsored two talks this year, a panel of **distinguished entrepreneurs** in the fall to discuss innovation, and a spring talk on the genocide in Darfur by New York Times writer **Nicholas Kristof**. Students also attended the **Emerging Issues Forum** where they met former Governor Jim Hunt (N.C.) and learned about the challenges facing higher education in North Carolina.

ABOVE: A wolf statue graces the entrance to the new Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center.

WELCOMING NEW FRIENDS: As one class graduates a new class of Park Scholars prepares to move in to take their place. This year, new initiatives in recruiting and selection improved our process and resulted in a record number of outstanding applicants. For the first time, potential candidates applied for the Park Scholarship and admission to NC State using one Web-based application. Of the **1,289** applications distributed online, **1,079** were completed. More than **200 volunteers**, including faculty, alumni and friends on **11 Regional Selection Committees**, evaluated candidates in a three-stage process. These selection committees winnowed the applicants to **231 semifinalists** and **106 finalists**. We expect to enroll 50 Park Scholars in the Class of 2011. Finalists attended a dinner in their honor hosted by **Chancellor Oblinger** where they were welcomed, on behalf of the Park Foundation, by Trustee **Bill Bondurant**. Parents also participated in the dinner as well as an information session with campus representatives. Provost Nielsen gave all finalists the Provost's Academic Award worth **\$10,000**.



Recruiting candidates who merit the Park Foundation's investment in them requires efforts from admissions personnel in addition to the Park Scholarships' staff. NC State staff and faculty speak to potential Park Scholarships applicants throughout the year. Undergraduate Admissions co-hosted a **luncheon for guidance counselors at a national conference** in October. A program graduate was hired into a temporary position this past year to create an **ambassador program**. Already, 75 trained student, parent and alumni volunteers reached 875 high school students through information sessions. A special visit was made to guidance counselors and alumni on the West Coast to promote NC State and the Park Scholarships.

A REUNION OF FAMILY: A special highlight for the Park Scholars was the visit of the Park Foundation Trustees to NC State. In just over a decade the Park Scholarships program has funded more than 500 students, many of whom who would not have attended NC State. The alumni joined in thanking Mrs. Park and the other trustees by raising more than \$40,000 toward completion of the Park Alumni Center and to establish airfare travel grants for study abroad.

The Park Alumni Center provides an important place for NC State and Park Scholars alumni to come together. The Park Alumni Society now holds alumni gatherings during homecoming and finalist weekend. When alumni come home, it is now to an alumni center that carries the familiar "Park" name.



We are proud of the achievements and civic engagements of the Park Scholars, which are chronicled in the succeeding pages. Their efforts are a living memorial to Roy Park, and we look forward to our continued work together with the Park Foundation Trustees to secure the program's future.

We submit this annual report on behalf of NC State University to the Trustees of the Park Foundation in grateful appreciation.

Sincerely,

Laura Gail Lunsford
Director

ABOVE: Park Foundation Trustees Adelaide Gomer, Dorothy Park and Alicia Wittink, during their visit to Raleigh; Alumni from the Class of 2004 enjoyed seeing each other at the 10th Anniversary Alumni Gala; Casey Coats '08 (right) receives the Leader of the Pack award from Chancellor Oblinger.

SCHOLARSHIP:

The Park Scholars continue the tradition of academic excellence established during the last decade. The past year they earned a 3.8 GPA, and nearly 40% (79) maintained a perfect 4.0. Their work in the classroom is supplemented by research experiences and internships, often funded by program grants they receive with the support of a faculty mentor. These mentors offer guidance on the Scholars' development of professional goals and planned coursework, laid out by each Scholar in Plans of Professional Development.

With assistance from the Fellowship Advising Office, Scholars applied for major national scholarships, several of whom became finalists or recipients. One student's work in the College of Design led to two Emmy® Awards. Eight Park Faculty Scholars, appointed by the Chancellor, guided the Scholars in planning academic enrichment activities, especially on core experiences including retreats and learning laboratories.



BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded for outstanding potential in math, the natural sciences or engineering.

Warren Perry '08 Recipient

FULBRIGHT GRANTS

Grants established in 1946 by Congress to enable mutual understanding between Americans and the people of more than 150 other countries through study, teaching and research.

Donny Katz '07 Finalist, Bangladesh
Ben Gaddy '07 University Nominee

GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

Enables outstanding graduate students from outside the United Kingdom to study at the University of Cambridge.

Greg Mulholland '07 Finalist

HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Recognizes students with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to public service careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, or education.

Kasey Phillips '08 Finalist
Larry Moye '08 University Nominee

HERTZ FOUNDATION GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Supports the graduate education of America's most promising technical talent to impact the application of the physical sciences to human problems during the next half-century.

Katya Casper '07 Semifinalist
Wes Overton '07 Semifinalist

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Graduate Research fellows win a stipend of \$30,000 in addition to tuition and fees. Honorable mentions are made of applicants who are judged to be meritorious, yet who do not receive awards.

RECIPIENT

Katya Casper '07 attending Purdue University
John Rhoden '07 attending MIT

HONORABLE MENTION

Wes Overton '07
Danielle Proffitt '06
Katie Watlington '06

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

\$1,000 – \$1,500 stipends awarded to students for undergraduate research.

Shawna Buerkle '09	Recipient
Susanna Rankin '08	Recipient

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to students by various programs and colleges on campus to help fund semester or summer experiences.

Scott Boone '08	Hungary
Theresa Crowgey '10	Ghana
Lizzy Nifong '09	Australia
Warren Perry '08	Ghana
Jessica Ritter '10	Peru
Glenna Wink '09	England

CALDWELL FELLOWS

Prestigious scholarship and leadership development program for upperclassmen.

Virginia Ball '10

MATHEWS MEDAL

Awarded to graduating seniors in recognition of outstanding service and leadership to promote and benefit NC State.

Will Quick '07	Recipient
Chasta Hamilton '07	Finalist
Greg Mulholland '07	Finalist
Saket Vora '07	Finalist

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Varsity athletes recognized by the athletics department for maintaining a 3.00 or higher semester GPA for spring or fall '06.

John Crews '07	Cross Country
Georgia Davis '06	Cross Country
Haddon Kirk '06	Soccer
Todd Smalling '10	Cross Country
Kelly Smith '06	Cheerleading
Barton Strawn '10	Cross Country

PHI BETA KAPPA

The oldest and most respected undergraduate honors organization in the U.S. for liberal arts and sciences. To be inducted, juniors must have a 4.0 GPA, and seniors must have a 3.85 GPA.

Carla Ammons '07	John Crews '07
Ellen Crowell '08	Dane Emerling '08
Sabina Ferhatovic '08	Ruth Garland '08
Emily Gifford '07	Meghan McIntyre '07
Jordan O'Mara '07	Stephanie Canady Parker '07
Warren Perry '08	Kasey Phillips '08
Paige Roe '07	Ross Shingledecker '08
Erin Welch '07	Hannah Whitaker '06

PHI KAPPA PHI

Recognizes academic excellence in all disciplines. Juniors must be in the top 7.5 percent of their class; seniors must be in the top ten percent. Graduate students must have a 4.0 GPA.

Erin Bergstrom '07	Danielle Bliss '08
Casey Coats '08	Candice Epps '08
Sabina Ferhatovic '08	Larry Moye '08
Lizzy Nifong '09	Ashley Winfree '08

PHI ETA SIGMA

National honor society to encourage and reward academic excellence among first-year students.

Joe Briggs '10	Carol Burton '10
Ben Carlton '10	Zach Fleming '10
Emily Gray '10	Megan Henley '10
Ellen Orabone '10	Rushil Patel '10
Jordan Pung '10	Leeanna Young '10

GOLDEN CHAIN

NC State honor society recognizing rising seniors who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership, character and service to the University.

Casey Coats '08	Kasey Phillips '08
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THE ORDER OF THIRTY AND THREE

NC State honor society recognizing rising juniors who have demonstrated outstanding character, scholarship and moral rectitude.

Shawna Buerkle '09	Rachael Huston '09
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ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

FRESHMAN RETREAT

August 15-18, 2006, Montreat and Black Mountain, N.C.

Park Scholar Facilitators: Caitlin Kelleher '07 (head), Carla Ammons '08, Albert Blackmon '08, Peter Landis '08, Greg Mulholland '07, Susanna Rankin '08, Adrienne Scott '08 and Ashley Winfree '08

Faculty attending: Tom Conté, Gerald Elkan, Clifford Griffin, Amy Grunden, Steve Margolis, Art Padilla and John Riddle

The new Park Scholars began their NC State experience by moving into their residence halls and attending a welcome dinner on campus, where ten faculty and three members of the Advisory Committee joined them. The freshmen traveled to the N.C. Mountains for an introduction to the program and outdoor activities designed to impart teambuilding skills.

Professors Grunden and Margolis led the students in discussions of Jared Diamond's *Guns, Germs and Steel*, using the rules of the Liberty Fund Seminar. After each talk or activity, upperclassmen facilitators debriefed with small groups of freshmen to encourage them to apply the lessons learned during the next four years.

Attendees engaged in high and low ropes challenge activities, and for their first project as Park Scholars, the students developed a large-scale game given only 24 hours to plan. Activities concluded with an overview of program expectations by Director Lunsford and a visit with a ranger at Lake James State Park, who discussed issues of preservation versus development in the park.



LEARNING LABORATORY I

March 23-24, 2007, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Rural and Urban Responses to the Changing Tobacco Industry

Committee: Elyse Smith (chair), Virginia Ball, Amy Byrd, Theresa Crowgey, Raleigh Davis, Jessie Ritter, Emily Tennant and Greg Wilson

Faculty attending: Amy Grunden and Steve Margolis

North Carolina's long history of farming and manufacturing tobacco makes it a central figure in international discussions on the subject. The Class of 2010 chose to examine rural and urban responses to the tobacco industry's changing role in the state, meeting with farmers and businesspeople, the mayor, a professor and a historian.

Professor Margolis led pre and post trip discussions with the freshmen and assisted them with planning. Subtopics included the economic and employment impacts of new tobacco legislation, alternative land use, and health-related litigation.

SPEAKERS

Mr. Rett Davis
Director, Alamance County Center
N.C. Cooperative Extension

Mr. Bowman Gray, IV
Vice-President,
MJSK Investment Securities

Mr. John Hauser, J.D.
Attorney and local historian
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mr. Allen Joines
Mayor, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mr. David Powers
Senior Director of State
Government Relations
Reynolds American, Inc.

Mr. Edgar Pritchett and
Ms. Stephanie Pritchett (daughter)
Farmers, Alamance County, N.C.

Mrs. Debbie Stikeleather
Owner, Iron Gate Vineyards

ABOVE: Justin Gorham '10 pauses before climbing the Alpine Tower; Mary Milan (left) and Scholars get to know each other; Monica Martin '10 signals she's ready to climb; Freshmen engage in low ropes activities.

LEARNING LABORATORY II: CLASS OF 2008

October 11-14, 2006, Washington, D.C.

National Security and Freedom of the Press

Committee: Rachael Huston (chair), Taylor Adams, Taylor Auten, Taylor Fondren, Erick Gutiérrez, Kyle Held, Jeff Hoffman, Bill Knight and Molly McCloskey

Faculty attending: Prema Arasu, Tom Conté, Meredith Davis and Clifford Griffin

Inspired by recent events, such as the leaking of undercover CIA agent Valerie Plame's identity to the press, the Class of 2009 asked "At what point does freedom of the press stop when issues of national security are concerned?" The sophomores arranged visits with members of the government, media, and local universities for answers to this question.

Professor Davis, who served on the stamp advisory committee for the U.S. Postal Service, also arranged a special visit to the U.S. Postal Service and a behind-the-scenes tour of the National Gallery of Art. Professor Conté led debriefing sessions to encourage the Scholars to think critically about each speaker's perspective. Scholars visited other cultural landmarks including the National Air & Space Museum and Arena Stage, where they attended *Nine Parts of Desire*, a play about the Iraq war.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Robert Entman
M.C. Shapiro Professor of Media and Public Affairs
George Washington University

Ms. Meredith Fuchs, J.D.
General Counsel, National Security Archives
George Washington University

Mr. Terry McCaffrey
Director of Stamp Development
U.S. Postal Service

Ms. Susan Page
Washington D.C. Bureau Chief, USA Today

The Honorable Antonin Scalia
Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court

Mr. David Thomas
Director of Public Affairs, National Defense University
Fort Lesley J. McNair



ABOVE: BJ Ward '09 and Emily Rader '09 enjoy fresh air outside USA Today offices; Bill Knight '09 introduces Terry McCaffrey of the U.S. Postal Service; John Coggin '09 asks a question at the National Defense University.

SENIOR RETREAT

September 14 – 17, 2006

Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado

Committee: Wes Overton (chair), Robin Abell, Jessica Badger, Cory Blankenship, Katya Casper, Paul DeNard, Peyton Hassinger, Patrick Monigle, Greg Mulholland and Jordan O'Mara

Faculty attending: Gerry Elkan, Sandy Kessler, Mitzi Montoya-Weiss, Dave Ollis and Carmine Prioli

The seniors traveled to Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado to discuss their plans after graduation and reflect on their experience as Park Scholars amid a beautiful and impressive natural setting.

The retreat committee, guided by Professors Kessler and Montoya-Weiss, planned seven sessions, many of which were facilitated at stunning locations within the park. Cory Blankenship '07, a member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, opened the retreat by sharing traditional stories of his people by

campfire. The Scholars climbed Deer Mountain summit under cover of a light snow, which amounted to a challenging yet enjoyable experience. Professors Elkan, Ollis and Prioli joined the seniors while local Park Scholar alumni Dipa Shah '01, Mark Voelker '02 and Laurel Duckett Voelker '02 discussed civic and professional engagement after graduation.

Many scholars remarked that the trip was the highlight of their Park Scholar experience and that renewing their special connection with fellow classmates among the massive Rocky Mountains was unforgettable.



ABOVE: Joy Johnson '07 and Ashley Forté '07 discuss post graduation plans; Seniors stop for a laugh during a hike; Professors Kessler (left) and Prioli (right) take a break with Director Lunsford (center); Greg Mulholland '07, Russ Hardison '07 and Donny Katz '07 enjoy the hike up Deer Mountain; Tammi Sutton accepts the William C. Friday award.

WILLIAM C. FRIDAY AWARD

Committee: Paige Roe (chair), John Crews, John Kelly, Chris Lunsford, Chris McCoy, Daniel Mellinger, John Rhoden and Danielle Speller

The graduating Class of 2007 paid tribute to Tammi Sutton with the William C. Friday Award. Sutton is the principal and founder of Gaston College Preparatory Academy and Pride High School, part of the Knowledge is Power Program. The committee held a special dinner on March 30, where they presented the award.

The William C. Friday Award recognizes an individual who has contributed significantly in the realms of scholarship, leadership, service and/or character. The Class of 2000 established the award in honor of its first recipient, William C. Friday, President Emeritus of the UNC System.

GRANTS FOR RESEARCH, ARTISTIC & SERVICE PROJECTS

Faculty Committee: Gerry Elkan (chair), Pat Fitzgerald, Clifford Griffin and Thom Hodgson

Park Scholars apply for grants to assist them in developing research, artistic and service projects. The primary purpose is to connect the students with faculty who guide them in their professional development. A faculty committee evaluates all proposals for evidence of thoughtful development of projects that will assist the Scholars in reaching their goals. Twenty grants were awarded this fall, including three grants for students to participate in a new cardiologial research experience co-sponsored and co-funded with East Carolina University.

RECIPIENT(S)	FACULTY MENTOR	TITLE OF PROPOSAL
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		
Allan Blackwell '07	Lorraine Wright	Guided Exploration of the New York Financial District
Allan Blackwell '07	Mitzi Montoya-Weiss	IBM Executive Shadowing Experience
Mitchell Danforth '07, Paul DeNard '07 and Donny Katz '07	Joseph Hummer	New Partners for Smart Growth Conference (Transportation Engineering)
Sarah Elks '09, Sonya Patel '09 and Natalie Phillips '09 (separate grants)	Anita Flick	Cardiology Research Experience
Ashley Forte '07	Brian Koehler	INNOVATE Conference
Saket Vora '07	Griff Bilbro	Solid-State Circuits Conference
RESEARCH/ARTISTIC		
Joel Mikkelsen '07	Karren Moorman	Audio Mastering Musical Project
Elyse Smith '10	Terri Janney	Student Production of Fayetteville Community Theatre Play
SERVICE		
Delisa Adams '10, Anushri Desai '10, Curt Hamilton '10 and John Kelly '10	Edward Grant	Introduction to CRIM-EKG Development (Cross-Reactive Immunologic Material Electrocardiogram)
Taylor Auten '09	Tonya Washington	Introducing Underprivileged Children to NC State: Pre-Game Football Traditions
Caroline Chamblee '09, Kristoph Kleiner '09 and Isaac Owolabi '09	Kay Ferguson	Ending and Preventing Homelessness
Theresa Crowgey '10, Emily Gifford '07, Matt Overton '10, Rushil Patel '10 and Patrick Proctor '10	Gary Greenburg	Patient Services Research for Uninsured and Indigent Individuals
Dane Emmerling '08	Marianne Turnbull	Raising Community Awareness Among Men: Preventing Sexual Assault
Emily Gifford '07	Barbara Jebbs Lesperance	Diabetes Education for the Open Door Clinic
Chasta Hamilton '07	Lisa Campbell Stuart	Dancers Care Foundation Benefit to Raise Breast Cancer Awareness and Research Funding
Patrick Monigle '07	Najilima Gaison	Conservation of Hawaiian Culture and Environment
SPEAKERS		
Sabina Ferhatovic '08, Susanna Rankin '08, Nabila Rouf '08 and Claire Shigekawa '08	Robert Bruck	Global Issues Round Table Series: Middle East Relations, Immigration, Darfur Genocide
Kathy Fraley '07	Randy Thomson	Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity



KASEY PHILLIPS '08

*Majors: Physics and Mathematics
Minor in German*

PROFILE: A WORLDLY SCHOLAR

Kasey Phillips will go a long way to learn.

Currently, that includes China, where Kasey is studying at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. There, she takes courses related to her math and physics majors, along with classes in Cantonese and Chinese culture and history.

But traveling through Southeast Asia isn't Kasey's first big trip. Two summers ago, she worked in an optics lab in Kassal, Germany, through the German Academic Exchange Program. One of 100 American and Canadian scientists sponsored by the program, Kasey worked under Dr. Matthias Alschinger in the Center for Interdisciplinary Nanoscience and Technology.

"The program was created to give students a chance to research abroad while promoting English in the lab as a second language," she says. "As a native English speaker, I helped with scientific pronunciation and read drafts of papers to be published."

In China, Kasey has also found ways to put her English to good use.

"I started an English conversation group with some students that attend the newly-opened Hong Kong Community College," she says. "It is not an established school, so they are always looking for more volunteers. It's nice that I can help just by talking to people that want to practice their language skills."

While Kasey is driven to learn, she is also generous with her newfound knowledge. Currently, she serves as "cultural correspondent" for a Raleigh-area fourth grade class. Using a Web cam, she shares her travels with students who have spent the year studying China.

"It's a great way to show others how important traveling and experiencing other cultures is," she says.

For Kasey, the Park Scholarships program has helped her adjust as she travels. "It's given me a home away from home," she says. "The office has always been helpful, but while abroad, they have given me a connection back to campus that has made the transition away easier."

She is also grateful for the Park Alumni Society study abroad stipend: "It helped me with the cost of airfare to China, which tends to be more expensive than travel to Western destinations. I have always wanted the opportunity to go to Asia, and being here for four months is the answer to a wish I didn't even know I had. Now I have climbed the Great Wall before my 22nd birthday!"

After graduation, Kasey plans to pursue a Ph.D. in physics, before turning her attention to science and public policy in Washington, D.C., either by working for the Department of Energy or through one of the national laboratories. She credits the Park Learning Lab in D.C. with helping her clarify her interest in government work.

"It took me a while to figure out how my science background would fit it with lobbying and politics, but I have found that there is a lack of scientists in Washington, and I want to help change that."

LEADERSHIP:

Leadership development is an important part of the Park Scholarships program. Students take online leadership modules and have opportunities to lead student committees to plan Park Scholarships enrichment activities. In addition, this year leadership training was moved from the first-year experience to a three-day intensive leadership academy for juniors and seniors. Students also take advantage of many opportunities on campus to serve in leadership roles. Through the Speaker Series, Scholars gained exposure to leaders in the economic and human rights arenas.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

From August 20-22, upperclassmen Park Scholars attended the first leadership academy, learning from experts on leadership development from across the country.

SPEAKERS

Michael D. Mumford
George Lynn Cross Distinguished Professor of Psychology
University of Oklahoma

Art Padilla
Professor of Business Management
NC State University

Bernie Reeves
Editor and Publisher, Raleigh Metro Magazine

Wanda T. Wallace
President and CEO, The Leadership Forum, Inc.

“Developing the North Carolina panel discussion from an idea into an event was a challenge, but it proved rewarding as the program facilitated intriguing conversation and motivated an audience of students and area professionals.”

– Larry Moyer '08
N.C. Chair, Speaker Series Committee

SPEAKER SERIES

Committee: John Rhoden '07 (chair), Larry Moyer '08 (N.C. subcommittee chair), Carla Ammons '08, Cory Blankenship '07, Ellen Crowell '08, Emily Gifford '07, Chasta Hamilton '07, Kyle Held '10, Mangala Iyengar '10, Rushil Patel '10 and Saket Vora '07

Faculty: Dave Ollis

Scholars stirred NC State's intellectual climate by bringing influential speakers to campus. A panel of entrepreneurs addressed North Carolina's emerging role in the global economy, and a Pulitzer Prize winner addressed the tragic genocide occurring in Darfur.

November 6, 2006

“In the Shadow No More: How North Carolina Can Succeed Silicon Valley as the Engine of Tomorrow's Economy”

Robert McMahan, Executive Director
N.C. Commerce Dept's Office of Science & Technology

Joan Myers, President & CEO
N.C. Technology Association

Scot Wingo, President and CEO, Channel Advisor

Joe Velk, Venture Capitalist, Contender Capital

Thomas Miller, Moderator,
NCSU Engineering Entrepreneurs Program

February 6, 2007

“The First Genocide of the 21st Century: ‘Report from Darfur’ ”

Nicholas Kristof, Writer, New York Times

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Win Bassett '07

Justice, Student Judicial Board

Casey Perry '08

Student Senator

Kasey Phillips '08

Associate Director of Community Service

Will Quick '07

Student Body President

PUBLICATIONS

Mary Beth Hamrick '08

Managing Editor, *Agromeck*

CLUBS, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

Will Arrington '08

Skipper, NC State Sailing Race Team

Tyler Barry '09

Vice President, Academic Study of Religion Club

Tyler Bassett '09

Chaplain, Alpha Tau Omega

Albert Blackmon '08

President, Raleigh Area Baptist Student Union

Cory Blankenship '07

President, Native American Student Association

Philip Boyne '09

President, Comedic Improvisation Alliance

Sarah Brumbaugh '08

President, Textile Engineering Society

Katya Casper '07

President, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Casey Coats '08

President, National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Sarah Elks '09

Vice President, Optometry Interest Group

Tammie Gibbs '09

Vice President, African American Design Students

Korey Hite '08

President, American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Jeff Hoffman '09

President, NC State Tae Kwon Do

Donald Katz '07

President, NC State Club Crew Team

Daniel Mellinger '08

President, NC State Table Tennis Club

Ryan Neely '09

Assistant Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America Troop 525

Wes Overton '07

President, Omega Chi Epsilon Chemical Engineering Honor Society

Jezette Rivera '10

Vice President, Mi Familia

Ross Shingledecker '08

Vice President, College of Textiles Student Council

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Carla Ammons '08 and Chasta Hamilton '07

Co-Chairs, Relay For Life

Shawn Campbell '07

Vice-President, Engineering World Health

Anushri Desai '10

Co-Chair, Nourish International

Kathy Fraley '07

President, NC State Habitat for Humanity

Peyton Hassinger '07, Greg Mulholland '07 and Saket Vora '07

Co-Chairs, Krispy Kreme Challenge

Sonya Patel '09 and Natalie Phillips '09

Co-Chairs, Service Raleigh

Lindsey Robinson '08

President, March of Dimes Collegiate Council

SERVICE:

Park Scholars volunteered with nonprofits, small group projects, and at citywide events. Freshmen were introduced to 10 partner organizations with which they worked closely to develop and implement community service projects [SEE NEXT PAGE]. Upperclassmen demonstrated substantial successes by growing existing events, such as NC State's Relay for Life®, which raised \$50,000 toward cancer research. Pack-a-Thon and the Krispy Kreme Challenge together helped raise more than \$20,000 for the North Carolina Children's Hospital. Scholars served in leadership roles with campus and community organizations including Curtain Call, Passage Pals, Nourish International, and the March of Dimes Collegiate Council. Several others led community service subcommittees for campus religious and Greek organizations.



ABOVE: Project chairs celebrate with the planning committee after the welcoming event at Service Raleigh; Selena Lusk '08 and Sarah Elks '09 prepare to work at a local park.

SERVICE RALEIGH

March 31, 2007

*Co-Chairs: Sonya Patel '08, Natalie Phillips '08
and Allison Barbour (from Student Government)*

Nineteen hundred people gathered on a Saturday morning in late March for a day of service to the community. William C. Friday Award recipient Tammi Sutton welcomed a host of dedicated volunteers to the 10th anniversary of Service Raleigh and spoke about the importance of serving others. The project's founders, Park Scholars alumni Melanie Andres Conklin '00 and Tommy Vitolo '00, traveled hundreds of miles to NC State to make remarks about the history and growth of the massive event.

NC State students and groups from across the local community performed more than 7,500 hours of work at 50 organizations in Raleigh, including the American Red Cross, Partners for Environmental Justice and Resources for Seniors. For the third consecutive year, Trees Across Raleigh gave a modest donation in support of this massive project. Nearly a dozen Park Scholars served in key leadership roles for the event.

FRESHMAN SERVICE EXPERIENCE

First-year Scholars partnered with service agencies, under the mentorship of an upperclassman, to learn how best to address community needs. Two members of the Park Advisory Committee, Fr. Bill McConville (emeritus) and Brad Davis, met with the Scholars during the spring seminar to assist them in working through the natural challenges present at nonprofits and in reflecting on their experiences.

PARTNER AGENCY	SERVICE ACTIVITIES	SCHOLARS (MENTOR)
Communities in Schools	Work one-on-one with at-risk children in schools and community centers, through tutoring and mentoring.	Shannon Campanario, Ben Carlton, Anushri Desai and Emily Gray (Ryan Nilsen '09)
Ending Homelessness: The 10-Year Action Plan	Organize and manage a community meeting/celebration of the second year of the plan; prepare materials to present the results of the second year.	Joseph Briggs, Kendall Fitzgerald and Zena Jeffress (Will Arrington '08)
Futures For Kids	Assess the enrollment process; request feedback from students and coaches on usability of process; assess volunteer needs and recruit volunteers; help develop content for students.	Carol Burton, Amy Byrd, Monica Martin and Jezette Rivera (Jonathan Tucker '09)
Interact	Lead weekly children's support group at shelter that is temporary home to those fleeing domestic violence, develop creative activities for children in groups.	Delisa Adams, Zach Fleming, Lianne Gonsalves and Elyse Smith (Rachael Huston '09)
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle	Develop needs assessment to determine food security of client population, develop plan to administer assessment, and begin administration of assessment.	Natalie Cooke, Mangala Iyengar, Christopher San Miguel and Emily Tennant (Casey Coats '08)
Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society	Create electronic marketing materials (podcasts, others as students choose); interview clients and create storyboards to use for education programs; awareness outreach to neurologists — educating about MS Society services.	Curt Hamilton, Jordan Jernigan, Adam Steiner, Kathryn Westfall, Suman Medda, Kirk Southern, Alex Wiedemann, Chelsey Cooley, Jordan Pung and Greg Wilson (Joe Jackson '09)
Passage Home	Create educational activities for students while parents are in-group support meetings; create educational activities for students who are living in a Passage Home community.	Justin Gorham, Vanessa Greene, Megan Henley, Todd Smalling, Virginia Ball, TJ Keys, Ashley Talley and LeeAnna Young (Carrie McMillan '09 and Erin Bergstrom '07)
Raleigh Parks & Recreation Lake Johnson	Develop and implement educational plan related to safe usage of parks by pet owners.	Raleigh Davis, Stephen Shuford, Barton Strawn and Emily Westmoreland (Susanna Rankin '08)
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Wake County	Develop Hispanic outreach strategy including translation of materials and outreach plan.	Ellen Orabone, Jessie Ritter, Crystal Roberts and Emily Wayne (Harrison Dudley '09)
Urban Ministries	Complete assessment of clinic services for clinic staff from client & volunteer perspective; coincides with move to new space in January 2007.	Theresa Crowgey, Matt Overton, Rushil Patel and Patrick Proctor (Emily Gifford '07)

PROFILE: INSPIRED TO GIVE

“Someone special once told me, ‘to whom much is given, much is required.’ ”

That’s how Emily Gifford explains her commitment to serve. A senior in zoology and a future physician, she has volunteered countless hours with patients at the Urban Ministries Open Door Clinic and worked to improve diabetes education.

“I have been given incredible resources, and I have a responsibility to use that to help others,” she says. “The Park Scholarship has really opened a lot of doors for me. It has given me the tools to be a better student, a better doctor and a better person.”

This sense of duty is balanced with compassion for others’ welfare – a concern Emily often carries out of the clinic and into the classroom. While at NC State, Emily has worked with the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences doing E. Coli research. She’s also joined with the Diabetes Care and Risk Reduction Program through the Open Door Clinic. The program focuses on education, using group classes and individual counseling to improve the health of diabetic patients. Emily trains with other educators and teaches classes in diabetes basics. Seeing a need, she even worked to supply a lot of the teaching materials now in use.

“I realized that the program lacked materials that would really add to the classes,” she says. “So I obtained a grant to purchase items like fat and muscle models, and Latin American food models for our Hispanic patients, so they can learn about proper foods and portion sizes.”

Emily’s initiative and service has already garnered recognition; during her junior year, she received an award from NC-ACTS! (a division of AmeriCorps). The scholarship is given to remarkable students with 300 hours of community service.

But Emily says that she wasn’t always as assertive in her service. She credits her experience with Service Raleigh as a turning point.

“Being a co-chair was a complete departure from the norm for me,” she says.

“Before, I was really timid about assuming leadership roles. Service Raleigh gave me a lot of confidence about the leadership skills that I do possess, and also taught me about the ones that I need to work harder to develop. After it, I was a lot more proactive in my service and leadership roles.”

Next year, Emily will enroll in a dual M.D. and master’s of Public Health program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she will focus on maternal and children’s health issues.

“I am particularly interested in helping to found a clinic like the Open Door Clinic,” she says, while noting that such a goal might be “many years away.”

“In the meantime, I hope to learn as much as possible about how to give the best care possible to the people that have the least.”



EMILY GIFFORD '07

Major: Zoology

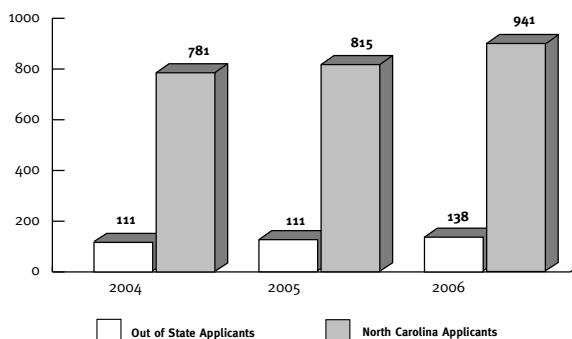
RECRUITMENT & SELECTION

Our efforts this year focused on improving the recruiting and selection processes through collaborations with other departments and the use of technology. The move to Peele Hall has allowed us face-to-face interaction with Undergraduate Admissions, and the Park Scholarships application is now integrated into the online application for admission. The Park Scholarships office in the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center, next to the director of the Alumni Association, has provided terrific space for selection events. Alumni volunteers can now view candidate applications on a secure Web site, eliminating mailing delays for volunteers and associated postage and printing expenses.

APPLICATION PROCESS: For the first time, candidates applied for the Park Scholarship using the online NC State Undergraduate Admissions application, which included a section for submission of Park Scholarships essays and recommendations. Consequently, applicants visited only one Web site to apply for admission and the Park Scholarship. Staff and selection committees then viewed the Park Scholarships application, Undergraduate Admissions information, and Park Scholarships selection data via one integrated software package. This collaboration is an outgrowth of the effort we led to develop a common scholarship application for NC State merit programs and Undergraduate Admissions. Most scholarship programs on campus now use the common application.

The process of requesting the Park Scholarships application was automated. In doing so, we reduced by 80 hours the staff time needed to process the huge volume of nearly 1,300 endorsements (761) and requests to apply directly (528). Of those 1,300 requests more than 1,000 students submitted an application, a new record [SEE FIGURE 1]. We received a modest increase in the number of applications from out-of-state residents. The new class of Park Scholars is stellar, yet continued support will be necessary to recruit more out-of-state applicants from outside the southeast.

FIGURE 1: NUMBER OF APPLICANTS



NEW INITIATIVES & PARTNERSHIPS: Moving our offices resulted in new efficiencies and associations. Co-location with Undergraduate Admissions in Peele Hall allowed us to request candidate transcripts be sent to one place for retrieval by both programs. This process reduced mailing costs for high schools and University staff time. Both staffs could work in close proximity when planning a campus tour for finalists or in implementing shared software for high school counselors to use when endorsing students. Establishing a presence in the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center enabled closer collaboration with the Alumni Association, for example, in the use of the building for selection events.

The Chancellor created a 12-month, temporary position to support our recruiting efforts and alumni relations, and we hired Mary Milan, a Park Scholar alumna from the Class of 2006, to fill it. She worked with Undergraduate Admissions to hold an invitation-only luncheon at a national conference, attended by 69 high school counselors. Her efforts produced an ambassador program for alumni, Park Scholars, and parents designed to cultivate interest among students in areas with few Park Scholarships applicants. The first locations targeted were the San Francisco Bay area and Portland, Oregon. She trained 75 people to represent the Park Scholarships at various events such as college fairs, information sessions and visits to high schools, reaching approximately 875 students and counselors to date. These successes resulted in the position being made permanent, which is funded partially by the Alumni Association.

SELECTION: A vast network of volunteers and technological advances led to an efficiently run and successful selection process. Staff conducted a conference call and visited with several Regional Selection Committee (RSC) leaders, including new ones in the Triad and Sandhills regions. These interactions allowed us to streamline the three-stage selection process further, for example by delivering applications to all out-of-state RSCs online. During the application review stage, 168 RSC alumni volunteers in 11 regions [SEE TABLE I] accessed applications online at their convenience. This resulted in cost savings on paper usage, printing and postage. For semifinal interviews, RSC volunteers read applicant dossiers online prior to interviewing candidates. At each stage, volunteers completed training online, complemented by staff briefings in-person or by phone during interview events.

We worked with the Alumni Association to host Raleigh-area semifinalists in the new Park Alumni Center, made possible by

Dorothy Park's generous gift to NC State. Showcasing this magnificent new building for the candidates enhanced the image of Park Scholarships and NC State. RSC leaders and other alumni secured similar space at prestigious companies in other regions, for example at Wachovia Bank headquarters in Winston-Salem and Duke Energy in Charlotte [SEE TABLE II].

We plan to award 50 Park Scholarships this year. With the Park Foundation's permission, however, we over offered by one [SEE FIGURES II & III FOR THE EXACT BREAKDOWN BY STATE/COUNTY]. We expect to close the Class of 2011 by May 1 and as of April 3, 36 students have accepted the Park Scholarship. Seven declined in order to accept admission or scholarship offers at other prestigious universities, such as MIT or the Morehead-Cain Scholarship at UNC-Chapel Hill. The outstanding students applying for the Park Scholarship form a talented group, some of whom will select other highly reputable institutions.

TABLE I: NUMBER OF APPLICANTS BY STAGE*

Applicants	Semifinalists	Finalists	Offers
1,079	231	106	51

*Numbers include 11 withdrawals and one deferral

TABLE II: SEMIFINAL INTERVIEWS

Region	Location	City	Candidates
Out of State			
Atlantic	Knoll, Inc.	Washington, DC	22
Central	By Phone	Midwest U.S.	5
South	By Phone	Gulf Coast	7
Southeast	Knoll, Inc.	Atlanta, GA	8
	Springs Industries	Ft. Mill, SC	8
	By Phone	Southeast U.S.	4
West	By Phone	West Coast	1
North Carolina			
Coast	First Citizens Bank	Greenville, NC	31
Mountain	Progress Energy	Asheville, NC	24
Piedmont	Duke Energy	Charlotte, NC	28
Sandhills	LS3P	Wilmington, NC	24
Triad	Wachovia Headquarters	Winston-Salem, NC	24
Triangle*	Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center	Raleigh, NC	45*

*Includes 8 from the NC School of Science & Mathematics.

FIGURE II: APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS BY STATE

(as of April 3, 2007)

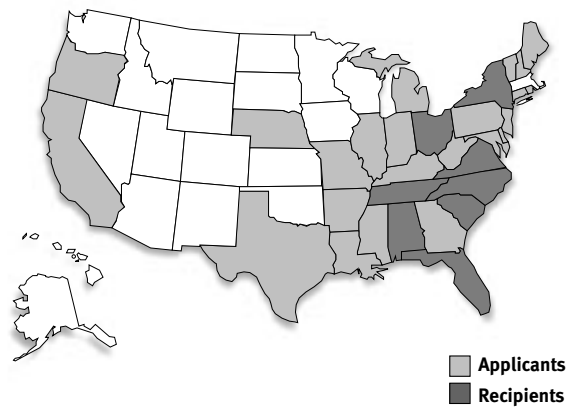
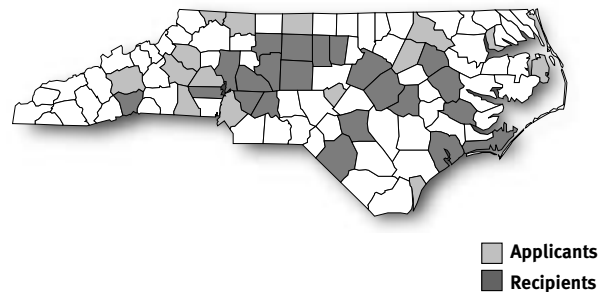


FIGURE III: APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS BY N.C. COUNTY

(as of April 3, 2007)



FINALIST WEEKEND

FINALIST DINNER: Only through the munificent support of the Park Foundation can we host the Chancellor's Reception and Dinner honoring finalists. More than 400 guests, including finalists, parents, senior Park Scholars, faculty and alumni interviewers, and senior administrators attended the event on February 16, 2007. This exciting evening provided an opportunity to share with the finalists and their families the incredible offerings at NC State.

This year, speakers included Park Scholar Monica Martin '10, Chancellor Jim Oblinger, Director Laura Gail Lunsford and Professor David Ollis, chair of the Park Advisory Committee and Park Faculty Scholar for the Class of 2008. Trustee Bill Bondurant brought warm greetings from the Park Foundation. NC State alumnus John O'Quinn '96 offered the keynote speech, attributing much of his success to experiences at NC State. He noted that an NC State bachelor's degree afforded him admission in his senior year to Oxford University, MIT and Harvard Law School, all schools from which he now holds advanced degrees. The NC State Chamber Singers ended the evening with a musical performance including the alma mater.



FINALIST SELECTION ACTIVITIES: The Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center was an impressive backdrop for finalist activities on Saturday, February 17. Alumni and faculty interviewed finalists and rated their ability to work in a group planning simulation.

Parents gathered in the Great Reception room of the Park Alumni Center for an information session with faculty, financial aid staff, students, the vice chancellor of Student Affairs and the director of the University Scholars Program. The University's academic colleges hosted their respective finalists and their parents at optional activities on Friday. Undergraduate Admissions student ambassadors gave campus tours as well.

A final selection committee reviewed all finalists' evaluation data to select 51 new Park Scholars and a smaller group of alternates. The committee was composed of two faculty members, the director of Undergraduate Admissions and the program director.

ABOVE: Trustee Bondurant addresses finalists at dinner; Finalist Nicole Mack '11 (left) and Danielle Speller '07 (right) with Professor Emeritus Gerry Elkan (center) during the Chancellor's Reception; Keynote speaker John O'Quinn (left), Chancellor Jim Oblinger (second from left) and Trustee Bondurant (second from right) with the head table; Monica Martin '10 introduces Chancellor Oblinger.

SATURDAY EVENTS

A score of University representatives provided the finalists insight into campus activities:

- The Grains of Time, a men's choral group, gave an a cappella performance.
- Students from University Theatre acted a scene from a currently showing play.
- Two groups, one of students and one of alumni, participated in separate panel discussions.
- Professor James Crisp presented "The Art of Historical Detection."
- The "Programs of Excellence" fair showcased unique academic and professional support opportunities at NC State.
- The director conducted a question and answer session.

Finalists and interviewers also attended lunch together in the Chancellor's Reception and Private Dining Rooms.

NEW CONSIDERATIONS: Three areas of the selection process will constitute our foci next year. We need to help NC State recruit the nation's best out-of-state students. The temporary position established this year by Chancellor Oblinger allowed us to make progress in that regard. A permanent position will enable expansion of efforts to recruit students in other states. We will continue to work with the Alumni Association and Undergraduate Admissions and hope to train twice as many volunteer ambassadors next year.

Technological advances and environmental responsibilities prompted us over the last decade to reduce the usage of paper in the selection process. We hope to collect and evaluate all application materials without the use of paper within the next few years. This summer, we will explore how high school officials might send transcripts securely through electronic means.

Finally, we hope to utilize more fully program space on Main and Centennial Campuses. Semifinal interviews in Raleigh might move to Peele Hall, while final selection activities will remain in the Park Alumni Center. It would be impressive to hold the Chancellor's Reception and Dinner at the Park Alumni Center. However, until a ballroom or other appropriate size room is constructed, we will continue to use NC State's McKimmon Center. All these buildings are beautiful testaments to the University's commitment to excellence.

CLASS OF 2011 *(as of April 3, 2006)*

Barrett Michael Armstrong
Horse Shoe, N.C.
West Henderson High School

Anahid Anousheh Behrouzi
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Chapel Hill High School

David Andrew Boyuka II
Locust, N.C.
Home School

George Cody Bryant
Emerald Isle, N.C.
Croatan High School

Madison Blair Burke
Salisbury, N.C.
Salisbury High School

John Avery Campbell
Lumberton, N.C.
Lumberton High School

Brian Davis Carter
Jacksonville, N.C.
Northside High School

Richard Cameron Carter
Chattanooga, Tenn.
McCallie School

Brendan Vance Corbett
Stafford, Va.
Colonial Forge High School

Desmond Cortez Corley
Winston-Salem, N.C.
R.J. Reynolds High School

Travis Brandon Cox
Monroe, N.C.
Forest Hills High School

Hannah Julia Daniels
Smithfield, N.C.
Smithfield-Selma High School

Corinne Eileen Dumonceau
Saint James, N.Y.
Smithtown High School

Kayla Nichole Edwards
Rural Hall, N.C.
North Forsyth High School

Vincent Eugene Feucht
West Point, Va.
West Point High School

Jacob Vernon Furr
Albemarle, N.C.
West Stanly High School

Paris Helene Furst
Wilmington, N.C.
John T. Hoggard High School

Brianna Jenese German
Greensboro, N.C.
Ben L. Smith Senior High School

Mary Virginia Gregg
Tarboro, N.C.
Southwest Edgecombe High School

Kathleen Leigh Griffin
Montreat, N.C.
Charles D. Owen High School

Zachary Andrew Hester
Marion, S.C.
Pee Dee Academy

Aaren Marie Hunt
Lexington, N.C.
North Davidson High School

Helen Margaret Johnson
Tampa, Fla.
Saint Mary's School

Jessie Elizabeth Jordan
Concord, N.C.
Concord High School

Grace Kim
Chapel Hill, N.C.
N.C. School of Science & Math

Alexandra Marcela Landry
Cary, N.C.
N.C. School of Science & Math

Daniel Stephen Lloyd
Fayetteville, N.C.
Home School

Nicole Antoinette Mack
Goldsboro, N.C.
N.C. School of Science & Math

Lacey Brie Martin
Conover, N.C.
Home School

Brian Christopher Mckearney
Raleigh, N.C.
Leesville Road High School

Tristan Ray Mills
Liberty, N.C.
Southern Alamance High School

Nathaniel George Myers
Hartsville, S.C.
Governors School for Science & Math

Brian Christopher Parham
Hillsborough, N.C.
Northern High School

Andrew Michael Pearlmutter
Lutz, Fla.
Hillsborough High School

Elizabeth Marie Peek
Midlothian, Va.
Chesterfield Co. Math & Sci HS at Clover Hill

Kalie Grace Porterfield
Carroll, Ohio
Canal Winchester High School

Peyton Krisanne Pressley
Denver, N.C.
East Lincoln High School

Meghan Elizabeth Radford
Havelock, N.C.
Havelock High School

Lauren Elizabeth Schneider
Manassas, Va.
Forest Park Senior High School

Kevin Michael Smith
Cicero, N.Y.
Bishop Grimes Jr.-Sr. High School

Kimberly Hope Spence
Clemmons, N.C.
Calvary Baptist Day School

John Hardin Sprinkle
Statesville, N.C.
North Iredell High School

Christine Elizabeth Standahl
Franklin, Va.
Nansemond-Suffolk Academy

Kathryn Irene Starr
Grove City, Ohio
Grove City High School

Michelle Ashley Tsang
Chapel Hill, N.C.
East Chapel Hill High School

Yancey Everett Warren
Greenville, N.C.
Junius H. Rose High School

Julia Lee Wofford
Cary, N.C.
Athens Drive Sr. High School

Brandee Nicole Woolard
Cary, N.C.
Athens Drive Sr. High School

Patrick Glenn Wright
Liberty, N.C.
Eastern Randolph High School

Nash Yielding
Birmingham, Ala.
Briarwood Christian High School

Delisa Adams
 Virginia Ball
 Joe Briggs
 Carol Burton
 Amy Byrd
 Shannon Campanario
 Ben Carlton
 Natalie Cooke
 Chelsey Cooley
 Theresa Crowgey
 Raleigh Davis
 Anushri Desai
 Kendall Fitzgerald
 Zach Fleming
 Courtney Fox
 Lianne Gonsalves
 Justin Gorham
 Emily Gray
 Vanessa Greene
 Curt Hamilton
 Megan Henley
 Mangala Iyengar
 Zena Jeffress
 Jordan Jernigan
 TJ Keys
 Monica Martin
 Suman Medda
 Ellen Orabone
 Matt Overton
 Rushil Patel
 Patrick Proctor
 Jordan Pung
 Jessie Ritter
 Jezette Rivera
 Crystal Roberts
 Christopher San Miguel
 Stephen Shuford
 Todd Smalling
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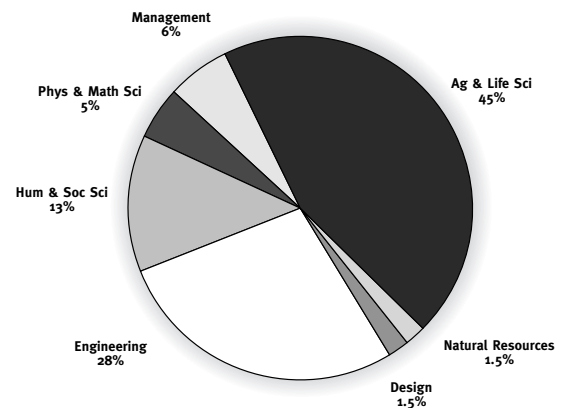
CLASS OF 2010

Class Liaisons: Megan Henley and Kirk Southern

The first-year Scholars posted a 3.89 semester GPA, with 33 of them earning a perfect 4.0. The students traveled to Black Mountain, N.C., for their retreat and held their Learning Laboratory I in March in Winston-Salem, studying the effects of the changing North Carolina tobacco industry. As part of their year-long leadership seminar, they have volunteered at 10 agencies this year, including the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Passage Home, and faculty such as Joanne Burkholder and leaders like Governor Jim Hunt were among the seminar's distinguished speakers.

ACADEMIC DIVERSITY

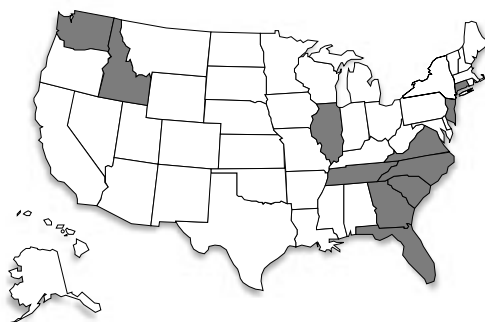
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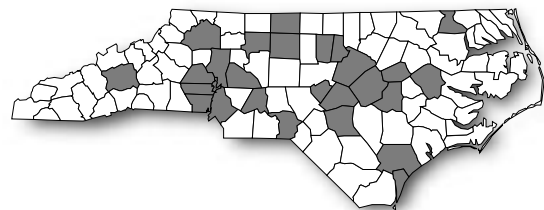
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GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY

SCHOLARS BY US STATES & TERRITORIES



N.C. SCHOLARS BY COUNTIES



ABOVE: Scholars in the N.C. Mountains at Montreat Conference Center during their freshman retreat.



- Taylor Adams
- Kayla Anderson
- Taylor Auten
- Tyler Barry
- Tyler Bassett
- David Bleaking
- Philip Boyne
- Shawna Buerkle
- Caroline Chamblee
- John Coggin
- Cameron Cooper
- Meghan Craven
- Harrison Dudley
- Sarah Elks
- Taylor Fondren
- Amy Furches
- Tammie Gibbs
- Erika Gutiérrez
- Kyle Held
- Jeff Hoffmann
- Katy Horner
- Rachael Huston
- Joe Jackson
- Spencer Johnson
- Kristoph Kleiner
- Bill Knight
- Caitlin Lubatty
- Josh Maust
- Molly McCloskey
- Rosa McDonald
- Carrie McMillan
- Ashley McPhail
- Ryan Neely
- Lizzy Nifong
- Ryan Nilsen
- Kelly Odom
- Issac Owolabi
- Sonya Patel
- Calvin Phelps
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- Jonathan Tucker
- Molly Tully
- BJ Ward
- Glenna Wink

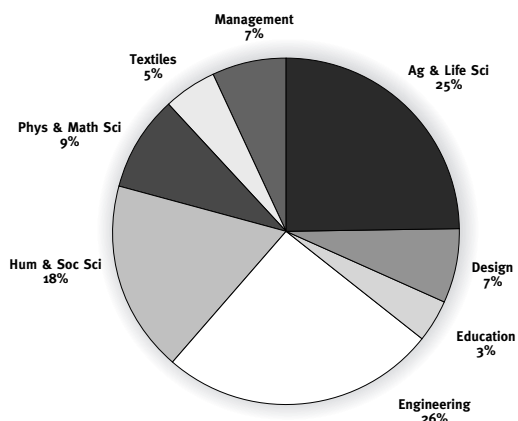
CLASS OF 2009

Class Liaisons: John Coggin and Isaac Owolabi

Sixteen sophomore Park Scholars maintained a perfect GPA with the class earning a cumulative GPA of 3.6. The class visited Washington, D.C., in October to learn about national security and freedom of the press. During this Learning Laboratory, they visited with many distinguished individuals including Justice Antonin Scalia and Susan Page, USA Today's Washington, D.C., bureau chief and frequent guest host of National Public Radio's *The Diane Rhiem Show*. The class planned the citywide Service Raleigh project, which was held on March 31 and drew 1,900 volunteers.

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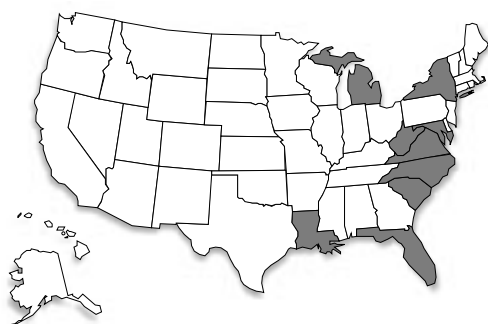
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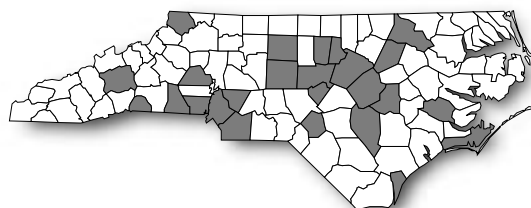
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GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY

SCHOLARS BY US STATES & TERRITORIES



N.C. SCHOLARS BY COUNTIES



ABOVE: Scholars in front of the Supreme Court during Learning Laboratory II after a private audience with Justice Scalia.

Carla Ammons
 Will Arrington
 Rachel Babson
 Albert Blackmon
 Danielle Bliss
 Scott Boone
 Tim Boyd
 Sarah Brumbaugh
 Riley Bunn
 Julia Cavanaugh
 Jon Clemmons
 Casey Coats
 Christina Cox
 Ellen Crowell
 Jeremy Diner
 Dane Emmerling
 Candice Epps
 Sabina Ferhatovic
 Thomas Finch
 Ruth Garland
 Kylie Goodell
 Mary Beth Hamrick
 Korey Hite
 Sarah Kim
 Peter Landis
 Abby Lithgo
 Selena Lusk
 Nate Meier
 Larry Moye
 Lucy Perkins
 Casey Perry
 Warren Perry
 Kasey Phillips
 Susanna Rankin
 Lauren Riggs
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 Amy West
 Ashley Winfree



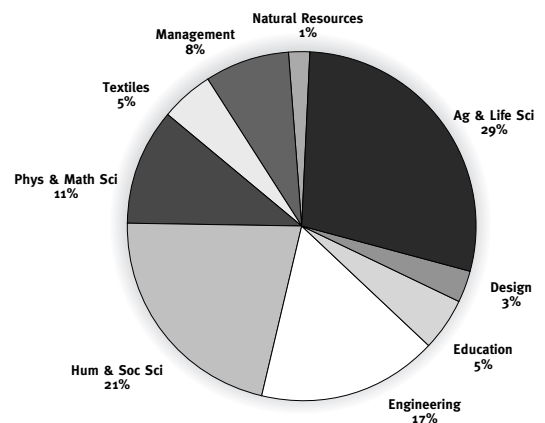
CLASS OF 2008

Class Liaisons: Rachel Babson and Albert Blackmon

The juniors performed strong academically with an average GPA of 3.72. Twelve Scholars maintained a 4.0 GPA. The students are planning their Senior Retreat for September 2007 in Rocky Mountain National Park and their Graduation Gala for next year. They have already identified employment and graduate/professional school opportunities, with several of them beginning to apply for prestigious national scholarships. The director conducted junior “check-ups,” meeting with each student to discuss their progress and future goals.

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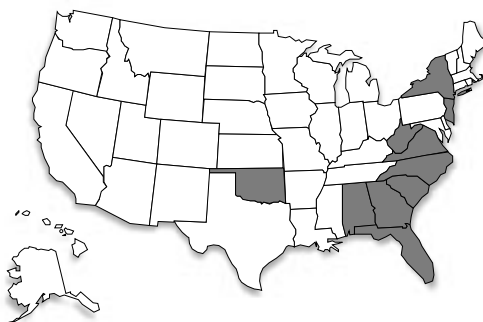
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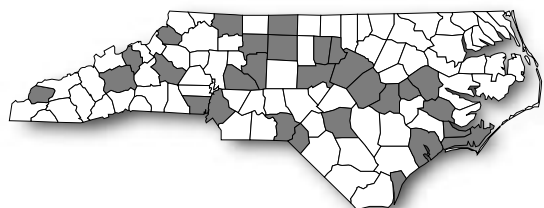
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SCHOLARS BY US STATES & TERRITORIES



N.C. SCHOLARS BY COUNTIES



ABOVE: Scholars after a meeting to plan academic enrichment activities for 2007-08.



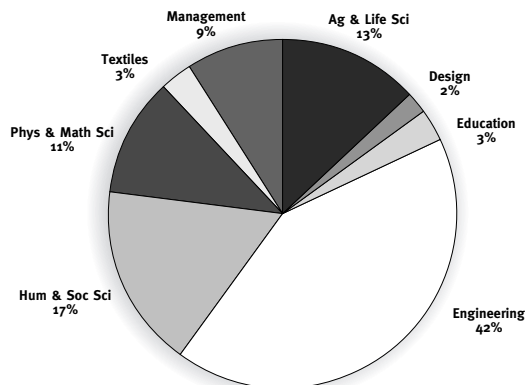
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- Win Bassett
- Tenise Bell
- Erin Bergstrom
- Allan Blackwell
- Cory Blankenship
- Myles Bohon
- Oliver Brooks
- Shawn Campbell
- Katya Casper
- Lizzie Compton
- Christina Craig
- John Crews
- Brittany Cuellar
- Mitch Danforth
- Paul DeNard
- Mary Williard Elting
- Kristen Ferguson
- Ashley Forté
- Kathy Fraley
- Ben Gaddy
- Emily Gifford
- Chasta Hamilton
- Russ Hardison
- DJ Hardy
- Peyton Hassinger
- Joy Johnson
- Donny Katz
- Caitlin Kelleher
- John Kelly
- Colleen Cambre Liley
- Rémi Loiseau
- Stew Lowry
- Chris Lunsford
- Chris McCoy
- Meghan McIntyre
- Daniel Mellinger
- Joel Mikkelsen
- Travis Miles
- Liz Miller
- Pat Monigle
- Greg Mulholland
- Jordan O'Mara
- Wes Overton
- Stephanie Canady Parker
- Will Quick
- Ian Raulston
- John Rhoden
- Paige Roe
- Sam Slater
- Danielle Speller
- Elizabeth Stuenkel
- Saket Vora
- Erin Welch

CLASS OF 2007

Class Liaisons: Rémi Loiseau and Paige Roe

The seniors are concluding their four-year tenure in excellent fashion. Twenty-one Scholars are expected to graduate as valedictorians, and overall the class has a magnificent cumulative GPA of 3.77. The students visited the spectacular Rocky Mountain National Park during their Senior Retreat in September. On May 11 Scholars and their families will attend the Graduation Gala, held for the first time in the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center.

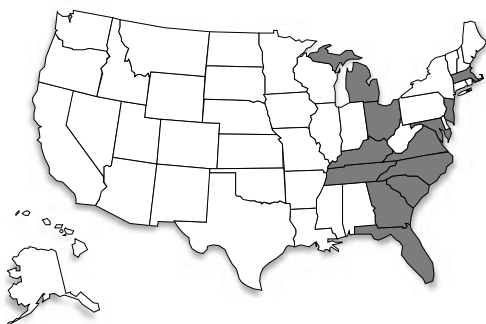
ACADEMIC DIVERSITY PERCENT OF MAJORS BY COLLEGE*



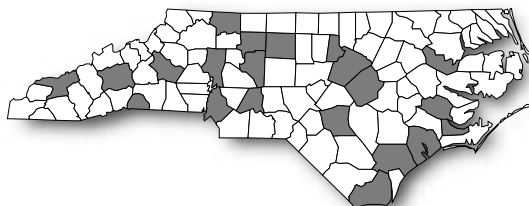
** some Scholars have more than one major*

GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY

SCHOLARS BY US STATES & TERRITORIES



N.C. SCHOLARS BY COUNTIES



ABOVE: Scholars on a hike in Rocky Mountain National Park during their senior retreat.



Robin Abell



Jessica Badger

ROBIN ABELL

B.S. Mathematics Education • Jacksonville, N.C.

Robin served as a student ambassador for the College of Education and volunteered with Hope for the Homeless, Service Raleigh, and tutored at local high schools. She has been an active member of Campus Crusade for Christ where she served as a Bible study leader. After graduation, Robin will remain in the Triangle area where she will teach high school mathematics.

JESSICA BADGER

B.S. Microbiology • Fayetteville, N.C.

Jessica performed research in her department and at Montana State University as part of the Research Experience for Undergraduates program. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and received the Goldwater Scholarship. Jessica has volunteered with the Center for Volunteer Caregiving and as an event leader for Science Olympiad and worked with autistic children. During her sophomore year, she studied in Leeds, England. Jessica plans on working in genetics before attending graduate school in biochemistry.



Win Bassett



Tenise Bell

WIN BASSETT

B.S. Computer Engineering, B.S. Electrical Engineering • Martinsville, Va.

Win served as designer, design editor, and online producer during his four years with the Technician newspaper. A member of Phi Kappa Phi, the Order of Omega, and the Golden Chain Society, Win was a founding father of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He served on the Judicial Board, as an Alumni Association student ambassador, and spent a summer studying in Oxford. After graduation Win plans to work in engineering before pursuing a career in law.



Erin Bergstrom



Allan Blackwell

ALLAN BLACKWELL

B.S. Business Management, B.S. Accounting, Concentration: Finance Analysis • Browns Summit, N.C.

Allan was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Golden Key International Honor Society. He received two grants for executive shadowing experiences, one at IBM and the other on Wall Street. He has served as a university ambassador and helped create the Ignite Leadership Program for middle school students. Allan plans to attend law school after graduation.

CORY BLANKENSHIP

B.A. Political Science • Cherokee, N.C.

Cory is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the first of his tribe to receive the Park Scholarship. He graduated from NC State in December 2006. Cory works with the Cherokee Historical Association in Cherokee where he is the Village Enterprise and education manager for the Oconaluftee Indian Village, a living history replica of a 1750s Cherokee settlement. Cory plans to earn a master's degree in public administration and hopes to one day serve his people and community as Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee.

MYLES BOHON

B.S. Mechanical Engineering and Business Management, Concentration: Finance • High Point, N.C.

Myles was inducted into Pi Tau Sigma, the mechanical engineering honor fraternity and Golden Key Honor Society. He has conducted research on changes in engineering education and created a new dodgeball program for the YMCA. Myles plans to graduate in May 2008 and pursue a doctorate of philosophy in mechanical engineering focusing on thermodynamics and fluid mechanics.

OLIVER BROOKS

B.S. Business Management • New Bern, N.C.

Oliver was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key Honor Society, and The Order of Thirty and Three. He served as president of his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and studied in Lima, Peru. During college he interned for First Citizens Bank, the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, and Sagemark Consulting. After graduation, Oliver plans to take a position in Philadelphia as a corporate finance analyst for Lincoln Financial Group.



Cory Blankenship



Myles Bohon

TENISE BELL

B.S. Textile and Apparel Management, Minor: Business Management • Beech Island, S.C.

Tenise was elected to Gamma Beta Phi, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the National Dean's List, and Sigma Tau Sigma. She also served as a chancellor's aide and co-entertainment chair for Relay For Life. Tenise volunteered with the Women's Center of Wake County and participated in many service activities with Circle K International. She studied in London, England, and Florence, Italy. Tenise plans to pursue a graduate degree in fashion apparel studies.

ERIN BERGSTROM

B.S. Business Management • Watkinsville, Ga.

Erin volunteered with Passage Home, an organization that serves homeless families. She has been active in University Housing, Alexander Global Village, and the table tennis club. She is a member of the Order of Thirty and Three, Phi Kappa Phi, and Beta Gamma Sigma. After graduation, Erin plans to work at Passage Home and pursue a career in social entrepreneurship.



Oliver Brooks



Shawn Campbell

SHAWN CAMPBELL

B.S. Biomedical Engineering • Lake Mary, Fla.

Shawn co-founded the NC State Chapter of Relay For Life and served as vice president of Engineering World Health. He emceed Campus Crusade for Christ's weekly meetings and received honorable mention for service by the faculty in biomedical engineering. Next year, Shawn plans to attend Duke University to pursue a master's degree in engineering management.

KATYA CASPER

B.S. Aerospace Engineering • Kingsport, Tenn.

Katya served as secretary and president of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and led a senior design team to build a small turbojet powered aircraft. She served as secretary of Tau Beta Pi and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Gamma Tau honor societies. During college she continued studying piano, performing at Meredith College. Katya received a National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship and plans to attend Purdue University in the fall.

LIZZIE COMPTON

B.S. Animal Science • Greensboro, N.C.

Lizzie volunteered with Helping Horse, tutored English-as-a-Second Language to middle and elementary school students in the sciences, and played intramural soccer. She has worked as a biological lab technician in an entomology lab in addition to conducting undergraduate research in a reproductive physiology lab for the CALS Honors program. Lizzie plans on pursuing a master's degree in reproductive physiology in the fall.

CHRISTINA CRAIG

B.S. Business Management • Mooresville, N.C.

Christina graduated in May 2006 and was involved in Campus Crusade for Christ, several honor societies, and a tutoring program at Carroll Middle School. She now she lives in Chattanooga, Tenn., working in girls' ministry and tutoring math at a private school.

JOHN CREWS

B.S. Mechanical Engineering, B.S. Applied Mathematics • Glasgow, Va.

John ran varsity track and cross country, earning Academic All-American awards. He volunteered through Wolfpack Blitz, sharing the experiences of NCAA athletics. John plans to pursue a doctorate of philosophy in mechanical engineering.

BRITTANY CUELLAR

B.S. Biochemistry • Swansboro, N.C.

Brittany co-led a girls Bible study through Campus Crusade for Christ. She traveled to Brazil with Cross Cultural Solutions for five weeks to teach English and work in an orphanage. She played varsity soccer and volunteered at Hope Community Church. Her future plans include teaching high school science, coaching soccer, and eventually going overseas for missionary work.

MITCH DANFORTH

B.S. Civil Engineering • Raleigh, N.C.

Mitch led the implementation of the Ignite Leadership Program at Martin Middle School and worked with the revitalization

of Hillsborough Street project. He studied two semesters in Australia and Chile. After graduation, Mitch plans to undertake graduate studies in New York City and pursue dramatic roles on Broadway.

PAUL DENARD

B.S. Civil Engineering • Upper Marlboro, Md.

Paul served as the president and ministry leader of the Impact Movement. He was also a member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and mentored freshman engineers with the Student Advancement & Retention Teams. Upon graduation, Paul will pursue his professional engineering license as a traffic safety and design engineer in Atlanta, Ga., as well as a graduate degree in transportation engineering.

MARY WILLIARD ELTING

B.S. Physics • Raleigh, N.C.

Mary volunteered as a tutor through Habitat for Humanity and helped found the arts service activity Curtain Call, which brought a drama program to Centennial Campus Middle School. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and received the Goldwater Scholarship in 2005. She worked on research in biophysics and graduated in May 2006. Mary is pursuing her doctorate of philosophy in applied physics at Stanford University, where she holds a National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship.

KRISTEN FERGUSON

B.S. Zoology • Hamilton, Ohio

Kristen was a member of the University Scholars Program and Companion Animal Club and co-founded the arts service activity Curtain Call. She volunteered with several organizations including Hope for the Homeless, Service Raleigh, Operation CatNip, Passage Pals, the NCSU Library Satellite Shelving Facility (in the Animal Rights Collection) and the Apex Equine Veterinary Hospital. Kristen studied in Brisbane, Australia, and will pursue her doctorate of veterinary medicine at The Ohio State University in the fall.

ASHLEY FORTÉ

B.S. Chemical Engineering • Durham, N.C.

Ashley was a National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering scholar and a Ramp-Up Literacy fellow with Wake County Public School System. She was a member of the Food Science club, American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the National Society of Black Engineering. She studied in Ghana, West Africa, and served as an NCSU INNOVATE Conference delegate in Malaysia, China, and India. Upon graduation, Ashley will volunteer for eight months in the Durham County Public School System and then work for General Mills in their Yoplait & Pillsbury Divisions.



Katya Casper



Lizzie Compton



Christina Craig



John Crews



Brittany Cuellar



Mitch Danforth



Paul DeNard



Mary Williard Elting



Kristen Ferguson



Ashley Forté



Kathy Fraley



Ben Gaddy

KATHY FRALEY

B.S. Chemical Engineering • Columbus, Mich.

Kathy served as president for Habitat for Humanity. She conducted undergraduate research and briefly studied pastel drawing while in Italy. After graduation, she will start work for ExxonMobil in Fairfax, Va., as a chemical engineer.

BEN GADDY

B.S. Electrical Engineering • Kensington, Md.

Benjamin served as captain of the rowing club. He became the first-ever finisher of the Krispy Kreme Challenge and later a director of the race. Benjamin plans to continue studying Arabic following graduation and to pursue a career focusing on Middle East policy.

EMILY GIFFORD

B.S. Zoology • Elkin, N.C.

Emily was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. She volunteered with the Urban Ministries Open Door Clinic where she worked primarily in the diabetes education program, and served as a co-chairwoman for Service Raleigh. Emily plans on attending the UNC School of Medicine to obtain a doctorate of medicine and master's of public health.

CHASTA HAMILTON

B.A. Arts Application, Minors: Political Science, Film Studies • Mohawk, Tenn.

Chasta co-founded and served as event chair for the NC State chapter of Relay For Life. She was a legislative ambassador for the American Cancer Society and worked at the North Carolina Autism Society and the Governor Morehead School for the Blind. Chasta taught at three local dance studios and has been named founder and director of the Ravenscroft School Dance Program. In addition, she choreographed "Annie" for the arts service activity Curtain Call and "A Chorus Line" for Shaw University. After graduation, Chasta plans on working in arts administration, particularly within dance and hopes to open her own competitive dance studio.

RUSS HARDISON

B.S. Electrical Engineering • Williamston, N.C.

Russ volunteered with Relay For Life, Service Raleigh and outreach programs at local schools. He served as a summer group leader at the Boys and Girls Club of America in Lagrange, Ga. After graduation, Russ plans to work at Cisco Systems in Research Triangle Park as a customer support engineer.

DJ HARDY

B.A. Communication, Concentration: Public Relations, B.A. Africana Studies • Bolivia, N.C.

DJ served as president of a subcommittee for the local chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. where he mentored high school

students in Raleigh. He interned with VIBE Magazine in New York and volunteered as a peer mentor and as a tutor for the African American Cultural Center SPACE program. After graduation, DJ plans to seek employment before beginning a master's program in business administration and hopes to work in the publishing or music industries.

PEYTON HASSINGER

B.S. Biochemistry, B.A. Chemistry, Minors: Spanish, Nutrition, Anthropology • Raleigh, N.C.

Peyton helped found the Krispy Kreme Challenge and volunteered with Urban Ministries Open Door Clinic as an interpreter. During college, he traveled to Guatemala where he volunteered at the Hospitalito Atitlán. After graduation, Peyton plans to pursue his passion for rock climbing in Yosemite, Calif., and to obtain a doctorate of medicine at Mayo Medical School.

JOY JOHNSON

B.S. Computer Engineering, B.S. Electrical Engineering • Greensboro, N.C.

Joy was inducted into the honor societies of Phi Kappa Phi and Eta Kappa Nu (electrical and computer engineering). She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta, the National Society of Black Engineers, and the Honors Program. She volunteered with Wake County's Communities in School program and SPACE and has traveled to Africa and China. Joy plans to attend graduate school in the fall to pursue a doctorate of philosophy in electrical engineering at MIT.

DONNY KATZ

B.S. Civil Engineering • Freehold, N.J.

Donny served as vice president, captain and president of the crew team. He organized the team's first Million Meter Row event and facilitated the purchase of a new boat. Donny received the senior award for academic achievement from civil engineering. He served in the Institute of Transportation Engineers and participated in research on truck traffic in North Carolina. Donny studied at the University of Cape Town and plans to conduct research in Bangladesh on a Fulbright grant before entering graduate school in transportation engineering.

CAITLIN KELLEHER

B.S. Environmental Sciences, Concentration: Economic Policy, B.S. Economics • Raleigh, N.C.

Caitlin co-chaired Service Raleigh 2005 and helped found the arts service activity Curtain Call, serving as its choreographer. She was vice president of Pi Beta Phi fraternity for women and co-wrote the constitution for the All Greek Council. Caitlin studied in Cork, Ireland, where she developed a deep love of its people and culture. Caitlin plans to attend law school and later pursue a career in environmental law.



Emily Gifford



Chasta Hamilton



Russ Hardison



DJ Hardy



Peyton Hassinger



Joy Johnson



Donny Katz



Caitlin Kelleher

JOHN KELLY

B.S. Computer Engineering, B.S. Electrical Engineering • Oak Ridge, Tenn.

John volunteered with Young Life as a mentor at Athens Drive High School. He helped organize a race to benefit polycystic kidney disease and was inducted into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi. In 2005 he received the Department of Homeland Security Undergraduate Scholarship. After graduation, he plans to pursue a doctorate of philosophy in electrical engineering before researching robotics and intelligent systems.

COLLEEN CAMBRE LILEY

B.S. Graphic Design • Columbia, S.C.

Colleen received two Midsouth Regional Emmy Awards through her work with public television. She volunteered with the Make A Wish Foundation through Chi Omega Fraternity. After graduation, Colleen plans to pursue a career in educational television while supporting her husband's military service.

RÉMI LOISEAU

B.S. Mechanical Engineering • Charlotte, N.C.

Rémi was involved extensively with University Theatre as both an actor and stage manager. He was inducted into Alpha Psi Omega, the dramatic honor society. Rémi founded and directed Curtain Call, a theatrical service organization as well as served as the head facilitator for the Park Scholarships freshmen retreat. He has interned in France, Australia, and Taiwan, at such companies as Chicago Pneumatic, Nissan, Trelleborg Automotive, and Market America. Upon graduation, Rémi plans to work for ExxonMobil as an international development project engineer.

STEW LOWRY

B.S. Biomedical Engineering • Lexington, N.C.

Stew participated in the University Scholars Program and conducted medical research through a summer internship in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and Relay for Life. After graduation, Stew plans to earn a master's degree in the biomedical sciences and later to design medical devices for clinical use.

CHRIS LUNSFORD

B.S. Business Management • Spring Lake, N.C.

Chris served as a leader of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. He volunteered with Raleigh Little Theatre, the Pines of Carolinas Alpine Tower, and Shelter Now International in Peshawar, Pakistan. Chris plans to pursue a career in supply chain management or information technology.

CHRIS MCCOY

B.A. Psychology • Prospect, Ky.

Chris played for two years on the men's basketball team. He played other sports including club ultimate, intramural flag-football, and men's volleyball in which his team won a championship. Chris studied and volunteered in Durban, South Africa, and volunteered in Salvador, Brazil. He co-created the Krispy Kreme Challenge. Chris plans on attending medical school after taking a year off to teach and coach at Trinity High School in Louisville, Ky.

MEGHAN MCINTYRE

B.S. Mathematics, B.S. Mathematics Education • Swannanoa, N.C.

Meghan has been a member of the Dance Company for four years and participated in Service Raleigh, MathCounts, and research in the mathematics department. She was elected to Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Kappa, completed the mathematics honors program. After graduation, she plans to earn her doctorate of philosophy in mathematics at Duke University.

DANIEL MELLINGER

B.S. Mechanical Engineering • High Point, N.C.

Daniel was inducted into the honor societies of Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Beta Pi. He conducted research on campus and at Lord Corporation and served as president of the table tennis club for two years. This fall, Daniel plans to pursue a doctorate of philosophy in mechanical engineering.

JOEL MIKKELSEN

B.A. Philosophy, B.A. English, Concentration: Creative Writing • Cary, N.C.

Joel spent two years doing humanitarian and missionary work in Mexico. He worked as a volunteer translator at the Open Door Clinic in Raleigh and in student media at WKNC campus radio and the Windhover magazine. He enjoys working on musical and writing projects in his spare time. Joel plans to graduate in May 2009.

TRAVIS MILES

B.S. Marine Sciences, Concentration: Meteorology • Wilmington, N.C.

Travis earned a Research Experience for Undergraduates grant, which he used to research Red Tide detection in the Gulf of Mexico, and investigated phytoplankton population dynamics in the Galapagos Archipelago. Travis is currently developing a paper for publication. He volunteered with the arts service activity Curtain Call, Relay For Life, and SATELLITE. Travis plans on obtaining a doctorate of philosophy in physical oceanography before becoming a professor.



John Kelly



Colleen Cambre Liley



Rémi Loiseau



Stew Lowry



Chris Lunsford



Chris McCoy



Meghan McIntyre



Daniel Mellinger



Joel Mikkelsen



Travis Miles



Liz Miller



Pat Monigle

LIZ MILLER

B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies • Wooster, Ohio

Liz co-founded the NC State Chapter of Relay For Life and studied in several nations, visiting 23 countries in the process and took part in the United Nation's Mission in Kosovo. She published photographs and articles while overseas and discovered herself in the process. After graduation, Liz plans to continue to learn new languages, travel and help people.

PATRICK MONIGLE

B.S. Geology • Beverly, Mass.

Patrick served as a subcommittee chair for Service Raleigh and volunteered with the arts service activity Curtain Call. He created and funded a service event during a semester in Hawaii and served as a peer mentor for the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences. After graduation, Patrick plans to pursue a master's degree in geology at NC State, with aspirations of obtaining a doctorate of philosophy in geology and a life of traveling and monitoring volcanoes.

GREG MULHOLLAND

B.S. Computer Engineering, B.S. Electrical Engineering • Chesapeake, Va.

Greg co-founded the Krispy Kreme Challenge, a charity race benefiting the NC Children's Hospital. He was a finalist for the Gates-Cambridge Scholarship and plans to attend Cambridge University next year.

JORDAN O'MARA

B.S. Computer Science, B.S. Political Science • Winston-Salem, N.C.

Jordan was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi and served as an organizing member of Service Raleigh and Dance Marathon. He worked as a research assistant at the Open Courseware Lab and currently is pursuing a master's degree in computer science at NC State. Afterwards, he plans to work as a software engineer at Red Hat in Raleigh.

WES OVERTON

B.S. Chemical Engineering • Albemarle, N.C.

Wes was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi, and Omega Chi Epsilon honor societies. He was a co-founder of the Passage Pals community service club and was active in the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Wes researched cancer drug delivery vectors for three years and completed summer research programs in biotechnology at MIT and in Poland. After graduation, Wes plans to pursue a doctorate of philosophy in chemical engineering with a focus on biotechnology.

STEPHANIE CANADY PARKER

B.A. Communication, Concentrations: Speech Communication, Public Relations • Clayton, N.C.

Stephanie served as an Alumni Association student ambassador and chair of the

Homecoming Parade. She won a Mathews Medal service award in its inaugural year on campus, and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies. Stephanie plans to complete her master's of public administration at NC State.

WILL QUICK

B.S. Biomedical Engineering, B.S. Political Science • Florence, S.C.

Will has been an active participant in campus life including student government, Greek life, Wolfpack athletics, and the University Scholars Program. His passion for helping students inspired him to serve as student senate president and then as student body president. As project coordinator for the Compassion in Action Hurricane Relief effort, he gained a great appreciation for what the university community when working on a common cause. Next year Will intends to pursue his master's of business administration with a concentration in biopharma management.

IAN RAULSTON

B.S. Textile & Apparel Management • Thomasville, N.C.

Ian worked extensively with Relay For Life, serving on the planning committee three of four years. After graduation, Ian plans to attend NC State to pursue a master's in textile technology and management.

JOHN RHODEN

B.S. Chemical Engineering • Raleigh, N.C.

John volunteered with the Open Door Clinic, Fiesta del Pueblo and Service Raleigh. He served as an officer in the cycling club and studied engineering in Spanish in Valencia, Spain. After graduation, he plans to pursue a doctorate of philosophy in chemical engineering.

PAIGE ROE

B.S. Biochemistry • Connelly Springs, N.C.

Paige participated in Campus Crusade, Ballroom Newcomers Team, and the Wolfpack Shag Association and was named its 2006 Female Champion. Paige engaged in service activities including Joy Prom, Service Raleigh, Dance Marathon, and Relay For Life. She helped plan and conduct the only 5K race for polycystic kidney disease in North Carolina in 2005. She spent her summers doing prison and homeless ministry in Seattle, community ministry in Alaska, and construction ministry in Indiana. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and has participated in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences honors program by conducting an independent teaching project. Paige plans on pursuing graduate studies in biology and becoming a professor.



Greg Mulholland



Jordan O'Mara



Wes Overton



Stephanie Canady Parker



Will Quick



Ian Raulston



John Rhoden



Paige Roe

SAM SLATER

B.S. Political Science • Tryon, N.C.

Sam co-founded the NC State Chapter of Relay For Life, and traveled to Sri Lanka to assist with tsunami relief. He spent a semester working with Plaid Cymru, the Welsh Nationalist Party, in the British parliament, and served as a student ambassador for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Sam plans to attend law school and pursue a career in estate planning and farmland management, along with involvement in local politics.

DANIELLE SPELLER

B.S. Physics, B.S. Applied Mathematics • Raleigh, N.C.

Danielle was a member of the Impact Movement, Society of Physics Students, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the Society of African American Physical and Mathematical Scientists. A lover of music and the arts, she has co-written, produced, and directed several plays at Cup of Salvation Deliverance Church and was a founding member of the arts service activity Curtain Call at Centennial Campus Middle School. After graduating in physics and applied mathematics, Danielle plans to begin pursuing her doctorate of philosophy in physics.

ELIZABETH STUENKEL

B.S. Biomedical Engineering, B.S. Science, Technology & Society • Morganton, N.C.

Elizabeth served as president of the Lutheran Student Movement and participated in the Benjamin Franklin Scholars Program, alternative Spring Break, and other service activities. She spent a semester in Ireland. Elizabeth plans to travel in the future and to pursue a career in physical therapy and biomedical engineering.

SAKET VORA

B.S. Electrical Engineering • Morrisville, N.C.

Saket helped update the Park Scholarships intranet, served on the Speaker Series committee, wrote columns for the Technician newspaper, and worked with the NC Science Olympiad. He studied in Sweden, conducted undergraduate research, and was an active participant in the Engineering Entrepreneurs Program with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Saket plans to attend Stanford University to study electrical engineering before trying his hand at a startup company in Silicon Valley.

ERIN WELCH

B.A. Communication, Concentration: Public Relations • Concord, N.C.

Erin worked at the student newspaper, the Technician, serving on its editorial board as news editor and deputy news editor. She served as an Alumni Association student ambassador for three years and interned for its quarterly magazine. Erin was the 2004 female recipient of the Leader of the Pack scholarship and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Golden Chain honor societies. She studied in Italy, Peru, and Spain, and completed three internships in public relations during her final year. Erin plans to pursue a master's degree in integrated marketing communication and a future career in public relations with an international capacity.



Sam Slater



Danielle Speller



Elizabeth Stuenkel



Saket Vora



Erin Welch



ALUMNI:

Park Scholarships alumni continue to represent NC State well, earning prestigious scholarships and fellowships, pursuing advanced degrees and accepting jobs at Fortune 500 companies. Others have chosen to serve, volunteering with AmeriCorps and Teach for America, or entering the nonprofit sector.

While recent graduates of the program typically become settled into new lives of employment or graduate work, older alumni frequently participate in volunteer activities for NC State and Park Scholarships. Some serve as regional NC State Club leaders or within the Wolfpack Club. Dozens assist with the recruiting and selection processes. Some receive ambassador training and conduct high school visits while others evaluate candidates. Three lead Regional Selection Committees, and two alumnae serve on the Park Advisory Committee.

Over the past year, the Park Alumni Society (PAS) has worked to create a framework through which alumni can remain engaged with each other, current Scholars, and the University. While continuing to host events during homecoming and Finalist Weekend, the PAS turned much of its attention to building a solid infrastructure. The board established a regular bi-monthly meeting schedule, with all meetings open to alumni and current Scholars via a free call-in number. A network of class liaisons was formed to assist with alumni outreach and ease the flow of information between the board and the broader alumni base. In January, the PAS launched a trial mentoring program, pairing current Park Scholars with alumni in their fields of interest. This month, the PAS also launched an updated version of its online directory (WWW.PARKSCHOLARS.ORG) featuring expanded alumni profiles, searchability and more networking tools.

Program alumni also demonstrated their commitment to NC State. In June, the PAS concluded a very successful fundraising campaign, in which alumni donated and pledged more than \$30,000 in support of the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center. Several alumni became lifetime members of the Alumni Association, a noteworthy commitment when considering their young age.

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Park Foundation's generous gift, alumni also gave back to the program, by pledging almost \$10,000 to establish a Study Abroad Stipend for current Park Scholars. Students who will participate in approved study abroad for academic credit are now eligible for funding up to \$500 to help defray travel costs. The first seven awards were announced in November at a gala commemorating the first 10 years of the program. These awards funded students who planned to study overseas during the spring semester. Three additional awards have been made for next fall.

Goals for the upcoming year include continued fundraising for the Study Abroad awards toward endowment. The PAS is also working on increasing connections with current students and improving institutional memory.

ABOVE: Kim Bloomfield '02 and Tommy Vitolo '00 were part of this year's alumni group at Service Raleigh.

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Terrell Russell '00
President

Kim Bloomfield '02
Vice President

Wortham Boyle '03
Treasurer

Kelly Marks '00
Secretary

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NC State Alumni Association



**PARK ALUMNI SOCIETY
STUDY ABROAD STIPEND AWARDEES**

\$500 awards for covering airfare for Park Scholars studying abroad.

SPRING 2007

John Coggin '09	Galapagos Islands
Meghan Craven '09	Spain
Kristopher Kleiner '09	Australia
Kasey Phillips '08	China
Greg Wilson '10	Galapagos Islands
Glenna Wink '09	England

FALL 2007

Tyler Barry '09	Ethiopia
Kylie Goodell '08	England

**VINCENT MANISCALCO '04
STUDY ABROAD STIPEND**

\$500 awards in memorial of Vincent Maniscalco '04, which cover airfare for study abroad.

SPRING 2007

Katy Horner '09	Spain
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FALL 2007

Erika Gutierrez '09	Spain
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GIVING: The Park Alumni Society began a campaign this year to raise funds for grants covering the airfare of Park Scholars studying abroad and for the completion of the Park Alumni Center. To date, a total of \$40,000 has been pledged over five years, and \$13,700 has been received, with about three-fourths allocated toward the Park Alumni Center. We are grateful to all the alumni who contributed thus far.

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| Melanie Andres Conklin '00 | Eva Feucht Holcomb '02 |
| Carrie Farley '00 | Christopher Muller '02 |
| Jennifer Shafer Gardner '00 | Ellen Oettinger '02 |
| Michael Juby '00 | Brent Rowe '02 |
| Kelly Marks '00 | Lauren Hussar Super '02 |
| Trisha Ross '00 | Mark & Laurel Duckett Voelker '02 |
| Terrell Russell '00 | Wortham Boyle '03 |
| Michele Tam '00 | Lauren Collins '03 |
| Tommy Vitolo '00 | Erin Powell Ennis '03 |
| April Wilson '00 | Beth Rose Murphy '03 |
| Matt Baker '01 | Jason Oliver '03 |
| Jessica Campbell Copeland '01 | Glen Smith '03 |
| Sara Lane '01 | John Stanley '03 |
| Sharene Davidson Pierce '01 | Katie Wilson Borders '04 |
| Neal Robbins '01 | Laura Budde '04 |
| Kim Goodwin Roberts '01 | Philip Corriher '04 |
| Henry Ward '01 | Lauren Harmon Gainor '04 |
| Stacy Banks '02 | Kimberly Allen Richards '04 |
| Ricky & Kimberly Bell Bloomfield '02 | Tracy Salisbury '04 |
| Jeremiah Bowers '02 | Brian Tavener '04 |
| Suzanne Burlone '02 | Matt Campbell '05 |
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| Stephen Causby '02 | Lydia Varn Lawrence '05 |
| Niamh O'Doherty Crotty '02 | Kelsey Norwood '05 |
| Emily Townley Daly '02 | Kathleen Powers '05 |
| Delia Gonzalez '02 | Jodee Ruppel '05 |
| Tim Goodson '02 | Micah Sullivan '05 |
| Roberta Hansman '02 | Benjamin Tennant '05 |

ABOVE: Park Alumni and past Service Raleigh Chairs built handicapped ramps for senior citizens; Mark Voelker '02 and Ben Darnell '02 volunteer during Service Raleigh; Members of the Class of 2005 present the first Honorary Park Alumni Award to Ana Kennedy at the Alumni Gala (accepted by Walt Wolfram).



BRANDON BUSKEY '02, J.D. '06 (NYU)

*Major: Psychology
Occupation: Law Clerk*

PROFILE: A MAN OF THE LAW

At NC State, Brandon Buskey was a busy guy.

He served on the Union Activities Board, worked for multiple campus publications, was vice president of the Society of African American Culture, and founded the Racial Justice Project. Add to that resume several honor societies, the word “valedictorian,” and a Truman Scholarship, and it’s little wonder that his academic career since NC State has been equally engaged.

A long list of awards and activities culminated last May, when Brandon took the stage to deliver New York University law school’s commencement address.

“It was a tremendous experience,” he says. “I was completely taken aback by the fact that so many of my fellow students organized in order to nominate me for the honor. It’s a special feeling to realize that the people with whom you’ve struggled through three years of law school respect you to that level.”

A Root-Tilden Kern and an An-Bryce Scholar, Brandon’s involvement is more than respectable – it’s downright inspiring. While at NYU, he served on the Moot Court Board, competing nationally, and was captain of the Mock Trial Team. He was also active with Law Students Against the Death Penalty, the Brennan Center Public Policy/Advocacy Clinic, and the Juvenile/Criminal Defense Clinic. At graduation, he was named the Kristen Jenicki Scholar, which recognizes outstanding commitment to a clinic.

Today, he works as a law clerk to Janet C. Hall, a federal district court judge in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He drafts opinions, prepares the judge for oral arguments, assists with trial work, and conducts research. In his spare time, he writes – he has an article coming out in the fall edition of the Harvard Law and Policy Review. But it’s not all law, all the time.

“My less nerdy pursuits include jiu-jitsu and cooking/baking,” says Brandon. “I have totally mastered the red velvet cake, by the way.”

With all of his accomplishments, Brandon cites the Park Scholarship as instrumental in his successes thus far.

“One of the great things about the Park program,” he says, “is that when students have a talent for leadership and service, it helps them craft a vision of how they want to affect the world. And it provides them with all the resources they’ll need to start realizing those goals.”

In September, Brandon will begin a two-year fellowship with the Equal Justice Initiative (www.EJI.ORG) in Montgomery, Alabama. He plans to work on death penalty cases and assist litigation aimed at eradicating the effects of racism in the criminal justice system. After that, he hopes to clerk for the Court of Appeals before entering legal practice.

“I’m not sure precisely where I’ll wind up,” he says, “but I’d like to be engaged in a mix of criminal defense, civil rights and public advocacy.”

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