PARK SCHOLARSHIPS, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
Class of 2012 – April 15, 2008

NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS

Alamance County

Emily Blair Cook, daughter of Teresa Edwards and Marcus Cook, Mebane, North Carolina. Emily will graduate from Eastern Alamance High School where she is Secretary of the National Honors Society and in the Environmental Club. She volunteers in nursing homes, therapeutic horseback riding for children with disabilities, and a local veterinary clinic. Emily plans to major in Animal Sciences.

Buncombe County

Sara Jean Taormina, daughter of Salvatore and Therese Taormina, Fairview, North Carolina. Sara will graduate from AC Reynolds High School where she participated in the Global Awareness Club and Madrigal Singers. She has been the Vice President of Teens with a Purpose: Asheville Style and worked as a volunteer counselor at an outdoor adventure camp. Sara plans to major in Civil Engineering.

John Michael Yanik, son of Joe and Michelle Yanik, Arden, North Carolina. John will graduate from Christ School where he is a Senior Prefect, Captain of the Varsity Soccer team, and a member of the National Honor Society. He is a Headmaster Scholar as well as an Eagle Scout. John plans to major in Biomedical Engineering.

Cabarrus County

Robert Bertrand Brummel, son of Shane and Deborah Johns, Kannapolis, North Carolina. Robert will graduate from A.L. Brown High School where he is President of National Technical Honor Society, Treasurer of Anchor Club, and a Link Crew Leader. He also won the Harvard Book Prize Award and is a Junior Rotarian. Robert plans to major in Chemical Engineering.

Catawba County

Risa Jane Chavez, daughter of Lance and Jane Chavez, Newton, North Carolina. Risa will graduate from Maiden High School where she is the Student Body President, Co-Captain of the Varsity Volleyball team, and was the Southwest District Beta Club President. She mentors children at the local elementary school and is President of her church youth group. Risa plans to major in Psychology.
Julia Carina Frei, daughter of Robert and Suzanne Frei, Hickory, North Carolina. Julia will graduate from Fred T. Foard High School where she is Captain of the Cross Country team, a member of the Beta Club, and a member of the Science Olympiad team. She also voluntarily tutors numerous students in all levels of mathematics and volunteers for the Palliative Care and Hospice of Catawba Valley. Julia plans to major in Biochemistry.

Janet Rebecca Smith, daughter of Steve and Alice Smith, Newton, North Carolina. Janet will graduate from East Gaston High School where she is President of the Interact Club, National Honors Society, and Beta Club. She is the four-year Captain of the Varsity Girls Soccer Team. She volunteers with the Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, and the Humane Society of Catawba County. Janet plans to major in Microbiology.

Columbus County

Alex James Williamson, son of Larry Williamson and Susan Shaw, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina. Alex will graduate from East Columbus High School where he is a member of both the football and baseball teams and is the President of the National Honor Society. He is also his church's youth group president, was selected as Chief Junior Marshal, and was the recipient of the Woodmen of the World Award for Outstanding Proficiency in United States History. Alex plans to major in History.

Cumberland County

Taylor Daniel Abalos Creedon, son of David and Nancy Creedon, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Taylor will graduate from Terry Sanford High School where he is Captain of the Varsity Soccer team, Treasurer of the National Honor Society, and Founder and President of the Ping-Pong Club. He also tutors and coaches a recreation soccer team. Taylor plans to major in Business.

Forsyth County

Rachel Elizabeth Conley, daughter of Michael and Leslie Conley, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Rachel will graduate from Robert B. Glenn High School where she plays soccer, is the yearbook Editor-in-Chief, and is President of Outdoors Club. She also volunteers for Relay for Life and Race for the Cure. She was named Rotary Club's Student of the Month and awarded the United States Achievement Academy National History and Government Award. Rachel plans to major in Biology.
Kendall John Smith, son of Kenny and Amy Smith, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Kendall will graduate from Robert B. Glenn High School where he is a Captain of the Varsity Basketball team, a leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Sports Editor for the newspaper. He attended the Governor's School of North Carolina, received the All-Academic Award for the State Champion Basketball team, and was named Rotary Club Student of the Month in Kernersville. Kendall plans to major in a Pre-Medical curriculum.

Guilford County

Khadijah Zafar Bhatti, daughter of Zafar and Jamila Bhatti, High Point, North Carolina. Khadijah will graduate from The Early College at Guilford where she is the President of the Amnesty International Student Group, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper. She also volunteers at the High Point Surgery Center and as an English language tutor for foreign refugees. Khadijah plans to major in Chemistry.

Mark Draelos, son of Zoe and Michael Draelos, High Point, North Carolina. Mark will graduate from The Early College at Guilford where he is President of the National Honor Society, Project Manager and former President of the Robotics Club, and a Justice of the Student Court. A National Merit Semifinalist and a Regional Finalist in the Young Epidemiology Scholars competition, he was also named a State Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of the Community program based on his interactive website for the Ward Street Mission in inner-city High Point. Mark plans to major in Engineering.

Matthew Seth Placke, son of Eric and Dawn Placke, Greensboro, North Carolina. Matthew will graduate from Western Guilford High School where he is Drum Major for the Western Guilford Hornets Marching Band, actively involved in National Honor Society, and on the youth leadership team at his church. He has volunteered his time teaching guitar lessons, serving the homeless at a local church and was chosen as a Junior Marshal. Matthew plans to major in Biomedical Engineering.

Halifax County

Alonza Mason Martin, Jr., son of Alonza and Dorine Martin, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Alonza will graduate from Northwest Halifax High School where he is Student Government Association Vice President, and a section leader of the Ultimate Sound Machine Band. He was the recipient of the Viking Award as the best all-around student two years in a row, and is a member of his church usher board. Alonza is currently undecided in his major.
Haywood County

Daniel James Snyder, son of William and Beth Snyder, Waynesville, North Carolina. Daniel will graduate from Tuscola High School, where he is a section leader in the marching and symphonic bands and President of the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. He is also an Eagle rank Boy Scout and has participated for six years in the Haywood County Student Honors Recital as a pianist. Daniel plans to major in Biological Engineering.

Johnston County

Rebekah Quinn Jewell, daughter of Gary and Rhonda Jewell, Clayton, North Carolina. Rebekah will graduate from Clayton High School where she is Captain of the Swim Team, Secretary of her Senior Class and Treasurer of the National Honor Society. She is also a Clayton High School Outstanding Senior, a College Board Advanced Placement Scholar with Honors, and was the Chief Graduation Marshal. Rebekah plans to major in a Pre-Medical curriculum.

Moore County

Mollie Corinna Richardson, daughter of Jonathan and Patricia Richardson, Robbins, North Carolina. Mollie will graduate from North Moore High School where she is the Captain of the Tennis team, Midfield Captain of the Soccer team, and Concertmaster of the orchestra. She has been a volunteer teacher of an Algebra 1 class, Grand Marshal for graduation, and Chair of the Future Business Leaders of America Relay for Life team. Mollie plans to major in Science Education with a concentration in Chemistry.

Orange County

Kathleen Patricia Davis, daughter of Gordon and Vicki Davis, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Kathleen will graduate from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics where she is a member of the Mathematics Club and the Varsity Science Olympiad team, and is an Interclub Council Representative. She serves on the Computational Chemistry Server support team, and has been named a National Merit Finalist. Kathleen plans to major in Biochemistry or Mathematics.

Pender County

William Robert Cauley, son of Robbie and Sheryl Cauley, Burgaw, North Carolina. William will graduate from Pender High School where he is President of the Student Body, Captain of the Cross Country team, and President of the Beta Club. He also serves as a teacher for his church's adult Sunday school class, is a College Board Advanced Placement Scholar, and has been a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. William plans to major in History.
Person County

Cristina Alcaraz, daughter of Lauro and Maria Alcaraz, Roxboro, North Carolina. Cristina will graduate from Person High School where she is President of the National Technical Honor Society and the Secretary of the Health Occupational Students of America Club. She has been a volunteer at the local hospital and has participated in several health related community service projects. Cristina also attended Governor's School of North Carolina. Cristina plans to major in Chemistry.

Pitt County

Christopher Jamal Carr, son of Albert and Darlene Carr, Greenville, North Carolina. Christopher will graduate from D H Conley High School where he is President of the Student Council Association and Vice President of the National Spanish Honor Society. He has also been a volunteer at Pitt County Memorial Hospital for more than four years, a participant of the Pitt County Teen Leadership Program, and an ambassador of the Pitt County Health Sciences Academy. Christopher plans to major in Biology with a Pre-Medical pathway.

Jasmine Adair Flood, the daughter of Merrill and Pansie Flood, Greenville, North Carolina. Jasmine will graduate from South Central High School where she is the Student Body President of the Student Government Association, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Varsity Tennis team. She was awarded her school’s Art Award, was honored as a Junior Marshal, and participates in Relay for Life each year. Jasmine plans to major in Art and Design.

Marycobb Brabham Randall, daughter of Marc and Brabsie Randall, Greenville, North Carolina. Marycobb will graduate from J.H. Rose High School where she is President of the Student Government Association, President of the National Art Honor Society, and has served as an officer in various other school clubs. She has also volunteered over five hundred hours of her time to further the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County. Marycobb recently published a book, entitled You Are My Inspiration. She received the Congressional Award Gold Medal in Washington, D.C. Marycobb plans to major in Business.

Randolph County

Bryan Nathaniel Peele, son of Kevin and Melinda Peele, Archdale, North Carolina. Bryan will graduate from Trinity High School where he is Treasurer of Beta Club, President of the Science Club, and a member of Model United Nations. He has also received recognition for his outstanding achievement in pottery. In addition Bryan has served as a peer tutor at his high school. Bryan plans to major in Engineering.
Richmond County

Ethan Harrelson, son of Larry and Judy Harrelson, Rockingham, North Carolina. Ethan will graduate from Richmond Senior High School where he is President of Beta Club and President of Interact. He has been a volunteer at the local Richmond County Hospice, a tutor at his school, and has started his own club focused on international relief and aid. Ethan plans to double major in Biology and Chemistry.

Robeson County

Anthony Dent, son of Eric and Amy Dent, Lumberton, North Carolina. Anthony will graduate from Lumberton Senior High School where he is President of the National Beta Club, Vice President of the French Club, and President of the National Honor Society. He is an Eagle Scout, plays the piano at Wesley Pines Retirement Community, and is Vice Chair of the Robeson County Republican Party. Anthony intends to major in Economics.

Sarah Elizabeth Oxendine, daughter of Allen and Sharon Oxendine, Pembroke, North Carolina. Sarah will graduate from Purnell Swett High School where she is Executive President of Student Government and President of National Honor Society. She also volunteers for Special Olympics and is a math tutor. Sarah plans to major in Animal Science.

Rowan County

Caitlin Leigh Cox, daughter of Randy and Mary Cox, Salisbury, North Carolina. Caitlin will graduate from West Rowan High School where she is President of the National Honor Society, Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook, and Executive Vice President of the Student Government Association. She is an active participant in Relay for Life, was named an Advanced Placement Scholar, and has lettered in tennis, basketball, and soccer. Caitlin plans to major in either Social Services or Public Relations.

Savannah Hope Larimore, daughter of Karen Wilkinson and Terry Larimore, Spencer, North Carolina. Savannah will graduate from North Rowan High School where she is Co-Executive President of Student Government and a member of the National Honor Society. She has received Advanced Placement Scholar recognition and attended North Carolina's Governor's School. Savannah plans to major in Mathematics Education.
Wake County

Matthew William Hunt, son of Buck and Martha Hunt, Cary, North Carolina. Matthew will graduate from Athens Drive High School where he is an executive board member of the Key Club, member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the tennis team. He is an Eagle Scout with three palms, received the Woodmen of the World Award for Outstanding Proficiency in American History, and has volunteered at WakeMed Cary Hospital. Matthew plans to major in Biological Sciences.

Stephanie Michelle Leyrer, daughter of Charles and Judith Leyrer, Cary, North Carolina. Stephanie will graduate from Athens Drive High School where she is Student Body Secretary, Co-President of the 4H Club, and member of the National Honor Society. She received the Advanced Placement Scholar Award, attended the Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics program, and received the President's Volunteer Service Award for her achievement in community service. Stephanie plans to major in Biology.

Jamie Lynn Myers, daughter of Mark and Denise Myers, Raleigh, North Carolina. Jamie will graduate from Trinity Academy of Raleigh where she is Spiritual Life Prefect, Captain of the Varsity Volleyball team, and a member of the Beta Club. She is currently chairing the advertising committee for a fundraiser benefiting the Embrace Uganda Foundation. Jamie plans to major in Mathematics Education and minor in Spanish.

William Andrew Rothenberg, son of John and Lori Rothenberg, Raleigh, North Carolina. William will graduate from Needham B. Broughton High School where he serves in Student Government, is President of Broughton's Teenage Republican's Club, and plays football. He also is a Broughton Service Club Member, a Yale Book Award Winner, and an Advanced Placement Scholar of Distinction. William plans to major in Psychology.

Garik Cruise Sadovy, son of Leo and Ellen Sadovy, Wake Forest, North Carolina. Garik will graduate from Wakefield High School where he is a Captain of the Lacrosse team, Founder and President of Wakefield Mountain Biking, and a Peer Mentor. He is also an Eagle Scout and former Head Chorister of the Raleigh Boychoir. Garik plans to major in Materials Science and Engineering.
Warren County

Taylor Newcomb Tharrington, son of Victoria Lehman, Manson, North Carolina. Taylor will graduate from Warren County High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society and the Captain of the Varsity Tennis team. He has been a volunteer elementary student tutor, a volunteer tennis instructor, and a member of a local community theatre. Taylor plans to major in Engineering.

Wayne County

Michael David McKnight, son of David and Susan McKnight, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Michael will graduate from Eastern Wayne High School where he is President of Key Club, the National Treasurer of the Technology Student Association, and Co-Founder of the Film Club. He also has served as Co-Captain of the Relay for Life Team, served as Junior Chief Marshal, and is a performer with Stagestruck Children's Theatre. Michael plans to major in Biological Engineering.