

# BoV Access Scholars Committee Update

## January 10, 2025



# About the Access Scholars Program

- \$5,000 scholarships for students with academic potential and financial need
- Tuition, fees, & books
- Perks: Lecture series, etiquette dinner, social events, community service and priority class registration
- BoV funds 5 of the 100+ @ ECU

# Access Scholars Committee Members

Chair	Duane Holder
Vice Chair	Phil Tetterton
Member	Barnanne Creech
Member	Joey Tart
Member	Nicole Kloss
Emeritus Mentor	Alisa Chapman
Exec. Committee Liaison	Toby Thomas

# Fall 2024 Activities

- Fall semester treats for scholars (beginning and end of semester)
- Access Scholarship Luncheon – September 13<sup>th</sup>
- Access Scholars Committee Meeting via Zoom – October 24<sup>th</sup>

# Scholar Updates

- All Scholars had a very good semester
- All new Scholars finished well above the required 3.0 GPA

## Board of Visitors Access Scholarship Recipients

The Access Scholars program provides grants to East Carolina University students who demonstrate academic potential and financial need. The \$5,000 annual award (\$2,500 per semester) covers tuition, fees and books. The program also organizes a lecture series, public speaking event, etiquette dinner, social events and community service activities for students. The ECU Board of Visitors funds five of the 112 scholarships through their required minimum contribution of \$500 annually. Meet our scholars!



**Garrett Johnson**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2028  
Major: Engineering  
Beulaville, NC



**Talek Watson**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2026  
Major: Industrial Technology with a concentration in Information and Cybersecurity Technology  
Maxton, NC



**Layla Tokhli**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2026  
Major: Music Education  
Cove City, NC

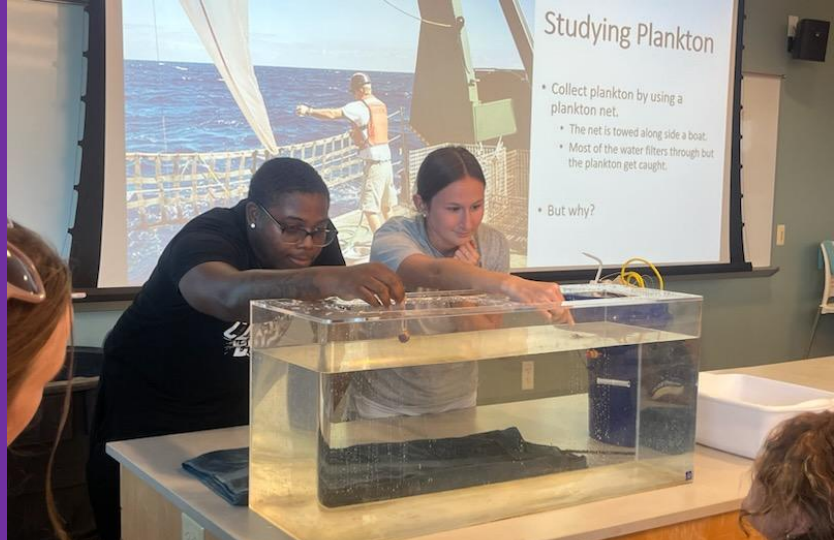


**Celeste Nugent**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2027  
Major: Speech & Hearing Science  
Wake Forest, NC



**Flyler "PJ" Hemphill**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2028  
Major: Recreation & Park Management with a concentration in Sports Management  
Concord, NC





### Studying Plankton

- Collect plankton by using a plankton net.
- The net is towed along side a boat.
- Most of the water filters through but the plankton get caught.
- But why?







# Treats for Scholars

- Coordinated through Ms. Summer Edwards, Dir of Univ Scholarships, Old Cafeteria Building (MARTINEZSU17@ecu.edu)
- Given at beginning and end of semesters
- Gift cards (sets of 5)
- Mail to: Duane Holder  
112 Mossy Falls Way  
Wendell, NC 27591  
or
- Feel free to Venmo Duane Holder - @dtholder



# Spring 2025 Activities

- Access Scholars Committee – Zoom call with Access Scholars – To be announced – late January or early February
- Access Scholars Etiquette Dinner – February 19, 2025 @ 6pm – The Green Room @ The Croatan (BoV Access Scholar - Layla Tokhli attending)

# How You Can Help!

## Be Engaged!

- Contribute (at a minimum) your pledged \$500 per year—more is always appreciated!  
<http://give.ecu.edu/BOVAccess>
- Talk about our Access Scholars and the scholarship with people in your network
- Attend meetings and social events with the scholars
- Use your social media to help tell the story