Access Scholars Committee Report
April 26, 2024
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 4* of the 100+ @ ECU

*5 BoV Access Scholarships beginning Academic Year 2024-2025
About the Access Scholars Committee

- Chair: Duane Holder, dtholder1@gmail.com
- Vice Chair: Wes Johnson, wjohnson7041@gmail.com
- “Committee of the Whole”
- Engage directly with scholars throughout the academic year
- Keep BoV members updated on scholars’ activities
- Attempt to meet once each semester with scholars and members and coordinate in-person at BoV meeting
Spring 2024 Updates

- Status of current Scholars
- Selection of new Scholars
- BoV Access Scholars Alumni Newsletter/Spotlights
GRADUATING MAY 3, 2024!!!!!!

Sarah Evans – Fairmont, NC

• Major: Speech & Hearing Science

• Minor: Disability Studies

• Accepted to graduate school at Western Carolina in the fall
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Alyssa Futrell – Elizabethtown, NC

• Major: Biology

• Plans to take a gap year prior to graduate school
Our Current BoV Access Scholars

Jarobi Clark – Rocky Mount, NC

- Major: Information Technology with a concentration in Cyber Security
- Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2025
- Currently working in REDE!
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Layla Tokhli – Cove City, NC

• Major: Music Education

• Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2026

• Member of the Marching Pirates
BoV Access Scholars Alumni Newsletter

• Exploring creation of BoV Access Scholar Alumni Newsletter and/or Spotlight

• Distribute, post to BoV Access Scholars website, and social media

• Determine interest/frequency

• Coordinate through Office of University Scholarships (Ms. Summer Edwards)
Alumni Spotlights

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Honors College, we are spotlighting some of our alumni that have graduated from the college over the years.

Alumni Spotlight: Rachel Mehaffey

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Name: Rachel Mehaffey
Graduation Year: 2014
Major (minor if applicable): BS Chemistry, BS Applied Physics, minor Hispanic Studies

Congratulations
Class of 2019 graduates!

Alumni Profile

Jerri Strickland
Honors College Alumna 1977

Jerri Strickland has found inspiration in many places. After attending the Honors College at UNCW, she worked for the center's science fiction writer in Paris, France. She received her Master's from San Diego State University and has been a science teacher in North Carolina for 35 years. She is an advocate for science education and is currently working as a high school science teacher in Raleigh, NC. Her research on the effects of spaceflight on the human body has been featured in numerous articles and presentations, and she continues to inspire students and educators alike with her passion for science and education.
Treats for Scholars

• Coordinate through Ms. Summer Edwards, Dir of Univ Scholarships (MARTINEZSU17@ecu.edu)

• Beginning/mid-terms/end of semesters

• Gift cards/goodies

• Feel free to Venmo Duane Holder - @dtholder, or leave donation in the “Pirate Piggy Bank”
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