

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!

Our Current BoV Access Scholars

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

Alumni Spotlight: Breece Bowrey

Alumni Spotlight: Sarah Lisson

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RACHEL MEHAFFEY

Class of 2014

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

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Alumni Newsletter Fall 2019

Congratulations Class of 2019 graduates!



This year the Honors College had 101 graduates from fall 2018 and spring 2019. Listed below are all of our graduates from the Class of 2019.

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| Chloe Agostino | Callie Herman | Daniel Pearce |
| Austin Allen | Ethan Holland | Clare Perry* |
| Eina Arnes | Sarah Hornell | Morgan Phillips |
| Scarlett Anthony | Todd Hyton | Megan Piggott* |
| Avery Apperson | Shamir Jamadar | Carra Powell |
| Kristen Barnes | Matthew Joyner | Conor Pumphrey |
| Dominique Bellard | Carly Joshi* | Katharine Ray |
| Cleopatra Bergmann | Aden Kaula | Lilla Brooks |
| Victoria Bishop | Erma Kelly | Adelaide Robbina* |
| Jessica Bland | Kelly Krambe | Gabby Rutak |
| Briana Bowrey* | Megan Kocopa* | Casey Sadler |
| Lulia Brown | Betsy Leann | Marina Sharma |
| Katie Brown | Taylor Leposa* | Deryn Smith |
| Jessica Brush | Andrew Li | Lilla Stiemer |

Alumni Profile



Jerri Strickland Honors College alumna '17

Jerri Strickland has found inspiration in many places. After the Honors College alumna received her Bachelor of Science in communication with a minor in science from East Carolina University in 2017, she received her Masters from San Diego State

degree, Strickland had the opportunity to study abroad in the Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. While overseas, she helped to design a health campaign for German men to eat a more balanced diet and was a caretaker for an eighty-year-old Greek woman. "My experiences have helped me realize that traveling expands the mind and you shouldn't limit yourself to research opportunities," she said.

Strickland's own research delved into health campaigns, message design, and doctor-patient interaction. For her thesis, she explored how cancer patients use the word "time" and had access to over two and a half years of conversations between an oncology patient, her family, her friends, the doctors, nurses, and other medical staff. She found that patients use conversations revolving around time to express complex emotions. "Our hope is to take this study and apply it to continuing education for medical professionals to shed light on how conversations as seemingly trivial as the length of an upcoming appointment can provide insight into the emotional wellbeing of a patient," she said.



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