

# **TopScholarStories:** Issue – March 2018

News of our Top Scholars and Alumni:

**Carolina, 1801, Horseshoe, McNair and Stamps Scholars**

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## **Current Scholars:**

### **Carolina Scholar Casey Brayton (Class of 2019) named Truman Scholar Finalist**

. . . . . The Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs is pleased to announce that **Casey Brayton** has been named a Truman Scholar Finalist. Highly competitive and prestigious, the \$30,000 Truman Scholarship is awarded to approximately 60 juniors nationally for superior academic ability, a strong record of service and leadership, and plans for careers in public service.

<https://www.sc.edu/ofsp/news/2018-trumanfinalist.shtml>

### **Stamps Scholar Nancy Jones (Class of 2021) is a part of leadership program for women**

. . . . . “Women LEAD is holding a six-week program this spring centered around developing leadership skills and self-awareness. “It’s the part of my week I look forward to most,” said Nancy Jones, a first-year international business and economics student.

<http://www.dailygamecock.com/article/2018/02/women-lead-program>

### **McNair Scholar Austin Coale works inside and outside the box**

. . . . . “**Austin Coale** isn’t an outside-the-box kind of guy. He’s all about what’s inside the box, namely the fresh fruits and vegetables he gets to those who need them. After volunteering with Harvest Hope Food Bank his freshman year and working last summer with the FoodShare program on Harden Street in Columbia, the Honors psychology sophomore began delivering boxes of produce to USC students last semester.”

[http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/honors\\_college/about/news/2018/bringing\\_in\\_the\\_greens.php?utm\\_source](http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/about/news/2018/bringing_in_the_greens.php?utm_source)

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[UofSC Today Feb 12 2018&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_fb5e576816-fba86577de-48115401](http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/about/news/2018/bringing_in_the_greens.php?utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fb5e576816-fba86577de-48115401)

### **Carolina Scholar Caroline Fairey is a staff writer for the Garnet & Black magazine**

. . . . . Article: *The limit does not exist — USC’s plan for a sustainable future.*

<http://www.gandbmagazine.com/article/2017/11/the-master-plan>

## **Alumni:**

### **Carolina Scholar Alumna Molly Walker Cashman opens Blue Moon Specialty Foods with her dad**

. . . . . Chris “Wishbone” Walker, a self-proclaimed quintessential “vertical foodie,” started Blue Moon Specialty Foods in 2006, bringing food from seed to sauce. The business was one of the earliest vendors at the Hub City Farmer’s Market and quickly outgrew its space on East Henry Street. **Walker’s daughter, Molly Cashman, helps run the business today.**

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20180224/5-new-features-inside-blue-moon-specialty-foods>

### **Carolina Scholar Alumna Sarah Hammond's New Musical String Receives World Premiere**

. . . . Village Theatre is excited to announce the World Premiere of *String*, a brand-new story with a mythological twist by award-winners **Sarah Hammond (book)**, and Adam Gwon (music & lyrics), and direction by Brandon Ivie. A fun and fresh fable about fate, love, and the imperfections that make us human, *String* is an original story about three sisters - goddesses known as the Fates - who are responsible for spinning, measuring, and snipping the String of Life.

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/seattle/article/Adam-Gwon-And-Sarah-Hammonds-New-Musical-String-Receives-World-Premiere-20180221>

### **McNair Alumna in the news about signs of violent behavior**

. . . . Columbia, SC (WLTX) – “It's difficult to understand why violence happens and to predict when it will happen. It's even more difficult to predict who will be violent in the future, **but Jo Mason, M.D.** said there are some risk factors to look for... **Mason is a psychiatrist with Palmetto Health USC Medical Group.**

<http://www.wltx.com/mobile/article/news/local/noticing-signs-of-violent-behavior-in-children/101-522297696>

### **Noblis named Most Ethical Company; General Counsel is a Carolina Scholar Alumna**

. . . . “This award recognizes Noblis’ commitment to integrity and our promise to continue to strive to live our mission and values in all we do,” said **Lauren McGinley, Noblis Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer.** “We remain committed to doing business with the highest standards of ethical behavior. Operating from a foundation of shared principles not only benefits us internally, but also it fosters trust and accountability with those who we serve.” **McGinley (nee Griswold) is a 1998 Carolina Scholar and USC graduate.**

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2018/02/prweb15204931.htm>

### **Scholar Alumni live across the big blue ball (feat. Carolina Scholars Ron Edwards and Emily Padgett)**

. . . . “For the past 15 years, **Ron Edwards, '02 anthropology**, has lived in Bangkok. That’s more than 80 percent of his adult life, he points out. So when he says “It’s a small world,” he’s confident about his reasoning. “You’re never more than a day or so from almost anywhere,” he observes. “I’ve come across USC alumni in cities from Bangkok to Paris.”

[http://www.sc.edu/uofsc/posts/2017/12/big\\_blue\\_ball.php?utm\\_source=%40UofSC+Today&utm\\_campaign=e7cb58fd54-UofSC+Today+Jan+02+2018&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_fb5e576816-e7cb58fd54-48115401#.WkudATdOm70](http://www.sc.edu/uofsc/posts/2017/12/big_blue_ball.php?utm_source=%40UofSC+Today&utm_campaign=e7cb58fd54-UofSC+Today+Jan+02+2018&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fb5e576816-e7cb58fd54-48115401#.WkudATdOm70)