

TopScholarStories: *Issue – May 2018*

News of our Top Scholars and Alumni:

Carolina, 1801, Horseshoe, McNair and Stamps Scholars

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Current Scholars:

Two Top Scholars recognized by Goldwater Foundation

. . . . Juniors **Casey Brayton and Noemi Glaeser** have been recognized by the Goldwater Scholarship: Brayton was named a scholar and Glaeser was named an honorable mention.

https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/fellowships_and_scholar_programs/news/national_fellowships_news/2018/26th%20Consecutive%20Year%20USC%20Students%20Earn%20Goldwater%20Scholarship.php

Carolina Scholar Casey Brayton named Truman Scholar and Goldwater Scholar

. . . . Junior **Casey Brayton's** passion for oceanography was ignited when she decided to join her high school's National Ocean Sciences quiz bowl team. It was a good complement to her other interest — math, the subject her father taught her early on was “the language of life.”

http://www.sc.edu/uofsc/posts/2018/04/2018_truman_scholar.php#.WulwM5cpC70 and on the Truman Scholarship website, <https://www.truman.gov/whats-new/2018-truman-scholars>

Related:

<https://scbiznews.com/news/education/74256/>

<http://www.midlandsanchor.com/uofsc-student-from-irmo-named-truman-scholar-finalist/>

Five Top Scholars and Scholar alumni win National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships

. . . . While an official release is forthcoming, we can announce that three current senior scholars have won NSF GRF awards, and two alumni have also won fellowships. Current seniors are: **Carolina Scholar Mara Cowen and McNair Scholars Kayla Gardner and Erica Maissy. Alumni are Carolina Scholar Luke Havens and McNair Scholar Rachel Smoak.**

An official list is located here: <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/AwardeeList.do?method=loadAwardeeList>

Three Freshman Top Scholars Win UK Summer Fulbrights

. . . . While not officially released, we can share that **Stamps Scholars Ellie Lord and Robert Magee, and Carolina Scholar Jeremy Ward,** have all been awarded scholarships to attend UK Summer Fulbright Institutes. More information will be forthcoming, but to read about these exceptional summer experiences, visit

<http://www.fulbright.org.uk/going-to-the-uk/uk-summer-institutes>

McNair Scholar Jane Marryat wins DAAD Rise Summer Research Internship

. . . . **Jane Marryat,** a sophomore biology major, will be working in a lab this summer in Bayreuth, Germany at the University of Bayreuth, studying pathways involved in motor neuron diseases in yeast cells.

To learn more about her award, visit <https://www.daad.de/rise/en/>

Alumni:

Carolina Scholar Alumna Blakeley Hoffman Payne reflects on the “Grad Life” at MIT

. . . . “My undergraduate degrees were in mathematics and computer science from the University of South Carolina. I remember explaining to people that I was learning to write instructions for computers or reassuring them that higher mathematics is more interesting and less traumatizing than their middle school algebra experience. I always expected graduate school to be more (well, a lot more) of the same.”

<https://alum.mit.edu/slice/grad-life-unexpected-journey>