

# **TopScholarStories:** *Issue – September 2016*

*News of our Top Scholars and Alumni:*

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

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## **News from this past spring:**

### **McNair Scholar wins Department of Energy Fellowship – USC’s First!**

. . . . After a college career of working toward sustainability, fourth-year marine science student **Riley Brady** has been named a winner of the Department of Energy and Computational Science Graduate Fellowship.

<http://www.dailygamecock.com/article/2016/04/student-wins-prestigious-graduate-fellowship>.

### **Carolina Scholar: From horseback to heavy lifting**

. . . . **Madeleine Giess'** dream of riding in equestrian events at the Olympics didn't pan out — but it led her to another one, weight lifting, and to her current major and academic passion: exercise science.

<http://schc.sc.edu/news/madeleine-giess-horseback-heavy-lifting>

## **News from this past summer:**

### **Carolina Scholar Alumna wins Conservationist Educator of the Year**

. . . . **Chanda Cooper**, Richland County Conservation Commission’s education program coordinator, has put together some unique activities to get children and adults interested in environmentalism. Whether it’s making tree costumes with a classroom of children or having a group of teachers write raps and songs about water droplets, Cooper knows how to make conservation education interactive and fun.

<http://coladaily.com/2016/06/20/richland-county-conservationist-named-educator-of-the-year/>

### **McNair Scholar spends summer at NOAA**

. . . . **Casey Brayton** spent her summer at NOAA and ended up writing three articles that appear on the organization’s website. Below is the link to the first one:

<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/news/jun16/how-is-coral-bleaching-affecting-sanctuaries.html>

### **UofSC welcomes another class of Top Scholars**

. . . . The University of South Carolina will welcome some of the nation’s and the state’s top students for the university’s most valuable and prestigious scholarship program. Recipients of the Stamps, Carolina and Hamilton scholar awards for in-state students and the McNair awards for out-of-state students will join the Carolina community in August.

[http://www.sc.edu/uofsc/announcements/posts/2016/06/top\\_scholars\\_named.pcf.php#.V2fnDqJUg0E](http://www.sc.edu/uofsc/announcements/posts/2016/06/top_scholars_named.pcf.php#.V2fnDqJUg0E)