

PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLAR

GRADUATES 2010

CAROLINA CENTER
FOR PUBLIC SERVICE



"The Public Service Scholars program
has changed the way I see the world."

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"The Public Service Scholars program has been an essential part of my UNC experience. Its requirements set a high standard which I strove to achieve and go far beyond. Through service, classes, and skills trainings, my four years at Carolina have been immensely enriched and changed for the better. The various social issues my service has focused on have now become lifelong passions which I will continue to work with beyond my college years."

Welcome



Carolina is a university that prides itself on the commitment that we have to public service. The way in which we combine teaching, research and service sets us apart from a lot of other universities. When it comes to public service at Carolina, our students are leading the way – a fact that was recognized recently when we were selected as a Presidential Award winner of the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The 2010 class of Public Service Scholars demonstrates why.

The students featured here exemplify the work that Carolina students are doing every day to make a difference. On the one hand, it is absolutely remarkable. But on the other hand, it is exactly the kind of thing that we have come to expect – they are absolutely committed to making this a better world.

Public service is a part of who we are at Carolina, and as you read about these outstanding graduates, you will understand why we are so proud of what they have accomplished.

Please join me in offering our congratulations for their impressive accomplishments and thanks for continuing the proud traditions of Carolina.

H. Holden Thorp
HOLDEN THORP

CHANCELLOR, THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL



Congratulations to the graduating Public Service Scholars Class of 2010! Here at the Carolina Center for Public Service, we have seen what an outstanding group of students this is, and I am sure you will agree after reading about all

they have done during their time in the Public Service Scholars Program. They have brought a passion and commitment to serving communities throughout the state, the nation and the world. While serving they have also learned important lessons that they will carry with them as they leave Chapel Hill.

I am sure they join me in thanking all those who supported them in accomplishing their goals to make a difference during their time at Carolina. In addition to Carolina faculty and staff, the dedicated community agencies and untold numbers of individuals with whom they worked deserve our appreciation for the encouragement and opportunities they provided.

We hope this bulletin will honor all those involved and serve as a reminder of what can happen when people come together to make a difference.

Lynn W. Blanchard

LYNN W. BLANCHARD

DIRECTOR, CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Program Overview

The Public Service Scholars (PSS) program provides a framework and motivation for more than 2,100 students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to strengthen and maintain their commitment to serving communities throughout North Carolina, the nation and the world.

During this time of economic uncertainty, now more than ever, communities and individuals rely upon volunteers to offer critical support and create sustainable change. Since 2003, **3,700** PSS participants have logged more than **557,000** hours of service, which translates to an estimated value of **\$11,279,250**.* The social worth of the students' work far exceeds the financial value of their service hours.

PSS encourages students to learn about and practice public service and engagement beyond the scope of traditional volunteerism, including organizational service, policy and advocacy work, social entrepreneurship, community participatory research, and philanthropy.

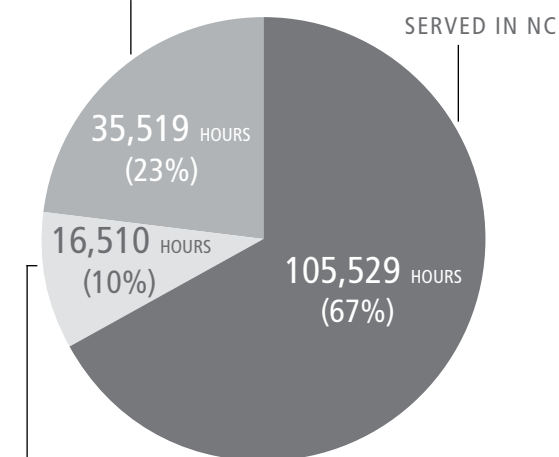
The program is open to all full-time undergraduate students with at least four semesters remaining. To complete the program, students must meet the following criteria:

- An orientation session
- 300 documented hours of service
- One service-learning class
- Four skills trainings
- A senior service portfolio
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5

*According to Independent Sector, the estimated dollar value of volunteer time was \$20.25 per hour for 2008.

2009 HOURS OF SERVICE

SERVED INTERNATIONALLY



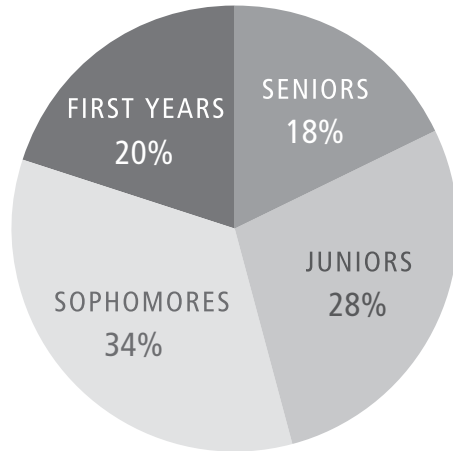
SERVED IN OTHER STATES

TOTAL HOURS = 157,558

ESTIMATED VALUE OF SERVICE = \$3,190,550*

Participants

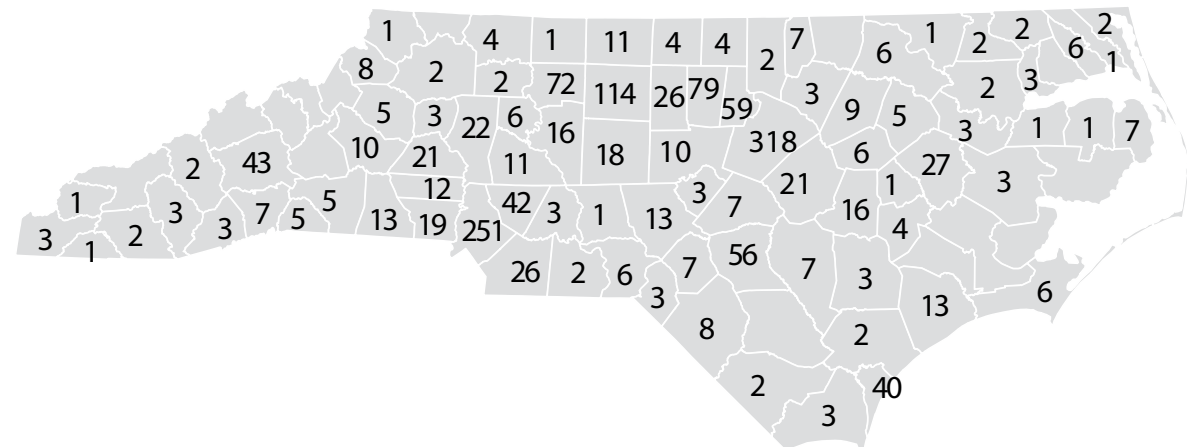
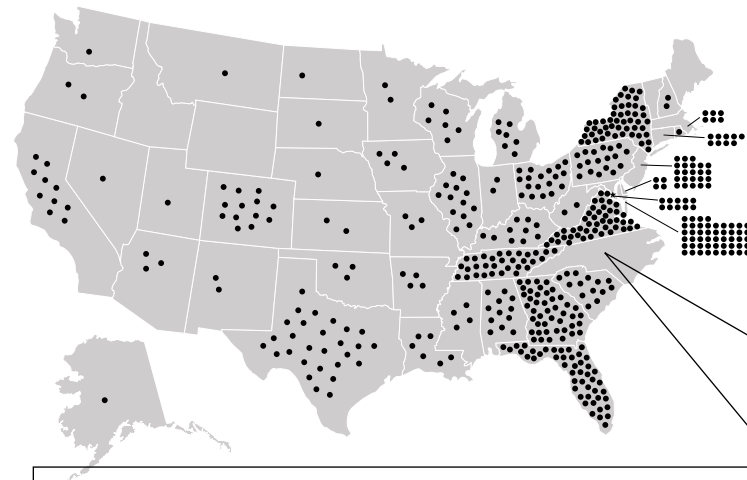
CLASS YEAR



MAJOR

Participants represent
74% of all majors at Carolina.

HOMETOWN



Goals and Outcomes

Each year, senior PSS participants evaluate the program's impact to determine whether it is meeting its goals and objectives. A sampling of results from the spring 2009 survey is below:

PROVIDE A STRUCTURED PLAN FOR STUDENTS TO BECOME DEEPLY ENGAGED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND PROMOTE VARYING DIMENSIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE, INCLUDING ORGANIZATIONAL, POLICY AND PHILANTHROPY DOMAINS:

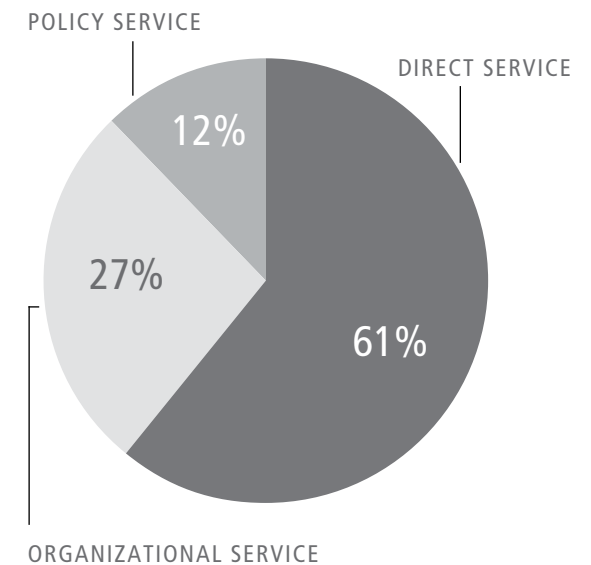
- **87%** broadened their view/definition of public service.
- **90%** reported being exposed to opportunities they may not have heard about otherwise.

FOSTER CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY, ITS STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY:

- **100%** developed a sustained commitment to an agency where they performed service.

"The program gave me many different opportunities to do public service. I didn't really know what all could be done before Public Service Scholars."

SENIORS' EXPERIENCE WITHIN THREE DIMENSIONS OF SERVICE:





DEVELOP STUDENTS' SKILLS FOR QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICE:

- **67%** developed new skills or enhanced current skills as a result of completing the skills trainings.

ADVANCE THE UNIVERSITY'S MISSION OF SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT:

- **80%** increased their commitment to public service through involvement in the Public Service Scholars program.
- **92%** are more likely to engage in public service in the future and **96%** plan to incorporate public service into their career plans.

"Without the Public Service Scholars program, my community service efforts would not have been organized and I would not have been challenged to learn more about my community, find more agencies to get involved with, or learn new skills."

Continued Impact

Public Service Scholar alumni (classes 2005–2008) completed a survey documenting the impact of the program on their lives and careers since graduation. They were asked about their personal commitment to service, the degree to which they still engage in service, and their career path. A sampling of outcome data is below:

INFLUENCE ON COMMITMENT TO SERVICE:

- **96%** continue to engage in public service at a high or moderate degree.

“The Public Service Scholars program opened my eyes to the potential impact I can have on a person’s life, and showed me that by changing someone’s life, we can just as well change our own.”

INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

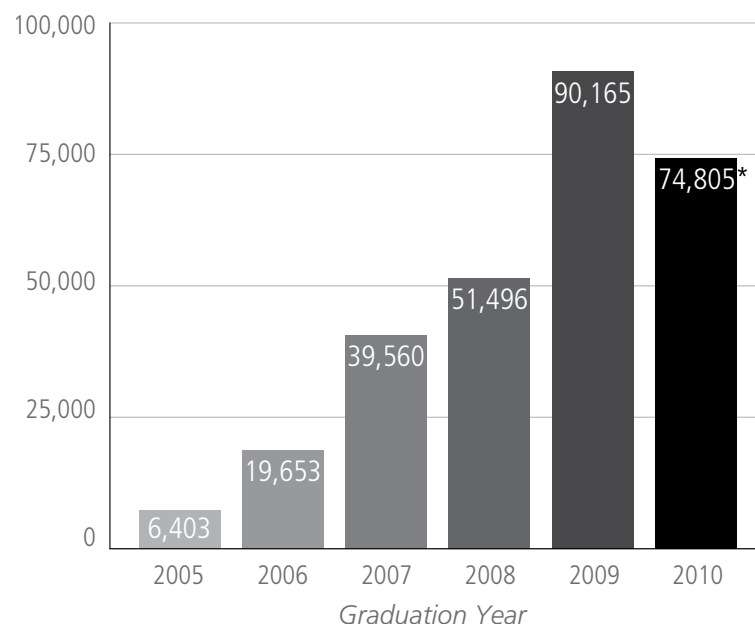
- **95%** report that they are likely to seek out a career in the nonprofit/public sector in the future.
- **54%** are currently employed in the nonprofit/public sector.
- An **“opportunity to make a meaningful contribution”** was ranked as the top influence on their current job choice.

“My community involvement as a Public Service Scholar continues to shape my active understanding of some of the unique issues faced within diverse populations. My experiences have helped me to see that I not only hope to add to the body of academic knowledge that guides social progress but to drive change through community empowerment.”

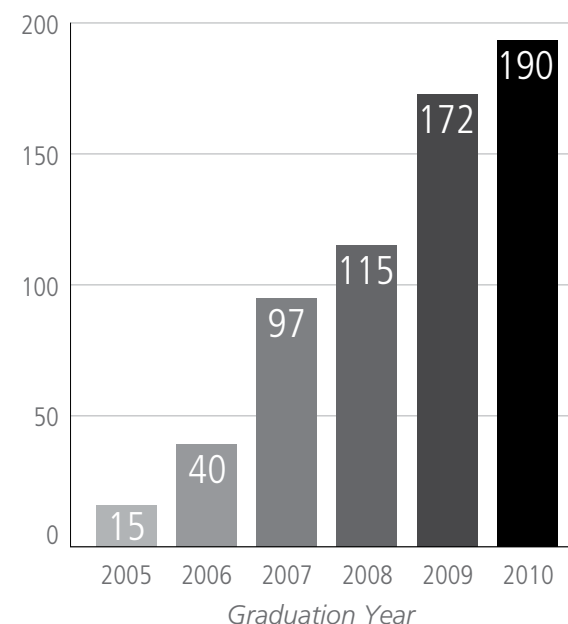
Legacy of Service

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with an avenue for expressing my values of service and community engagement. The program reminds me that I am a citizen of the world and that I should practice responsible citizenship by being knowledgeable of issues and intentional in my actions to address them."

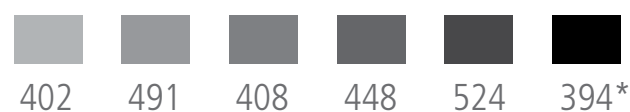
TOTAL HOURS OF SERVICE,
PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLAR GRADUATES



NUMBER OF PUBLIC SERVICE
SCHOLAR GRADUATES



AVERAGE NUMBER OF SERVICE HOURS PER GRADUATE



*Totals as of 2/25/10. Additional hours will be reported at graduation.

Public Service Scholar Graduates

TOP FIVE SERVICE FOCUS AREAS OF '10 GRADUATES

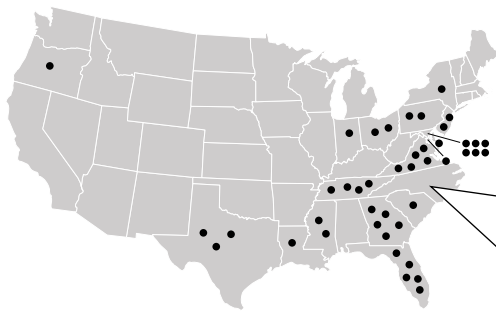
1. Children and Youth
2. Health
3. Education
4. Social Justice
5. Hunger and Homelessness/Poverty

TOP FIVE MAJORS OF '10 GRADUATES

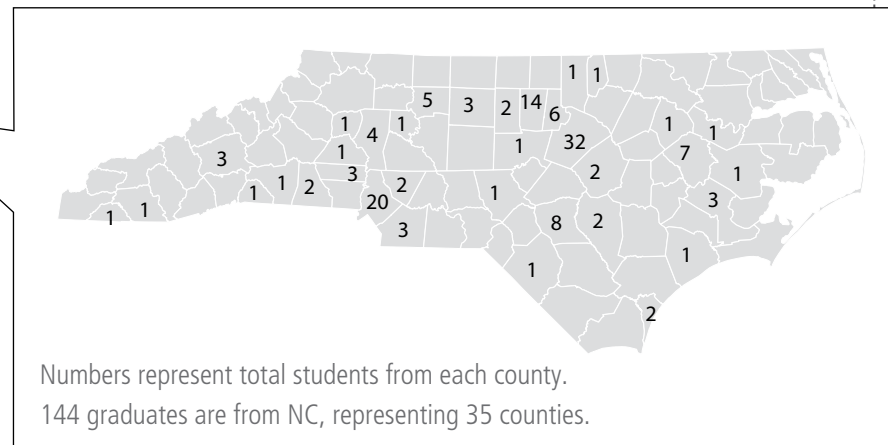
1. Chemistry
2. Biology
3. Spanish (Romance Languages)
4. Psychology
5. Sociology and International Studies*

** tied for ranking*

HOMETOWNS OF '10 GRADUATES



Each dot represents one '10 PSS graduate.
Three students are from outside the U.S.



Please see the index for an alphabetical listing of the graduates with their home state and county (if from NC).

"The Public Service Scholars program allowed me to develop a passion for service and a dedication to social change. As I engaged in a multitude of service opportunities throughout the world, I gained an understanding of social inequities one does not recognize from textbooks. This program fostered my interests and allowed me to realize vocational goals for the future."



AKSHAY AHUJA
FAYETTEVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Applied Sciences

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Habitat for Humanity
 - Goodwill Industries
 - Cape Fear Valley Hospital

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work in biomedical engineering

"PSS provided me with a great structure to get involved in the community and foster a sense of giving back to the world."



MEGAN ANDERSON
WINSTON-SALEM,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Education

MINOR
Linguistics

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Kidzu Children's Museum
 - Volunteers for Youth, Inc.
 - Inter-Faith Council for Social Service

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for North Carolina public schools

"When you do public service, you have no choice but to realize the inherent connections among people and communities. The leftover food from the man at the homeless shelter will be composted by a Chapel Hill environmental group that employs the father of the child you tutor after school. Invisible but impactful connections are an invention of the silver screen, but a reality of the Triangle area."



NAJLA ARAB
CHAPEL HILL,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Music

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
 - Homewatch Caregivers
 - Raspberry Ridge String Camp

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Nursing school

"I have expanded my range of service activities in a way I never thought possible. I have worked with children, animals, musicians, underprivileged families, foreign refugees, and patients of various degrees. I have gained much appreciation for people of many different backgrounds and situations and have been enriched in the process. I am grateful to those I have served with and for and look forward to similar interactions in the future."



ISABELLA ARCHER
CHAPEL HILL,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
International Studies
Asian Studies

MINOR
French (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro Pacers Running Club
 - APPLES Service-Learning Program
 - Carolina Navigators

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Pursue a Master of French degree at UNC

"This program encouraged me to think deeply and perform not just service, but informed service with a purpose. PSS helped me take the theories and ideas from the classroom out in to real-world situations where I could make a difference in urban poverty, children's health, and international education (you name it). Thanks to PSS, I feel prepared and excited to take on graduate school and hopefully, a career in international education, research, and service."



HANNAH AUTRY
STEDMAN, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Journalism and Mass Communication
Political Science

MINOR
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Alpha Phi Omega
 - Kidzu Children's Museum
 - Special Olympics

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Law school

"Public service has taught me the invaluable gift of giving to something and being a part of something greater than yourself. I am confident that my involvement with the Public Service Scholars program has provided me with the resources to overcome future challenges and help right some of the wrongs we see daily."



JULIAN BACH
CHAPEL HILL,
NORTH CAROLINA

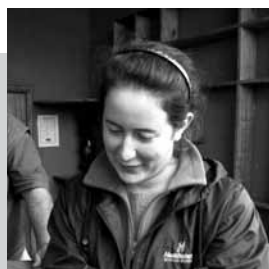
MAJOR
Anthropology

MINOR
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- The Human Rights Center of Chapel Hill and Carrboro
 - Varqa Foundation
 - The Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work with local non-profits and start collective community art projects

"Being part of the PSS program has forced me to examine how my classroom learning compares with my real-world experience. The knowledge one gains from hands-on engagement in one's own neighborhood is incomparable to what any book can offer, however the education that Carolina offers is a great complement to the work that I find myself doing every day. Good grades are nice, however, making a difference should be our ultimate focus I believe."



MAURA BALDIGA
APEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Anthropology
International Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- The Scholars' Latino Initiative
 - Breakthrough Collaborative
 - Olive Leaf Foundation

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program encouraged me to consistently incorporate service work into my undergraduate career at Carolina. My college experience was enriched by the combination of academic students, social justice themes, and community partnerships provided by the program. My time at Carolina and my participation in the Public Service Scholars program furthered my commitment to continue to incorporate service and justice beyond college into my career and life."



MEGAN BALLARD
WILMINGTON,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
International Studies
Political Science

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- YMCA Youth and Government
 - Youth Technical Training Society
 - CasAzul

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work abroad, then law school

"I have worked to develop the needs of children living in the deepest levels of poverty on completely opposite sides of the world. These challenging, astounding, international experiences have solidified my lifelong commitment to global service."



TIFFANY BATTLE
ROCKY MOUNT,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Sociology

MINOR
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
 - Kidzu Children's Museum
 - Abbey Court Human Rights Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Nonprofit work, then graduate school

"Instead of career goals I have life aspirations. The Public Service Scholars program has shown me that if I have helped at least one person grow stronger, work harder, or build higher then I have done my job to make an impact in society."



ELENA BEIDLER
GREENSBORO,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Art and Art History

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
 - Orange County Animal Shelter
 - UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"Public Service Scholars encouraged me to participate in community outreach and volunteering. I was able to find a lot of new resources and organizations through the weekly emails. The service hours log helped me to organize my activities and keep track of the hours worked. I know that I will continue volunteering in the health care, animal care and education fields in the future."



RAHMIN BENDER
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

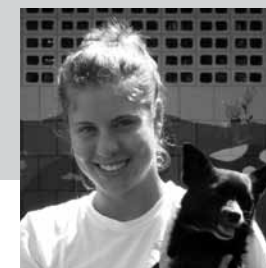
MAJOR
Public Policy

MINOR
Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Baha'i Club
 - Carolina Center for Public Service
 - UNC Public Policy Clinic

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Serve at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel

"Due to the Public Service Scholars program, I have gained indispensable skills, excellent professional connections, and had ample opportunities to serve in the community and abroad. Through internships, service in the community, and course work, I have been able to meld all I've learned to make a more effective and cogent public servant."



CHRISTINE BENEDICT
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology
Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- International Student Volunteers
 - UNC Research Labs
 - Phi Mu

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Physician assistant school

"Helping and working with people, whether helping directly by teaching English or indirectly by running a 5K for fundraising, I found that I truly have a passion to be around people. By discovering this passion, I have felt more secure with my decision to go to PA school in order to continue working with and helping people in need."



SAMANTHA BIVINS
WINSTON-SALEM,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Psychology

MINOR
Music

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA
 - Native Health Initiative

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Nursing school, then graduate school

"PSS has pushed me to do what I already loved doing, which was serving. However, the program has made me think more critically about the projects I've invested in and how it will apply to my future."



SHANNON BOOKER
APEX, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Circle K
 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
 - Relay for Life

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program has given me the inspiration to pursue service in many different areas, from seniors to children to public health projects. Service has added another dimension to my college experience, allowing me to leave the academic world and instead spend time assisting others. It has also cemented my desire to become a medical doctor, a profession that will utilize the skills I have learned through PSS here to serve others for a lifetime."



MARION BOULICAULT
LONDON, ENGLAND

MAJOR
Environmental Sciences and Studies
Philosophy

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
 - Native Health Initiative
 - Native American Diversity Awareness Partnership

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program pushed me to really think about what it means to do service. The relationships I've built with those I have been serving (and who have in turn been serving me) have been an invaluable part of my college experience. I hope to bring this ethos of service with me as I leave Carolina and enter into the next stage of my life."



KATELAND BRANCH
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Nutrition (Public Health)

MINOR
Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Connected Learning Program: HIV/AIDS and Women's Empowerment
 - UNC Hospitals
 - Rex Hospital

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"I've learned the power of simply being there for someone in the midst of a crisis. I will continue to seek opportunities to engage in public service, but more importantly, I will seek to engage in public service whenever I can, wherever I can. "Being there for someone" is not so much a physical location as it is a state of mind, a way of life."



KATHERINE BRANDON
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Journalism and Mass Communication

MINOR
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Dance Marathon
 - Orange County Animal Shelter
 - The White House

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for a non-profit in D.C.

"The Public Service Scholars program has given me the opportunity to develop my passion for service. I have worked with a variety of service organizations during my time at UNC, and the lessons learned from these experiences will stay with me for the rest of my life as I pursue a career in public service."



JENNIFER BRANDT
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Journalism and Mass Communication

MINOR
English

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Beijing Olympic Committee for the Olympic Games
 - UNC Dance Marathon
 - Phi Mu Children's Miracle Network

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"This program has truly been a great experience. I got involved in many activities I wouldn't have even heard about without the Public Service Scholars program. I've always been heavily involved in public service and participating in the Public Service Scholars program simply underscores the fact that public service is an aspect of my life that I plan to continue after my collegiate career."



BYRON BROWER
EAGLE SPRINGS,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Sociology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Minority Association for Pre-Health Students
- North Carolina Health Careers Access Program
- Extended Disaster Relief

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Physician assistant school

"Despite our differences, we are all essentially the same. Instead of fighting against each other, we should work together for a common good!"



MORGAN BROWN
WINSTON-SALEM,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Journalism and Mass Communication
International Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services
- Compassion International
- Mission Emanuel

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Law school

"The Public Service Scholars program has opened my eyes and expanded my vision of what it means to serve my neighbors, and has stretched me in every direction. I now have a greater appreciation of public service as something that involves the whole community. Only by working together will we be able to make a true and lasting impact on the world around us."



LAUREN BURIANEK
CORNELIUS,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Chemistry

MINOR
Biology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Circle K
- Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina
- Residence Hall Association

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Graduate school

"This program has strongly impacted my undergraduate experience. It encouraged and challenged me to step outside of my comfort zone to serve and take an active part in a community that was so new to me at first. I can thank PSS for several new friends and for providing an outlet of service that created amazing, life changing experiences."



BLAIR BYRUM
WEDDINGTON,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
English
Economics

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Habitat for Humanity
- North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program
- Service and Leadership Living and Learning Community

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Law school

"My experiences through the Public Service Scholars program altered the range and depth of my knowledge about social issues, and cemented my belief that helping others and helping the environment is the responsibility of every engaged citizen."



ALISON CANNON
HILLSBOROUGH,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Political Science

MINOR
History

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)
- Chatham Education Foundation
- Alpha Phi Omega

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach For America

"I made my half-awake dreams of equity in education come true through PSS."



EMILY CAREY
TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Education

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- North Carolina Teaching Fellows
- Volunteers for Youth, Inc.
- Relay for Life

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Become a middle school Social Studies, Language Arts, or Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) teacher

"In my work with Public Service Scholars, I have had experiences that I will take with me wherever I go to teach. I want to take the skills and lessons I have learned and pass them on to my students to benefit them and the community. I want to encourage others to be as passionate about helping others as I am, because it is truly one of the most valuable things one can do."



EMILY CARPENTER
LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Sociology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Presbyterian Campus Ministry
- Volunteers For Youth, Inc.
- Orange County Department of Social Services

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Pursue a Master of Social Work

"Being a part of the Public Service Scholars program has given me the tools necessary to continue to serve others in meaningful ways upon graduation. Through various service projects, I have truly learned that one person can make a difference."



KAITLIN CARR
CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Public Policy

MINOR
Business

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- The Scholars' Latino Initiative
- Foundation for Sustainable Development
- Rainbow Soccer

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for Stockamp

"My Public Service Scholars experience has enabled me to effectively channel my service throughout my time at UNC. The service-learning class, trainings, service opportunities, and reflection has truly made my service experience at UNC one of a kind."



SIERRA CARTER
AXTON, VIRGINIA

MAJOR
Psychology

MINOR
Social and Economic Justice

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- TABLE
- Chatham County Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center
- Alternative Winter Break Experience

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Graduate school for Clinical Psychology

"My aspiration to be a clinical psychologist has developed throughout my experiences as a Public Service Scholar at UNC. My community involvement as a Public Service Scholar continues to shape my active understanding of some of the unique issues faced within diverse populations. My experiences have helped me to see that I not only hope to add to the body of academic knowledge that guides social progress but actually drives change through community empowerment."



COURTNEY CHANDLER
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Environmental Sciences and Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Dance Marathon
- Alpha Chi Omega
- Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for a non-profit in D.C., enjoy and engage in life

"The people I've met, and experiences I've been a part of during my three years at Carolina have shaped the way I see service in my future. When I was younger, service was an outlet during the summer which I anticipated throughout the year, now, with the help of the organizations I've worked with while in Public Service Scholars, it's something I see working its way into increasingly more aspects of my life."



YOUN CHU
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology
Psychology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Leadership Institute
- Carolina United
- UNC-Chapel Hill Baccalaureate Education in Science and Teaching

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach high school science

"The Public Service Scholars program provided opportunities to give back to the community I am now a part of."



VAHINI CHUNDI
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology
Psychology

MINOR
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC)
- UNC Hospitals
- NTR Memorial Trust

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program has brought the act of service closer to my heart. It has given me an opportunity to enact change in my community and be an active part of making dreams come true. I am truly honored to have been a part of PSS and upon graduation I plan to continue social service through a career in medicine."



MELANIE COLLINS
JACKSONVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Education
Spanish (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Orange County Animal Services
- Newman Catholic Student Center Parish
- Best Buddies

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Teach in North Carolina

"As a Public Service Scholar, I had many opportunities to explore our world through my faith, friendship, kindness, understanding, and respect for others. In volunteering I am blessed to have discovered my passion in life, which is to work with children so that they can become successful, happy children now and in the future."



JANE COOK
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Business

MINOR

Spanish (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- The Scholars' Latino Initiative
- Service Corps
- Habitat for Humanity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for Accenture in
Charlotte, NC

"Public Service Scholars has motivated me to always include service as an important part of my life. I have realized the huge impact that a passionate, motivated, and hard working person can have to change the lives of others. I hope to develop my business acumen in the working world and bring my knowledge and skills to the non-profit sector."



JAMIE CORCORAN
HUNTERVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Public Policy
Political Science

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Student U.
- The Emily Krzyzewski Center
- School Reading Partners

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Teach elementary school as
a DC Teaching Fellow

"Public Service Scholars has given me the chance to explore my passion for community and education in a meaningful context."



COURTNEY COX
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Nursing

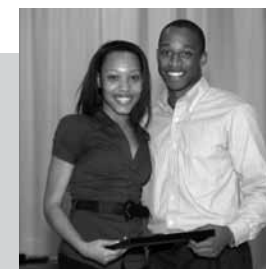
PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Hospitals
- Start for the Heart
- School Reading Partners

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Travel abroad, then work
as a nurse

"Being a member of the Public Service Scholars program has heightened my awareness to areas of need and given me the opportunity to help. PSS has added so much meaning to my college experience and has been a great opportunity to join with other students who are equally as passionate about serving people and the community."



STEPHEN CRAWFORD
SUWANNEE, GEORGIA

MAJOR

Business

MINOR

Spanish (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Movement of Youth
- Black Student Movement
- Habitat for Humanity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Undecided

"I have enjoyed my time with Public Service Scholars. I think that it is a great way to track what you have contributed to the community around you and learn about what others are doing. My experience with the mentoring program, Movement of Youth, has impacted my future plans by prompting my application to Teach For America."



ANDREW DAVENPORT
RUTHERFORDTON,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Biology
Mathematics

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Orange County Rescue Squad
- Human Relations Commission
- Orange County Housing Authority

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Graduate school in
Cancer Biology

"While I personally enjoy the more hands-on approach of direct service, there is definite merit in policy based service. Here is where the real work, especially on a global issue like healthcare, can be accomplished. As I go into the world and hopefully pursue a future in medicine, I intend to keep these lessons learned close to my heart and use them to make a mark on the world."



MEAGAN DAVIS
CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Habitat for Humanity
 - UNC Dance Marathon
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The amazing opportunity to pursue public service during my collegiate years has led me to the discovery and enrichment of my passions-working with children and health care. Service was my most meaningful outlet in college, and I have made many memories and friends in the process. I am happiest when I am serving others, and I will always be dedicated to serving those who are less fortunate."



PRIYA DESAI
HIGH POINT,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Chemistry
International Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Coalition Against Sex Trafficking
 - Triangle Dance Festival for AIDS
 - UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel and work

"Through my experience with Public Service Scholars, I have learned to combine my passions with service-learning. Ultimately, I have been able to learn more about my interests and simultaneously provide service to others."



DEBRA DIXON
CINCINNATI, OHIO

MAJOR
Biology
Spanish (Romance Languages)

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Latin American Association
 - Project Literacy
 - UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The lessons that I have learned while participating in the Public Service Scholars program, I will carry with me as I continue to learn, grow, and serve."



BRIANA DUGGAN
CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
International Studies

MINOR
Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Taller de Accion Comunitaria
 - Youth Involved in Keeping Earth Sustainable
 - Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work abroad

"Serving through educating is a two way road. While the goal of education is to impart on someone's knowledge that you yourself have, it turns out to be a mutually educational experience. A student-teacher relationship is in fact fluid. By forming new bonds and spending time with people outside my normal social sphere, I have learned more about different cultures, people, and communities as a teacher than I have as a student in any classroom."



LEIGH EDMONSON
GREENVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Management and Society
Sociology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Movement to Support Abandoned Minors
 - East Chapel Hill High School, ESL Program
 - The Emily Krzyzewski Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work in the nonprofit sector

"While at Carolina, the Public Service Scholars program allowed me to develop a passion for service and a dedication to social change. As I engaged in a multitude of service opportunities throughout the world, I gained an understanding of social inequities one does not recognize from textbooks. This program fostered my interests and allowed me to realize vocational goals for the future."



EMILY EGAN
LARCHMONT, NEW YORK

MAJOR
Journalism and Mass Communication

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP)
 - Linking Immigrants to New Communities, Campus Y
 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"Public Service Scholars reinforces ideas I really believe in – teaching, learning and leading – and has made me realize that I want to continue helping others throughout my life."



CATHERINE EKELEME
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Anthropology
Interdisciplinary Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Kidzu Children's Museum
- Campus Y
- International Service-Learning

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel to South Africa

"I have really benefited from my time and service with the PSS program. The service and skills trainings I have done thus far have really helped me grow as a person. I have always loved to participate in service but I think the program requirements allowed me to focus on service and allowed me to grow and give myself to others."



DARINE EL-SOURADY
CHAPEL HILL,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
International Studies

MINOR
Anthropology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Piedmont Health Services
- Hogar de Vida
- Adoleisis

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Pursue a Master of Public Health and travel

"My volunteer experiences have helped me build relationships with people I may have not had the opportunity to know otherwise. Through these relationships, I've learned the ways that solidarity and community involvement can make an impact."



BITÁ EMRANI
GREENSBORO,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Health Policy
and Management
(Public Health)

MINOR
Business

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Persian Cultural Society
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- CLP AIDS Awareness Group

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Service and research, then medical school

"My participation in PSS has enabled me to take part in invaluable experiences outside the classroom which have greatly enriched my understanding of the world around me. There are subtle but priceless lessons I have learned from volunteering my time on issues I care deeply about. These lessons and experiences will stay with me forever in my life and will allow me to impact others from the knowledge I have gained from them."



KASSANDRA ENGROFF
LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA

MAJOR
Journalism and Mass
Communication

MINOR
Spanish (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Feminist Women's Health Center
- UNC Dance Marathon
- Habitat for Humanity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel and non-profit work in South Africa

"The Public Service Scholars program has offered me a unique opportunity: through various service activities, it has inspired me to be a leader as well as a team player; an activist as well as a supporter. Most of all, I have learned to be an individual pursuing passions greater than myself. Who could ask for more than leading a life driven by passion?"



JORDAN ENNS
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Spanish (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Hospitals
- Global Brigades
- Circle K

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"Participating in the Public Service Scholars program has been an excellent outlet for me to pursue my love of serving people and has led me to confirm my goals of someday becoming a doctor and bringing bilingual healthcare to the underserved Hispanic populations of our state. I will carry the lessons I've learned over these past four years with me for years to come."



SAMANTHA ESTEVEZ
TAMPA, FLORIDA

MAJOR
History
Women's Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- The Scholars' Latino Initiative
- Tar Heel Outreach Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teaching English in Japan, then medical school.

"The Public Service Scholars program has been an essential part of my UNC experience. Its requirements set a high standard which I strove to achieve and go far beyond. Through service, classes, and skills trainings, my four years at Carolina have been immensely enriched and changed for the better. The various social issues my service has focused on have now become lifelong passions which I will continue to work with beyond my college years."



JEESHAN FARIDI
ASHEVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Chemistry

MINOR
Biology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Delta Sigma Iota, Fraternity Inc.
- Ronald McDonald House
- Seawell Elementary

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program opened up new avenues of service for me to explore. It taught me all of the different ways I could utilize my abilities to make an impact on and contribute to the campus community and beyond. Not only did it instill in me a lifelong love of service, it has also helped me to become a better and more organized individual."



ANNA FINESTONE
GREENVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
International Studies

MINOR
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Project Heal
- Catalyst Conference
- APPLES Service-Learning Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Pursue a Master of Public Health

"The Public Service Scholars program helped inspire my future career goals. My service won't stop after graduation. I hope to continue this method of service-learning throughout my life."



SARA FINESTONE
GREENVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Campus Y
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- The ARC of Orange County

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Clinical research

"The Public Service Scholars program provided me with numerous service and educational opportunities, a way to quantify and record my service work, and a way to network and connect with others involved in service at UNC. I will take the lessons I learned through participating in this program with me in whatever I do next year."



ANIKA FISHER
NEW BERN,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
American Studies

MINOR

Social and Economic Justice

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Carolina R.O.C.T.S.
- UNC Diversity and Multicultural Affairs
- St. Joseph's Community Food Bank

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Graduate studies in Student Affairs or Higher Education Administration

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with an avenue for expressing my values of service and community engagement. The program reminds me that I am a citizen of the world and that I should practice responsible citizenship by being knowledgeable of issues and intentional in my actions to address them. I plan to continue to use my gifts to improve humanity as long as I am able, wherever I may be."



LISA GARLAND
HILLSBOROUGH,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Sociology

MINOR

Social and Economic Justice

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- El Centro Latino
- Orange County Animal Services
- Planned Parenthood

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"My four years at UNC would not have been as wonderful had I not participated in the Public Service Scholars program. Volunteering with many different organizations was rewarding and challenging. Because of PSS, I found my true calling, teaching sexual and reproductive health education to youth, and for that I will always be grateful. I now know how I want to change the world and make it a better place."



BRYAN GASTON
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

MAJOR

Sociology
Religious Studies

MINOR

Music

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- TABLE
- Habitat for Humanity
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"Public service has been a central part of my Carolina experience, and the Public Service Scholars program has been a great way for me to connect with other service-oriented students and to find concrete ways to help those in need."



ANNELIESE GEGENHEIMER
UPPER ARLINGTON, OHIO

MAJOR
Business
Asian Studies

MINOR
Information Science

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Students for Students International
 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro PTA Thrift Shop
 - Sustain Foundation

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for IBM Global Business Services

"The Public Service Scholars program has given me opportunities to connect with exciting organizations, meet new people, and participate in skill building trainings and programs. My experiences in the PSS program have taught me how teaching others tools for success can be just as powerful as using those tools myself."



BRITTANY GILES
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

MAJOR
Health Policy and Management (Public Health)

MINOR
Anthropology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Sister to Sister Positive HOPE Project
 - APPLES Service-Learning Program
 - UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work in the field of community health and organizing, then pursue a dual Master of Public Health and Social Work degree

"For me, service is a way of life. It is a way to show people, even those you may never meet, that they will never be forgotten. I serve not because I want my name to be remembered, but because I want someone to feel and know that I remembered them."



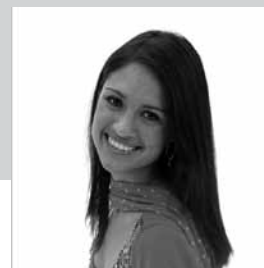
THOMAS GINN
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MAJOR
Economics
Mathematics

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Millennium Village Project
 - ONE Campaign
 - CARE USA

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"As a Public Service Scholar, I have found my future career path in development research. My experiences have been rewarding, formative, not to mention lots of fun. I look forward to continue my momentum from Carolina into my career dedicated to public service."



NIKITA GOEL
MORRISVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Psychology
Biology

MINOR
Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Hindu Society of North Carolina
 - UNC Hospitals
 - Sangam

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"Through my passion and dedication to serving others, I have reached out to different people and become interwoven in their lives, shared my knowledge in hopes to make a difference, and found a true purpose in life, something I hope to continue through medicine. Albert Einstein once said, "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile" and I believe that Public Service Scholars has allowed me to make my life worthwhile through serving others."



ANGELA GRAHAM
LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Business

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Relay for Life
 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
 - Carolina Cross Connection

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"Public Service Scholars was a great way to hold myself accountable for doing public service and for providing numerous opportunities and ways to become involved. It is amazing how many groups and organizations are in existence because of volunteers at PSS. I have made lasting memories while being involved in public service at UNC. This program has developed in me a passion for public service and a desire to continue volunteering long after graduation."



BRAD GREEN
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- American Red Cross
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work as an EMT

"One thing I really love about PSS is the people it has connected me with, from my hall mates on the Service and Leadership hall in Ehringhaus, to the great people I work with on Autism research. It really has shown me that the most important part of any job is the people you work with."



MARY SALEM GREGORY
CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Psychology
Spanish (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Big Buddy
- UNC Dance Marathon
- Spanish School
Reading Partners

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Teach English in Spain

"PSS has been a great experience for me over the last four years. The program is a great tool in allowing me to continue to serve others in numerous capacities and learn about all areas of service through experience, classes and leadership trainings."



ANSHU GUPTA
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Journalism and Mass
Communication
French (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Sangam
- North Carolina Outward
Bound School
- Diaspora

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Undecided

"I learned so much about myself through the PSS program at UNC."



JILLIAN HAAC
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

MAJOR

Applied Sciences

MINOR

Biology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Engineering
World Health
- World Camp for Kids
- Alpha Phi Omega

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Graduate school in
Biological Engineering at
KAUST

"Public Service Scholars has allowed me to see that a commitment to public service can be life-long. It has really enriched my time at Carolina and leaves me with a sense of fulfillment at discovering so many different ways that I can have an impact on the lives of others."



KELSEY HAMILTON
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

MAJOR

Journalism and Mass
Communication

MINOR

Art and Art History

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Boys and Girls Clubs of
Greater Memphis
- Coach Write!, Estes
Elementary
- Snowden Elementary

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Undecided

"Public Service Scholars has provided me with many opportunities to show my passion for service while striving to reach my goals in the program. I have had so many rewarding experiences and have really felt that I have made an impact in the lives of others."



MEREDITH HANSEN
TAYLORSVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Biology

MINOR

Chemistry

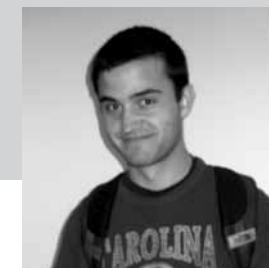
PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Camp Celebrate
- UNC Hospitals
- Orange County Rape
Crisis Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Nursing school

"Privileged and responsibility are two sides of the same coin."



BRIAN HANYOK
YARDLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

MAJOR

Business

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Students Advancing In
Leadership (SAIL)
- UNC Dance Marathon
- The National
Constitution Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work for Sageworks
in Raleigh

"My experiences in the Public Service Scholars program have made me realize my passion for helping others to learn and succeed, and have provided me with the tools needed to make an impact in this area. In the future, I plan to continue tutoring and mentoring others as a service endeavor and, eventually, as a manager during my career."



KATHERINE HARRIS
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

MAJOR
Communications Studies

MINOR
French (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Kidzu Children's Museum
- Young Life
- Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocate Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Graduate school for Speech-Language Pathology

"The Public Service Scholars program motivated me to exchange occasional volunteering for truly dedicating myself to the communities I am serving. Knowing that I have impacted lives during my time at college inspires me to serve every community of which I am a part for the rest of my life."



BRITTANY HILL
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Business

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Helping Youth by Providing Enrichment
- Habitat for Humanity
- Big Brothers Big Sisters

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for General Electric Company

"Through the Public Service Scholars program, I realized the true impact of non-profit organizations and I am passionate about starting my own. There are many social problems in the world, and I feel that social entrepreneurship is an excellent start at solving those problems."



HANNAH HODSON
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
English

MINOR
Folklore

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Coach Write!
- Ackland Art Museum
- The Salvation Army

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Graduate school

"Participating in the Public Service Scholars program has enriched my Carolina experience. I feel that through the program I have gained a better sense of community in the town of Chapel Hill and bolstered my commitment to public service."



TIFFANY HOLUNG
WAKE FOREST, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Psychology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- The Women's Center
- Kidzu Children's Museum
- Carol Woods Retirement Community

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"I may not know exactly what I want to do with my life, but thanks to my service in the community, I know exactly who I am and the type of person I want to be."



ARIANA HORVAT
LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Chemistry

MINOR
History

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Relay For Life
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Carolina Cross Connection

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"I believe that one of the most gratifying uses of any given talent is to use that talent to help someone in need. Public Service Scholars has strongly impacted my college experience by offering opportunities to use my abilities to address the many needs of our community. I am now more confident than ever in my desire to pursue a service-directed career."



HOLLY HOSHOR
HAVELOCK, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Nursing

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Dance Marathon
- Victory Junction Camp
- School Reading Partners

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work as a pediatric or labor and delivery nurse.

"The service I took part in during the program helped me to learn the importance of living in today."



GREGORY HOWARD
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

MAJOR
Mathematics
Economics

MINOR
Philosophy

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy
 - Roosevelt Institute
 - The Learning Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work in economic policy

"I learned how small changes can have large impacts on people's well-being."



ELVIRA JASAREVIC
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Asian Studies

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
 - Alterra Clare Bridge
 - UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel to the Middle East and teach, then enter a health care profession.

"The Public Service Scholars program has shown me that service never ends. It did not end in high school and it will not end with college. Our society needs us and as long as our society's needs do not retire, we, Public Service Scholars, can not and will not retire either."



ANALISE JENKINS
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

MAJOR
Biology
Spanish (Romance Languages)

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Global Medical Brigades
 - Alterra Clare Bridge
 - Church World Service

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel through South America, then medical school

"My experience in the Public Service Scholars program has been integral in making me the person I am and in helping me delineate my plans for the future. Through my service activities, I have learned a lot about life, a lot about working together, and a lot about myself. I am truly thankful for the opportunity."



BRITTANY JOHNSON
MAYWOOD, NEW JERSEY

MAJOR
History

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Gold-N-Love
 - Carolina R.O.C.T.S.
 - Habitat for Humanity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Law school

"My experience as a Public Service Scholar, and more importantly a public servant, has helped me to shape my work ethic and understanding of community issues. It has also helped me to realize the power that altruistic service has for the community you serve."



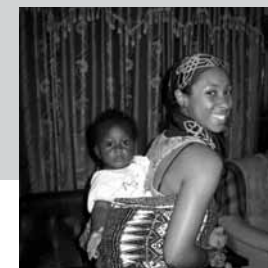
JESSICA JOHNSON
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Geography
African and Afro-American Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Campus Y
 - UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health
 - The American Red Cross

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Pursue a Master of Public Health

"Every day is another opportunity to help change the world and mold others and ourselves into better human beings; once we all remember that purpose, we will see that every day is filled with invaluable opportunities to help others and that we should never pass on giving, as it is a privilege to be in the position to do so."



ADRIANA JONES
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

MAJOR
Psychology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Diversity and Multicultural Affairs
 - Sisterhood Afterschool Program
 - Project Heal, Campus Y

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has been a rewarding experience for me. It has expanded my knowledge on philanthropy and how to positively impact the community. Not only has this program equipped me with the tools to be successful in my future philanthropic endeavors, but it has provided me with enriching experiences and memories that I will never forget."



MEAGAN JONES
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Business
Biology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Dance Marathon
- Lutheran Campus Ministry
- UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to give back to the community in a variety of meaningful ways while exploring my personal interest in health care."



KELLY KILBURN
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Public Policy
International Studies

MINOR

Environmental Sciences
and Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Nourish International
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- UNICEF

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Outdoor education or
travel abroad

"My time spent in Public Service Scholars has been an invaluable part of my college life. Being part of the program gave me a drive and desire to step away from my individualistic college life and get involved in activities making an impact for the larger community. I have learned so much about myself and my desire to work with people; I can truly say that my service in PSS has lent a hand in deciding my future career."



STEPHANIE KISER
SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

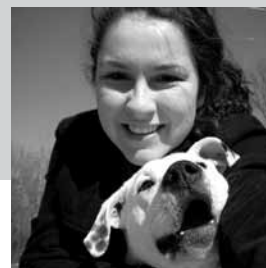
MINOR
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Hospitals
- UNC Global Medical Brigades
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program allowed me to understand the greater social issues that affect our community while developing within me a compassion for others and a lifelong commitment to service that I will carry into my future medical career."



SALLY KNAPP
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

MAJOR
English
Psychology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- Orange County Animal Services
- APPLES Service-Learning Program, Alternative Fall Break

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"Being involved with Public Service Scholars has given me so many opportunities to implement my dream of helping others. Without its guidance I could not have expanded my horizons with such rich volunteering experiences, or learned that service is simply giving to others our most precious commodity, time."



ABIGAIL KNIGHT
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

MAJOR
Chemistry

MINOR

Mathematics

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- UNC Dance Marathon
- Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Fraternity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Graduate school

"The Public Service Scholars program has encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone to become involved with different organizations and projects. The service I have participated in throughout my college experience has definitely supplemented my education, and as I graduate and continue on into a career, I hope that volunteering will remain a significant part of my life."



ANGELA KNOWLES
HAYESVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Mathematics

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Hospitals
- Interservice Christian Fellowship
- American Lung Association

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"Being a part of the Public Service Scholars program has given my service a structure through which I have learned about the world in a way I did not even consider before. If I only focused on my academics at Carolina, I would not be as full and the strong person as I am today."



LINDSAY KORNRUMPF
WAXHAW, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Dance Marathon
 - Relay for Life
 - American Red Cross

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Dental school

"The Public Service Scholars program has allowed me the opportunity to meet people who are as passionate as I am about giving back to the community and those in need of assistance. The program's requirements have opened up my eyes to a variety of service opportunities that most people would not think about and now I can see that service goes beyond just giving a brief period of time to an organization."



MELODY KUNG
POTOMAC, MARYLAND

MAJOR
Psychology
Music

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
 - Box Out for Hunger, Campus Y
 - UNC Dance Marathon

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Graduate school

"As John F. Kennedy once said, 'Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.' Being in the Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to pursue my passion, working with children in the educational setting. I thoroughly enjoyed being in the program and will continue to serve the community and its 'most valuable resource.'"



EPERNAY KYLES
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

MAJOR
Public Policy

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
 - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
 - Gold-N-Love

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach For America or Grassroots Campaign

"The Public Service Scholars program allowed me to see the different aspects of service that we can all engage in--hands on, advocacy, organizational, or philanthropy."



DESIREE LAGRAPPE
HOUSTON, TEXAS

MAJOR
Nursing

MINOR
Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- The Scholars' Latino Initiative
 - Mujeres Avanzando Hacia Nuevas Oportunidades (MANO)
 - Robertson Scholars Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for the Texas Medical Center

"The Public Service Scholars program has helped me be deliberate in my actions by encouraging me to focus my passions towards the causes that matter to me most. I have learned how to deliver positive outcomes by working with communities through the gift of service. I plan to use the experiences and lessons learned as I move forward in my career as a nurse and continue to reach out to those most in need."



JENNIFER LAMAR
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Health Policy and Management (Public Health)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
 - Evergreens Senior Healthcare
 - APPLES Service-Learning Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Attain my North Carolina nursing home administrator license

"My engagement in the Public Service Scholars program provided me a structure to become involved and experience the Carolina Way as a transfer student. I valued this opportunity of learning new skills and continuing my public service efforts."



ALESSONDRA LEAHY
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Global Medical Brigades
 - Alpha Phi Omega
 - Dore Academy

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"I was able to explore new service opportunities and leadership roles."



AMANDA LEE
MORRISVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Hospitals
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- APPLES Service-Learning Program, Peer Tutoring

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Pharmacy school

"Participating in the Public Service Scholars program has been a very rewarding experience. In addition to development in responsibility, commitment, and communication, my service experience has helped me discover new strengths, weaknesses, and interests. Overall, I feel that I have matured a lot as a person, and I'm sure that the skills I have acquired during this experience will definitely be useful to me in the future."



AMANDA LEGER
MOORESVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Information Science

MINOR

Spanish (Romance Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Helping Paws
- Senior Marshals
- Alternative Spring Breaks

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for Credit Suisse as a technical analyst

"Public Service Scholars has been a root source of encouragement for me to contribute to many different communities. Public service has enriched my life and helped me to grow into somebody that I can look back on my college years and be proud of and say, 'Yes, I did make a difference.'"



RYAN LEI
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MAJOR
International Studies
Psychology

MINOR
Music

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- The Carter Center
- Young Democrats

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach For America

"The Public Service Scholars program was instrumental in transforming my understanding of service in a rich and more meaningful way. It helped me to understand that service is holistic, incorporating not only the direct service that is so valuable, but also the learning, the organization, and the advocacy parts of service, without which no effective change could ever be accomplished."



JOSEPH LONG
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

MAJOR
Economics
Political Science

MINOR
History

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Robertson Scholars Program
- Black Student Movement
- Communiversity

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"In the words of Dr. Seuss, 'Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.' The Public Service Scholars program has afforded me the opportunity to increase awareness about an issue that I am passionate about. Due to the experiences that I've gained and the lessons that I've learned, my service will not stop here."



ERICA LUDI
ROSWELL, GEORGIA

MAJOR
Psychology
Spanish (Romance Languages)

MINOR
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- La Tortuga Feliz
- GROW Gardening Project
- UNC Dance Marathon

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Mental health research and medical school

"Being a Public Service Scholar has given me the opportunity to dedicate time to my passions. I have focused on health care, children and the environment and learned that community service is an exchange. Both parties can share, listen and learn from one another. I find happiness and fulfillment in education, protection, service and care of people and the environment and plan to continue to pursue public service in the future."



THOMAS LUNNEY
FAYETTEVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Economics

MINOR
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Global Medical Brigades
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"Being part of PSS has enabled me to truly see the importance of service. I have promised myself that I will devote several years to purely service-based medical work after I finish medical school."



JESSICA LYNCH
MEBANE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Public Policy
Economics

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Helping Youth by Providing Enrichment
 - Movement of Youth
 - Amigos De Las Americas

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Year of service, then law school

"As a child, my grandmother would always tell me, 'to whom much is given, much is expected.' The Public Service Scholars Program has helped me fulfill what is expected of me by volunteering in my community and serving others who have not had the same opportunities I've had."



DANIEL MAGLIOZZI
DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

MAJOR
Biology
Psychology

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Dance Marathon
 - UNC Hospitals
 - YMCA

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
UNC medical school

"My experience with Public Service Scholars has enabled me to dive into several volunteer experiences, some of which I never would have guessed I would be involved in prior to entering college. These fulfilling experiences have not only helped clarify my path in life for the future, but truly helped me discover who I am as a person and furthered my drive to do my part to give back to the world."



MONIKA MANDIR
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Psychology
Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Hogares de la Caridad
 - Carrboro Food Bank, UNC-NOW
 - Mary's House

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Attain a Master of Social Work

"Overall, a rewarding and humbling service experience."



REBECCA MARTIN
HUNTERVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Nursing

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Best Buddies
 - Koinonia Ministries
 - UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"My experience in the Public Service Scholars program has deepened my respect for the dignity and worth of all peoples and renewed my commitment to living a life radically poured out in service to others in the love and power, and to the glory of Jesus Christ. I can't take credit for this heart and passion; it is purely a gift of His grace."



CHRISTOPHER MATHEW
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Health Policy and Management (Public Health)

MINOR
Medical Anthropology
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Dental Ecology
 - Global Medical Brigades
 - Relay for Life

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Healthcare consulting

"Through the Public Service Scholars program, I have been able to enjoy a variety of unique and tailored volunteer experiences that have afforded me many memories, skills, and lessons. PSS has inspired me to spread the spirit of public service in the community. I look forward to building upon these past three years as I embark on life's future endeavors."



MICHELLE MAY
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Applied Sciences

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Alpha Phi Omega
 - Carolinas Medical Center
 - UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work in the biomedical engineering field

"When I enrolled in the Public Service Scholars program, I set a new goal for myself. Not only was I going to graduate from Carolina, but I would also help others along the way. Through volunteering on campus and in the community, this program has provided me with a unique and truly rewarding Carolina experience."



ANDREW MCALLISTER
FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
International Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Sports That Serve
- New Hope Children's Home

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Pursue a Master of Public Health and travel

"My experiences in the Public Service Scholars program taught me lessons in how to invest in others, and motivated me to continue my education through a Master of Public Health to be able to help even more people!"



BRIDGETTE MCDUGAL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Exercise & Sport Science

MINOR

Spanish (Romance Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Camp Royall, Autism Society of North Carolina
- ARC of Orange County
- YMCA of Western North Carolina

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Graduate school for Occupational Therapy

"My experiences in the Public Service Scholars program have been a true blessing. Through service I have found life's purpose. It's not worldly possessions or accomplishments that give meaning to life, but living for others so that they may find hope in acceptance, peace, and love to help us find it within our souls as well. Nothing can surpass the benevolence of combining our greatest passions and abilities to serve the disabled, underprivileged, and neglected."



COLLEEN MCGARY
LEWISVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Chemistry

MINOR

Social and Economic Justice

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- WorldTeach, Namibia
- UNC Dance Marathon
- Boomerang

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work in a biomedical research laboratory

"The Public Service Scholars program embraced my desire to participate in service, but more importantly, challenged me to grow in my methods of performing service, to seek unique opportunities to use my talents in unconventional ways, and to always strive to serve."



ELIZABETH MCINERNEY
CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Psychology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County
- Las Ninas Madalaes
- Saartjie Baartman Centre for Women and Children

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Teach English in Buenos Aires, Argentina

"Public Service Scholars has given me the support, guidance, and help in incorporating community service into my daily life. I cannot imagine my life (past, present, and future) without the mission of serving others."



JULIEANN MCKELLOGG
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Journalism and Mass Communication

MINOR

Women's Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- UNC Dance Marathon
- Special Olympics

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Undecided

"My Public Service Scholar experience will forever be a part of some of my most memorable college experiences. This program has made a permanent impact on me and will no doubt influence my future commitments to service."



JOSEPH MEEKS
HOLLY SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Peace, War and Defense German

MINOR

Asian Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Eno River State Park
- Carolina Microfinance Initiative (CMI)
- Homeless Outreach and Poverty Eradication (HOPE)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Graduate school, then work in international development

"The Public Service Scholars program is unique in that it promotes service not just to the individual academic, but to the campus, community and broader world. It is about using one's skills not just for oneself, but harnessing those skills to help others. I will live these lessons in my future career and life."



SHANNON MENTOCK
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Nutrition (Public Health)
French (Romance
Languages)

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
 - Morehead Planetarium and Science Center
 - Public Health Leadership Alternative Spring Break

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Peace Corps, then medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program really helped me make the most of my time at Carolina by introducing me to individuals and organizations that are passionate about the same issues that interest me. These connections will help me continue my involvement in public service in the future."



JANEL MONROE
FAYETTEVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Communications Studies
Interdisciplinary Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
 - Asaprosar, El Salvador
 - Fayetteville Area Volleyball Association

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Citizen Schools, National Teaching Fellowship

"My experience in the Public Service Scholars program has evolved into much more than what I thought initially. I have finished the program not only proud of my accomplishment but with a sense of purpose that may not have been there before. I know my life passion is to work with students, and volunteering around the world has shown me where my niche is, and how I can serve humanity while satisfying myself as well."



LISANDRA MAISONET
MONTANEZ
FAYETTEVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Peace, War and Defense
Political Science

MINOR
History

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Project Literacy
 - Mujeres Avanzando Hacia Nuevas Oportunidades (MANO)
 - Ruffalo Cody

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Law school

"My future will have many uncertainties, but today, I am without doubt that my life has been deepened by public service. The individuals that I have had the privilege to work with have inspired me beyond anything that I could have ever given them. I would like to thank my parents for teaching me that assisting others is a privilege not an obligation."



JACQUELINE MOSKEL
MOORESVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
History
Communications Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Circle K International
 - Boys and Girls Homes of Lake Waccamaw
 - Troutman Elementary School

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Graduate school

"The Public Service Scholars program has truly enhanced my college experience at Carolina. By integrating community service into my academics I was able to give back to the community in a unique and rewarding way. Through the program I learned that community service is a life-long endeavor that I have only just begun."



RACHAEL MOSSEY
SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA

MAJOR
International Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC)
 - Global Volunteer Network
 - Alianza

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel and work abroad

"Public Service Scholars has encouraged me to pursue many avenues of service. I have become aware of many pressing issues but am confident that I can rise to any challenge by drawing on skills and experiences from my time in the Public Service Scholars program."



ANDREW MOSSMAN
ADVANCE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Exercise & Sport Science

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP)
 - International Student Volunteers
 - Krispy Kreme Challenge

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"I wanted the Earth to be healthy before, but I now know how much effort it actually takes to make a change, but at the same time how simple it can be."



JOHN MUNDELL
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Spanish (Romance Languages)
Latin American Studies

MINOR

African and Afro-American Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Fayetteville Street Elementary School
- Safe Zone, LGBTQ Center
- National Women's Penitentiary

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Graduate school for Spanish Education

"From this program, I have been driven to reach out further than just my own community. I sought service opportunities outside of the Triangle area and outside of the country. I realized how lucky we, as citizens of the First World, truly are. I have encountered people living under circumstances so destitute, it is almost unimaginable. I thank the program for this inspiration to think not only locally, but globally. The experiences were life-changing."



LY NGUYEN
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Biology

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Hospitals
- Circle K
- Vietnamese Student Association

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work in the health field

"The Public Service Scholars program has helped me gain enough experience and confidence to take initiative and participate in volunteer services outside campus organizations. It has given me more than just something to do, but it has helped me build character, meet incredible people, and make a difference in my community, which is self-gratifying."



MINDY NICHAMIN
CARRBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Journalism and Mass Communication
International Studies

MINOR

Geography

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- World Camp for Kids
- Globe Med at UNC
- Pilotos Solidarios

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Undecided

"At its core, service is about people helping people. Volunteering allowed me to cross paths with and learn from strangers who otherwise, I probably would never have met. PSS was an opportunity to impact people's lives while also discovering my passions through service."



SAKET NIGAM
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Mathematics
Economics

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Ekal Vidyalaya
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- Delta Sigma Iota Fraternity, Inc.

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work in sales and trading

"Community service has created bonds with my friends and the communities that we have tried to reach. There are so many opportunities that people can undertake to help the community. I am fortunate to have taken an opportunity that few choose to undertake. From my experiences in Public Service Scholars, I know that I will continue to impact the community in a positive way for the rest of my life."



ALLISON O'CONNELL
PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

International Studies

MINOR

Environmental Sciences and Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Soluciones Comunitarias
- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work as the regional coordinator for Soluciones Comunitarias, Guatemala

"I cannot imagine my time at Carolina without service. PSS was my starting ground for meaningful service. What I have learned about service in relation to self reflection, my peers, and the people and organizations I worked with I will carry with me throughout my life."



SHARON ODAMEY
OWINGS MILLS, MARYLAND

MAJOR

Psychology

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Extended Disaster Relief
- American Red Cross
- Carolina House of Chapel Hill

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Graduate School for Public Health

"To make a 70 year old woman smile because I helped to gut and de-mold her house; to encourage a burn victim that she can play outside because her hair and makeup look fabulous. These are some of the events that have made me appreciate providing service to communities near and far, and these opportunities wouldn't have been realized without help from the Public Service Scholars program."



ADELIA ODOM
CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Political Science

MINOR
Spanish (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES
• UNC Dance Marathon
• Chapel Hill Schools
• APPLES Service-
Learning Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Research in Latin America

"My big brother always said it's the people at Carolina that make this place what it is. After working with Public Service Scholars, I have seen that the people at Carolina have amazing hearts and unrelenting drives. I'm happy to know that while we are leaving Carolina, new generations of students will come here to meet and surpass our successes. And us? We'll be changing the world in our own ways."



HANNAH PARK
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology
Spanish (Romance
Languages)

MINOR
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES
• Global Medical Brigades
• ESL Tutor for Chapel
Hill-Carrboro Schools
• Ronald McDonald
House

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel in Spain and South
Korea, then medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with numerous service opportunities on campus and in the community. Being involved in service throughout my undergraduate career has really enhanced my experience at Carolina. Public Service Scholars has fostered my desire to serve others in the best way that I can. I know that I will continue taking opportunities to serve in the future as I pursue my medical career."



ANNA PARRISH
SMITHFIELD,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Political Science

MINOR
History

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES
• UNC Hospitals
• Relay for Life
• APPLES Service-
Learning Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
AmeriCorps

"I have enjoyed Public Service Scholars so much. It has opened me up to so many new ways to contribute service. It allowed me to stay active in the projects I was already involved with, but showed me new opportunities as well. I think everyone in a University setting should participate in a service organization so that they can really be a part of a community."



JANKI PATEL
LONDON, ENGLAND

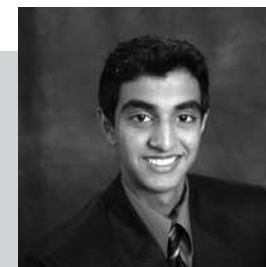
MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES
• APPLES Service-Learning
Program, Alternative
Spring Break
• Art Heels
• Human Rights Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The experience I have gained in the Public Service Scholars program has strengthened my commitment in becoming a doctor as I enjoy providing assistance to those that need it."



NIRAV PATEL
CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES
• Aaj Ka Dhamaka
• Chapel Hill-Carrboro
Human Rights Center
• Extended Disaster Relief

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
AmeriCorps

"This program is a tool of self growth and development. An understanding of the needs of society and the intent of your action is gained from the PSS experience. You also learn to develop passions for what matters most to you. I am all for bringing in resources such as technology to fight poverty and improve the way of life. This program is great for anyone to learn from."



MARY ELLEN PEARCE
CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Environmental Sciences
and Studies

MINOR
Spanish (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES
• Chapel Hill-Carrboro
City Schools
• APPLES Service-
Learning Program
• Carolina Language
Partnership (CLaP)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach For America in
Wilmington, Delaware

"The Public Service Scholars program has encouraged me to strengthen my service commitments. During my four years at UNC, participation in public service has greatly broadened my horizons, more deeply connected me to the Chapel Hill community, and given me the opportunity to meet many interesting and inspiring individuals."



JESSICA PEELE
CHAPEL HILL,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Mission of Mercy Dental Clinics
- Orphanage Outreach
- Girls on the Run

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Travel for a year, then dental school

"Not only do I believe that I've matured, but I've also gained confidence and character throughout my undergrad career that I contribute mostly to the service experiences I've come across through Public Service Scholars. I love that this organization has opened my eyes to unique service opportunities that I otherwise would not have noticed and has allowed me to organize and track what I've done. It has all been very rewarding."



KATHARINE PELZER
CHARLESTON,
SOUTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Environmental Sciences
and Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Roosevelt Institute, Center for Energy and Environmental Policy
- Coach Write!
- Environmental Affairs Committee

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The environmental movement has failed to communicate that environmental degradation extends far past obvious and immediate consequences and has thus inadvertently reduced the perceived impact of environmental issues. Today's environmental leaders must stress that environmental considerations are interrelated with a wide scope of concerns including economic welfare, food sovereignty, energy insecurity and social justice unless we want environmental awareness to continue to reside far away from the consciousness of most of the world's citizens."



ALYSSON PERRIN
STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

MAJOR
Nursing

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- UNC Hospitals
- Minority Advising for first year students

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work as a RN in a hospital setting

"Through my experience with the PSS program, I have been able to not only contribute to improvement of the communities that directly surround Chapel Hill, but also to the state of North Carolina. This program helped me plant ties to NC beyond the university, which I did not have previously, but will continue to have post graduation."



LAUREN PETERSON
CHAPEL HILL,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Public Policy
International Studies

MINOR
Spanish (Romance Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Carolina Microfinance Initiative (CMI)
- FINCA International
- PRISMA Microfinanzas

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work for an organization focused on economic and community development, then graduate school to study economic arguments for social policy or law

"An email sent over the Public Service Scholar listserv during my first year at Carolina led me to a course on microfinance, which sparked my passion for economic and community development. As a result of that course, I found my niche on campus in the Carolina Microfinance Initiative and the Campus Y, developed my interest in economic and social policy, and cultivated my fascination with microfinance through internships with NGOs in Peru and Washington DC."



CARLY PHILLIPS
WASHINGTON,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Communications Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Dance Marathon
- Chapel Hill Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling
- UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has impacted my college experience in a way that I never expected. It has taught me many valuable lessons, encouraged me to push myself to the limit, and has shaped me as a person in countless ways."



SUZANNE PLOEGER
FAYETTEVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP)
- UNC Hospitals
- International Student Volunteers

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Medical school

"Joining the Public Service Scholars program in the Fall of 2007 has been an extremely fulfilling opportunity in my college career. Although I have always been active philanthropically, the experience has pushed me to break out of my comfort zone and experience other service trainings and opportunities I wouldn't have normally pursued."



MORGAN PLUMMER
HOUSTON, TEXAS

MAJOR
Spanish (Romance Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Dance Marathon
- Letting Everyone Achieve Dreams (LEAD)
- APPLES Service-Learning Program, Peer Tutoring

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach Spanish or English

"To be rich is to enrich the lives of others."



PORTIA PURVIS
STOKES, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Sociology

MINOR

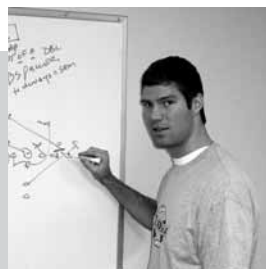
Spanish (Romance Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Circle K
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- APPLES Service-Learning Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Pursue a Master of Social Work

"The Public Service Scholars program has been very integral in the development of my character and ability to be an effective leader in my campus community. As a result of my public service experiences, I have chosen to pursue a career in social work in which I will be able to continue to effect change in the lives of others within my community."



MORGAN RANDALL
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Exercise & Sport Science

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- J. H. Rose High School
- UNC Hospitals
- Frank Porter Graham Elementary School

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with the opportunity to find what I truly love to do in a way that benefits others as well. I am grateful for the lessons I have learned along the way and would definitely recommend it to any Carolina student."



CASEY REINECKE
HUNTERSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR

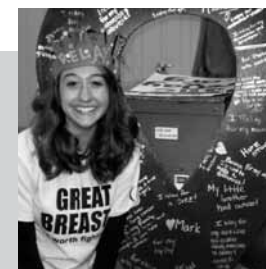
Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Best Buddies
- UNC Hospitals
- Boomerang, Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Graduate school for Occupational Therapy

"I am so very grateful for my experience in the Public Service Scholars program. It has allowed me to be an active participant in the community as well as an involved student on campus. Most importantly, it has exposed me to various settings and diverse populations ranging in age, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. I have grown in my own personal views and aspirations, being highly influenced by my service areas. I will cherish those moments and continue to pursue service opportunities in the future."



JACQUELINE RICE
DUNKIRK, MARYLAND

MAJOR
Political Science
History

MINOR

English

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Relay for Life
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, School Reading Partners
- Best Buddies

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teach For America

"The PSS program broadened my perspective on what it means to serve your community and also showed me firsthand exactly how my efforts were changing lives. Even though I worked primarily with Relay for Life, which is a fundraising organization, I was shown the impact of my work by visiting the cancer center and volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House. These service programs force you to come head to head with the issues you are trying to solve."



HAKEEM RIZK
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Political Science

MINOR

Spanish (Romance Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated
- National Residence Hall Honorary Society

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Law school

"Participating in the Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to become a better person. As a scholar, I have been able to not only visualize the change but physically change our world. This program has opened my eyes and heart to the injustices of poverty, hunger, and homelessness. Even after graduation, I will do my part to serve others. I am extremely thankful to be a part of this amazing program."



REBEKAH ROBISON
CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Nursing
Spanish (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC)
- UNC Hospitals
- Mujeres Avanzando Hacia Nuevas Oportunidades (MANO)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work as a RN

"I believe that the majority of learning occurs through listening to another person's story. My journey in PSS has enabled me to do that many times. Whether it be listening to a patient at SHAC tell me about a health predicament, or listening to a panel of UNC students at Safe Zone training discuss the obstacles they have faced, my experiences with PSS have taught me so much and inspire me to further serve my community and world."



JESSICA ROGERS
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Sociology
Latin American Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Wade Edwards Learning Lab
- Montessori School of Raleigh
- Culbreth Middle School

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work and travel

"As a Public Service Scholar, I feel more confident going into the world and knowing what I want to do with myself. I can see myself in a clear light as someone who wants to help make the world a better place and now know there are a million ways to do this."



ANARRAH ROSS
CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Sociology

MINOR

Recreation and
Leisure Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Dance Marathon
- Minority Student Recruitment Committee
- Carolina Fever

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work as a college advisor

"Being a part of the Public Service Scholars program has provided a phenomenal platform on which I can continue to grow as a leader and serve as a catalyst for change."



PATRICIA RYAN
SMITHFIELD,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

English

MINOR

Spanish (Romance
Languages)

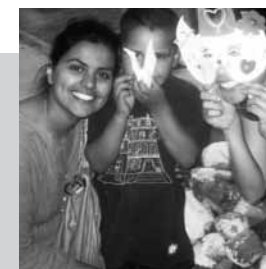
PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Girls on the Run
- Mustard Seed Orphanage
- Newman Catholic Student Center Parish

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Teach For America

"Public Service Scholars has provided me the opportunity to serve others in meaningful ways. The values and lessons that I will take away from this experience are incalculable."



PARUL SANGWAN
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

MAJOR

International Studies

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Sangam
- Jacksonville Public Defender's Office
- APPLES Service-Learning Program

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Teach For America

"PSS has made me very appreciative of service and helped shape my future."



VAHID SANII
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Chemistry

MINOR

Mathematics

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Circle K
- UNC Hospitals
- YMCA

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Graduate school

"The Public Service Scholars program served as a tremendous medium for my continued involvement in service."



ALLYSEN SCHAAF
HIGH POINT,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Exercise & Sport Science

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Elliott Woods Tutoring Program
 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
 - UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Attend the Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA

"When I first entered the Public Service Scholars program, I was focused on accumulating volunteer hours for Physical Therapy school. But once I was exposed to service in different areas, my passion for working with children in a church or non-profit setting surfaced. Now, looking toward the future, I know that I want to enrich the lives of children, youth and young adults in a setting where education, recreation and service combine."



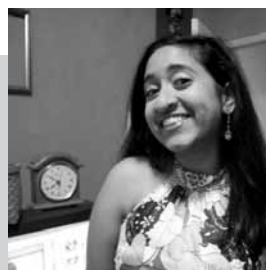
SARAH SCHALLER
BURLINGTON,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Latin American Studies
Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Newman Catholic Student Center Parish
 - UNC Hospitals
 - Christian Appalachian Projects

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Full-time volunteering in Latin America

"Through my service while at UNC, I have learned many important lessons and been humbled many times. Because of this, I wish to spend at least a year devoting my life completely to service so that education might continue."



SWATHI SEKAR
MIAMI, FLORIDA

MAJOR
Anthropology

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- STAND, Campus Y
 - HOPE, Campus Y
 - Gandhigram

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
AmeriCorps, then medical school

"Student activism, passion, and drive can go a very, very long way."



PRITI SHAH
CORNELIUS,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
Spanish (Romance Languages)

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
 - UNC Dance Marathon
 - Parkwood Fire Department

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for EMS

"The program taught me the importance of teamwork, appreciation, and education."



SETU SHAH
CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Health Policy and Management (Public Health)

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Global Medical Brigades
 - Relay For Life
 - North Carolina Healthcare Information and Communications Alliance (NCHICA)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Pursue a Master of Public Health

"The Public Service Scholars program has changed the way I see the world."



MEAGAN SHALLCROSS
WHEATON, ILLINOIS

MAJOR
Psychology

MINOR
Social and Economic Justice

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Girls on the Run of the Triangle
 - UNC Hospitals
 - UNC Dance Marathon

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"My experience with Public Service Scholars has exposed me to some of the most pertinent issues in our community and, more importantly, has equipped me with effective skills to address them. I am truly grateful to have been provided the opportunity to serve the campus and community during my time at Carolina."



PRIYA SHETH
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Business

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Dance Marathon
- Unite For Sight
- UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Optometry School

"Public Service Scholars is a great program designed to help students see the value of public service to the community and see the impact it has on those affected by the act."



ERIN SHIGEKAWA
CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Health Policy and Management (Public Health)

MINOR

Spanish (Romance Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Sustain Foundation, Saludamos
- North Carolina Prevention Partners
- Mercy Primary Care Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work in the public health or health policy field

"Public Service Scholars has helped facilitate my commitment to public health and health care issues with the understanding that no matter is too daunting to face. Through public service experiences in my time as a student, I feel lucky to have found my path and passion."



NEIL SHRIMANKER
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Business

Political Science

MINOR

History

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship
- Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards
- Sangam

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for Bain and Company

"The Public Service Scholars program has showed me the importance of public service in today's world. The program has taught me that public service is more than just volunteering- it's about making connections with your community, having a passion for your work, and serving others. The Public Service Scholars program not only encourages its participants to pursue volunteer opportunities, but to also understand other aspects of public service- from fundraising to non-profits to public relations."



ELIZABETH SIBRACK
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Biology

MINOR

Spanish (Romance Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition
- Dimes for Darfur, an initiative of North Carolina Hillel
- United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The reflection and recording required by the Public Service Scholars program has been essential in understanding my passion; anti-genocide activism. Through the program, I have committed to STAND on campus; the surrounding community by tutoring a 9th grade Burmese refugee through a placement by the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants; and to the international community by raising awareness and donations of humanitarian aid for conflict areas."



ASHLEY SIGMON
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Health Policy and Management (Public Health)

MINOR

Spanish (Romance Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Dance Marathon
- Greek Life
- Kappa Delta Sorority

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Consulting or work for a non-profit

"Service was once just an aspect of my life but it is now what I spend a majority of my time doing. It's the smiles on others faces and the change that serving others can make that make my life worth it. I have been blessed with numerous gifts and have chosen to use those to serve others in an effort to make a difference and spread God's love."



KRISTINA SIMMONS
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

MAJOR

Biology

MINOR

Marine Sciences

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- South Orange Rescue Squad
- Kappa Kappa Gamma
- UNC Dance Marathon

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Teaching, go to Veterinary school

"Service should be an important part of everyone's life. Not only do you help others, but you gain valuable experience to expand your personal horizons."



KAYLYN SIPORIN
MORRISVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Environmental Sciences
and Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Dance Marathon
- Heirs to a Fighting Tradition
- Project SERV (Students Engaged in Registering Voters)

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work as a technician in a marine science laboratory

"Actively participating in the Public Service Scholars program has made me understand that the term service is hard to define, however its flexibility makes it universal. Individuals must make their own choices and set personal goals when it comes to service, even if the service is done with an established organization. Autonomy is what makes service distinctive and ever-lasting. Individuals that bring together their own ideas of service form a strong and versatile community."



KYLE SLOATE
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Business
Spanish (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Sustainable Horizon
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Duke University Medical Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Pursue a Master of Health Policy Administration

"Public Service Scholars encouraged me to grow as an individual through helping on both the local and international levels. I am eager to continue serving my community in the future!"



SARAH SMITH
WILLIAMSTON,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Anthropology

MINOR

Social and Economic Justice

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Health Sciences Library
- UNC Dance Marathon
- CUAB

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Pursue a career in the non-profit sector

"My time in PSS has shaped who I am as a person and who I want to become. I am now confident that when I leave UNC and enter the "real world," I will take my experiences and be able to make a positive difference in the world."



FALLON SPEAKER
AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Communications Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Womentoring, Carolina Leadership Development
- Minority Advising
- UNC-Duke Basketball Marathon

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Law school

"The Public Service Scholars program has motivated me to want to pursue a career in public interest law and to continue to work to provide service to those in under-represented communities."



DANIELLE STAGGERS
GARNER, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Sociology

MINOR

Social and Economic Justice

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Human Rights Center of Carrboro
- Minority Advisor
- Boys and Girls Club of Durham

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Undecided

"Through volunteering, I have really been able to zone in on my passion; not only am I passionate about service, but more particularly, I am passionate about volunteering with the youth and young kids everywhere. Through my involvement on campus and in the surrounding community, I am searching for ways to turn my passion into my career, into my main focus for life. It is amazing what working with a disadvantaged group can bring into your life."



CHARLOTTE STANCIOFF
WASHINGTON, DC

MAJOR

International Studies
Geography

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Seawell Elementary School
- Karin Dom
- Orange County Solid Waste Management

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work in the community health and public health field

"Being a part of PSS made me part of a much larger community. I was no longer just a college student, as I was exposed to social justice issues outside of the comfort of the UNC bubble. A journey to say the least, I met incredible people throughout my steps that all inspired and challenged me. Being a Public Service Scholar was such an integral part of my education that I would not consider my time at Carolina complete without the knowledge I gained outside the classroom."



ROHIT SUKUMAR
GERMANTOWN, MARYLAND

MAJOR
Biology
Economics

MINOR
Chemistry

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Extended Disaster Relief
 - Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA
 - UNC Center for Neurosensory Disorders

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"Public Service Scholars encouraged me to pursue volunteer opportunities I might not have otherwise considered, and ultimately helped me find effective ways of contributing to communities which have long been in need of help."



TING XU TAN
SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR
History

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- UNC Hospitals
 - External Disaster Relief
 - Global Medical Brigades

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"I really love the flexibility of the Public Service Scholars program as it has allowed me to grow and pursue areas of service that I've become really passionate about. It has also shown me that public service is not a one-time thing but something worth dedicating my life to."



CAMERON TAYLOR
WILMINGTON,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Geography

MINOR
African and Afro-American
Studies

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
 - YMCA Youth Basketball
 - UNC Project-Malawi

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Graduate school for
Public Health

"I cannot imagine my time at Carolina without being involved in public service. Through my service experiences, I have acquired skills that I will be able to use for the rest of my life. Because of Public Service Scholars, my goals and dreams are no longer self-focused. I have found that I am the happiest when I am serving others."



LAUREN TEEGARDEN
LAKE OSWEGO, OREGON

MAJOR
Latin American Studies
Spanish (Romance
Languages)

MINOR
Business

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- The Scholars' Latino Initiative
 - Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP)
 - Instituto Mexicano de Investigacion de Familia y Poblacion

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work

"The Public Service Scholars program has helped me integrate my academic studies at UNC with diverse service experiences in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and abroad."



HEATHER THOMPSEN
NEW BERN,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Psychology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Cross-Cultural Solutions, Guatemala
 - UNC Hospitals
 - The Women's Center

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel, then pursue a career
in the health care field

"Public Service Scholars has opened the world to me, both literally and figuratively. Through my service, I was able to interact within and beyond my own community, pushing me to limits that I never knew I could reach."



JESSICA TRAYLOR
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

MAJOR
Chemistry
Biology

- PRIMARY SERVICE TIES**
- Triple Alliance Service Committee, Black Student Movement
 - Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)
 - UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with innumerable opportunities to engage in service and dialogues about social justice issues throughout my four years at Carolina. I appreciate the guidance and inspiration PSS has given me, and will take the lessons I have learned and skills I have developed along with me as I continue a lifelong commitment to serving others."



JENNIFER TURNMIRE
MAIDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Sociology
Psychology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Campus Y
- Child Care Services Association
- UNC Dance Marathon

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with the opportunity to connect with the community in so many ways. Through public service I have not only created wonderful memories, but have also been provided with valuable experiences and connections that couldn't and will never be replaced."



SARAH UNDERWOOD
CARRBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR

Spanish (Romance Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- North Carolina Botanical Garden
- Kidzu Children's Museum
- Service and Social Committee

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Travel through India

"I have learned about myself and how my skills fit into public service."



ANUSHA VADLAMUDI
HILLSBOROUGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology
Anthropology

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Orange County Literacy Council
- Art Heels
- UNC Hospitals

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"The program has encouraged me to explore a variety of service avenues and thus expanded my outlook on what service entails. My service to the community has helped channel my personal growth as a student as well as a global citizen. In the future, I hope to incorporate service into my career and spread awareness on important social concerns."



VALERIE VARNELL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

MAJOR

Interdisciplinary Studies

MINOR

Entrepreneurship

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Mariam Clinic
- Carolina Microfinance Initiative (CMI)
- Urban Ministries Open Door Clinic

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Start an NGO in India

"My experience in the Public Service Scholars program has allowed me to connect with like-minded people at Carolina and around the world. I've learned valuable skills through the trainings, workshops, and classes that this program offers, and I can apply those lessons to all of my future projects – wherever they may be."



PAULA VASQUEZ
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

International Studies

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Mujeres Avanzando Hacia Nuevas Oportunidades (MANO)
- Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC)
- Nourish International Summer Project

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Medical school

"During my time at UNC, I have learned the value of having meaningful service experiences since it is through these avenues that I have learned the true meaning of compassion, dedication, and motivation. I may be an idealist, but I know that the world can be a better place if we commit to living a service-oriented life."



REBEKKA VEITH
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

MAJOR

History
English

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- APPLES Service-Learning Program
- Obama For America Campaign
- Class of 2010 Environmental Committee

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided, then law school after a year

"Being a Public Service Scholar gave me an opportunity as a transfer student to really connect with the Carolina community and to immerse myself in extracurricular activities that made me feel good about what I was doing."



ELIZABETH VIGUS
OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Psychology
Sociology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- TABLE
- Community Empowerment Fund (CEF)
- A Helping Hand

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"Public Service Scholars is a great program that allowed me to organize and focus the service that I completed while at UNC. Service has become a very important part of my life, and I have had many experiences with people that I will never forget. I have learned the importance of helping those who are less fortunate than me, and I have seen that even one person can make a difference in others' lives."



ALICE WANG
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Environmental Engineering
(Public Health)

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- North Carolina Children's Hospital
- Fundacion Comunitario del Bajio
- MEDWorld

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work on a Wyoming ranch, then pursue a Master of Public Health

"Service is two ways. As much as I have volunteered, I have gained back so much through my experiences. I have learned how it feels to be in another person's shoes and I will keep an open mind in everything I do in the future. And for the rest of my life I will always take any opportunity to do service-learning."



BRITTANY WEEKS
CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR
Biology

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Big Buddy
- UNC Craniofacial Center
- Orphanage Outreach

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
UNC dental school

"Being a Public Service Scholar has challenged me to serve others fully. It has opened my eyes to many avenues through which service can be contributed. My volunteer experiences have impacted the way I plan to serve others in the future. I plan to use the skills I have learned when I become a dentist, as I work in those underserved areas-both at home and abroad- where access to dental care is limited."



MAGGIE WEST
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Public Policy
Latin American Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Homeless Outreach Poverty Eradication (HOPE)
- Community Empowerment Fund (CEF)
- El Centro Latino

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Undecided

"When I first entered the program, my goals for service were based especially in finding ways to link my interests in language, ethnobotany, and culture with my interests in poverty alleviation projects. The goals I now have for service are to find ways to integrate wide-reaching interests in everything from farmworker issues to environmental responsibility to community development and history."



LAUREN WHITE
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Sociology

MINOR

Spanish (Romance Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Hospitals
- Habitat for Humanity
- Kidzu Children's Museum

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Work for a year, then go to graduate school

"Through the Public Service Scholars program, I have participated in a wide array of service activities while at UNC. My service has provided me with much personal growth. I have acquired a better respect for knowledge and the varying needs of others. Perhaps most importantly, I have learned that an individual can make a difference, and the PSS program has effectively shown me how I can enhance the lives of others."



SYBRIA WHITE
HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Sociology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- W.D. Hill Community Center
- Chatham County Habitat for Humanity
- Ram Village Community Government

POST-GRADUATION PLANS
Take a year off to gain work experience in the health administration field

"Overall, I consider myself lucky to have been a part of the Public Service Scholars program primarily because I have learned a wealth of knowledge about the art of public service."



SARA WILKINS
LUMBERTON,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

International Studies
Latin American Studies

MINOR

Spanish (Romance
Languages)

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Carolina Navigators
- Girls on the Run
- APPLES Service-Learning Program, Alternative Spring Break

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Undecided

"The Public Service Scholars program has provided me with great motivation to explore and learn about various issues in the community and world through volunteering. There is so much being done and so much more to do and my eyes have been awakened to the fact that there is always someone who needs help and always something I can do to contribute. "



RACHEL WILL
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Spanish (Romance
Languages)
Journalism and Mass
Communication

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- The Learning Center at UNC Chapel Hill
- Apex United Methodist Church
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Graduate school or
Teach For America

"I have been committed to volunteering all my life, both on my own and through volunteer organizations. What changed when I joined Public Service Scholars, was that my volunteer service was considered more than just a program requirement to check off. It was supported, encouraged, and celebrated by a team of committed volunteers."



BRENT WILLIAMS
CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Journalism and Mass
Communication

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Maximo Nivel
- Habitat for Humanity
- Mirror Foundation

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Peace Corps

"Public Service Scholars kept me informed about the service I wanted to do."



AMANDA WILSON
KINGS MOUNTAIN,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Sociology

MINOR

Anthropology

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- UNC Hospitals
- Native Health Initiative
- Frank Porter Graham Child Development Research Institute

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Pursue a career in
health care

"The Public Service Scholars program has done more than provide structure for my service experiences, it has also broadened my understanding of public service. Being a part of this program has fostered my passion for service, which will continue to have a significant part in my life."



MEGAN WISE
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Biology

MINOR

Chemistry

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Circle K
- Wesley Campus Ministry
- Benson Memorial United Methodist Church

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Fellowship in biomedical
research

"A key lesson learned while enrolled in PSS: There are two branches of community service, mercy and justice. Both are crucial in the fight to eliminate pain and suffering."



SAMUEL WURZELMANN
CHAPEL HILL,
NORTH CAROLINA

MAJOR

Public Policy
International Studies

MINOR

Environmental Sciences
and Studies

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- The Scholars' Latino Initiative
- Carolina United
- Alianza

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work

"My Carolina experience would not have been half of what it has been without the Public Service Scholars program and the Carolina Center for Public Service. The opportunities allowed to me have changed my life and molded my professional pursuits."



**VERONICA YARBOROUGH
HENDERSON,
NORTH CAROLINA**

MAJOR
Nursing

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Circle K
- A Helping Hand
- UNC Dance Marathon

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work as a Registered Nurse

"PSS has been one of my favorite college experiences. It has made me aware of the needs of others and has helped me to realize the impact I can make as an individual in the lives of other people. Through PSS, I have found my passion for service."



**ALLISON YOUNG
CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA**

MAJOR

Journalism and Mass Communication

MINOR

Economics

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Comfort Zone Camp
- Helping Horse
- Carolina Students of Ailing Mothers and Fathers

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Live and learn

"As a Public Service Scholar, I was able to enrich my undergraduate education with a comprehensive approach to service-learning. The program provided outstanding opportunities for me to develop and grow as a leader, advocate, supporter, and most important as an individual. I believe the lessons I have learned during my time with PSS have helped guide me towards a future of life-long service."



**CALVIN YOUNG
APEX, NORTH CAROLINA**

MAJOR

Computer Science Business

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- Habitat for Humanity
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- La Camara de Pequeas Industrias y Artisanas, Cochabamba, Bolivia

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Work as a software engineer at Google

"Service is less about the raw work being done than it is about the motivation and learning which come as a result. I have found that there is no nobler goal in life than service. After all, what greater purpose is there to life than to help others live it?"



**KATHRYN YOUNG
ASHEVILLE,
NORTH CAROLINA**

MAJOR

Political Science History

MINOR

Economics

PRIMARY SERVICE TIES

- HOPE, Opportunity Rocks
- Orange County Animal Services
- NC Attorney General's Office

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Law school

"Public Service Scholars has opened my eyes not only to the necessity of public service, but also the multitude of types of public service out there. There is such a need in every community for people to help out, and they can all find something matching their talents and passions."

"The Public Service Scholars program has opened my eyes and expanded my vision of what it means to serve my neighbors and has stretched me in every direction. I now have a greater appreciation of public service as something that involves the whole community. Only by working together will we be able to make a true and lasting impact on the world around us."

About the Center



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The Carolina Center for Public Service (CCPS) engages and supports the faculty, students and staff of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in meeting the needs of North Carolina and beyond. The Center strengthens the University's public service commitment by promoting scholarship and service that are responsive to the concerns of the state and contribute to the common good.

In addition to the Public Service Scholars (PSS) program, the Center's activities include the APPLES Service-Learning Program, the Faculty Engaged Scholars program, grants and fellowships for faculty and students, campus public service awards and a weekly public service listserv.

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Community Partners

Listed below is just a snapshot of the variety and scope of organizations on and off campus with whom the Public Service Scholars have worked:

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Alianza
Alterra Clare Bridge
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American Red Cross
APPLES Service-Learning Program
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Big Brothers Big Sisters
Black Student Movement
Boys and Girls Club
Breakthrough Collaborative
Campus Y
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CARE USA
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Carolina Language Partnership (CLaP)
Carolina Leadership Development
Carolina Navigators
Carolina R.O.C.T.S.
Carolinas Medical Center
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA
Child Care Services Association
Church World Service
Circle K International
Coach Write!

Communiversy
El Centro Latino
Engineering World Health
Eno River State Park
Extended Disaster Relief
Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County
FINCA International
Foundation for Sustainable Development
Girls on the Run
Global Medical Brigades
Gold-N-Love
Goodwill Industries
Habitat for Humanity
Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
Kidzu Children's Museum
Lutheran Campus Ministry
Make-A-Wish Foundation
Movement of Youth
Mujeres Avanzando Hacia Nueva Oportunidades (MANO)
Native Health Initiative
NC Attorney General's Office
Newman Catholic Student Center Parish
North Carolina Botanical Garden
North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program
North Carolina Health Careers Access Program
North Carolina Hillel
North Carolina Prevention Partners
Nourish International
Orange County Animal Services
Orange County Department of Social Services
Orange County Housing Authority
Orange County Literacy Council

Orange County Rape Crisis Center
Orange County Rescue Squad
Piedmont Wildlife Center
Piedmont Health Services
Planned Parenthood
Presbyterian Campus Ministry
Rainbow Soccer
Relay for Life
Rex Hospital
Ronald McDonald House
Roosevelt Institute
Sangam
South Orange Rescue Squad
Special Olympics
Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC)
Student U.
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The Carter Center
The National Constitution Center
The Nature Conservancy
The Salvation Army
The White House
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"My experience with Public Service Scholars has exposed me to some of the most pertinent issues in our community and, more importantly, has equipped me with effective skills to address them. I am truly grateful to have been provided the opportunity to serve the campus and community during my time at Carolina."



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