

# *An Evening of Academic Excellence*

*Celebrating High Student Achievement*  
*#FutureFocused*

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*Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction*

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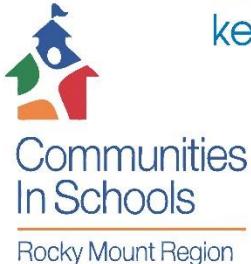
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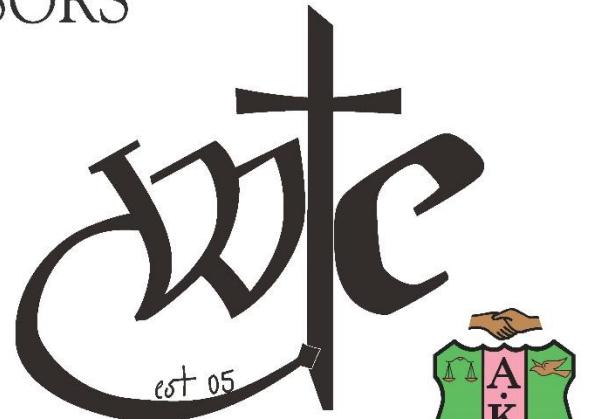
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# Musical Selections by the All County High School Chorus



Directed by Chris Langdon

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Dr. Shelton Jefferies

*Superintendent*

# Guest Speaker



Zena Howard  
*Perkins + Will Architect and  
Rocky Mount High School Alumna*

# *Nash Central High School*



**Principal Victor Ward, Sr.**

# Jenna Christal Batchelor

Nash Central High School



Future Neuroscientist  
Ohio State University

*Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Leo Nieves, III*

*“Mr. Nieves has always  
pushed me to be the best  
version of myself inside and  
outside of the classroom.*

*Thank you!!”*

# Isaac Conrad Brake, Jr.

Nash Central High School



Future Psychologist  
East Carolina University

*Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Currie*

*“This teacher showed me  
how being more of an  
individual can be good for  
your mentality.”*

# Andrew Allen Brown

Nash Central High School



Future Information  
Technology Manager  
NC Wesleyan College

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Sissy Eakin***

***“Mrs. Sissy Eakin  
demonstrates a positive work  
ethic at all times, as well as  
set a favorable example for  
her coworkers and students.”***

# Noah Bradley Brown

Nash Central High School



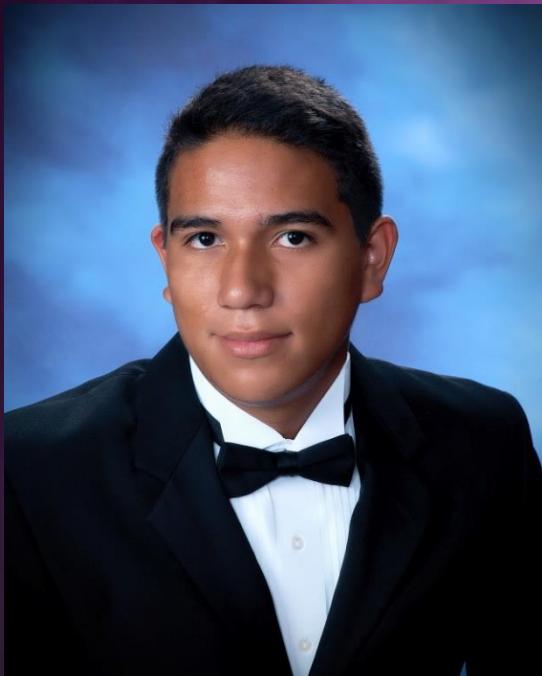
Future Nuclear Engineer  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Renny Taylor***

*“Renny Taylor was a fantastic teacher who went above and beyond to ensure that his students succeeded. AP US History helped prepare me for college and beyond.”*

# Luis Felipe Caicedo

Nash Central High School



Future Naval Surface  
Warfare Officer

United States Naval Academy

***Most Influential Educator:  
Lt. Commander  
Carther Jorgensen***

*“Carther Jorgensen was the person who motivated me to pursue admission to the US Naval Academy, guided me along the way, and will have a lasting impact on my life.”*

# Madison Craft

Nash Central High School



Future Public Health  
Professional

UNC Greensboro

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Leo Nieves***

***“Mr. Nieves helped me achieve  
greatness by welcoming me into  
his band and family and by  
pushing me to be my best  
music-wise and as a person.”***

# Brianna Shelby Foster

Nash Central High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Andrea Brown***

***“Mrs. Brown has shown me  
what a great career a healthcare  
worker can have. She has been  
an amazing example of what it  
means to be an excellent nurse  
and has always given me  
trustworthy advice.”***

Future Nurse  
East Carolina University

# Grayson Meade Harris

Nash Central High School



Future Veterinarian  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Leo Nieves***

***“He just made life easier by  
being more than just a teacher.  
He was someone you could talk  
to and laugh with and when  
stress hit, it helped a lot.”***

# Mahala Charlene Henke

Nash Central High School



Future Nutritionist  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Andrea Brown***

*“Mrs. Brown is the most outstanding teacher I know. She pushes her students, including me, to be the best they can be.”*

# Shammond R'Kel Holden

Nash Central High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Joanna Hale***

***“Mrs. Hale pushed me to step  
outside of my comfort zone, in  
addition to helping me develop  
my artistry.”***

Future Artist/Entertainer

UNC Greensboro

# Bailey Noelle Lamm

Nash Central High School



Future Sonographer  
Nash Community College

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Gwen Hines***

***“Mrs. Hines is always so  
encouraging and supportive.  
She made me believe that I  
could accomplish anything and  
always be successful.”***

# Austin Luper

Nash Central High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Jenny Eakin***

*“She is a very devoted teacher  
who wants to see all her  
students succeed. She has  
helped and influenced me on  
several occasions.”*

Future Sports Journalist  
UNC Chapel Hill

# Halie Elizabeth Miller

Nash Central High School



Future Recreational Therapist  
East Carolina University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Kelly Scott***

***“Mrs. Scott is someone I’ve  
always looked up to. She’s  
extremely caring towards her  
students, is passionate about  
her work and is personally a  
great friend of mine.”***

# Adam Mitchell Moore

Nash Central High School



Future Naval Officer  
and Aviator

United States Naval Academy

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Stephen Tobie***

*“He was the teacher who  
introduced me to Quiz Bowl  
and really challenged me to  
learn as much as possible. He is  
now a great life-long friend.”*

# Kaley Scott Sharpe

Nash Central High School



Future Physical Therapist  
Meredith College

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Gail Wheeless***

*“She taught not only educational lessons, but life lessons that I still hold onto today. She was passionate about her students, which made learning fun.”*

# Ryan Jefferson Taylor

Nash Central High School



Future Medical Doctor  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Ms. Julia Streeter***

*“She challenged me to expand my skills in both writing and literary analysis during class, and has continued to provide valuable support and advice.”*

# Ashley Nichole Wachowicz

Nash Central High School



Future Elementary Teacher  
Nash Community College

## ***Most Influential Educator: Mrs. Diane Day***

***“Mrs. Day is my most influential educator because she made me believe I could do anything I wanted and because she instilled a work ethic in me at a young age that has stayed with me all through school and has helped me succeed.”***

# Kaitlyn Brenna Wardlaw

Nash Central High School



Future Marine Biologist  
UNC Wilmington

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Jenny “Sissy” Eakin***

***“Mrs. Eakin, in the two years  
that I’ve had her, has always  
been patient with me and  
allowed me to prosper.”***

# Elijah Tyre Whitley

Nash Central High School



Future Journalist  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Leonides Nieves, III***

*“Mr. Nieves has always supported and guided me throughout these four years. Through failure or success, he’s always given me advice to strive for better.”*

# *Nash-Rocky Mount Early College High School*



Principal Jennifer Sharpe

# Stephanie Raya Flores

Nash-Rocky Mount Early College High School



Future Political Leader  
NC Wesleyan College  
NC State University

*Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Edward Lyons*

*“He has always been  
encouraging and positive  
about my academic goals  
and future career.”*

# Samantha Cierra Hopkins

Nash-Rocky Mount Early College High School



Future Medical Doctor  
UNC Chapel Hill

*Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Carey Davis*

*“Mrs. Davis helped me to  
learn to maximize my  
potential. She taught me  
advocacy and the importance  
of priorities.”*

# Jordan Nicole Walls

Nash-Rocky Mount Early College High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Carey Davis***

***“She has influenced me by  
staying true to herself. She  
has kept to her word and  
never disrespected anyone.”***

Future Anesthesiologist  
UNC Charlotte

# Karolina Dawn Winstead

Nash-Rocky Mount Early College High School



Future Elementary Teacher  
NC Wesleyan College

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Carey Davis***

*“Carey Davis influenced me in a way no other educator has because she always inspired me to do my best. There was never a day that went by that she didn’t ensure my well-being and success.”*

# *Northern Nash High School*



**Principal Brian Hopkins**

# Princess Anstead

Northern Nash High School



Future Biomedical Engineer  
NC A&T University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Edward Fischer***

*“Having military and engineering experience, Mr. Fischer is a very knowledgeable person. He’s shared advice about math and stories from his life that were very insightful.”*

# Brandon Jerome Bent

Northern Nash High School



Future Biomedical Engineer  
UNC Chapel Hill

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Robert O'Brien***

***“Mr. O’Brien provided a very fun-loving and creative learning environment that allowed me to express myself and discover all types of different literature.”***

# Jacob Bernant

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Lt. Colonel Crudup***

*“Lt. Colonel Crudup has given me advice on leadership and how to continue to be successful in all aspects of life as a future military officer.”*

Future Marine Corps Officer  
NC State University

# Marc P. Bertolino

Northern Nash High School

***Most Influential Educator:  
Ms. Viverette***



Future Business Leader  
East Carolina University

*"This educator is the most devoted person I've ever met, getting up each and every day to care for 7 exceptional children. From feeding them to teaching them, she is always 100 percent committed to equal opportunity. The time I have spent with her and those students has influenced me to make the most out of the life I was given, as some would go to the end of this world to live the life we have."*

# Gretchen Nicole Blankenship

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Tom Barkalow***

***“He was a fantastic teacher that  
motivated me and helped me reach  
my full potential. He is very  
helpful and inspiring.”***

Future Physician's Assistant  
Nash Community College  
East Carolina University

# Tamiyah Lynae Braswell

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Cheri Barwick***

*“Mrs. Barwick was a positive and understanding teacher and friend who encouraged me to always strive for success.”*

Future Pediatrician  
NC State University

# Olivia Bunn

Northern Nash High School



Future Nurse  
Appalachian State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Robert O'Brien***

*“Mr. O’Brien is influential for being trustworthy, consistent and a great problem-solver. I aspire to emulate these characteristics in order to reach my full potential in life.”*

# Ashley Nicole Cox

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Susan Leonard***

***“Mrs. Leonard has truly helped  
me through encouraging me to  
face my fears in the healthcare  
field.”***

Future Anesthesiologist  
NC State University

# Katherine Sanders Grischow

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Kyler Zary***

*“Mr. Zary has facilitated my development as a musician and leader. He has always been consistent in providing for my education.”*

Future Professional Musician  
UNC Greensboro

# Shelby Rae Hans

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Barbara Weiffenbach***

*“Mrs. Weiffenbach taught me in  
my freshman and junior years  
and encouraged me to pursue my  
interest in biology and genetics  
outside of class.”*

Future Cancer and Genetic  
Disorder Researcher  
NC State University

# Haley Marie Honeycutt

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Ms. Ashley Matthews***

***“Ms. Matthews has helped me  
overcome many obstacles these  
past few years. I am grateful to  
have a teacher care as much as  
she does.”***

Future Nurse  
Nash Community College

# Halie Huffman

Northern Nash High School



Future Physician's Assistant  
UNC Chapel Hill

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Danna Banning***

***"Mrs. Banning was the first teacher that introduced me to working in the medical field. She taught me everything I needed to know about pursuing a job of lifelong learning."***

# Glenn Talton Jarvis

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Erik Harris***

***“Mr. Harris is my most  
influential educator because he  
instilled in me a drive for the  
pursuit of excellence.”***

Future Biomedical Engineer  
NC State University

# Spencer Anne Johnson

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Robert O'Brien***

*“He has been supportive in  
academics and in pursuing my  
goals. He has prepared me for  
the real world and I thank him  
for that.”*

Future Sports Management  
Professional  
NC State University

# Diamond Felice Jones

Northern Nash High School



Future Geneticist  
UNC Chapel Hill

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Robert O'Brien***

*“Mr. O’Brien encouraged me to  
be a proud individual and to  
stand out from the crowd. He  
also put a smile on my face every  
day.”*

# Caleb Josiah Kendrick

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Barwick***

***“Mrs. Barwick made school fun  
and I looked forward to her class  
every day.”***

NC State University

# Zachary Austin Langley

Northern Nash High School



Future Dentist  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Greg Tharrington***

*“As the future generation to lead  
this country, he challenged us to  
pursue leadership in our daily  
lives in order to prepare for our  
futures.”*

# Olivia Lauryl Mathieson

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Mary Kolesar***

***“There was never a day that I did  
not learn something new. I  
always left her class with a new  
outlook on the world.”***

Future Biologist or Theatre  
Performer  
UNC Wilmington

# Lauryn Anisa Pittman

Northern Nash High School



Future Attorney  
UNC Greensboro

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Edith Penny***

*“Mrs. Penny has been the only teacher who has watched me grow and taught me so much about life, opened my eyes to new opportunities and truly cared about my future. She was more than a teacher to me, she was more like family.”*

# Sophia Isabelle Rekeibe

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Kyler Zary***

***“Mr. Zary inspired me to be the  
best musician I could be. I wouldn’t  
be a music major without him.”***

Future Professional Musician  
UNC Chapel Hill

# William Noah Stanley

Northern Nash High School



Future Business Leader  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Cheri Barwick***

*“After being in Mrs. Barwick’s class both freshman and junior year, she greatly influenced my pathway through high school and helped prepare me for college. She truly is a great teacher.”*

# Elizabeth Grace Viverette

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Patsy Gilliland***

***“For the last eight years, Mrs.  
Gilliland has encouraged me to  
explore my horizons and limits,  
both in choir and in every aspect of  
my life.”***

Future Astronomer  
East Carolina University

# Stuart Whitehead

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Erik Harris***

***“Mr. Harris pushed me to  
become a better music  
performer and individual  
through his leadership, faith and  
compassion.”***

Future Nurse  
UNC Chapel Hill

# Johanna Ruth Whitwell

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. B. Shannon Thornell***

*“Mrs. Thornell encouraged and fed my love of English despite my focus on STEM. She also prepared me well for college applications.”*

Future Mechanical Engineer  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

# Dawson Keith Wright

Northern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Ms. Bortner***

***“Ms. Bortner gave me the  
necessary social skills that I  
needed in order to come out of  
my shell and flourish as a  
human being.”***

Future Pharmacist  
East Carolina University

# *Rocky Mount High School*



Principal Leondus Farrow, Jr.

# Alyson Nicole Barnes

Rocky Mount High School



Future Textile Engineer  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Brent Acker***

*“When I first started in Mr.  
Acker’s class, I hated history.  
After being in his class for three  
years, he has made history fun  
and encouraged me to do the  
best I can.”*

# Erin Binkley

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Paul Holloman***

***“He has been a mentor to me  
academically and personally. He  
encourages me to do my best in  
all areas of my life.”***

Future American Sign Language –  
English Interpretation  
Professional  
Rochester Institute of Technology

# Sarah Lindsay Bland

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Brent Acker***

***“Mr. Acker brought humor to  
the classroom in a way that  
influenced me to learn about  
history and its relevance to  
today’s world.”***

Future Journalist  
UNC Chapel Hill

# Tanner Gray Boone

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Peggy Wendling***

*“Mrs. Wendling’s class was the  
first place that I felt challenged.  
She helped me discover my love  
for working through problems  
not easily solved.”*

Future Human Factors and  
Cognitive Psychologist/Engineer  
NC State University

# Barkley Hart Browder

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Linda Miller***

***“Mrs. Miller continuously told  
me I have the potential to  
succeed in whatever I desire, as  
long as I put in effort and have  
confidence.”***

Future Physician  
UNC Chapel Hill

# Michael Chamberlain

Rocky Mount High School



Future Biochemist  
or Medical Doctor  
UNC Chapel Hill

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Betsy Hester***

***“She taught me how to  
be mindful of others.”***

# Zhenbang Chen

Rocky Mount High School



Future Engineer  
Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Thomas Proctor***

***“Mr. Proctor is  
wholeheartedly committed to  
helping his students and he  
taught me that learning is the  
most worthwhile pursuit.”***

# Zhenjia Chen

Rocky Mount High School



Future Engineer or Researcher  
Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology

*Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Thomas Proctor*

*“Mr. Proctor taught me to  
approach unfamiliar and  
daunting concepts in stride while  
acknowledging the challenge of  
overcoming initial frustration  
and confusion to reach  
understanding.”*

# Caroline Eidson

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Ashley Oskiera***

*“Her commanding presence  
and high standards never  
allowed any student to fall  
behind. Her extensive  
knowledge about all things is  
admirable and captivated my  
mind.”*

Future Healthcare Management  
Professional  
Appalachian State University

# Caroline Forrester

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Patsy Gilliland***

***“Mrs. Gilliland has helped me  
find my passion outside of  
school. She has helped to  
teach me so many lessons and  
always reminds me to glorify  
God through all that I do.”***

Future Communications  
Professional or Theatre Performer  
Catawba College

# Gwyneth E. Gassaway

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Charlene Outland***

*“She always encouraged me to  
try my hardest and taught me  
that I could do anything that  
I put my mind to.”*

Future Dentist  
UNC Chapel Hill

# Jacob Antonio Huerta

Rocky Mount High School



Future Historian  
Appalachian State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Ms. Ann Davis***

*“I’ve had Ms. Davis for four years and through her strict, but caring teaching style, she taught me that I can accomplish anything.”*

# Jernequa Eunicia Hunter

Rocky Mount High School



Future Lawyer  
Winston Salem State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Betsy Hester***

***“Mrs. Hester taught me that  
being mindful goes beyond  
the classroom and that I  
should take every opportunity  
to acquire new knowledge.  
Thank you, Mrs. Hester!”***

# Leo Isaac Jaffe

Rocky Mount High School



Future Environmental  
Scientist/Environmental  
Protection Professional  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Betsy Hester***

*“Mrs. Hester is always there  
for her students. She  
encourages me to lead my life  
with mindfulness and to be a  
contributing member of  
society.”*

# Zackery James Keeter

Rocky Mount High School



Campbell University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Melissa Eller***

*“Mrs. Eller allowed me to learn in more of a hands-on environment. She has always kept up with me over the years and was a great influence.”*

# Hannah Catherine Land

Rocky Mount High School



UNC Wilmington

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Betsy Hester***

***“Mrs. Hester cares about each  
of her students and helps  
them each better themselves,  
both in and out of the  
classroom.”***

# Jackson Dean Lavely

Rocky Mount High School



NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Percell Kelley***

***“Mr. Kelley made me  
appreciate Language Arts and  
helped me gain interest in  
writing. Without his teaching,  
I may have never discovered  
how much I enjoy the  
subject.”***

# Catherine Alexander Lilley

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Loretta Hardy-Belfield***

***“Mrs. Belfield influenced  
me to always try my  
hardest and helped me to  
find a love for math.”***

Future Communications Professional  
NC State University

# Taylor Luttrell

Rocky Mount High School



Future Dentist  
University of Florida

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Claudia Buenrostro***

*"I truly want to thank Mrs. B for not only supporting me through my academics, but for teaching me the strength of compassion and pushing me to follow my dreams."*

# Alexis Keyana McCowan

Rocky Mount High School



Future Fashion Magazine Editor  
Howard University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Amanda Cox***

***“She has encouraged me to  
always be bold in life and  
to never be afraid of  
breaking boundaries to  
positively impact the  
world.”***

# Abigale Morehart

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Lea***

***“She taught me that I  
could do whatever I put  
my mind to.”***

UNC Chapel Hill

# Destini N'cole Morton

Rocky Mount High School



Future Fashion Editor  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Shira Parrish***

***“She not only helped to  
strengthen my confidence in  
myself, but she also helped to  
build up my leadership and  
communication skills.”***

# Sarah Mounib

Rocky Mount High School



Future Pediatrician or Surgeon  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Ann Davis***

***“Mrs. Ann Davis, for the last four years, has shown me what it means to push oneself to the best of their abilities. Thanks to Mrs. Davis, I have a new meaning of love for the French language and I hope to make her proud!”***

# Kayla Christine Nicholson

Rocky Mount High School



Future Accountant  
NC A&T University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Paul Holloman***

***“Mr. Holloman inspires me to work harder and want more for myself in life. Because of him, I know that if I try, I can do anything.”***

# Kevin Pham

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Thomas Derby***

***“Mr. Derby prompted my  
interest in Science and inspired  
me to pursue the discipline in  
college.”***

Future Ophthalmologist  
UNC Chapel Hill

# Jacob Christian Philbeck

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Paul Holloman***

*“Mr. Holloman pushed me to a limit I didn’t know that I could reach. The difficulty of the class and subject was beyond my expectations.”*

Future Natural Resources  
Specialist  
NC State University

# Usman Raja

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Paul Holloman***

Future Computer Scientist  
UNC Wilmington or  
UNC Chapel Hill

***“Mr. Holloman’s invaluable influence on me was through his passionate teaching that inspired my interest in Science and his continual encouragement to reach my full potential.”***

# Myrakle Shante' Ramirez

Rocky Mount High School



Future Neonatal Nurse  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Wendling***

*"Mrs. Wendling inspired me to motivate myself and never give up, even when it seemed inevitable and destined for me to fail. I am thankful for her tough love."*

# Zachary Kyle Richardson

Rocky Mount High School



Future Pharmaceutical  
Professional  
UNC Chapel Hill

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Paul Holloman***

***“Mr. Holloman shared his personal story and the things he overcame, which encouraged me to make the most of what I have and never quit.”***

# Rodolfo Salazar, Jr.

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Ann Davis***

*“Madame Davis influenced me  
by teaching me to truly  
appreciate learning and by  
encouraging me to pursue  
seemingly impossible  
opportunities.”*

Future Environmental Systems  
Engineer  
Stanford University

# Langley Irvin Salter

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Brent Acker***

***“Mr. Acker led me to enjoy  
history more than I already did.  
He made me want to further my  
education in History.”***

Future Historian  
NC State University

# Scarlett Ashlyn Schrimper

Rocky Mount High School



UNC Chapel Hill

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Betsy Hester***

*“Mrs. Hester gave me the opportunity to expand my knowledge beyond typical high school standards. She taught me how to be a smart and independent thinker.”*

# Zachary Robert Seaman

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Loretta Hardy-Belfield***

***“She was the first teacher to help  
me realize I want to chase a  
career in math.”***

Future Engineer  
Clemson University

# Michael Earl Viverette

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Brent Acker***

***“Mr. Acker promotes a  
positive learning  
environment.”***

Future Biologist  
NC State University

# Grace Warner

Rocky Mount High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Brent Acker***

*“Mr. Acker influenced how I view worldly events by teaching that history maintains its relevance and can be repeated, so it must be understood and honored.”*

Future Political Leader or  
Journalist  
UNC Chapel Hill

# Jemario Javon Whitaker

Rocky Mount High School



Future Engineer  
NC A&T University

***Most Influential Educator:  
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***“Mr. Wilmot taught me how  
to appreciate math, which is  
now my favorite subject, and  
pushed me so that I could  
reach my full potential.”***

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Rocky Mount High School



Wake Forest University

***Most Influential Educator:  
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***“Betsy Hester has taught me  
through conversations and IB  
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world through different lenses  
and has helped me further  
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could be.”***

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Rocky Mount High School



Wake Forest University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mrs. Betsy Hester***

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and believe in and has given  
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Rocky Mount High School



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me to aim high while  
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Future Chemical Engineer  
NC State University

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Southern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
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*“She has always been there to  
help in any way she could  
throughout my senior English  
class and cares about our lives  
beyond the classroom.”*

Future Agricultural Leader  
Nash Community College and  
NC State University

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Southern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
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***“Mrs. Foster always pushes her students to do their best, even when they give up on themselves.”***

Future Cardiologist  
East Carolina University

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Southern Nash High School



Future Nurse  
East Carolina University

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Thomas Proctor***

***“Mr. Proctor taught me to  
never settle for average. Had  
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Southern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Thomas Proctor***

***“Mr. Proctor instilled in me by  
teaching me to think for  
myself and believe in my  
abilities. He truly cares about  
his students.”***

Future Pediatric Occupational  
Therapist  
Western Carolina University

# Cierra Michelle Jernigan

Southern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Brad Joyner***

*“He taught me the  
importance of receiving  
a proper education.”*

Future Elementary Teacher  
East Carolina University

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Southern Nash High School



Future Engineer  
UNC Charlotte

***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Thomas Proctor***

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me study skills and  
habits that I still use  
today. He truly sets his  
students up for success  
throughout school.”***

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Southern Nash High School



***Most Influential Educator:  
Mr. Brad Joyner***

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path to become a history  
teacher and encouraged  
me to strive to be the  
best person I can.”***

Future History Teacher  
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UNC Wilmington

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Mr. Brad Joyner***

*“This educator challenged  
me to consider past events,  
directly relate them to the  
present and how they  
might forewarn the  
future.”*

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Southern Nash High School



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Assistant  
Nash Community College

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and that things can be  
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Future Business Leader  
Nash Community College

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Southern Nash High School



Future Pharmacist  
Campbell University

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always motivated me to do  
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Southern Nash High School



Future Engineer  
NC State University

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Future Neurologist/Spiritual  
Music Director  
Liberty University

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sharpening my musical skills,  
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Future Agricultural Specialist  
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Southern Nash High School



Future Professional Musician  
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Future Veterinarian  
NC State University

***Most Influential Educator:  
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Southern Nash High School



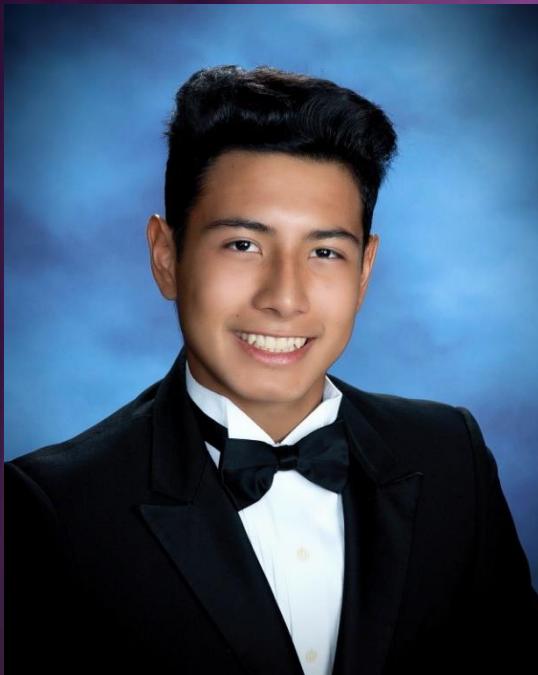
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NC Wesleyan College

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Future Radiology Technician  
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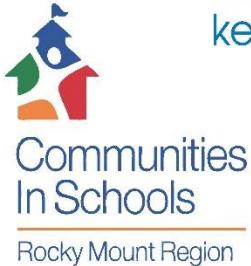
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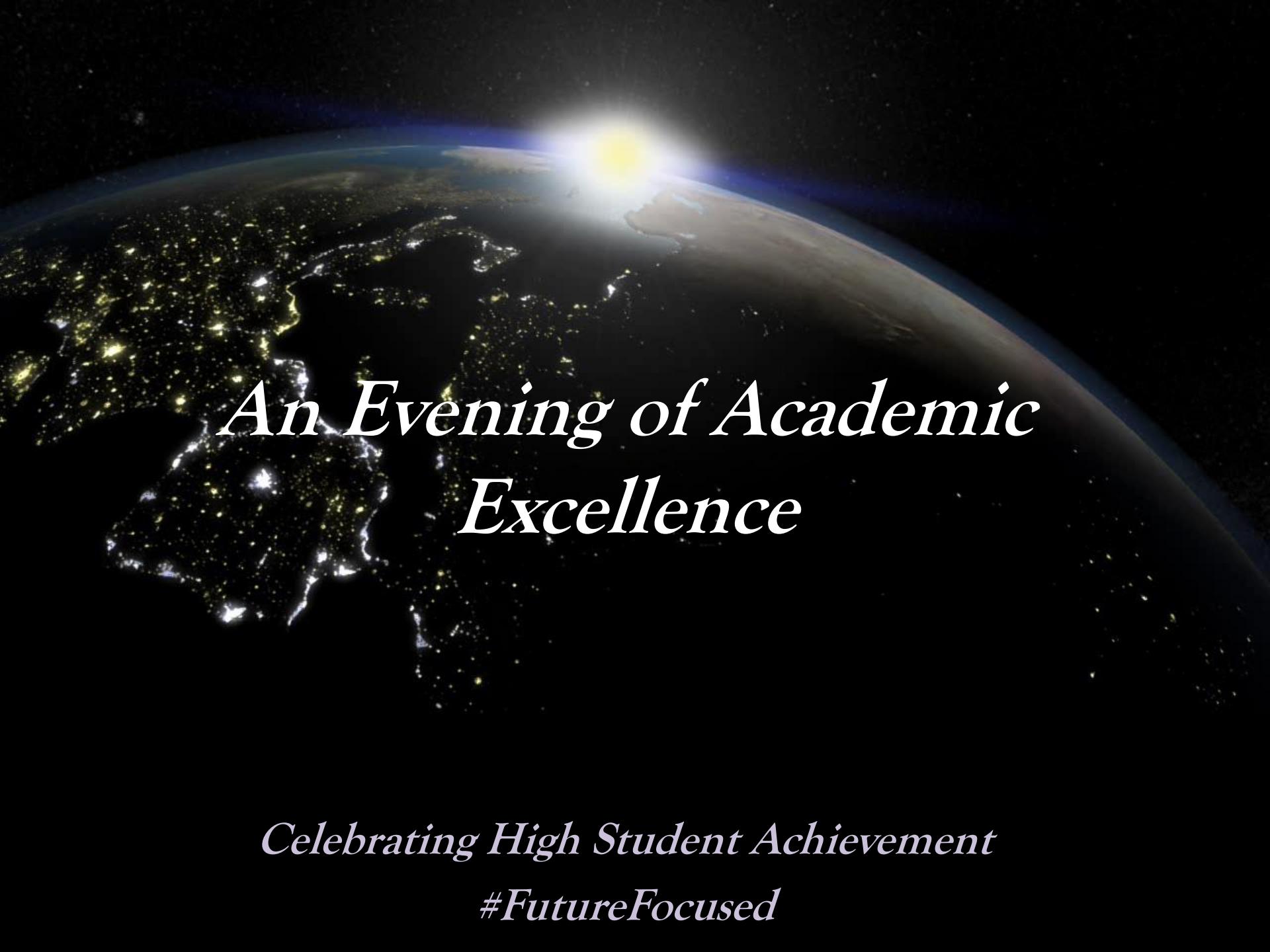
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