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Owen Sanchez Vaquero, center, gets a group hug from
Litzy Sanchez Vaquero and Julia Sanchez Alvarado.



Abel Isidro Moctezuma Flores, right, celebrates with his father, Abelardo Moctezuma Flores, after the Rowan County Early College graduation ceremony.



Rowan County Early College graduates carry their diplomas from the ceremony.



The graduation ceremony for the Rowan County Home School Association.



CHANDLER INIC Miayanna Sherrill, right, adjusts her cap for a photo with Cynthia Dunlap.

All-County SCHOLARS

This year's Salisbury Post All-County Scholars are the four seniors with the highest weighted GPA as recorded at the end of the seventh semester

JESSE CARSON All-County Scholars



Casey Crawford

What are your future plans?

I will attend Wake Forest University to major in engineering.

What were your contributions in high school?

Four-year varsity baseball starter; member of National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society; Piedmont Hot Stove Scholar Athlete Award winner; College Board National Recognition recipient; Advanced Placement Scholar; North Carolina Scholar; junior marshal; completing more than 100 hours of community service



Hailey Madray

What are your future plans?

I am attending College of Charleston planning to double major in political science and international business. I intend to pursue a pre-law pathway.

What were your contributions in high school?

President of HERoes female empowerment club. As president, I was able to initiate and run a drive that collected hygiene products that were distributed to 3 domestic violence and homeless shelters; National Honor Society member; varsity tennis player for 3 years



Laney Reilly

What are your future plans?

I plan to attend N.C. State University and get my master's in criminology and minor in psychology. With hopes in the future of working with the FBI.

What were your contributions in high school?

National Honors Society; National Technical Honors Society; junior marshal; All-County and All-Conference volleyball; member of homecoming court.



Holly Stowe

What are your future plans?

Attend UNC Chapel Hill and double major in biology and Spanish, on the pre-med track.

What were your contributions in high school?

school?

I have been able to achieve a spot at the top of my class and have held it. I have passed all of the AP classes and tests that I have taken thus far. My friends and I organized and held our own hygiene drive for people in our community.

EAST ROWAN

All-County Scholars



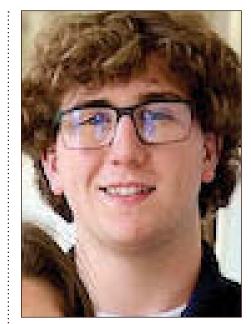
Sela Bettoli

What are your future plans?

Attending N.C. State University for environmental engineering

What were your contributions in high school?

Earned a spot in All District Honor Band, served as woodwind captain for marching band for 3 years, received the John Philip Sousa award for band.



Joseph Boehm

What are your future plans?

Attend High Point University majoring in sports management

What were your contributions in high school?

One of the top scholars of my class; junior marshal; GQ Junior Civitan all four years of high school; graduating with my associate's degree through RCCC my senior year; honors graduate at both East Rowan and RCCC; completing Crosby Scholars.



Hallie Cox

What are your future plans?

Attend UNC Chapel Hill to major in political science

What were your contributions in high school?

Junior marshal; Civitan Scholar; N.C. Scholar; Basketball Most Improved, Basketball Team Above Self; Volleyball Team Above Self; Volleyball Mustang Award; painted senior mural; senior class president; president of Sigma Phi Gamma; Key Club president; Art Club



Dylan Valley

What are your future plans?

Attend UNC Chapel Hill to major in bi-

What were your contributions in high

Scoring 1,028 points during my four years on the basketball team, chief junior marshal, 2023 class valedictorian, making it to the fourth round of the baseball playoffs this year.

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NORTH ROWAN

All-County Scholars



Abbey Beam

What are your future plans?

To attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and major in psychology. I want to become either an attorney, a therapist or a physician assistant in neurology.

What were your contributions in high school?

Captain of varsity women's soccer, senior vice president, editor and chief of the yearbook



Evan Davis

What are your future plans?

I plan to attend NC State University and major in forest management

What were your contributions in high school?

Captain of the drumline



Hope Spurlock

What are your future plans? I plan to attend Appalachian State

What were your contributions in high

what were your contributions in high school?

I am a black belt in karate and president of the North Rowan Art Club.



Natalie Zanudo Duenas

What are your future plans?

Attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and major in psychology with the goal of becoming a cosmetic chemist.

What were your contributions in high

Equality club president; theater club president



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Katherine Burton

What are your future plans?

Four-year University College at North Carolina State University

What were your contributions in high

Valedictorian; chief junior marshal; NHS member; Junior Civitan member; Key Club member; member of the girls tennis, swim and soccer teams; conference and regional champion in 2A Midwest Women's Tennis Championship; AP Scholar; STEM scholar.



Kendall Colwell

What are your future plans?

Attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

What were your contributions in high

NHS member; Junior Rotarian; AP Scholar; STEM Scholar with distinction; played varsity volleyball, soccer and golf (all-con-



Parker Jenkins

What are your future plans? Attend UNC Chapel Hill

What were your contributions in high school?

RCCC Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member; Junior Rotarian; STEM Scholar; AP Scholar; vice president of the SHS National Honor Society; vice president of Students Creating Change; member of the SHS varsity girls soccer team, member of the SHS girls varsity cross country team; Crosby Scholars member; SHS Junior Civitan member; SHS Key Club member; SHS Sheros member; SHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes member; member of First Presbyterian Church and traveled to San Del Mar Mexico for a week in 2022 to participate in the "Teens With A Mission" mission trip.



Courtney Williams

What are your future plans?

Attending College of Charleston to major in biology. Planning to attend medical school after college.

What were your contributions in high

Eight semester A-honor roll student; over 60 hours of community service; National Honors Society Secretary; Student Government Association executive treasurer; All-County golfer 2022 season; All conference golfer 2022 and 2023 season; all conference swimmer 2022 season; graduating STEM student with distinction; Junior Civitan N.C. district west lieutenant governor; deputy governor and secretary.

SOUTH ROWAN

All-County Scholars



Cameron Black

What are your future plans? Attend UNC Chapel Hill to study den-

What were your contributions in high

NHS; junior marshal; SCA; all-county scholar



Eden Childers

What are your future plans?

Earn my associates in business at RCCC.

What were your contributions in high

NHS Member; Currently top 3 in my class; Captain of girls varsity basketball my senior year; A student in the Career College Promise program with RCCC



Gabriel Dial

What are your future plans?

I plan to have an amazing summer then attend Gardner-Webb University to continue my education. I have yet to decide on a major, but I am very excited to experience what the future holds for me.

What were your contributions in high school?

National Honors Society; Junior marshal; 4.25+ GPA; 2022 NC 3A Baseball **State Champion**



Aubree Thompson

What are your future plans?

Attend Gardner-Webb University to study Psychology

What were your contributions in high

State Qualifier for swim 2 years in a row; Regional qualifier all four years; Rowan County Team Champions for swim; All-county swimmer; 4.5 GPA

WEST ROWAN

All-County Scholars



Alexandria Bouk

What are your future plans?

Attending Lenoir-Rhyne University to study communications with a focus in public policy.

What were your contributions in high

During my time in the West Rowan FFA, I have competed on several teams and recently placed 10th in the nation at the 2022 National FFA Convention in Employment Skills.



Ashlee Ennis

What are your future plans?

To attend at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

What were your contributions in high

Softball — All County, All Conference, All region; volleyball — All Conference, All County, co-county player of the year; National Honor Society; junior marshal



Sydney Honeycutt

What are your future plans?

After graduating high school, I will be enrolling at UNC Chapel Hill this coming fall to major in exercise and sports sci-

What were your contributions in high

Backstroke swimmer for the Falcons; free math tutor for my fellow classmates; supporting art club; participating in Serve U; Crosby Scholar.



Anna Mead

What are your future plans?

Attend Georgia Southern University to get a degree in business.

What were your contributions in high school?

Winning Miss Merry Christmas; all my

soccer awards and stats; being on homecoming court three times; being on the leadership team for the National Honors Society.



Tanner Kaler

Northwest Cabarrus High School Son of Pam Kaler Ben Mynatt Buick-GMC

Terry Kaler

Northwest Cabarrus High School Son of Pam Kaler Ben Mynatt Buick-GMC

Kirah Morris

Goldie Maple Academy Granddaughter of Tony Stewart Ben Mynatt Buick-GMC

Viktoria Benjamin

Potsdam State University New York Granddaughter of Tony Stewart Ben Mynatt Buick-GMC

Abby Harmon

University of South Carolina Daughter of Jeff Harmon Ben Mynatt Buick-GMC

Declan Montoya

University of North Carolina Charlotte Son of Anthony Montoya Ben Mynatt Buick-GMC

Robbie Massey

North Carolina State University Stepson of Anthony Montoya Ben Mynatt Buick-GMC

Zachary Kalakoc

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Alanza Williams

South Rowan High School Daughter of Kara Sloan Ben Mynatt Chevrolet-Cadillac

Emma Tubens

University of North Carolina Wilmington Granddaughter of Frank Dumont Ben Mynatt Chevrolet-Cadillac

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Piedmont Choice Academy Daughter of Ronald Wally Ben Mynatt Chevrolet-Cadillac

Ben Helms

South Stanly Middle School Stepson of Corey Phillips Ben Mynatt Chevrolet-Cadillac

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Jesse Carson High School — Class of 2023

































































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Jesse Carson High School — Class of 2023















































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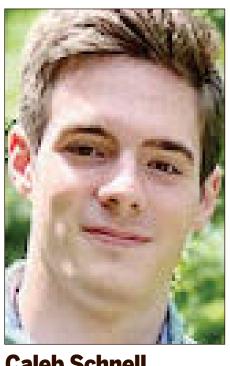
ROWAN COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE All-County Scholars



Jennifer Pleitez

What are your future plans? I am going to attend UNC Charlotte in August, and I will major in biology. What were your contributions in high

school? Valedictorian of RCEC



Caleb Schnell

What are your future plans? I plan to transfer to Catawba College to major in accounting and potentially work towards an MBA.

What were your contributions in high

Salutatorian; FBLA collegiate state conference winner; National Honor Society member

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL All-County Scholar

NORTH HILLS



Olivia Herrin

What are your future plans?

I plan to attend High Point University where I will study to become a research scientist.

What were your contributions in high

I played on the girls varsity soccer team for six years. I have been a member of the Junior Civitans since 8th grade, and currently holds the position of Co-President. Olivia was inducted into the National Honors Society in her sophomore year and spoke at the most recent induction ceremony. During her junior and senior year, as a member of the National Honors Society, Olivia served as a tutor for several elementary students at North Hills. This year, Olivia also had the privilege to be a House Leader for the Smith Sharks House.

East Rowan High School — Class of 2023





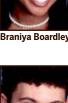






















































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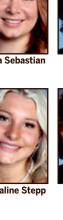
Jose Tafoya

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Nicholas Behrens

Grayson Burris

Thomas Jackson

Jaxon Cathey

Aaron Corby





















Rachel Johnson

Montana Milam

Olivia Jones

Ethan Moler

Joshua Moore





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Brayden Paden Evan Porter Neosha Price Elijah Rawls Karina Rodriguez Jacob Rooney Holdren Jesse Treece **Brian Vining**



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Cornelison chosen as Ducks Unlimited National Scholarship winner

Staff report

SALISBURY — A Salisbury High School senior got a big boost to their college fund after receiving a \$10,000 scholarship from Ducks Unlimited.

Emma Cornelison was selected as the 2023 Susie Konkel Ducks Unlimited (DU) National Scholarship winner.

According to a press release from Ducks Unlimited, Cornelison was highly involved with DU's East Rowan High School Varsity Chapter, serving as treasurer her freshman year before serving as committee chairman during her last three years of high school.

Her family has a tradition of volunteering for DU. Her father, Drew, serves as the Rowan County, North Carolina Chapter's chairman and Western North Carolina's district chair-



Emma Cornelison

DU President Chuck Smith broke the news to Cornelison.

"I am very impressed by her resumé, and after speaking with Emma about her goals for the next chapter of her education, I am even more impressed," Smith said. "I am thankful for young volunteers like Emma who are passionate about DU's mission and willing to pave the way for future generations."

In addition to the \$10,000 national scholarship, DU awarded 60 scholarships to high school seniors nationwide, 10 \$1,000 Conservation Scholarships, and 50 \$500 Varsity Scholarships.

The DU National Scholarship program would not exist without the generosity of many donors nationwide, including the gift's namesake, Susie Konkel, whose support of the DU National Scholarship ensured the program would help financially support deserving high school se-

"My grandfather shared his love of the outdoors with my brother, Jim," Konkel said. "Because of Jim's enthusiasm for Ducks Unlimited, I became involved and want to pass along the importance of conservation to many generations."

Scholarship applications are reviewed by a volunteer selection committee appointed by Ken Carroll, DU advisory senior vice president to the National Youth and Education Committee.

"I am humbled to be a part of this process and I could not be prouder of Emma and the entire class of 2023 DU scholarship recipients," Carroll said. "This marks the sixth year DU has awarded scholarships totaling \$280,000 to high school seniors who are members or volunteers for the organization. Programs like this give me hope and energy for the future of waterfowling and conservation efforts across our diverse landscapes.'

The DU Varsity chapter program is for high school students across the United States. This program allows students to engage with DU in a fun manner that teaches them leadership, business and communication skills, all while contributing to DU's conservation mission.

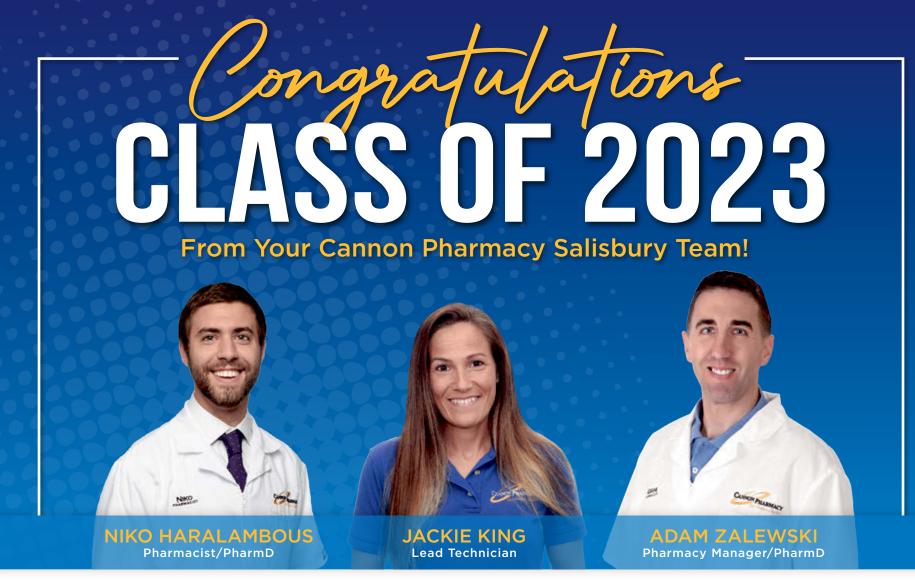
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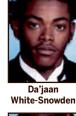
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Kimani Brooks

Britany Calkins

Darrell Carpenter

Roberta Castellon









Zanudo-Duenas

Caleb Coleman

Nathan Corum

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Jeffrey Calindres

Christiana Kesler

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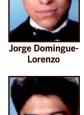


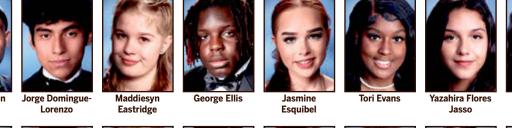




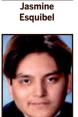
































































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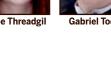
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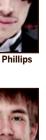
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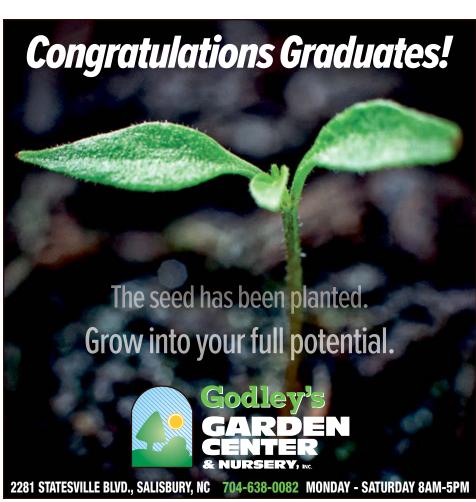


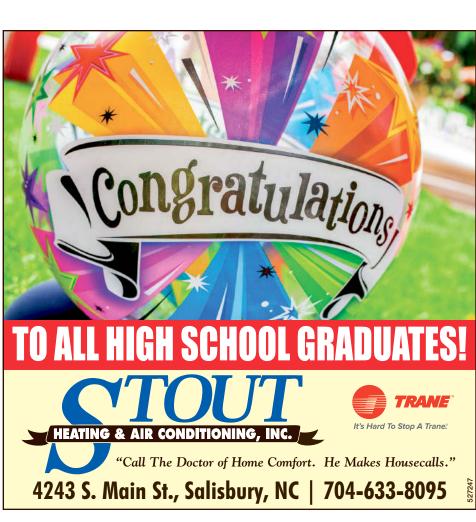




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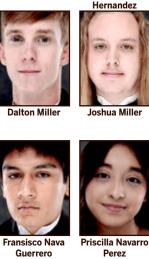








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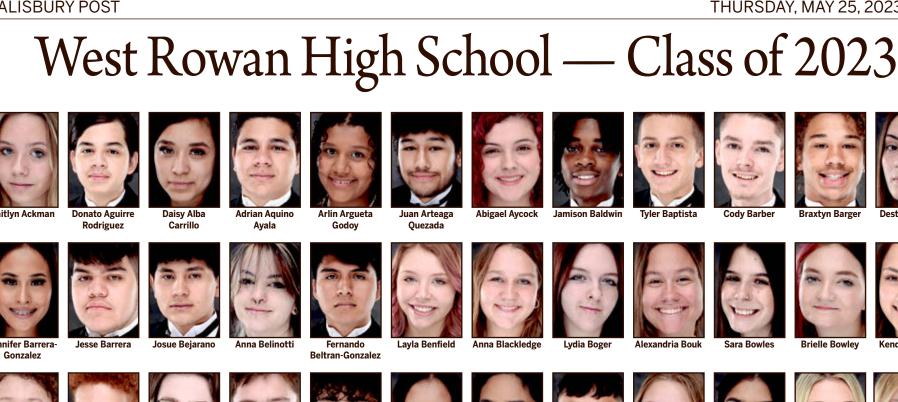














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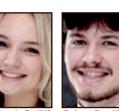


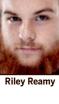














































































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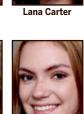
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Jaramillo



Not pictured Haley Norman















Rockwell Christian School — Class of 2023











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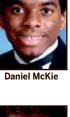








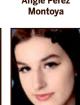




















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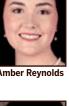




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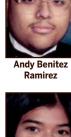










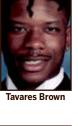


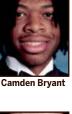








































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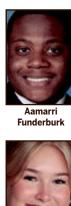
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Kevin Izquierdo

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Brianna Rice





Natalie

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Perla Portillo



James Rava

Sanchez

Gramajo

Jake Stanley





Sanchez

Mercado

Carly Stegall

Malaysia Reed



Sydney Purvis

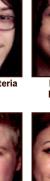


Ashley Sandoval

Dawson Sweatt

Victor Suarez

Trejo















Amhria Rich



Joseph Torreblanca Zambrano



















Walker Snider

Alisha Tate

Paco Solano Del Rio Le'Erik Terrell-Davis

Jessica Santillan





Luke Thompson **Ruby Thompson**











Ashley Rachels







Class 2023

Brooke Power

Congratulations on all of your

accomplishments!

Doug, Jennifer, Phillip, and

Katie



Lizbeth Jaimes-Lopez (a 2020 scholarship recipient), left, joined Brida Wembolua of East Rowan, one of this year's

American Association of University Women provide scholarships for three

Staff report

The Salisbury Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) held its annual Goldman Scholars recognition outing at Rufty-Holmes Senior Center on Tuesday, May 16.

Facilitated by the chapter's program vice presidents Ruby Walker and Nicole Oehmen, the event is a time to celebrate scholarship recipients of the Helen S. and Julius L. Goldman Scholarship. This year's awardees are Isabella Ramsey and Brida Wembolua of East Rowan High School and Rodina Eliwa of the Rowan-Salisbury Early College.

Open to all female seniors, the Goldman Scholarship fund was established in 1995 in honor of Helen S. Goldman, a community leader and charter member of Salisbury branch of AAUW. She invested her love of education in the organization, which has awarded scholars each vear since its inception and continues to live up to its mission of investing in the future of purpose-driven young women.

Lizabeth Jaimes-Lopez, a 2020 scholarship recipient, joined this year's fellowship to encourage the new scholars and share her progress with AAUW members. James-Lopez earned an associate of arts degree from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and is a senior at the University of North Carolina

psychology. "This scholarship has assisted me by not only helping to alleviate many financial constraints, but it also allowed me to build a rapport with professional women," Jaimes-Lopez said in a news release.

at Greensboro majoring in

psychology with a minor in human development.

Her professional goal is to

pursue a career in clinical

Other program participants include Elieen Hanson-Kelly, Phyllis Post, Norma and Charles Goldman, Kathy Pulliam, and Da'Tarvia Parrish. Scholars can learn more about the Goldman Scholarship through their high school counselors. More information about the Salisbury branch of AAUW can be found at https://salisbury-nc.aauw.net/.

Celebrating Our Graduates Congratulations best wishes!





CONGRATULATIONS Alexis Luther We Love you, congratulations!

You're an amazing mommy, and we are happy you are part of our family! Love, Trystan, Cowboy, and



Madalynn Shue



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Congratulations on accomplishing a lot in your senior year! We're so proud of you and love you very much!



Class 2023

Phillip W. Stirewalt

You made it through the years of challenges, that came with school and the pandemic.

Keep up the good work. We

are very proud of you!

Love. Mom, Dad,

Katie, Gigi, and Papa



CONGRATULATIONS Ryan Adkins

We are so proud of you. We had to push but you did it. Cody is watching, make him proud!

Love Mom, Dad, Ashley & Lakelynn



CONGRATULATIONS!



To all 2023 graduates! You've accomplished something amazing and you should be proud. Remember to always keep learning, growing, and chasing your dreams.

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Mackienze Davis Carlee Freeman Daniel Furr Kaitlyn Greene Omar Gutierrez-Badillo Nazir Hayman Randy Lira Ortis Kimi Luna Prudente Elvis Medina-Gutierrez Christopher Menjivar

Brian Moran Cervantes Oscar Posas Rivas Dontavius Strode

Wetmore among college students getting hands-on state government internship experience

Staffreport

RALEIGH — Lauren Wetmore of Rowan County will be among 85 students representing 28 North Carolina counties, will embark on a 10-week educational internship experience at North Carolina state government agencies. This year, the program features 80 projects from clean ener-

gy to instructional design. Wetmore, a Gray Stone Day School graduate and UNC Chapel Hill student, Court management guide ernment." for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

"For more than half a century, the state of North Carolina internship program has been a fundamental source for nurturing the interest of our state's best and brightest students in the area of public service," said North Carolina Department of Administration Secretary Pamela B. Cashwell in a news release. "This program is instrumental in laying the foundation for future careers in state gov-

program in a virtual orientation with Cashwell and members of the Internship Council where they will learn about job expectations, enrichment opportunities and have a chance to ask questions of previous interns. To allow for more hands-on learning experience, many of the internships this summer will be in a hybrid work environment that offers both in-person assignments as well as re-

Interns will begin the are sponsoring internships this year ranging in a variety of careers from wildlife rehabilitation, photography, volunteer services and historical research to communications and public affairs, network security, policy and advocacy, enterprise mapping and aquarium animal husbandry among others. The agencies are in administration (NCDOA), Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Adult Correction, Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS),

Seventeen state agencies Commerce, Environmental Quality (DEQ), General Assembly, Health and Human Services (DHHS), Information Technology (DIT), Judicial Branch, Natural and Cultural Resources (DN-CR), Office of State Human Resources (OSHR), Office of the Governor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Public Safety (DPS), State Budget Management (OSBM) and Transportation (DOT).

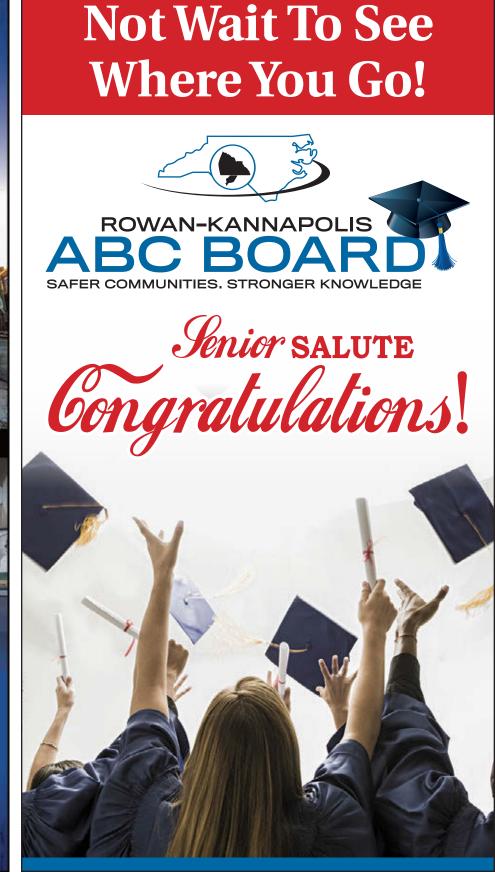
The NC Department of Administration acts as the business manager for North Carolina state government.

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Under the leadership of Secretary Pamela B. Cashwell, the department oversees government operations and advocacy programs. The department's advocacy programs help to promote and assist diverse segments of the state's population that have been traditionally underserved. The North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement is a division of NCDOA. Their mission is to advise the governor, state legislators and state leaders on issues impacting women and youth.







Israel Suarez, Senior Celebration guest speaker and Crosby Scholars alum, leaves the Class of 2023 with a personal reflection and a few words of advice.

Crosby Scholars gathering honors Class of 2023

SALISBURY — Crosby Scholars Rowan hosted an unforgettable Senior Celebration at the F&M Trolley Barn on Sunday, May 7, to recognize the achievements of the Class of 2023. This year, the program awarded 168 seniors from seven high schools in the county with red, black and white honors graduation cords. Additionally, 29 scholarship recipients were recognized with combined awards totaling \$47,500.

From academic excellence to community service, these students have made an extraordinary impact on their communities and have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills. Overall, the Class of 2023 Crosby Scholars totaled over 9,182 hours of community service, which shows the students' dedication to giving back to the community.

This year, 71 students achieved the status of being named a "Gwin Barr All-Star," which is named for one of the founding board members who served as chair for the program's first nine years. Seniors awarded this accomplishment joined Crosby Scholars in the sixth grade and completed all Crosby requirements through the 12th grade.

A highlight of the afternoon was guest speaker Israel Suarez's message to the seniors. The Crosby Scholar alum shared a letter he wrote to his future self with steps to persevere and reach his educational goals to encourage the Class of 2023.

All alums of the Crosby Scholars program are eligible to apply for Last Dollar Grant funding toward unmet financial needs for up to four years of study.

Crosby Scholars, in its 10th year in Rowan County, is a free program for public



Salisbury High School senior Damian Brandon with the Crosby Scholars Impact Scholarship.



Crosby Scholars Vice Chair Gwin Barr congratulates RCEC senior Owen Sanchez after awarding his Crosby Scholars graduation cord.

middle and high school stu-ment for the 2023-24 school dents. All sixth- through-10th grade Rowan-Salisto apply when open enroll- an.org.

year begins in August. For more information, visit bury students are eligible www.crosbyscholarsrow-

Sonic donates to schools for Teacher Appreciation Month

Staff report

In honor of May's Teacher Appreciation Month, Sonic Drive-In's Sonic Foundation donated \$1.5 million to match all public contributions made to requests on DonorsChoose, a national nonprofit that allows individuals to donate directly to public school classroom requests submitted by teachers.

As part of the Limeades for Learning initiative, the \$1.5 million donation matched 50 percent of each donation made to all teacher requests and helped fund nearly 15,300 projects.

The following are local teachers who received funding:

In Kannapolis, five teachers from four schools received a combined donation of \$421, including:

• Mrs. Vermeire at Charles E Boger Elementary School for the proj-

ect "Math Mania in Kindergarten" for grades PreK-2 • Mrs. Bove at Concord Lake Steam Academy for

the project "Is There Space enberg Elementary School for Me?" for grades PreK-2

• Mr. Lineberger at Fred L Wilson Elementary School for the project "Construction Paper for Art Class" for grades 3-5

• Mrs. Johnson at Shady Brook Elementary School for the project "STEM Bins For You And Me!" for Elementary School for the grades PreK-2

• Mrs. Katz STEM at Shady Brook Elementary School for the project "We are so EGG-cited to LEARN." for grades 3-5

In Salisbury, three teachers from two schools received a combined donation of \$110, including:

• Mrs. Rose Stoner at Is-

for the project "Basic Classroom Needs" for grades PreK-2

• Mrs. Hain at Hurley Elementary School for the projects "Starting Off Right" and "House Celebration!" for grades PreK-2

 Ms. Meikle at Hurley project "New Writing Supplies for 23/24!" for grades PreK-2

Since 2009, Sonic has donated more than \$26 million to funding local classrooms. Go to www.DonorsChoose. org and donate to one or more of the thousands of public school teacher requests seeking support.

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The Rowan County Crosby Scholars team is honored to celebrate the 168 seniors in the class of 2023 who have completed the requirements to graduate as Crosby Scholars.

We wish you all the very best!

Class of 2023

EAST ROWAN

Jasmine Endsley

Sela Bettoli Joseph Boehm * Ashley Boyd * Ryan Brady * Ximena Cervantes Garcia Lindsey Cook * Emma Cornelison Hallie Cox

Jordan Avalos

Isabella File * Alexandria Gardner* Halei Hamby Treyvon Hamilton Natalie Hiatt Tatum James * Dalton Ketchie* Isabelle Medina *

Katherine Otten Caitlyn Perdue Lonnie Poole-Godfrey Tucker Tomlinson **Audrey Ward** Peyton Whicker * Ava Whitaker

JESSE CARSON

Sawyer Adkins * Ezra Biggs Megan Bivens * Hayley Borst * Makayla Borst * Anna Campola * Hannah Carr Aden Castor Grace Coburn * James Debord * Summer Drew Carson Drye

Whitney Dyer * Daniel Epley * Emma Feehan Cooper Fleeman Drue Gillis Bryslynn Goodlett * Katelyn Johnson * Cohen Joyner Landyn Kesler* Ian Kirchbaum Kaitlyn Kuehl Camden Miller

Rayleigh Mullis Bailee Nester* Rene Pacheco-Caballero Renick Sides * Landry Stewart * Phillip Stirewalt Alfred Szabo Bree Whittington Hunter Wilhelm Lillian Yousey *

Samantha Morgan

NORTH ROWAN

Abbey Beam * Jaylah Bethea * Sangai Bombo **Evan Davis** Azaria Elder * Zahria Evans* **Emoriah Feamster** Malakie Harris* Albert Johnson Trinity Lineberry Mia Lopez * Christan Mcrae * Salma Munaser Thomas O'Kelly

Aniya O'neal Lesly Ramirez -Hernandez * Daphne Robinson Hope Spurlock * Chloee Stoner

EARLY COLLEGE

Julian Beltran Amber Bostian Abigail Brandenburg Eli Brown Alfreda Chea Karla Cruz-Perez* Rodina Eliwa Alyssa Hill

Sophia Hopkins Jordan Koontz Aneidy Lozada Melanie Lujan Crystal Majette * Zachary Markle Daniel Mckie Aaliyah Phifer

Kasey Pleitez Owen Sanchez * Miayanna Sherrill -Jones * Chloe Whitley * Omar Witherspoon Lucy Woods

Jennifer Pleitez*

SALISBURY

Damian Brandon * Dondrea Carmichael Michelle Cartwright Devin Coburn * Kendall Colwell India Connor*

Mia Cowan * Brooke Cunningham Megan Davis * Wyatt Goodnight Parker Jenkins * Fares Khatib *

Gabrielle Miller * Mary Morgan * Alaina Robinson Bryan Rosado * Courtney Williams

SOUTH ROWAN

Tyler Atwell * Cameron Black Victor Bond Mackenzie Chabala * Camre Fidler *

Caleb Holmes * Ava Huffman Madison Rawlings * Makayla Shaw * Eli Sherrill

Audrey Weaver * Breann Wusterbarth Bailey Yon *

WEST ROWAN

Abigael Aycock Alexandria Bouk **Brielle Bowley** Tanner Brown Abram Davis Kassie Fink Koen Franz Matthew Gabriel Braydon Haglan Anna Harrison John Hedrick * Autumn Heglar

Sydney Honeycutt Austin Hutchinson Landon Jacobs Ryan Kluttz* Evelyn Kwitowski * Benjamin Lee Katelyn Lee Mason Lee Katelyn Lentz* Anna Mead Dalton Miller * Ryleigh Miller *

Maggy Moore * Maria Moran Johnathan Pickens Blake Pope * Mason Quarles Mckenzie Ratliff Jared Richardson * John Robbins * Caylyn Roysdon * Bethany Taylor Luke Waller Rebekah Walters



Congratulations to the 71 *Gwin Barr All-Star* students who successfully completed **all** program requirements throughout grades 6th - 12th.