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**Daniel Campbell**

Fletcher High School

Campbell is senior class president and captain of the Fletcher academic team. He is active in the Great Plains Technology Center Cyber Forensics Program.



Campbell organized and conducted two schoolwide dodgeball tournaments to benefit the Fletcher Food Pantry and served for three years as camp sponsor for the Cross Timbers Children's Camp. He has been starting catcher for the Fletcher baseball team since 2014 and is varsity basketball captain. He is an umpire for the Fletcher Little League baseball team and a member of the Future Farmers of America skeet-shooting team. Campbell plans to study computer science at Oklahoma Baptist University.

**Scholarship sponsor:** The McCasland Foundation

**Jonathan de Gaston**

Choctaw High School

A Valedictorian with Distinction and Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction, de Gaston was praised by his teachers for his commitment to helping



other students in his classes succeed. He participates in BEST Robotics and enjoys Android application programming.

A Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, he is working to attain Eagle Scout status. He has been active in tennis and cross country. He volunteers weekly at Integris Baptist Medical Center and enjoys hiking and camping. De Gaston plans to study electrical engineering at Brigham Young University.

**Scholarship Sponsor:** Richard James Family Foundation

**Brian Daniel Carlton**

Edmond Santa Fe High School

A National Merit finalist and valedictorian with distinction, Carlton achieved a perfect ACT score. A cellist, he is active in the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra and the All-State Orchestra. He has been selected to participate in Oklahoma's Summer Arts Institute at Quartz



Mountain. During one of his advanced placement classes, Carlton constructed a working clavichord. His volunteer work includes playing the cello at retirement communities and tutoring his peers in the areas of math, science and cartography. He owns and operates his own computer-building and repair business. Carlton plans to study computer engineering and math at the University of Oklahoma.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Bank of Oklahoma

**Kiran Chakravarty**

Edmond North High School

An Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction, Chakravarty received a Pritzker Prize in Mathematics and Science and an Academic Excellence Award.



She is vice president of Mu Alpha Theta, was selected to participate in the Stanford Institute of Medicine Summer Research Program and is a member of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation Teen Leaders in Philanthropy organization. She plays in the school orchestra, is a member of the Oklahoma Energy Football Club and has participated in varsity soccer and cross country. She enjoys outdoor activities and making up games like ripstick-lacrossquetball.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Kirti and Satish Kumar

**Hanna Cook**

Durant High School

A National Merit finalist and Oklahoma State Regents Scholar, Cook is a graduate of the highly selective FBI National Academy Youth Leadership Program. She is alto section leader in the mixed choir and is active in the band, musical theatre, student council, calculus and literature clubs and Young Democrats. She volunteers with the Boys and Girls Club of Durant and enjoys crocheting. Cook plans to study English and pre-law at the University of Oklahoma.



**Scholarship sponsor:** Teresa and Alex Adwan

**Maison Cook**

Chisholm High School

Cook is valedictorian and a 2018 Presidential Award of Excellence winner and a 2017 Girls State delegate. She served as junior class president and as class treasurer her senior, sophomore and freshman years. She is president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is



active in the Chisholm Community Outreach Team and student council. She is a Vacation Bible School volunteer and has worked on projects to feed the homeless. She enjoys volleyball, running and biking. Cook plans to study aerospace engineering at Oklahoma State University.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Stephen and Sherrel Jones

**Aniket Dehadrai**

[Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics](#)

Dehadrai was a U.S. team alternate in the 2017 International Chemistry Olympiad and a semifinalist in the USA Biology Olympiad. He was a qualifier in the American Invitational Mathematics Examination and was named state champion in the 2017 and



2018 science bowls. As captain, he led the school's TEAM+S to the state and divisional championships in 2017. The National Merit semifinalist and National Advanced Placement Scholar participated in a paid summer internship last year at the Dean McGee Eye Institute. He is co-founder of the Kind Society, which promotes school unity. He plans to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Simmons Foundation

**Simon Devlin**

Stillwater High School

A Presidential Scholar nominee and Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor, Devlin was a Boys State delegate. He is conducting research in the chemistry department at Oklahoma State University and did research at the Henry Bellmon Research Center. He serves as secretary of



the National Honor Society and is active in the BETA club and the Best Buddies organization, which serves special ed children. He is a basketball starter and captain and, along with other members of the basketball team, is a volunteer reader at local elementary schools. Devlin plans to study aerospace engineering at Oklahoma State University.

**Scholarship sponsor:** The Oxley Foundation

**Jay Eischen**

Fairview High School

Eischen is a National Merit finalist, an Oklahoma State University CEAT Scholar, a Coca-Cola Scholar semifinalist and the District A-1 Receiver of the Year.



He is a highly decorated varsity athlete, having won numerous All-Conference and All-Tournament team awards, and has served

since his freshman year as co-captain of the academic team and co-captain of the football, basketball and track teams. He is active in the national and local Future Farmers of America. He is also active in the Menonite Brethren youth group. Eischen plans to study industrial engineering at Oklahoma State University.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Bert and Janice Mackie

**Natalie Evans**

Claremore High School

The class valedictorian and a member of the Youth Leadership Oklahoma Class of 2017, Evans is an Architecture and Technology Scholar in the Oklahoma State University College of Engineering



and was named Elks Outstanding Student in Social Sciences. She has served as student council treasurer, student body treasurer

and Students Against Destructive Decisions president, as well as director of scholarships for the National Honor Society. She sings the national anthem at school and community events and is a four-year tennis player. She is secretary for Rotary Interact and has served as director of a tennis camp. Evans plans to study chemical engineering at Oklahoma State University.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Frank C. and Ludmila Robson



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**Conner Heffernan**

MacArthur High School

Heffernan is the recipient of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Academic Scholar Award and was selected as an Elks National Foundation



Most Valuable Student competition. He is president of the National Honor Society, an officer with the MacArthur Highlander

Regiment and is active in the Celebrate Mac board and Key Club. He volunteers with the Lawton Public Library's summer reading program and works part-time at a local sandwich shop, serving as shift manager. His outside interests include martial arts, hiking and fishing. Heffernan plans to study physics at Oklahoma State University.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Beth and Carey Johnson

**Ashley Jang**

Norman High School

A National Merit finalist, Jang also was named an Oklahoma Elks Foundation Most Valuable Student and Girls State delegate. She serves as National Honor Society president and Student



Congress Big 5 treasurer. Jang is active in the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation

Teen Leaders in Philanthropy and is founder of the Kindness Club. Every Friday she volunteers her time teaching Spanish to fourth-graders at a local school. She is also a contributor to YouGoGirl Oklahoma, an online publication focused on female empowerment. Jang plans to study international studies in college.

**Scholarship Sponsor:** Republic Bank & Trust

**Hanna Hill**

Sweetwater High School

Hill, a Sayre resident, was selected as a Masonic Lodge Student of the Year and is a recipient of the Future Farmers of America State Academic Award.



She serves as president of student council and Future Farmers of America and is captain of the academic team. She

also is captain of the basketball and track teams. She mentors younger students, performs community service through the Greater Good by Students organization and is a blood drive volunteer. Hill plans to pursue a biology degree at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

**Scholarship sponsor:** First National Bank & Trust of Elk City

**Hunter Janway**

Broken Arrow High School

A National Merit Scholar and Presidential Scholar nominee, Janway is in the top 1 percent of the senior class of over 1,270 students. He holds a Mathematics



League Certificate of Merit and was named Rotary Club Student of the Month. Janway has developed his leadership skills

as an officer in the National Honor Society and membership in the Key Club, student council, Advanced Placement Club and the Committee on Life at his school. He volunteers his time as a math tutor, has served as soccer team captain and holds a part-time job at an after-school childcare center. Janway plans to study Spanish and biology at the University of Oklahoma.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Mabrey Bank

**Ethan Ho**

Del City High School

Ho is a National Merit Commended Scholar and an Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor. He serves as president of the National Honor Society,



editor for the Key Club and captain of the academic team. As a member of the Key Club, he participated in

virtually every community service project. A percussion section leader in the high school band, he was named All-State Percussionist. He was commended for his willingness to mentor other students in his chemistry class. His outside interests include playing the piano, composing music for piano and drumline and computer programming. Ho plans to major in computer science at the University of Oklahoma.

**Scholarship sponsor:** E.L. and Thelma Gaylord Foundation

**Garrett Johnson**

Skiatook High School

The school valedictorian, Johnson is a National Merit finalist and Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction. He serves as captain of the



academic team. His volunteer service includes participation in a food drive that is a joint effort between the school and the Skiatook

Emergency Assistance Center. His outside interests including reading books on popular science, history and philosophy. Johnson plans to study physics and political science at the University of Oklahoma.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Andrew J. Morris (AAS '04)

**Ashley Howard**

Purcell High School

Howard is a Perfect Attendance Award recipient and was the 2015 State Future Farmers of America Greenhand Quiz Champion. She has held leader-



ship roles in the her local FFA chapter, serving as chapter sentinel, reporter and secretary. Howard was a member of the cross

country team. She worked as a summer volunteer at Purcell Public Library and as a teacher at her church. She regularly works part-time jobs, operates her own crafts business and does contract welding for her Supervised Agricultural Experience program. Howard plans to study agriscience at Oklahoma State University.

**Scholarship sponsor:** H. A. and Mary K. Chapman Charitable Trust

**Kobe Johnson**

Henryetta High School

A National Merit Commended Student, Johnson was selected to jointly study at the Oklahoma



School of Science and Mathematics, where he stood out for his diligence and determination. He is president of the National Honor Society and student council and is a member of

the academic team. He also participated in football, powerlifting and track. A teacher praised Johnson for his willingness to tutor new AP U.S. history students. He serves as president of the Henryetta Blood Drive Committee. Johnson plans to study biochemistry at the University of Oklahoma.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Janet and Frank H. Seay

**Tanner J. Hummingbird**

Berryhill High School

Hummingbird is an Oklahoma Academic Scholars qualifier and a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Tulsa Community College's President's Honor Roll. He is ac-



tive in student council and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. A member of the baseball team, he was

accorded 2016 State Runner-up honors and received an All-Conference honorable mention in 2016 and 2017. He also was a member of the football team, which was named 2017 district champion. Hummingbird plans to pursue a degree in computer engineering at the University of Arkansas.

**Scholarship sponsor:** American Heritage Bank

**Allison Knowles**

Arnett High School

Knowles' list of academic accomplishments includes selection in 2017 as Touchstone Energy Youth Leadership winner and inclusion (twice) in the



President's Education Awards Program. She served as secretary and reporter for the Ellis County 4-H and is active in the

national Beta Club, where she has taken part in several service projects. She has also taught Vacation Bible School. Her outside interests include cooking and art. She plans to study business at the University of Central Arkansas.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Farmers and Merchants Bank of Arnett

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**Justin Koonce**

*Bethany High School*

Among his academic honors, Koonce was recognized as Advanced Placement English Student of the Year, Pre-AP Physics Student of the Year and Anatomy Student of the Year. He has been active in student council, National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. His outside interests including the guitar and baseball and running cross country. Koonce plans to study accounting at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.



**Scholarship sponsor:** NBC Oklahoma

**Evan Magsig**

*Norman North High School*

Magsig is a National Advanced Placement Scholar, Presidential Scholar nominee and National Merit semifinalist. He is a member of the school's academic team, which competed in the nationals last year. He won first place in the business law and ethics category of



the 2017 DECA competition and went on to national competition. He is active in the school's Teen Volunteers Club and is a successful cross-country and tennis player, winning fourth in state in 6A Tennis No. 1 Doubles in 2017. He enjoys playing piano and ultimate Frisbee. Magsig plans to study civil and environmental engineering at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Scholarship sponsor:** MidFirst Bank

**Yeahwon Victoria Lee**

*Edmond Memorial High School*

Lee is founder of the Society of Women Engineers Next Club and administrative director of Iron-Dogz Robotics Team 2773. She further developed her leadership skills as a member of the orchestra leadership team. She is class valedictorian, a National Merit finalist and a U.S. Presidential Scholars candidate. She serves as senior class secretary. She plays violin in the symphony orchestra and cello in the string orchestra and is a "Bulldog mentor." Her outside interests include tennis and science fiction. Lee plans to study economics or accounting at the University of Southern California.



**Scholarship sponsor:** The Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation

**Jarod Manning**

*Blanchard High School*

A class valedictorian, Manning in his junior year was selected to jointly take classes at the



[Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Regional Center](#), where he excelled in the challenging coursework. He was selected to attend the National Academy for Leadership Conference in Boston and for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. He volunteers approximately 30 hours each week as a tutor. Manning served two years on the academic team and two years on the golf team. He plans to study aerospace engineering at the University of Oklahoma.

**Scholarship sponsor:** The First National Bank & Trust Co., Chickasha

**Faith Letzkus**

*Owasso High School*

Letzkus is an a National Merit Commended Scholar and Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction. An accomplished musician, she is a contrabassoon soloist and bassoon section leader in the Pride of Owasso Band and a member of the All-Region and All-State bands. She teaches a summer bassoon class and offers private music lessons, and she was a volunteer with the "Buddy" freshman band mentorship program. She is active in the Women in STEM Book Club. Letzkus volunteers at her church as a Sunday school leader for elementary students and as a part-time video director. She plans to study biomedical engineering at Washington University in St. Louis.



**Scholarship sponsor:** Travis Combs (AAS '99)

**Jamie Marrara**

*Oologah High School*

A National Merit finalist and member of the academic team, Marrara has been a state and national qualifier in National Speech and Debate Association tournaments and serves as chapter president and Thespian Council president. She has performed the lead role in numerous



school productions and was named All-State Actress at the 2016 Class 5A State One-Act competition. She is also chapter secretary of the National Technical Honor Society and manager for the volleyball team. She volunteers for Archive Oologah, a self-started volunteer initiative to interview community members. Marrara plans to study neuroscience at Yale University.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Jeanette H. Kern

**Jackson Li**

*Weatherford High School*

Li, a National Merit finalist, is active in his school's robotics team, serving as its engineer and "head notebooker." A talented musician who plays the saxophone and piano as well as sings, Li was selected for the Shortgrass All-Region Honor Band. He is active in the National Society of High School Scholars. His interests including computer programming (javascript), drawing, painting and powerlifting. He also serves on his church tech crew. Li plans to study computer science at the University of Oklahoma.



**Scholarship sponsor:** Mary Frances Michaelis

**Thomas Martinez**

*Bixby High School*

A National Hispanic Scholar and class valedictorian, Martinez is the recipient an Award of Excellence from the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. He has been active in the academic team and served two years as boys' soccer representative to the Athletic Leadership Council. His volunteer experience includes serving in the school's Spartan Pals program, involving weekly trips to elementary schools to help students in various activities; helping run a soccer clinic for the Bixby Highlanders club soccer team; and helping organize a "Wipe Out Cancer's Colors" campaign. Martinez plans to study computer science in college.



**Scholarship sponsor:** T.D. Williamson

**Sydney Lowe**

*McAlester High School*

An Oklahoma Regents Scholar, Lowe has maintains an active academic and extra-curricular schedule that includes participation in the Southeast Oklahoma Honor Band, where she serves as first-chair flute. She is treasurer of the History Club and is active in the Science Club. She has also served as a drum major for the school's marching band and as a cheerleader. Lowe is a hospital volunteer. She enjoys baking in her spare time. Lowe plans to study biochemical engineering in college.



**Scholarship sponsor:** The Bank, N.A., McAlester

**Kylee Massey**

*Adair High School*

A class valedictorian, Massey holds a Certificate of Distinction from Adair High School and will receive her State FFA Degree and Academic Excellence Award from Future Farmers of America. She was a Gold Emblem member at the national FFA horse judging contest last year. She



serves as reporter for her FFA chapter; as vice president of the Interact Club, a community service organization she helped spearhead; and is active with Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. She also has been active in fundraisers and other events to benefit the disadvantaged and victims of natural disasters. Massey plans to study pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

**Scholarship sponsor:** Virginia Kopelman, M.D.