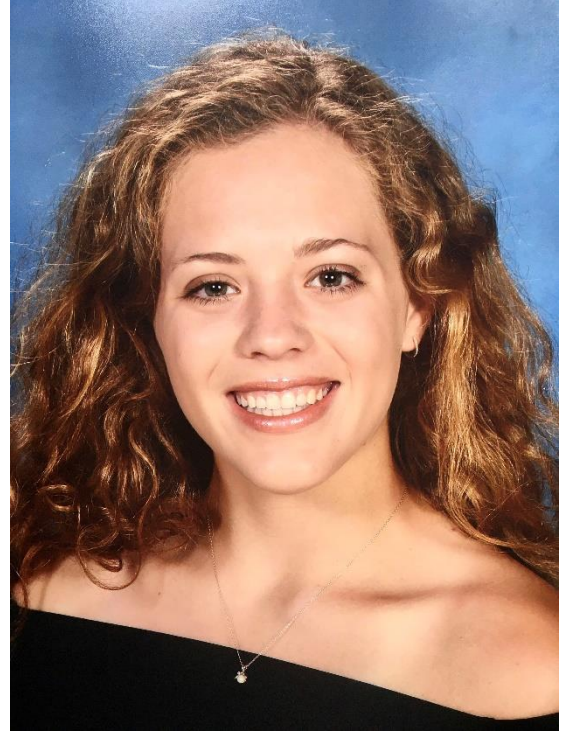


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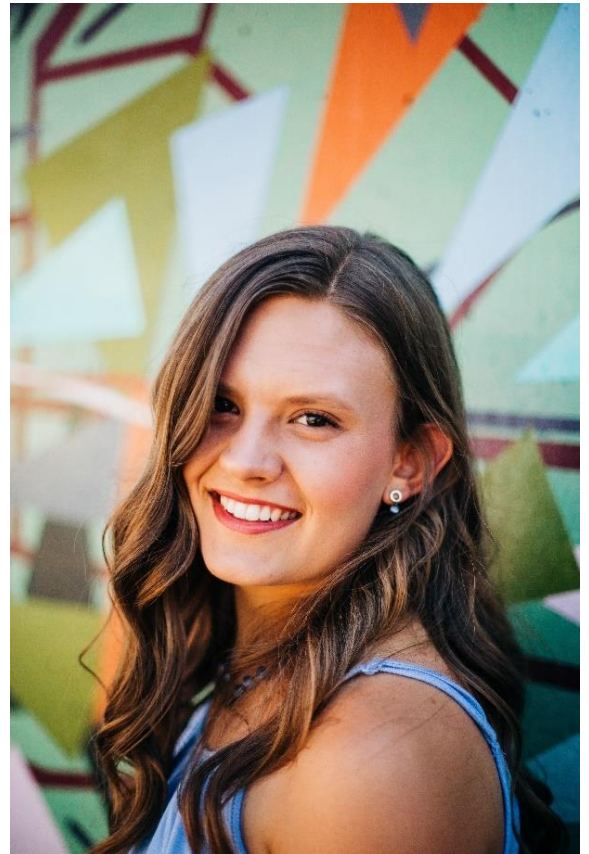
Laila Rogers, Crescent High School

My name is Laila Rogers, and I am currently a senior at Crescent High School located in Iva, South Carolina. I have lived in Iva with my parents my entire life. After high school, I would like to attend either Clemson University or North Carolina State University to major in engineering. Engineers combine leadership and problem-solving skills to improve how the world works. Outside of school, I participate in cross country and Beta Club. I am also very involved in my church including playing piano for our youth worship band. Some of my hobbies include playing instruments, reading, and creative writing. In my free time, I spend as much time as I can with my friends and family. I consider myself a hard-working and passionate person, which has helped me be successful in and outside of school. One thing that I have always strived to do is to help people whenever I can, which is why I am so excited to be a part of this program! I can't wait to be able to start making connections with students from all across the state and help them with the college process.



Margeaux Stapleton, South Carolina Virtual Charter School

My name is Margeaux Stapleton, and I am a senior at South Carolina Virtual Charter School. I have 1 younger brother and 2 younger sisters including an adopted sister from Haiti. We live on a small organic farm in the Columbia area where my family runs a 28-day wellness program. I have the privilege to work alongside my parents in helping clients to regain their health and well-being by learning how to properly fuel their bodies. I have a passion for international missions and have been to Haiti countless times. I have had the opportunity to visit orphanages and villages to assist in projects and spend time with children. When I am home in the States, I enjoy several hobbies including baking, dancing, and learning how to do simple medical procedures. I am also very organized and enjoy helping others make and reach their goals for the future. Following high school graduation, I plan on obtaining my bachelor's degree in Psychology and Spanish. I then plan to attend medical school to become a neonatologist and later practice in developing countries.



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Sravya Sunkara, Mauldin High School

Hello everyone! My name is Sravya Sunkara and I am a senior at Mauldin Highschool. I am so grateful for this opportunity to become a college Process Ambassador and to gear younger students toward their future goals. Currently, I am involved in clubs at school like HOSA, Spanish National Honor Society, Speech and Debate, and a club my friends and I newly created last year, the STEM club. I play an active role through all these clubs either in a leadership position or through competitions. Outside of school, I work as a tutor for children of all ages and I am involved in the Health Careers Club and Upstate AHEC which are all geared towards helping me better understand the medical field. Outside of school, I enjoy kickboxing and reading. In general, I would consider myself an avid traveler as I enjoy experiencing new cultures whenever I can! In college, I would like to major in Public Health/Health Sciences with a minor in Data Science. Hopefully, this route will allow me to go through medical school and become a physician, preferably a pediatrician. My favorite quote is Carpe Diem, although short, it motivates me to always be proactive no matter what!



Kimberly Morris, Aiken High School

My name is Kimberly “Kim” Morris, and I am an ambitious senior at Aiken High School. I am passionate about serving my community and being a role model for others. Within my school community, I serve as the Secretary of the Senior Class, and I am a Varsity Cheerleader. I am also a member of many clubs including the Principal Advisory Council, National Honor Society, Beta Club, HOSA Future Health Professionals, and Rotary Interact Club. In my community, I am the President of the Aiken County NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) Youth Council which is a grassroots civil rights organization. I enjoy volunteering with my church (Second Baptist) through their food bank and serving as a Youth Usher. Outside of my extracurricular activities, I enjoy traveling, fishing, playing a variety of sports, shopping (TJ Maxx is my weakness!), and spending time with my family. Post high school, I plan to attend a 4-year college or university to major in Nursing. I aspire to then continue my education to become a licensed Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.



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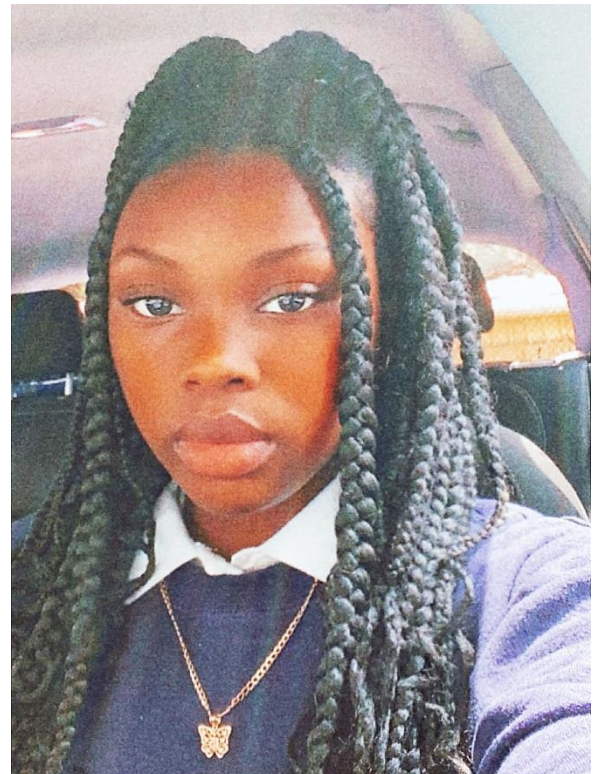
Lauren Schofield, St. Joseph’s Catholic High School

My name is Lauren Schofield and I attend Saint Joseph’s Catholic High School in Greenville, South Carolina. I have been on the Saint Joseph’s Varsity swim team for seven years and competed at State Championships three times, starting in my sophomore year. My hobbies consist of creative writing, painting, and hiking. A favorite pastime of mine is to enjoy the Greenville atmosphere downtown at Falls Park and walk the Swamp Rabbit Trail. I am also invested in exploring the many opportunities offered in my local community. In the summer of my freshman year, I sought out a volunteer position at Patewood Hospital in Surgery-In-Waiting, and explored my school and local community to participate in Saint Joseph's High School’s Medical Club and Prisma Health Careers Club throughout my high school experience. In the summer of 2021, I completed Clemson’s Summer Scholars Nursing Camp and the MedEx Academy, an extracurricular community of students dedicated to exploring the field of health care. Having taken advantage of opportunities that offer insight into the diverse careers in health care, I aspire to become a nurse to serve my community. I plan to achieve a Bachelors in Nursing in college, then will procure more education and experience to advance my care and abilities by becoming a nurse practitioner.



Aniyah Hutchesion, High Point Academy

My name is Xiomiabeth Aniyah Hutchesion. I am a Hispanic African American and I was born in Boston MA. I moved to South Carolina when I was four and I’m the oldest out of four. Being the oldest, I’m showered with many responsibilities. For me, every year of high school has been a new experience. I’ve definitely learned new things and made new friends. Being a senior this year has been a little overwhelming so far but my goal is to be optimistic. I enjoy surrounding myself with people who encourage me because I believe that is a big part of teenagers’ lives is influence. My favorite hobbies and activities are drawing/painting, cooking, swimming, listening to music, and shopping. I really like science, being super hands-on, working with others. I graduate this year and I’m super for what’s yet to come. After high school, I plan on studying chemistry at Clemson University, to become a chemical engineer. I like to always be doing something. I feel like if I keep my head busy, I will continue to flourish. Mental health is one of my passions, being that type of person to help others. Sometimes people my age just need someone to ask them how they are feeling, and I really appreciate people who take the time to ask.



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Abby Joyce, Waccamaw High School

Hey, y'all! My name is Abby Joyce and I'm from a small beach side retirement town called Pawley's Island. I am one of four siblings, with 5 pets! I am a current senior at Waccamaw High School where I am heavily involved both in and outside the school. I am the proud president of my school's National Honors Society, as well as a varsity cheerleader! Outside of the school's activities, I'm a leader at my local church for their preschool through high school students. In my free time, I love to be outside, whether that's on a trail hiking or near a body of water. My college plans are to get a Bachelor's in Nursing, and then continue on to be a Nurse Practitioner, specifically in pediatrics.



Alex Blocker, Irmo High School

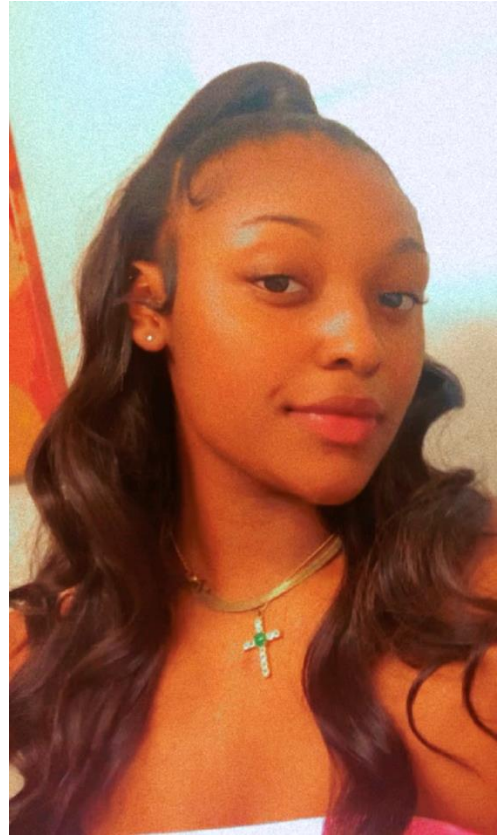
Mr. Alex D. Blocker is a native of Columbia, South Carolina, where he is a Senior at Irmo High School. At Irmo High School, Mr. Alex Blocker currently serves as Student Body President, a member of the Beta Club, Student Ambassador Club, Student Council, participates in Chorus, and is on the Track Team. Alex Blocker is passionate about developing his leadership skills and has consistently been selected to participate in the Clementa C. Pinckney Leadership Program, run by Clemson University's Extension Program. He was the first participant to be selected in both Middle and High School, and he plans to serve as a Counselor for the program in Summer 2022. In March 2021, Mr. Blocker was Selected as 1 of 2 students from the state of South Carolina to participate in the USSYP (United States Senate Youth Program) educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service. He participated in a week-long experience where Supreme Court Justices, Federal Officials, Senators, Political Commentators spoke to the delegates and answered questions. Mr. Alex Blocker serves as the President of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) Columbia Youth Council within his local community. In addition, Mr. Blocker has planned and volunteered for various philanthropic efforts, including packing toiletry items and food bags for homeless shelters, organizing food drives, and delivering gifts to children in the children's hospital. Alex D. Blocker is the primary pianist for Pleasant Grove AME Church and serves as the primary pianist for Pine Grove AME Church's Sunday School services. Alex plans to attend Howard University in Washington, DC, to study Political Science, with future intentions to work in public service/administration and become a State Senator.



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Talayah Hamilton, Strom Thurmond High School

Hello, my name is Talayah Hamilton. I attend Strom Thurmond High School where we are the fighting Rebels with pride, class, courage, and a will to win. In addition, I am a student athlete. It can be very tough at times, but I enjoy playing volleyball, basketball, and coming back home at night to late night studying. To describe myself in one word, determined would be my best choice. I am very determined when it comes to setting goals and making them come to reality. Many of my friends describe me as goofy, nice, smart and athletic. My hobbies are doing community service, singing, dancing, riding four wheelers, and feeding horses. Activities that I enjoy doing with friends and family are cookouts, movie nights, and game nights. Also, the community park is my favorite get away spot from everyone to just relax and regain my positive energy. My college plans are to succeed in nursing, study much harder, find my true self-worth, meet new people, and maintain a balanced time management schedule. I want to attend Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC with a major in Nursing and a minor of psychology. This would fit for me because of my very impressive professional skills as a high school student. With all being said, the sky's the limit for me.



Richard Schultz, Dorman High School

Hey! My name is Richard Schulz and I'm a senior at Dorman High School. I was born in Arizona but moved to the Carolinas when I was nine years old. I'm a very STEM-oriented person, but I want to do something that blends the STEM fields with the Humanities. Currently, I'm planning on majoring in Computer Science, because I've basically grown up using computers. My main interests in Computer Science are Computational Linguistics and Game Development. I have my own YouTube channel, where I post videos of gameplay with my friends and share updates on the games that I'm working on. Through my experience creating videos for YouTube, I've learned a lot about working in programs like Davinci Resolve and Photoshop, which has inspired me to consider working in VFX production for movies. Speaking of, I am a huge movie fan and am planning on somehow teaching Film History in higher education later in my life.

