

NC State University College of Education Transformational Scholarship Program Cohort 2 Biographies



### **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**



**Emily Biggs** will graduate from Cleveland High School in **Johnston County**. Emily is a member of the Varsity Tennis Team, Varsity & JV Basketball Teah, and Club Soccer Team. In her free time, she tutors elementary school students, coaches a younger girls' soccer team, and dogsits.



**Alyssa Darden** will graduate from Corinth Holders High School in **Johnston County.** Alyssa participates in Key Club, Technology Student Association, and Clayton Youth Council. She was the Junior Class representative. She was also in the National African American Recognition Program 2022-2023 Scholar, Summer Ventures In Science and Mathematics, and National Honors Society.



**Emerson Fipps** will graduate from South Central High School in **Pitt County**. Emerson was on the Varsity Tennis and Swim teams. She was the SGA Freshman Class President, was in the Math and Science Honors Society, National Honors Society, Link Crew, and served as Junior Marshall. She volunteers at ECU Health and the Howell Center. She has served as a speaker at Students Against Destructive Decisions events and is a Peer Helper in adaptive PE.



**Isabella (Bella) Gonzales** is from **Brunswick County** and will graduate from Eugene Ashley High School. Bella is a stage manager and volunteers at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and was a camp counselor at Thalian Association.



**Skylar Harrison** will graduate from North Lenoir High School in **Lenoir County.** Skylar plays Softball and was inducted into the North Lenoir HS Hall of Fame.



**Kristen (Taylor) Herring** will graduate from Wallace Rose Hill High School in **Duplin County**. Kristen serves as the Senior Class President and Co-Captain of the Volleyball team.



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**Elise Hines** will graduate from Edgecombe Early College High School in **Edgecombe County**. At NC State, Elise will be majoring in Elementary Education. Elise participates in the Scholar Teachers Program. She is also a Kindergarten and 1st Grade Camp Counselor, Dance Teacher Assistant, Youth Mentor, Writing Center Team Member, Yearbook Team Member, EECHS Global Project, and Distinguished Young Women of Edgecombe County Participant.



**Kate Hudgins** will graduate from Rocky Mount Academy in **Nash County**. Kate is a member of the Key Club, National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society. She is the Captain of the Softball and Cross Country teams. She is also in the Student Government Association.



Laci Lucas will graduate from Clinton High School in **Sampson County**. Laci is a member of the Dark Horse Fellows. She also volunteers with Backyard Buddies DayCare and does Trash Pick-Up.



**Kayleigh Stewart** will graduate from Harnett Central High School in **Harnett County**. She is a cheerleader, works at Kidszone Academy (Daycare Center), and has done a Mission Trip with Buies Creek First Baptist.



**Camilla Torres** will graduate from East Duplin High School in **Duplin County**. Camilla has volunteered with the Health Science Academy and is a cheerleader.



**Lily Williams** will graduate from Clinton High School in **Sampson County**. Lily has worked at a daycare and has participated in Marching Band, Student Government, Yearbook, and Swim Team. She is also a member of the National Honors Society, and Fellowship of Christian Students, and has served as Sampson Community College Career and College Promise Ambassador.



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**Virginia (Brooke) Vuncannon** will be graduating from Western Harnett High School in **Harnett County**. She is a dancer and has served on Student Government Association, and Senior Committee, Western Welcoming Committee. She is a member of Future Business Leaders of America, Spring Hill United Methodist Youth, National Technical Honors Society, and BETA club.

# SCIENCE EDUCATION



**Gillian Grimmick** will graduate from Smithfield-Selma High School in **Johnston County**. Gillian is in the International Baccalaureate program and was inducted into the National Honors Society. She served as Junior Marshal.



**James (Matt) Tarpey** will graduate from Harnett Central High School in **Harnett County**. Matt is a member of the Varsity Football team.



MATHEMATICS EDUCATION

**Dariana De Leon** will graduate from Edgecombe Early College High School in **Edgecombe County.** Dariana is a participant in the Scholar Teacher program. She also participates in Journalism, Writing Center, and Engineering Camp Counselor. Dariana participated in the Leadership Institute for Future Teachers (LIFT) at NC State in the summer of 2021.



Lacey Warren will be graduating from Midway High School in Sampson County. Lacey is a Varsity Cheerleader and is a member of the Student Government Association, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, and National Beta Club. She does community service, and worship band, and is a caregiver.







### MIDDLE GRADES LANGUAGE ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES



**Mary Ledford** will graduate from Grays Creek High School in **Cumberland County**. Mary is involved in the North Carolina Association of Student Councils Executive Board, North Carolina Association of Student Council, Gray's Creek High School Student Government Association, Grays Creek High School - Student Government Association, Gray's Creek High School Diversity Club, Grays Creek High School Orchestra, and Grays Creek High School Academy of Scholars.



**Joshua Webb** will be graduating from Edgecombe Early College High School and resides in **Nash County**. Josh is a member of the Scholar Teachers Program, is a swim coach, and has served as a lead camp counselor.

### **TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND DESIGN EDUCATION**



**Carter Clever** will graduate from Smithfield Selma High School in **Johnston County**. Carter is a member of the JoCo Teach program and has served as an intern for the Johnston County summer school program.