2019
High School Valedictorians
Academic Magnet High School

Steven Schlosser

COLLEGE PLANS
To attend Georgia Tech and major in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

CAREER PLANS
To pursue a career in engineering related to nature and the outdoors

INTERESTS & HOBBIES
Piano, Guitar, Football, hiking, and rock climbing

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT
Football Team, Lacrosse Team, Jazz Band

FAMILY MEMBERS
Rodney and Christina Schlosser, Parents; Nate Schlosser, Brother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES
“Try to be aware of how each decision you make will impact your life and the lives of others, and act accordingly, but also learn to accept what you cannot change.”
Baptist Hill Middle High School

Maggie Deas

COLLEGE PLANS
To attend Clemson University and major in Political Science with a minor in Legal Studies

CAREER PLANS
To become a civil rights attorney followed by a career in politics

INTERESTS & HOBBIES
Helping others, singing, writing poetry, listening to podcasts, and reading

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT
Student Council (President), JROTC (Battalion Commander), National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, Multicultural Club (President), Band, Step Team, mentoring elementary and middle school students

FAMILY MEMBERS
Karen Deas, Mother; Michael Deas, Father; Stephon Deas, Brother; Michael Campbell, Brother

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES
“Success isn’t about how much money you make, it’s about the difference you make in people’s lives.” – Michelle Obama
Burke High School

Sheniah Everson

**COLLEGE PLANS**
To attend the University of South Carolina Upstate and major in Nursing

**CAREER PLANS**
To become a travel nurse

**INTERESTS & HOBBIES**
Hanging out with friends, listening to music, writing, and most importantly, being involved in her community

**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**
Band, Student Government Association, and the Upward Bound Program at the College of Charleston

**MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES**
“If there’s any piece of advice I could give to my fellow classmates, it would be to take advantage of every opportunity presented to you and keep progressing.”
Charleston Charter School for Math and Science

Dinh Long Le

**COLLEGE PLANS**
To attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

**CAREER PLANS**
To take a position in the field of aeronautics

**INTERESTS & HOBBIES**
Challenging video games, studying other languages, and improving his health through exercise

**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**
Engineering coursework

**FAMILY MEMBERS**
Thao Tran, Mother

**MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES**
“You guys probably have a better idea of what to do for the future than I do; so don’t worry about it too much.”
Charleston County School of the Arts

**Roey Leonardi**

**COLLEGE PLANS**
To attend Harvard University and major in English

**CAREER PLANS**
To pursue a career in journalism

**INTERESTS & HOBBIES**
Writing poetry, reading, listening to music, spending time with friends

**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**
Member of National Honor Society responsible for organizing school blood drives, writer for school newspaper *The Applause*, participant in the Liberty Hill Literacy Program and Liberty Hill Angel Tree and Valentine’s Day drives, recipient of School of the Arts Credential with Service Distinction

**FAMILY MEMBERS**
Amanda Leonardi, Mother; Michael Leonardi, Father; Grace, Sophia, and Willa Leonardi, Sisters

**MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES**
“To my fellow classmates, thank you for never failing to humble and inspire me. Listening to your opinions and experiencing your artwork has allowed me to catch invaluable glimpses of the world seen from perspectives completely different than my own.”
Nautica Jalen Roberts

COLLEGE PLANS
To attend Clemson University, major in Elementary Education, and pursue a master's degree

CAREER PLANS
To become a third grade elementary school teacher

INTERESTS & HOBBIES
Singing, listening to music, writing, volunteering, reading, participating in leadership clubs, cooking, cleaning, and spending time with family

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT
Varsity Tennis, Junior Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Softball, Varsity Baseball, National Honor Society, Jefferson Award Students in Action Club, Student Government Association, CCSD’s 2018-19 Student Advisory Cabinet, Teacher Cadet

FAMILY MEMBERS
Mom, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, cousins

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES
“I want my Falcon senior class to know that life is no crystal stair. Things won’t always come easy and there will be days when you may want to give up. Don’t let the world or people dictate what character you will play. Instead pick up your pen and write the story you want to tell. Become the character you’ve been all along, your true self. Most importantly, never lose sight of your goals and remain humble.”

UNIQUE FACT
Nautica has participated in several community service projects: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, collected over 1,000 art supplies for MUSC Children’s Hospital, and created a neighborhood food pantry for the Waylen Subdivision. She was also a member of CCSD’s 2018-2019 Student Advisory Cabinet, a teacher cadet with over six hours of field experience, and won the Miss Garrett Academy 2019 Pageant.
Dawan Markee Nelson, Jr.

CAREER PLANS
To pursue a career as a train conductor or commercial truck driver

INTERESTS & HOBBIES
Riding dirt bikes, playing basketball, and spending quality time

FAMILY MEMBERS
Mr. and Mrs. Dawan Nelson, Sr., Parents; Tonya Green; Derell Green; Virgil Simmons (deceased); Da’von Nelson

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES
“Congratulations on completing your high school diploma. I hope you have a successful future and pursue all of your dreams.”
James Island Charter High School

Elizabeth Payson Richardson

**COLLEGE PLANS**
To attend Washington and Lee University

**CAREER PLANS**
To become a lawyer

**INTERESTS & HOBBIES**
Traveling, reading, playing violin, cooking

**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**
National Honor Society (Vice President), Mock Trial Team (Vice President and President), National Spanish Honor Society (Secretary), Student Council (Sophomore Vice President, Student Body Secretary and Student Body President), Keep it Kind, Students in Action

**FAMILY MEMBERS**
Sharon Richardson, Mother; BJ Richardson, Father; Lindsay and Hannah Richardson, Sisters

**MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES**
“Thank you all for an incredible four years! I know you all have bright futures, and I can’t wait to see what we all accomplish!”
Tyrese Middleton

Military Magnet Academy

COLLEGE PLANS
To attend the College of Charleston and major in Data Science

CAREER PLANS
To become a data engineer

INTERESTS & HOBBIES
Technology, thinking, writing and history

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT
JROTC, National Honor Society, “A” Honor Roll, Association of the United States Army, Distinguished Cadet, Top Academic Cadet, Cadet of the Month, Cadet of the Quarter

FAMILY MEMBERS
Karen Middleton, Mother; Thomas Middleton, Jr., Father

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES
“God is the key to success.”
North Charleston High School

Rome Breland

COLLEGE PLANS
To attend South Carolina State University

CAREER PLANS
To become a mechanical engineer, business owner, inspire the youth, help solve world issues

INTERESTS & HOBBIES
Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Robotics, music production, writing, playing clarinet and saxophone, hand-drawn and computer animation, creating and playing video games, traveling

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT
Communities in Schools, Raise Up Scholarship Program, NCHS Concert Band and Marching Band

FAMILY MEMBERS
Shonniece Breland, Mother; Karlos Isom, Father; Paris and London, Siblings

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES
“It is important for all of us to remember that obstacles are opportunities for growth, and to face our challenges despite how curious, scary or bizarre these may be in the future. It is also important to realize that people we meet have obstacles and not to underestimate their potential for success, their potential to become great friends, or their potential to change our lives.”

UNIQUE FACT
Rome is a recipient of The National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologist Award of Excellence 2017, as well as the Young Composer’s Award and the Superior Performance Award from Carowinds Festival of Music 2018.
R.B. Stall High School

Steven Robinson

COLLEGE PLANS
To attend Clemson University

CAREER PLANS
To become an engineer

INTERESTS & HOBBIES
Playing video games, watching anime

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT
Academic Team, Student Council, Beta Club, Wrestling Team

FAMILY MEMBERS
Daniel and Misun Robinson, Parents

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES
“Life is not that serious. Go eat a bagel.”
St. John’s High School

Michael Dalton Hazel

COLLEGE PLANS
To attend the University of South Carolina

CAREER PLANS
To pursue a career in the field of biology

INTERESTS & HOBBIES
Reading, watching TV, and studying

FAMILY MEMBERS
Lela Brown, Mother; Grace Hazel, Grandmother; Charles Hazel, Uncle

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES
“I have enjoyed every day among all of you and wish all of you success in your future endeavors.”
Wando High School

Allison Fister

COLLEGE PLANS
To attend Georgia Tech and study Computer Science

CAREER PLANS
To become a programmer

INTERESTS & HOBBIES
Embroidering, plants, music, spending time with family and friends

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT
Band, Latin Club, National Latin Honor Society (President), Math Team, Computer Programming Team, Beta Club, volunteering at the VA Medical Center

FAMILY MEMBERS
Margaret Lee, Mother; Mark Fister, Father; Ashley Fister and Ariel Fister, Sisters; Alex Fister, Brother; Ian Tobias Lee and Lela Lee, hamster and dog

MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES
“Reach for the sky.” – Sheriff Woody
West Ashley High School

Marcus Jackson

**COLLEGE PLANS**
To attend the University of South Carolina, major in History, and obtain a Master of Arts in Teaching

**CAREER PLANS**
To become a history teacher

**INTERESTS & HOBBIES**
History, reading, trivia, volunteering at the Lowcountry Food Bank, listening to classical music and Kpop, and playing historical video games

**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**
Academic Bowl Team

**FAMILY MEMBERS**
Clorette, Mother; Carlton, Father; Francesca, Sister; Alex, Brother

**MESSAGE TO FELLOW CLASSMATES**
“I would have to pass on my favorite quote by FDR. He once said, ‘Do something. If it works, do more of it. If it doesn’t, do something else.’”

**UNIQUE FACT**
Marcus is one of only 61 students in the state of South Carolina who have achieved twelve years of perfect attendance at public school.