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American Rhodes Scholars-elect for 2013

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DISTRICT 1

Maine

Margaret C. Hayden, Brunswick, is a senior at Stanford where she majors in human biology and ethics in society. Her honors thesis is on the ethical implications of biological conceptions of mental illness and personhood. She has published two papers, has served as a patient advocate, and is passionate about the medical, sociological, political and moral contexts of mental illness. She is also a varsity squash player and a varsity sailor. At Oxford, she plans to do the M.Phil. in medical anthropology.

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New Jersey

Phillip Z. Yao, North Caldwell, is a senior at Harvard where he majors in physics and minors in philosophy. Phil is passionate about expanding access to education and technology, and has mentored in New York City's Prep for Prep program, worked in the New York City Mayor's office on a new computer science curriculum, and founded a virtual library that will reach over a million students in India with Pratham while on a summer fellowship. Phil was chair of education policy on the Harvard Undergraduate Council for two years, and continues to contribute to its education committee. He is also a member for a third year on the University's educational policy committee, which comprises deans and department chairs, with oversight on undergraduate educational policy. Phil is also a pianist and a poet. At Oxford, he plans to do the M.Sc. in education in learning and technology.

DISTRICT 2

Connecticut

Julian B. Gewirtz, Hamden, is a senior at Harvard majoring in history. Elected as a junior to Phi Beta Kappa, his secondary field is English and he has won prizes for his poetry. Fluent in Mandarin, his senior thesis is on the influence of western economists on Chinese reform. Julian is publisher of the *Harvard Advocate*, writes for the *Huffington Post* on China-related topics, and is a columnist for the *Harvard Crimson*. He also founded and directed a program that connects U.S. and Chinese young people, and has worked for Facebook, and for Alibaba in China. At Oxford, Julian plans to do an M.Sc. in modern Chinese studies.

Connecticut

Benjamin Y. Liu, Westlake Village, California, graduated from Yale last year with a major in biology. He is now studying for an M.Phil. in computational biology at Cambridge University on a Mellon Fellowship. Ben also won a Goldwater Scholarship and Yale College's highest honor, the Alpheus Henry Snow prize, for intellectual achievement and character. He has extensive public health experience, including in China, the Dominican Republic, and England, and has many publications in neuroscience. He also launched a musical and educational program in the Los Angeles County jails. Ben will do a D.Phil. in neuroscience at Oxford.

DISTRICT 3

New York

Jennifer M. Bright, Manhattan, is a senior at Yale majoring in ethics, politics and economics. Jenny has focused on the legal, medical, economic and political aspects of urban public health policy. She has interned for New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, the New York Academy of Medicine and in the New York City Mayor's office. She is also editor-in-chief of the *Yale Undergraduate Law Review* and the former president of the Yale Urban Collective. Jenny plans to do the masters of public policy at Oxford.

New York

Aidan C. de B. Daly, Manhattan, is a senior at Harvard majoring in computer science, with a minor in molecular and cellular biology. Aidan has done research internships at Harvard in quantum computational chemistry, at NYU in DNA computing, and at the American Museum of Natural History in population genetics. He has developed an iPhone app for field scientists, directed video productions, is a book illustrator, is co-captain of the Harvard kendo club, and was coxswain on the varsity lightweight crew. At Oxford, he intends to do the M.Sc. by research in computer science.

DISTRICT 4

Pennsylvania

David M. Carel, Penn Valley, is a senior at Yale where he majors in economics. He co-founded an education technology start-up and performs as lead drummer in a West African dance troupe and as an instructor in Rukdan Israeli dancing. He has become a leading advocate relating to HIV/AIDS, including as president of an AIDS coalition at Yale and as a national board member of the Student Global AIDS campaign. He has done extensive work at the community level in a small town in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, the country of his parents' birth. He is fluent in Zulu and Hebrew. David plans to do the M.Phil. in comparative social policy at Oxford.

Pennsylvania

Dakota E. McCoy, Wexford, is a senior at Yale where she majors in ecology and evolutionary biology. Cody is a Goldwater Scholar, a member of Phi Bet Kappa, and won the Frances Gordon Brown prize for intellectual distinction, leadership and service. She has several peer-reviewed publications and has done research projects in ecology, primate cognition and evolutionary biology. She is a member of the varsity track and field team, where she throws the javelin and runs hurdles—and is in Yale’s top 10 of all time in each discipline. She also volunteers for the Special Olympics and sings *a capella*. At Oxford, Cody will do the M.Sc. by research in zoology.

DISTRICT 5

Maryland/DC

Christopher B. Dobyms, Highland, Maryland, is a senior at Cornell where he majors in African Studies with minors in Inequality Studies and Law and Society. Kit is a Udall Scholar who has studied Kiswahili and Zulu, taught English in Rwanda, worked at an orphanage in Tanzania, developed a curriculum for South Africa’s National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities, and created a curriculum on human rights abuses for a high school in Rwanda. He also founded a company that distributes low-cost energy in rural Nigeria and founded a nonprofit that provides consulting to social entrepreneurs. At Oxford, Kit plans to do the M.Sc. in refugee studies.

North Carolina

Rachel M. Myrick, Charlotte, is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she majors in political science and global studies and minors in creative writing. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior, she has written for the undergraduate law journal and extensively for a student magazine. Rachel is also the student body vice president and chair of the student advisory committee to the chancellor. She also designed a cultural enrichment program for children at a domestic violence shelter in Belize. Rachel plans to do the M.Phil. in international relations at Oxford.

DISTRICT 6

Georgia

Juliet Elizabeth Allan, Atlanta, graduated from the University of Georgia in 2012, with bachelors degrees in Arabic, international affairs and economics, and a masters in international policy. Elizabeth's interests focus on U.S. policy in the middle east and north Africa. She has studied in Morocco, at Oxford, as well as in Peru, Germany, China, India and South Korea. She is co-director of a tutoring and mentoring program for low income students that includes 200 volunteers, and is also a long-distance runner and white water rafter. Elizabeth intends to do the M.Phil. in modern middle eastern studies at Oxford.

Virginia

Daniel W. Young, Charlottesville, is a senior at Cornell majoring in philosophy and minoring in South Asian studies. He spent last spring semester in Nepal conducting research on the social activism on Dalit ("untouchable") castes. His work in philosophy is focused on the intersection of normative ethics and political theory. Daniel is active in the Cornell prison education program, offering liberal arts courses to men in maximum and medium security prisons. He is also active in Cornell's outdoor education program and sings with the Cornell glee club. Daniel plans to do the B.Phil in philosophy at Oxford.

DISTRICT 7

Tennessee

Joy A. Buolamwini, Cordova, graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2012 where she majored in computer science. As a Carter Center volunteer, she led the development of mobile applications that were used to survey 40,000 people to help in the fight to eradicate blinding Trachoma in Ethiopia. An entrepreneur who has founded five businesses, Joy also helped develop a program using a robotic teddy bear for diagnostic use in children with autism. She has won a Fulbright for work in Zambia where she will work to expand access to education. Joy plans to do the M.Sc. in African Studies at Oxford.

Tennessee

Joseph W. Riley, Athens, is a senior at the University of Virginia where he majors in Chinese, and is in the honors program in government and foreign affairs. A Truman Scholar, and a Jefferson Scholar, Joe is ranked the number one Army cadet in the national ROTC. He is co-authoring a book on Sino-American relations and has done field research on Chinese mineral extraction industries in Africa. He has attended 101st Airborne Division Air Assault school, and Army Airborne Infantry school, and founded an organization to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Fund and to help bridge the civil military divide. Joe plans to do the M.Phil. in international relations at Oxford.

DISTRICT 8

Oklahoma

Mubeen A. Shakir, Oklahoma City, is a senior at the University of Oklahoma where he majors in biochemistry. Dedicated to a career in medicine, particularly oncology, he has interned at Columbia University and at the University of Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation and in its departments of pediatrics and urology. He has also worked in a program for entrepreneurs where he is developing an iPod application to detect concussions in collision sports. Mubeen also co-founded an education program for underprivileged youth in Oklahoma and tutors for children and teens in the Oklahoma Muslim community, and is an opinion columnist for the student newspaper. Mubeen will do an M.Sc. by research in oncology at Oxford.

Texas

Nina M. Yancy, DeSoto, is a senior at Harvard majoring in social studies. Nina has interned in the British House of Commons, for CNN, and for the Center for American Political Studies. She has been a teacher and director of Citystep, an organization that provides dance instruction to low income youth, and worked with developmentally challenged youth in Peru. She is also a member of the Harvard Ballet Company and a choreographer for the Expressions Dance Company. While in high school, her family lost their home in Hurricane Katrina. Nina was recently chosen to be the first class marshal of her graduating class. At Oxford, she intends to do the M.Sc. in global health science.

DISTRICT 9

Kentucky

Allan J. Hsiao, Louisville, is a senior at Harvard with majors in economics and east Asian studies. Elected as a junior to Phi Beta Kappa, Allan is editor-in-chief of the *Harvard Asia Quarterly*, a professional academic journal, and the only undergraduate on its editorial board, senior editor of the *Harvard Health Policy Review* and of the *Harvard Global Health Review*. Allan was also an executive producer and director of the Identity 2012 Fashion Show, and president and co-founder of the Harvard actuarial society. He has attended a summit for young leaders in China, and has studied in Korea and Japan. He speaks or reads eleven languages. Allan intends to do the M.Sc. in Chinese studies at Oxford.

Ohio

Micah A. Johnson, Canton, is a senior at Yale where he majors in molecular biophysics and biochemistry and psychology with a neuroscience concentration. Micah was elected as a junior to Phi Beta Kappa and won the Hunt Lyman prize as the outstanding junior at Yale intellectually and socially. His academic focus has been on brain disorders. He has done research on Parkinson's disease and worked in Ghana to design and develop a plan to improve mental health care. He founded a program at Yale that assists in public health programs in Latin America, and is executive editor of the *Yale Journal of Medicine and Law*. He is also a professional magician and was the international junior champion in close-up magic. Micah plans to do the masters in public policy at Oxford.

DISTRICT 10

Illinois

Rhiana E. Gunn-Wright, Oak Lawn, graduated from Yale in 2011 with majors in African American studies and women's gender and sexuality studies. She now works at the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington, DC. Rhiana's senior thesis won prizes from both of her departments. Her interests focus on the complex causes of inequality, poverty, and disadvantage. She has been extremely active in community service, working for the Yale Women's Center, New Haven school children, grandmothers caring for children

orphaned by HIV-AIDS in Uganda, and in Chicago for wards of the state. In Washington, she works as a health outreach volunteer with sex workers. She plans to do an M.Phil. in comparative social policy at Oxford.

Illinois

Benjamin B.H. Wilcox, Winnetka, is a senior at Harvard majoring in history, with a focus on Latin America and the United States. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior, he has done policy and community work with a Brazilian NGO, and his senior thesis relates to race and Brazilian history. Ben was also president of the Harvard-Radcliffe chorus, active in the international relations community, and has written for the *Harvard Crimson* and the *Harvard Political Review*. A cyclist, Ben has logged nearly 10,000 miles pedaling across North American and Europe. Ben plans to do the M.Phil. in Latin American studies at Oxford.

DISTRICT 11

Minnesota

Clayton P. Aldern, Cedar, is a senior at Brown where he majors in neuroscience. His work focuses on visual information processing and decision-making, and toward a better understanding of how human memory functions. Clay is also active as a peer advisor, a journalist, as editor-in-chief of a magazine of the *Brown Daily Herald*, and is committed to increasing scientific literacy in American culture. He also conducts research on treatment access for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury patients. Clay intends to do a D.Phil. in neuroscience at Oxford.

Minnesota

Georgianna H. Whiteley, Wayzata, is a senior at Luther College where she majors in chemistry and minors in biology. Annie has done research on Maasai traditional medicine and the distillation of plant oils for that community's economic development. She has also worked on projects at the nanoscience and nanotechnology institute at the University of Iowa. She is active as a youth mentor, and in Habitat for Humanity and other community projects. She is a varsity tennis player. Annie plans to do the M.Sc. in medical anthropology at Oxford.

DISTRICT 12

Missouri

Kiley F. Hunkler, Glendale, is a senior at the United States Military Academy where she majors in engineering psychology. She has the highest academic average in her department and is one of a small number of seniors endorsed to attend medical school directly out of West Point, which will now be deferred until after her course at Oxford. She is a battalion commander and is captain of the women's lacrosse team. Kiley has interned at Walter Reed and worked at regional hospitals in Ghana. Kiley plans to do the M.Sc. in global health science at Oxford.

South Carolina

Rachel M. Woodlee, Greer, is a senior at Wofford College where she majors in business economics and Chinese language and culture. Rachel is fluent in Mandarin, and a junior member of Phi Beta Kappa. She is captain of Wofford's Division I volleyball team. She has traveled in several regions of China, lived with a family in Tibet, and has also studied in Peru and India. Rachel will do the M.Phil. in modern Chinese studies at Oxford.

DISTRICT 13

New Mexico

Rachel R. Kolb, Los Ranchos, graduated from Stanford in English in 2012, and with a minor in human biology. She is now a candidate at Stanford for an M.A. in English. Elected as a junior to Phi Beta Kappa, she is managing editor of the *Leland Quarterly* and an opinion columnist for *The Stanford Daily*. She has been active with Christian ministries and in disability advocacy. She has won numerous prizes for her writing and has for two years been president of the Stanford equestrian team, representing Stanford in the national finals. Rachel is deaf; her Rhodes interview included the use of a sign interpreter. At Oxford, Rachel plans to do the M.Sc. in contemporary literature.

North Dakota

Christian H. Heller, Beulah, is a senior at the United States Naval Academy, where he majors in history and minors in Arabic. He has interned at the U.S. Army War College and at the Office of Naval Intelligence. His academic work is focused to enable him to develop a broad understanding of the middle east. He is passionate about physical fitness, a marathoner and an amateur body builder; he is proud that he lost 115 pounds to attend the Naval Academy and to serve in the military. He has done submarine training, and attended the Marine Corps selection program at Quantico. Christian plans to do the M.Phil in modern middle eastern studies at Oxford.

DISTRICT 14

Idaho

Joseph W. Thiel, Boise, is a senior at Montana State University where he majors in chemical engineering; he will also get a B.A. in liberal studies, with a focus on politics, philosophy and economics. He is the only student representative on the Board of Regents of the Montana University System. Joe was the vice president of Engineers Without Borders at Montana State and served as a student senator. He has done summer work related to the storage of spent nuclear fuel and in biofilms engineering. He is keenly interested in international development and worked in western Kenya on an engineering project to provide water to rural primary schools. Joe intends to do the M.Sc. in economics for development at Oxford.

Montana

Amanda J. Frickle, Billings, graduated from The College of Idaho in 2012 where she majored in political economy and in history, and graduated summa cum laude. Amanda has been very active politically, a leader in the Obama campaign in Montana, as student body president, as president of the Gay-Straight Student Alliance, and as an advocate for LGBT rights. She has also worked for the Idaho ACLU, an executive officer on the feminist majority alliance, and has petitioned for sustainable environmental practices. Much of her academic work has been in gender studies. Amanda plans to do the M.St. in women's studies at Oxford.

DISTRICT 15

California - North

Catherine Laporte-Oshiro, Larkspur, is a senior at Yale majoring in ethics, politics and economics. Her concentration is on Chinese state capitalism and she aspires to a career in public service related to China. She has studied Mandarin in Beijing and interned with a non-profit organization in Hong Kong and taught English in Nanjing. She also served as president of the Yale undergraduate economics association. She is team captain of the Yale Fed Challenge Team, analyzing the state of the U.S. economy. Cate also served as an economics intern for Senator Dianne Feinstein and has been active in the Yale Political Union. Cate plans to do the M.Phil. in modern Chinese studies at Oxford.

California - North

Daniel A. Price, Grass Valley, is a senior at the University of California, Berkeley, where he will graduate with two B.S. degrees, one in bioengineering, and one in electrical engineering and computer sciences. He also has a minor in physics. He has done research in medical robotics at Johns Hopkins, and at Berkeley to develop a new imaging modality known as magnetic particle imaging. He aspires to a career applying his interests in medical devices and medical robotics to address global health care needs. At Oxford, he plans to do an M.Sc. in bioengineering.

DISTRICT 16

Arizona

Katie D. Whitcombe, Mesa, is a senior at the United States Naval Academy where she majors in Chinese. She is tied for first in her class in academic order of merit, and is in the top 2% in overall order of merit, and is Brigade Character Development Officer. Katie's primary interests lie in working with the peoples of the western and southwestern Pacific. She is on the varsity track and field team where she sprints and hurdles. She also plays the flute and is a dancer. She co-founded Operation Wounded Warrior on her campus, and volunteered last summer in the Philippines to work with girls victimized by human trafficking. Katie will do the M.Phil. in modern Chinese studies at Oxford.

California - South

Evan R. Szablowski, Bakersfield, is a senior at the United States Military Academy where he majors in mathematics. He has also studied at Al-Akhawayn University in Morocco, and worked on projects encouraging entrepreneurship in Ethiopia, and on emerging markets in the Czech Republic. Evan is also a triathlete, conducts a West Point choir, and was a member of the first American team ever to win the Sandhurst military competition. At Oxford, Evan plans to do the M.Sc. in mathematical modeling and scientific computing.