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THE RHODES TRUST ANNOUNCES 32 U.S. RHODES SCHOLARS for 2027

WASHINGTON, DC | November 14, 2026 – Dr. Ramona L. Doyle, American Secretary of the Rhodes Trust, today announced the names of the 32 Americans chosen as 2027 Rhodes Scholars, one of the most prestigious academic honors available to U.S. college graduates. The Scholars will begin fully funded postgraduate study at the University of Oxford in England in October 2027.

This year's class was selected by 16 independent U.S. selection committees, which met simultaneously across the country on Saturday to interview 238 finalists. Over 3,000 students began the application process, and 1,006 candidates received formal endorsements from their colleges and universities. The endorsed applicants represented more than 281 different institutions.

A Class Shaped by Excellence, Leadership, and Service

The 2027 U.S. Rhodes Scholars represent 22 unique colleges and universities, marking several notable institutional milestones. Two institutions, Prairie View A&M University and The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, celebrate their first-ever Rhodes Scholars. Fordham University welcomes its first recipient of the Scholarship since 1962.

The Scholars have achieved exceptional academic records across the humanities, social sciences, and physical and life sciences. They also demonstrate remarkable leadership, public service, and creativity. Among this year's Scholars-elect are:

- An aerospace engineer designing methodologies for object detection who hopes to clean up pollution in space
- A foreign service student fluent in Spanish and Arabic studying water scarcity issues in the Middle East
- A bioengineer developing ultrathin bioelectronic devices and grows giant pumpkins
- A philosophy and math major studying AI adoption in healthcare who is a health and science writer for CNN
- A former community college student trustee who became a Yale art historian and researches French modernist paintings

A Global Community of Scholars

The 32 Rhodes Scholars selected from the United States will join Scholars chosen from 25 other Rhodes jurisdictions worldwide forming an international cohort of just over 100 Scholars.

With today's announcements, 3,738 Americans have received Rhodes Scholarships since the first U.S. class in 1904, representing 331 colleges and universities. Since women became eligible in 1976, 704 American women have received the award. More than 2,100 American Rhodes Scholars are living today in communities across the United States and around the world.

About the Rhodes Scholarship

Established in 1902 through the will of Cecil Rhodes, the Rhodes Scholarship is the oldest and one of the most recognized international academic awards. The Scholarship provides financial support for study at the University of Oxford. It is funded in partnership with the Second Century Founders, John McCall MacBain O.C., The Atlantic Philanthropies, and many other generous benefactors.

According to Dr. Doyle, the criteria outlined in Cecil Rhodes' Will remain central to the selection process:

> "Academic excellence is essential, but it is only the beginning. A Rhodes Scholar should demonstrate ambition for social impact, strong leadership, empathy for others, and an acute awareness of inequities. The Trust seeks Scholars of exceptional character who are committed to making a profound difference in the world."

U.S. applicants may apply either through their state of legal residence or the state where they have studied for at least two years. Each district committee selects two Scholars. The award covers:

- All Oxford University fees
- A living stipend
- Travel to and from Oxford
- Research, conference, or additional academic support where applicable

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Winners' List and Biographical Profiles

A full list of the newly elected 2027 United States Rhodes Scholars, including profiles, state and district information, and institutional affiliations, follows this release.

Please Note: Because the 16 district selection processes occur simultaneously across the United States, early versions of the winners' list and short biographies may contain minor inaccuracies or typographical errors. Updated and verified information is typically posted within 24 hours. For the most current list, please visit www.rhodesscholar.org. Photographs and updated biographies will also be available on the global Rhodes Trust website at www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk.

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