

2016 Chapel Hill/Carrboro Peacemaking Scholarships Awarded

Chapel Hill/Carrboro Peacemaking Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each have been awarded to Jocelyn Buckley and Kate Wood, seniors at Carrboro High School. These scholarships are awarded annually to graduating seniors who live or go to school in Chapel Hill or Carrboro, who are intending to pursue a college education, and who meet certain criteria. The criteria are activism, academic study, and career goals that relate to non-violent conflict resolution, global community, social justice, ecology, and/or population. Jocelyn and Kate received scholarships because of their excellent qualifications, record of study and achievement, strong letters of recommendation, and their desire to pursue careers as peacemakers.

While a student at Carrboro High School, Jocelyn Buckley took many advanced placement and honors courses, including 4 years of honors Spanish. She was co-founder and president of the Women's Rights Advocacy Club, founder and president of the Sustainability Club, and editor and writer for the school paper. Other activities included National Honor Society, Young Life bible study, and an internship at the Environmental Protection Agency. She did volunteer work at Carolina Meadows, voter registration, the Sanders campaign, the sustainability committee, and NC Sweep trash pickup.



This fall Jocelyn plans to attend George Washington University, majoring in international politics. While there she hopes to intern with activism and government organizations in the DC area, sampling methods to bring change and the betterment of the United States and rest of the world. Her career plans include law and diplomacy.

While a student at Carrboro High School, Kate Wood was High School youth representative on the board of Mission 1:27, an organization that supports an orphanage in Russia for children with special needs. She went to Russia with this group 6 times, co-leading one trip. She was co-founder of a project that raised \$30,000 for these children. She was on the District Superintendent's student advisory council and was awarded the prestigious Gold Key at Cheley Colorado Camps.



This fall Kate plans to attend Dartmouth College, studying sociology, religion, and Spanish. Her career plans include public policy advising, non-profit organization, ministry, and law, focusing on interacting with people in a supportive way, a respect for diversity, and the global community.

Over the past eight years, 17 peacemaking scholarships have been awarded. Individuals and organizations who wish to support future peacemaking scholarships can make a financial contribution by sending a check payable to Peacemaking Scholarship Fund to United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514. The scholarship application form and remarks from previous scholarship recipients are available at <http://unitedchurch.org/peacemaking>.

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