

2024 Chapel Hill-Carrboro Peacemaking Scholarship Recipients

May 5, 2024 – Congratulations to three outstanding high school seniors who have been selected to receive Chapel Hill-Carrboro (CH-C) Peacemaking Scholarships in the amount of \$1,200 each. This year's recipients are **Brooke Harrison** of East Chapel Hill High School (ECHHS), **Nevaeh Hodge** of Carrboro High School (CHS), and **Joshua Kelley** of Chapel Hill High School (CHHS).



Brooke Harrison of East Chapel Hill High School has been part of the Social Justice Academy at ECHHS since her freshman year. For three years she served as a CHCCS Superintendent's Equity and Empathy Ambassador. For two summers she attended the Sankofa Freedom School for lessons about social justice. She has expanded her sense of global community by studying French and Japanese and joining the ECHHS Muslim Club. As a Girl Scout for over 10 years, Brooke has done volunteer work and traveled overseas with her troop. Having been involved in Orchestra since middle school, she is now a part of the Chamber Society at ECHHS. Brooke aspires to study evolutionary biology, zoology, ecology, and conservation to be able to conserve ecosystems and wildlife. She plans to attend the University of Vermont, majoring in Wildlife Biology and French, with hopes to attend graduate school abroad.



Nevaeh Hodge, currently attending Carrboro High School, has been intensely active as a leader for social justice. She is the current president of the NAACP Youth Council and State Treasurer of the North Carolina NAACP Youth and College Division. She is also Co-President of the Black and Brown Student Union at Carrboro High, where students unite to address school system inequities. She has served as an Ambassador on the CHCCS Superintendent's Equity and Empathy group for the last three years, and as Student Government Equity Lead for two years. Outside of school she has contributed much to the town of Carrboro through membership on the Carrboro Youth Council, Carrboro Youth Advisory Board, and numerous other boards (6). A student of many advanced courses and member of honor societies, she was also a member of CHS's Fashion Club (for fun). Nevaeh is the change, a leader who embodies diversity. She aspires to go into the medical field and will attend North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in the fall where she plans to major in Biology.



Joshua Kelley of Chapel Hill High School has been a long-term social justice advocate. Both his parents worked in ministry and he has served on missions in Guatemala and Kenya. He was the youth representative for Street Hope and Ministry House in Kenya, helping empower women trapped in human sex trafficking. Locally he has worked for Habitat for Humanity, TABLE and PORCH, providing houses and food for people in need. He is the treasurer and senior officer of the Red Cross Club at CHHS, helping organize blood drives and fundraisers. As captain of his high school's football team, he was starting quarterback and won an All-Conference Award. He became president of TAA (Tiger Athletes in Action), a club encouraging athletes to be active in community service. Joshua plans to earn a degree in

Business Administration at North Carolina State University. He aspires to continue giving time and resources to organizations and communities in desperate need.

About the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Peacemaking Scholarship

Since 2009, 41 scholarships, each valued between \$1,000-\$1,200, have been awarded to graduating seniors in Chapel Hill or Carrboro who are intending to pursue a college education, and who meet certain criteria. The criteria include activism, academic study, and career goals that relate to one or more of these six peace-related focus topics:

- Non-Violent Conflict Resolution
- Global Community
- Social Justice
- Ecology
- Population
- Depolarization

These students received CH-C Peacemaking Scholarships because of their excellent qualifications, record of study and achievement, strong letters of recommendation, and their desire to pursue careers as peacemakers. The scholarship selection committee looks for applicants who show the most promise to have careers that involve being active peacemakers.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Peacemaking Scholarships are not “Lifetime Achievement Awards” like those given to actors or musicians in their annual award shows. Instead these scholarships recognize the achievements accomplished so far, AND they are Lifetime Encouragement Awards to keep up the good work!

Any high school senior who intends to go to college, and who lives in, or goes to school in, or is active in a faith community in Chapel Hill or Carrboro is eligible to apply for a Peacemaking Scholarship.

The scholarship committee will judge applicants on the basis of 1) their written discussions of how each of three areas of their peace-keeping involvement (activities, studies, and career goals) relates to one or more of the six peace-related focus topics (listed above); and 2) a letter of recommendation.

Learn more at unitedchurch.org/peacemaking

Individuals and organizations who wish to support future peacemaking scholarships may contribute financially at any time. Checks payable to UCCH with Peacemaking Scholarship Fund on the memo line may be sent to:

United Church of Chapel Hill
1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Donations may also be made online at <http://unitedchurch.org/peacemaking>. The scholarship application form and bios of previous scholarship recipients can be found there, too.

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