

2026 Peacemaking Scholarship Recipients



Aniya Campbell attends Chapel Hill High School, where she serves as president of their Teen Democrats chapter. She is also the president of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP Youth Council. Last October, she organized and hosted a student forum at CHHS with their congressional representative, creating a space where students with a wide range of political beliefs could ask questions and engage respectfully with elected officials. Through experiences like the NC House and Governor's Page Programs and the NC Youth Legislative Assembly, she has participated in civic and educational programs that have strengthened her understanding of public policy and advocacy.

Aniya's commitment to service extends beyond politics. She has volunteered several hours each week at the Orange County Animal Shelter and helped raise money for local survivors of domestic violence. Aniya participated in academic programs such as NC Governor's School, where she studied civil liberties and global conflict resolution and presented a capstone project exploring the growing political polarization in America and how to prevent tensions from escalating.

Aniya will attend Spelman College this fall and hopes to pursue a career in politics and public policy where she can help shape a more equitable and inclusive system.



Zoe Zhang attends Chapel Hill High School and has a passion for restorative justice, peer mediation, and community equity. Zoe founded the CHHS Peer Mediation Program, which provides a safe space for students to learn to resolve issues through conversation rather than punishment. The program works to depolarize the school environment by increasing dialogue and understanding among peers. At the Orange County Teen Court, she represents first-time juvenile defendants, advocating for fair sentencing.

At school, she also leads the FreePeriod club, overseeing the distribution of menstrual hygiene products in school bathrooms and establishing a partnership with the Diaper Bank of North Carolina. She has also been a member of the CHHS Mock Trial Team for four years, and has participated in Model UN, NC Governor's School, and the Page Programs of the North Carolina Senate, House, and Governor.

Zoe captains her school's varsity tennis team and is an accomplished flutist. In the fall, she will attend Yale University with the goal of pursuing a career in human rights law.