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American Rhodes Scholars-elect for 2011

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DISTRICT 1

New Jersey

Mark Z. Jia, Waltham, Massachusetts, graduated from Princeton in June. He is now teaching American politics and constitutional history to aspiring diplomats at the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing. Mark was deputy national field director of Students for Obama, interned for the Alliance for Justice and in Senator Edward Kennedy's Office, and is managing editor of Princeton's progressive magazine. He is also president of the Princeton Chinese Student Association. Mark plans to do the M.Sc. in politics at Oxford.

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New Jersey

Aakash K. Shah, Cliffside Park, graduated from Ursinus College and is now in his first year at Harvard Medical School. At Ursinus, he majored in inequality studies, biology and neuroscience. A Goldwater Scholar and junior member of Phi Beta Kappa, Aakash was on the varsity track team, worked with United Students Against Sweatshops in Mexico, and examined environmental health problems in Indian slums. He plans a career combining clinical and academic medicine with global health policy. He will do the M.Sc. in Comparative Social Policy at Oxford. He is the first Rhodes Scholar to be elected from Ursinus College.

DISTRICT 2

Connecticut

Nicholas A. Di Berardino, Westport, is a senior at Princeton where he majors in music (composition). A campus leader in student government and a junior member of Phi Beta Kappa, Nick is an accomplished composer with many awards for his compositions. He has been a composer in residence at the Brevard Music Center and the European American Musical Alliance in Paris. He founded the Undergraduate Composer Collective at Princeton. While in high school, Nick founded a program to collect, refurbish and distribute used instruments and to provide instruction to needy students in Bridgeport. He plans to do the M.Phil. in music at Oxford.

Massachusetts

Laura K. Nelson, Westwood, is a senior at the University of Virginia where she majors in political and social thought. A Jefferson Scholar at the University, she played varsity field hockey while leading many undergraduate public service organizations. Laura is particularly interested in the role of humanities in society, and created a series of informal short courses as well as several forums to promote discussion about critical issues. At Oxford, she will do the M.St. in English language and literature.

DISTRICT 3

New York

Zachary M. Frankel, Brooklyn, is a senior at Harvard College with concentrations in physics and mathematics. He is fluent in Japanese and an accomplished debater, and has done advanced graduate work in quantum field theory. He has also been a research assistant at the Kennedy School of Government. Zach has worked extensively with the Global Viral Forecasting Initiative, taking a semester off to develop models that help global health organizations and governments prevent future pandemics. Zach plans to do a D.Phil. at Oxford in infectious diseases (zoology).

New York

Zujaja Tauqeer, Staten Island, is a senior at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York (and in the William Macaulay Honors College of CUNY), where she majors in history, and is in a combined degree program for a medical degree at the New York Downstate College of Medicine. Born in Pakistan, her life was disrupted as a fourth grader following her father's arrest and vandalism directed at their family for their status as Ahmadis. They were granted asylum in the United States. Zujaja has done research in the neuroscience of autism and has written on radicalization in Pakistan. At Oxford, she will do an M.Phil. in the history of medicine.

DISTRICT 4

Delaware

Matthew T. Watters, Newark, is a senior at the University of Delaware, where he majors in neuroscience and minors in political science. Matt has worked in two hospitals in South Sudan training staff in prevention of infection, and in two hospitals in Haiti. He also founded a student organization devoted to Haiti relief work that spread to other universities. Matt is a nationally competitive mountain biker, and a leader in many student organizations. He plans to do the M.Sc. in global health science at Oxford.

Pennsylvania

Andrew J. Lanham, Wooster, Ohio, graduated in May from Haverford College *summa cum laude* in both English and philosophy. Andrew's senior thesis was on Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and Nietzsche's philosophy, and he won numerous prizes across several disciplines. He also ran cross-country for Haverford's national top-ten team, and was elected its captain. He served as head of the college honor council, and interned with the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. He is currently a resident tutor for a nonprofit education organization serving underprivileged minority students in the Lower Merion schools. Andrew plans to do a D.Phil. in English at Oxford.

DISTRICT 5

Maryland/DC

Fagan E. N. Harris, Glen Burnie, graduated from Stanford in 2009 where he majored in political science and American studies. He is currently completing an M.A. in human rights in criminal justice at the University of Limerick in Ireland as a Mitchell Scholar. Fagan grew from a childhood where he knew more people in gangs and prison than in college to a college career of great academic success and leadership, and has remained committed to address the challenges of public education and juvenile justice reform. He was vice president of the Stanford student body and president of Stanford Students for Relief, where his efforts focused on Pakistan and Katrina. Fagan plans to do a D.Phil. in education at Oxford.

North Carolina

S. Paul Shorkey, Jr., Charlotte, is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he has a double major in psychology and business administration. Paul has also studied in Madrid and at King's College London's Institute of Psychiatry. He has numerous publications in psychology and has worked as an intern in rural communities in Cambodia and India, and on an HIV/AIDS project in South Africa. He also has been a leader in student government at Chapel Hill. Paul plans to do the M.Sc. in psychological research at Oxford.

DISTRICT 6

Georgia

Tracy J. Yang, Macon, is a senior at the University of Georgia where she majors in anthropology. A Truman Scholar, she has focused her academic work on health disparities. She has done research on a parasite prevalent in Latin American, and has explored the policy and public health challenges inherent in reducing the parasite's impact on public health. Tracy has also worked on health disparities among marginalized populations in Georgia, New York and Nicaragua. She has won many awards for her scholarship and is a leader of the Roosevelt Public Policy Institute at the University. She plans to do the M.Sc. in global health science at Oxford.

Virginia

William J. Zeng, Great Falls, is a senior at Yale where he majors in physics. His coursework ranges from quantum physics and mathematics to comparative literature, philosophy and Hindi. Will has done research at MIT and at the Quantum Device Lab in Zurich, and was an intern in New Delhi with the Indian Youth Climate Network. He has competed internationally on Yale's lightweight crew, and has volunteered with the Special Olympics. Will plans to do the M.Sc. in mathematics and the foundations of computer science at Oxford.

DISTRICT 7

Florida

Caroline P. Barlow, Fleming Island, is a senior at the United States Naval Academy where she majors in oceanography. Currently ranking third in the overall order of merit, she has served as brigade commander, a member of the Navy cross-country team, and on the 2009 national championship triathlon team. Caroline has worked in the Pentagon for the Navy Energy Coordination Office and presented at the Mountain Meteorology Conference in Santiago, Chile. In addition to her research in wind climatology, she has worked at the Naval Research Laboratory to improve the accuracy of tropical cyclone forecasting. Caroline plans to do the M.Sc. in environmental change and management at Oxford.

Florida

Daniel E. Lage, is a senior at Harvard College where he majors in history of science. He will graduate in May with both B.A. and M.A. degrees and was named a John Harvard Scholar and elected to Phi Beta Kappa. His focus on improving health care for the elderly led him to study geriatric care in France last summer, and he is currently writing his senior thesis on the medicalization of old age over the 20th century. Daniel has also coauthored manuscripts in leading orthopedic journals. The son of Cuban immigrants, he has been the leader of several Cuban-American and Latino organizations on campus. He plans to do the M.Sc. in comparative Social Policy at Oxford

DISTRICT 8

Texas

Ye jin Kang, Houston, is a senior at Rice University with majors in ecology and evolutionary biology, as well as in policy studies in global health, and has a minor in biochemistry and cell biology. She has done extensive research on tuberculosis at the NIH, and has worked in a hospital in South Korea (the country of her birth) and in Zambia. She also designed and taught an undergraduate course in tuberculosis, and founded an undergraduate science and engineering review. Ye jin became a U.S. citizen this year. At Oxford, she will do the M.Sc. in global health science.

Texas

Baltazar A. Zavala, El Paso, is a senior at Harvard College with concentrations in engineering sciences and neurobiology. A varsity football player, he has been on three trips to the Dominican Republic with Engineers Without Borders to develop clean water systems. He has worked as a research assistant in neuroscience labs at Harvard and in Shanghai. Baltazar was born in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, and emigrated to El Paso with his mother when he was young. At Oxford, Baltazar will do the M.Sc. in neuroscience.

DISTRICT 9

Indiana

Esther O. Uduehi, Evansville, is a senior at Indiana University, Bloomington, where she majors in biochemistry and mathematics. She was also a visiting student at Oxford. A Wells Scholar, Presidential Intern and Senator Richard Lugar Scholar, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, she is president of the IU Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students. She has won several awards for her research in organic chemistry, and has participated in a U.S.-Russia global health care study program and done research at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. Esther plans to do the D.Phil. in chemistry at Oxford.

Ohio

Jared A. Dunnmon, Cincinnati, is a senior at Duke University where he majors in mechanical engineering with a minor in economics. Jared's public policy and scientific interests focus on energy. He has been an environmental policy intern for the mayor of San Francisco, and worked on a Clinton Global Initiative energy project. Jared's research has focused on renewable energy; he is currently designing an energy harvester that draws power from beam oscillation in airflow. He has a pending patent on building materials. He is also a vice president of the Duke Chapel Choir and president of a student sustainability project. Jared intends to do the M.Sc. in engineering science at Oxford.

DISTRICT 10

Illinois

Alice L. Baumgartner, Chicago, graduated from Yale in May, *summa cum laude* in history, and with the James Andrew Haas prize for intellectual achievement, character and humanity. Alice has won numerous Yale and national prizes for both fiction and nonfiction and was a poetry intern at the New Yorker, and has published in several leading national literary magazines. She also won top prizes in American history, and is spending this year as a Gordon Grand Public Service Fellow working at a health clinic in Palacios, Bolivia. At Oxford, Alice plans to do the M.Phil. in development studies.

Illinois

Gabrielle A. Emanuel, Evanston, graduated *summa cum laude* from Dartmouth in June with a major in history and a minor in psychology. She is currently in Mali where she is designing a program on water access and purification. While at Dartmouth, she worked with homeless women in Boston, on hunger in New Hampshire, on microfinance in India, and helping Ugandans gain access to higher education. Her photographs have been published in national publications and shown in exhibitions. Gabrielle was also a rider on Dartmouth's varsity equestrian team. She plans to do a D.Phil. in development studies at Oxford.

DISTRICT 11

Minnesota

Perna Nadathur, Roseville, graduated from the University of Chicago in June, with a major in mathematics and minors in linguistics and philosophy. While at the University of Chicago she played violin in the University chamber orchestra, was a leader in student government and in social justice activities, and founded a chapter of Students for a Democratic Society. Perna also writes poetry and fiction, performs classical Indian dance, and has won prizes for her piano performances. She has done independent research on social choice theorems, set theory and homology. At Oxford, Perna will do the M.Phil. in general linguistics and comparative philology.

Minnesota

Priya M. Sury, Roseville, graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in May, *summa cum laude*, in anthropology and Spanish. She is currently studying for an M.D. degree at the University of Minnesota. At Washington University, she was the first student ever chosen for all three of its most selective merit scholarships. Priya has done anthropological work on the use of yoga in western medicine, and been a research intern at the Mayo Clinic in biomedical imaging and ovarian cancer. She has also done research on adolescent suicide in the Dominican Republic. She has studied in Chile and Mexico, worked on an HIV/AIDS educational initiative and as a tutor for underprivileged Hispanic students. Priya plans to do the M.Phil. in medical anthropology at Oxford.

DISTRICT 12

Missouri

Fatima I. Sabar, Ballwin, is a senior at Stanford majoring in biology. Her senior thesis is based on her bioengineering research on designing medicinal products that are more affordable. Fatima has conducted research at Stanford's and Washington University's schools of medicine. She has worked on health projects in Mexico and Rwanda, volunteering at the Pacific Free Health Clinic, coordinated World AIDS Week at Stanford, and is coordinating a health education project for migrant farm workers in Salinas Valley. Fatima plans to do the M.Sc. in global health science at Oxford.

Missouri

Anna V. Alekeyeva, St. Louis, is a senior at the University of Chicago where she majors in history and public policy. Elected as a junior to Phi Beta Kappa and a Student Marshall, she has interned at the Brookings Institution and Human Rights Watch. The focus of much of her work, as an academic, in the field and as an activist, is on refugees and forced migrants. Anna moved from Russia when she was five. She plans to do the M.Phil. in development studies at Oxford.

DISTRICT 13

South Dakota

Renugan Raidoo, Sioux Falls, is a senior at the University of Iowa, with majors in chemistry and anthropology. A Presidential Scholar at the University of Iowa and a Goldwater Scholar, he has presented his research at conferences in Germany, California and Iowa. He is a leader in the University's global health initiative that provides for medical resources to the developing world. Renugan is also music director of an *a cappella* group and active with Amnesty International and BPlansForHumanity. Renugan and his family emigrated from South Africa. He plans to do the M.Phil. in social anthropology at Oxford.

South Dakota

Sarah A. Swenson, Sioux Falls, is a senior at the University of Oklahoma, where she majors in zoology and biomedical science. A junior member of Phi Beta Kappa, she has done research in genetics and won many awards for her scholarship which ranges across biology, history of science and literature. Sarah has also studied in Italy and volunteered extensively in hospitals, education, animal welfare and for Haitian relief. Before going to medical school she plans to do a B.A. in history and English at Oxford.

DISTRICT 14

Montana

Kathleen C. Hansen, Bozeman, graduated from Montana State University in May, *summa cum laude*, with a major in industrial and management engineering and a minor in economics. She is now at the Arava Institute at Kibbutz Kefura, Israel, working on joint water conservation projects between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. While at Montana State, where she was student body vice president, she was also president of the Engineers Without Borders chapter and led its projects in Kenya, and interned with the Mali Agribusiness Network. Katy plans to do the M.Sc. in water science, policy and management at Oxford.

Oregon

Tamma A. Carleton, Elk, California, graduated *summa cum laude* from Lewis and Clark College in 2009. Since then, she has worked as a research analyst at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C. Tamma was a member of the varsity cross-country and track teams at Lewis and Clark, and worked extensively as a research assistant in the economics department. Since moving to Washington, she became a founding member of the Columbia Heights Community Marketplace, and is interested in linking sustainable local agriculture to improved nutrition in low-income neighborhoods. She plans to do the M.Sc. in environmental change and management at Oxford.

DISTRICT 15

California

Varun S. Sivarum, Monte Sereno, is a senior at Stanford majoring in engineering physics and international relations. A Truman Scholar and junior mentor at Phi Beta Kappa, Varun has won Stanford prizes for excellence in humanities and political science, as well as in engineering. He is chair of the undergraduate senate, undergraduate representative to the board of trustees and to the faculty senate, and captain of an Indian dance team. He has done engineering research in Germany and in the Stanford synchrotron radiation laboratory. and has two patents pending relating to solar energy design. He plans to do a D.Phil. in solar energy materials at Oxford.

Hawaii

Jennifer I. Lai, Honolulu, Hawaii, is a senior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she majors in biological engineering, music and theater arts. A pianist at the same professional performance level as students at the finest conservatories, she has a perfect record at MIT in advanced courses across mathematics, physics and engineering. She has done research in the molecular basis of glioblastoma and in the use of engineering tools towards the development of protein therapeutics. Jenn also is active in her sorority and with a support organization for HIV-positive individuals. She plans to do the M.Sc. in integrated immunology at Oxford.

DISTRICT 16

California

Megan C. Braun, Coronado, graduated in October from the University of California, Irvine, with a B.A. in history and a minor in philosophy. A junior member of Phi Beta Kappa, she was also president of the student government and goalie for the women's varsity water polo team. Since graduation, she has attended Cambridge University where she has studied the ethical constructs of war and peacemaking. Her senior thesis looked at the ways in which

weapons technology desensitizes U.S. soldiers to loss of life, and she is especially interested in just war theory and war crimes law. At Oxford, Meg plans to do the M.Phil. in international relations. She is the University of California, Irvine's first Rhodes Scholar.

California

John S. Scotti, San Diego, is a senior at the University of Chicago where he will receive an M.S. in chemistry, a B.Sc. in biological chemistry, and a B.A. in chemistry. A Goldwater Scholar, he has extensive laboratory experience in biogenic synthesis, and is interested in future uses of chemical synthesis to expand knowledge of biological pathways to lead to cures for diseases. He is also passionate about the jazz piano, Latin and Roman history, and surfing. John will do a D.Phil. in organic chemistry at Oxford.