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American Rhodes Scholars-elect for 2012

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DISTRICT 1

New Hampshire

Helen E. Jack, Hanover, is a senior at Yale with majors in molecular, cellular and developmental biology, and in international studies. A leader in Amnesty International from high school through college, she is also active in Physicians for Human Rights and the New Haven Syringe Exchange. Helen worked for the Earth Institute's Millenium Cities Initiative in Ghana and is committed to public health reform and issues of health equity. She is also captain of the Yale club road running team and is a triathlete. She plans to do the M.Sc. in evidence-based social intervention at Oxford.

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Rhode Island

Emma F. LeBlanc, Manchester, New Hampshire, graduated from Brown in June with a B.A. in sociology. She is also pursuing a master of fine arts in fiction at Southern New Hampshire University where she is writing a novel. She now lives near Damascus, Syria, where she is doing research on Syria's marginalized Bedouin community. She is an accomplished photographer with many public exhibitions and has published over 40 articles and photographs. At Oxford, Emma plans to do a doctorate in social and cultural anthropology.

DISTRICT 2

Massachusetts

Elizabeth W. Butterworth, Auburn, is a senior at Princeton majoring in classics. Elected early to Phi Beta Kappa, she has received high distinctions in Latin, Greek, history, archaeology, and literature. Liz has worked at excavations in Greece and Italy. She also founded and directed a music program for children of low-income families in Worcester. Her career interest is in arts education. Liz plans to do the M.Sc. in comparative and international education at Oxford.

Massachusetts

David S. Poritz, Amherst, is a senior at Brown majoring in anthropology and Latin American and Caribbean studies. A Truman Scholar, David started and maintains two organizations focused on the environmental effects of the oil industry on the lives of people in the Amazon. One developed a certification system for environmental and social standards and the other supports more rigorous environmental regulation. At Oxford, he plans to do the M.Phil. in Latin American studies.

DISTRICT 3

New York

Miriam Rosenbaum, Bronx, is a senior at Princeton where she is completing a master's in public affairs, with minors in African American studies, Judaic studies, and Near Eastern studies language and culture. Miriam grew up in an ultra-orthodox Jewish community. At Princeton, she is president of the sexual harassment/advising resources and peer advising group, and president of the interfaith dialogue group. Miriam also works with severely disabled children. She is interested in bioethics, health equity and healthcare policy, and plans to do an M.Sc. in public health at Oxford.

New York

Brett A. Rosenberg, Chappaqua, is a senior at Harvard concentrating in history. An editorial columnist for the *Harvard Crimson*, she has also written for the *New York Times* and *Harvard Magazine*, and was a fiction and poetry editor of *Tuesday Magazine*. She is also head research assistant to Professor Niall Ferguson. Brett has also been a peer advisor and a member of the Kuumbu Singers, a choir dedicated to black creativity and spiritualism. At Oxford, she plans to the M.Phil. in international relations.

DISTRICT 4

Pennsylvania

Nina R.W. Cohen, Newton, Massachusetts, is a senior at Bryn Mawr with majors in philosophy and French. She also studied at St. Anne's College, Oxford. Her thesis focuses on liberalism, republicanism, and the relationship of the individual to the state. She has been active as a volunteer and tutor, worked for the late Senator Ted Kennedy, and on mental health issues for the Massachusetts legislature and the American Foreign Services Committee. Nina is a classical musician and is deeply committed to issues of disability. She plans to do the M.Phil. in politics at Oxford.

Pennsylvania

Cory J. Rodgers, Somerset, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in December in biological sciences, history and philosophy of science and African studies, and with a minor in chemistry. He has done research and language study in Tanzania and Mongolia, and tutored refugee families from Somalia. Cory is founder and president of the Pitt chapter of Americans for Informed Democracy, has done research on pertussis outbreaks in U.S. hospitals and on DNA replication, and is passionate about health equity. Cory plans to do an M.Sc. in medical anthropology and an M.Sc. in migration studies at Oxford.

DISTRICT 5

Maryland/DC

Ronan S. Farrow, Washington, DC, graduated with double majors in philosophy and biology from Bard College in 2004. He was the college's youngest graduate ever, at age 15. He is now its first Rhodes Scholar. He graduated from Yale Law School in 2009, where he edited the Yale Journal of International Affairs. He is currently Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for Global Youth Issues, and before that was Special Advisor for Humanitarian and NGO Affairs. He has been a political commentator on three networks and in many national publications, and is a songwriter and guitarist. He grew up with fourteen adopted siblings from seven countries speaking six languages. At Oxford, Ronan plans to do a D.Phil. in international development.

North Carolina

Brandon E. Turner, Winston-Salem, is a senior biophysics major at Wake Forest University with minors in sociology and chemistry. Brandon has won awards and scholarships for his work in physics, directed volunteers for a homeless shelter, and is a rugby player selected for state and southern United States all-star teams. He served as director of a program in Cameroon that built school computer labs, and trained Cameroonian children in basic computer skills. Brandon plans to do the M.Sc. in global health science at Oxford.

DISTRICT 6

Georgia

Ishan Nath, Atlanta, is a senior at Stanford where he will receive bachelors' degrees in economics and earth systems, and with a minor in mathematics. His senior thesis relates to clean energy and a national cap-and-trade emissions trading system. Ishan also interned at the office of economic policy at the White House and served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Energy. A Truman Scholar and a Udall Scholar, he has also been an editorial writer for the *Stanford Daily* and a political columnist. A marathon runner, he will do the M.Sc. in economics for development at Oxford.

Virginia

Nabeel N. Gillani, Glen Allen, is a senior at Brown majoring in applied mathematics and computer science. Nabeel has also served as a research assistant on a biotechnology project, as a Microsoft project manager, and is working now at Brown's optimization lab on electricity restoration for disaster relief. He founded a Providence-based microfinance organization as well as an outreach program in the Providence public schools to help younger students learn math. At Oxford he plans to do the M.Sc. in computer science and the M.Sc. in education.

DISTRICT 7

Alabama

Joshua D. Carpenter, Florence, is a 2010 graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a B.S. in accounting and economics. Josh is now a teacher with Teach for America in Marion, Alabama. Committed to education reform, he started a program to train students to prepare tax returns for low-income families, and taught writing and economics and math to students in the Birmingham city schools. Josh also served as a White House intern and co-captained UAB's mock trial team. He plans to do the M.Phil. in comparative social policy at Oxford.

Tennessee

Carrie H. Ryan, Sewanee, is a senior at The University of the South majoring in cultural anthropology. The president of the student body and a student trustee, she also co-founded the diversity coalition and won the community service award for all public and private universities in Tennessee. Carrie also founded an organization fostering relationships between public school students and residents of retirement communities, and researched elder care in India related to her extensive academic work in gerontology. She will do the M.Phil. in evidence-based social intervention at Oxford.

DISTRICT 8

Texas

Aysha N. Bagchi, Austin, graduated from Stanford in June with degrees in philosophy and history and honors in ethics in society. She is now studying at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Aysha served as a member of Stanford's task force to review undergraduate education, held many roles on the *Stanford Daily*, and co-founded the Stanford Immigrant Rights Project. She also received major Stanford prizes for contributions to the university and for her scholarship. Aysha plans to do the M.Phil. in politics at Oxford.

Texas

Anand R. Habib, Houston, graduated from Stanford in June with a B.S. in biology and honors in international security studies. He is currently on a global health fellowship in Haiti where he is working in a variety of community health programs. Winning top university awards for his academic work, he also distinguished himself as a leader of many public service programs at Stanford, in his communities in California and Texas, and in India, Mexico, Guatemala and Haiti. Anand plans to do masters' degrees in public policy and medical anthropology at Oxford.

DISTRICT 9

Indiana

Mohit Agrawal, West Lafayette, received his B.A. in mathematics at Princeton last year and is currently doing a master's degree in economic policy evaluation at the National University of Ireland. Elected early to Phi Beta Kappa and the winner of a Mitchell Scholarship, he was co-president of Engineers Without Borders and proposed the Ghana School Library Initiative to construct a library in Ashaiman, Ghana. Mohit also spent a semester at the National University of Singapore and developed tools for anti-cryptology systems for the National Security Agency. He plans to do the D.Phil. in financial economics at Oxford.

Kentucky

Victor Yang, Lexington, is a senior at Harvard concentrating in history and science. A U.S. presidential scholar, and elected as a junior to Phi Beta Kappa, his academic focus has been on medicine and society. Victor also studied at Oxford, where he won the Oxford Law Society essay competition. He is doing research to drive reform in Medicaid reimbursement policy, was a public policy intern with the National League of Cities, conducted a project on HIV/AIDS antiretroviral services in South Africa and taught English in Bulgaria. He also was a staff writer for the *Harvard Crimson*. Victor will do the master of public policy at Oxford.

DISTRICT 10

Illinois

Sarah N. Smierciak, Lemont, graduated from Northwestern in June with majors in history and in Middle East language and civilization. She has also studied Arabic at the American University in Cairo and at Damascus University. Elected as a junior to Phi Beta Kappa, she is now living in Cairo, and developing a curriculum for orphans and street children in a special school recognized by the United Nations. She has published articles on social justice and published her photography, and serves as a docent on Egyptian art at The Field Museum. She is also a triathlete. Sarah plans to do the M.Phil. in development studies.

Michigan

Spencer B.L. Lenfield, Paw Paw, is a senior at Harvard concentrating in history and literature. Winning top distinction as a scholar of the humanities since his freshman year, Spencer has won prizes for his work on Flaubert and Virginia Woolf, and has been editor-in-chief of a student literary magazine, arts columnist for the *Harvard Crimson* and contributing writer for *Harvard Magazine*. He is also an accomplished pianist and poet. Spencer was born in Korea and adopted as an infant by his parents in Kalamazoo. He intends to do an M.Litt. in history at Oxford.

DISTRICT 11

Wisconsin

Alexis K. Brown, Madison, is a senior majoring in English and history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Elected as a junior to Phi Beta Kappa, she was named the outstanding student in the English department. She is founder and editor-in-chief of a national undergraduate journal of literary criticism, and has been an editor and poetry reviewer of another literary arts journal. In addition, Alexis has taught reading and math to children from low income families and works as a writing fellow. She is also a figure skating instructor and choreographer. Alexis plans to do the M.St. in modern English literature at Oxford.

Wisconsin

Astrid E.M.L. Stuth, Hubertus, is a senior at Princeton majoring in East Asian studies. She studied Mandarin at Tsinghua University in Beijing. Astrid left her home in Wisconsin to attend high school in Hong Kong. A debater who has competed for the United States in China in Chinese, she is also president of a Princeton *a capella* group and co-founded and directed an initiative for American and Iraqi youth. Astrid aspires to a career in public diplomacy, with a special focus on U.S.-China relations. At Oxford, she plans to pursue the M.Phil. in international relations.

DISTRICT 12

Kansas

Kelsey R. Murrell, Kearney, Missouri, is a senior English major at the University of Kansas. A national, regional, and university prize winning writer and playwright, her senior thesis combines refugee narratives, trauma theory and the historic status of refugees. Much of her work focuses on issues of social justice. Kelsey is also a student senator, community volunteer and peer mentor. She has studied or done research in Peru and Costa Rica and for *The London Review*. She will do the M.Sc. in migration studies and the M.Sc. in refugee and forced migration studies at Oxford.

South Carolina

Katherine Niehaus, Columbia, received her B.S. in biomechanical engineering at Stanford in 2010 and an M.S. in 2011, concentrating in biomedical devices. Her class and research work focuses on biomechanics and her interests lie in its applications to high technology entrepreneurship. Kate also captained Stanford's varsity track and cross country teams, won the Pac-10 5,000 meters, and won Academic-All American status. She also served as a mentor and tutor for students in low-income families. Kate intends to do a D.Phil. in systems approaches to biomedical science at Oxford.

DISTRICT 13

Colorado

Zachary A. Crippen, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, is a senior at the United States Air Force Academy where he concentrates in foreign area studies, in which he has been recognized as the top student. Zach is Vice Wing Commander and ranks second in military class rank. He captained the USAFA's mock trial team and has studied in Israel and Egypt, and done military training in Germany. At Oxford, Zach plans to do the master of public policy and the M.Sc. in global governance and diplomacy.

Colorado

Samuel M. Galler, Boulder, is a Harvard senior who will get a bachelor's in East Asian studies and global health and health policy and a master's in East Asian regional studies. His thesis is on the politics of Chinese NGOs and HIV/AIDS. Sam was a research intern at Tsinghua University, founded a web-design firm, and as a former competitor in the World Youth Chess Olympics, co-founded a chess academy for middle and elementary school children. He is also president of an *a capella* group and a vocal jazz ensemble. Sam plans to do the M.Sc. in modern Chinese studies and the M.Sc. in global health science at Oxford.

DISTRICT 14

Washington

Byron D. Gray, Post Falls, Idaho, is a senior at the University of Washington with majors in political science; law, societies and justice; and Asian studies. His senior thesis is on family law, human rights and religious sectarianism in India. Byron won U.S. State Department scholarships for the study of Urdu and Hindi, and worked for an NGO in rural northern India. He has also studied the status of immigrants in Italy and has done work on human rights and religious violence in South Asia. At Oxford, Byron plans to do an M.Sc. in contemporary India and an M.St. in socio-legal studies.

Washington

Cameron W. Turtle, Pullman, is a senior at the University of Washington, majoring in bioengineering. A Mary Gates scholar and a Goldwater scholar, he has done extensive work in cardiac therapeutics. He co-founded Bioengineers Without Borders at the University of Washington, providing opportunities for service in global health. Cameron is also a successful social entrepreneur, founding and now serving as CEO of Point of Care Technologies, a company that develops molecular medical diagnostic devices that interface with Android-based mobile equipment. He intends to do a D.Phil. in cardiovascular medicine at Oxford.

DISTRICT 15

California

Brianna R. Doherty, Carmichael, is a senior at Brown where she will receive a B.Sc. in cognitive neuroscience. Much of her work there is to understand how autism spectrum disorders affect the ability of children to feel empathy to others. Brianna is also a painter, a DJ, and a dancer, and studied art history in Florence. She is a peer advisor and a leader of the Brown outdoor leadership program and a certified wilderness first responder. Brianna will do the M.Sc. in experimental psychology at Oxford.

California

Tenzin Seldon, Albany, is a senior at Stanford majoring in comparative studies in race and ethnicity. Before Stanford, she received an A.A. from Berkeley City College. Tenzin's passion is to use her life to bring justice, freedom and equality to the Tibetan people. She is already a major leader of the Tibetan diaspora nationally. In addition, she is a fellow at the Center for Companion and Altruism Research and Education at the Stanford School of Medicine, did research among Tibetan refugees in India, and is on the board of directors of *The Stanford Daily*. She is also a Truman Scholar. Tenzin plans to do the M.Sc. in refugee and forced migration studies and the M.Sc. in modern Chinese studies at Oxford.

DISTRICT 16

California

Stephanie J. Bryson, San Diego, received her B.A. summa cum laude and as valedictorian from the California State University, Long Beach in May, and is its first Rhodes Scholar. She majored in international studies with a concentration in western Europe and minored in political science. She is now at Georgetown University pursuing an M.A. in German and European Studies. Stephanie also spent a year at the Humboldt University in Berlin and interned at the U.S. mission to the European Union in Brussels. She also trained and supervised lifeguards in Del Mar and has worked in the Wounded Warrior Project and for the Challenged Athletes Foundation. Stephanie will do the M.Phil. in politics at Oxford.

California

Stephanie Lin, Irvine, is a senior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she majors in biology and minors in applied international studies. In addition to winning many academic awards, she is active with the MIT Global Poverty Initiatives, directing projects in Mexico, and is a founding resource coordinator for Health Leads Boston. Stephanie is editor-in-chief of MIT's only journal of arts and letters, and has done biochemical research at the Chao Cancer Research Center and the Whitehead Institute relating to lung cancer, Epstein-Barr virus and Kaposi's sarcoma virus. Stephanie intends to do the M.Sc. in medical anthropology and the M.Sc. in global health science at Oxford.