



American Rhodes Scholars-Elect for 2004

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Rhode Island—Brown University

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New York—Hobart and William Smith Colleges

MS. POOJA KUMAR

Pennsylvania—Harvard University

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MS. HEATHER E. LONG

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MS. EMILY PEMBROKE LUDWIG

West Virginia—Williams College

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MS. CRISTINA ADRIANA BEJAN

North Carolina—Northwestern University

MR. DAVID G. ROBINSON

Maryland/District of Columbia—Princeton University

MS. RACHAEL ANNE WAGNER

Virginia—Harvard University

MR. CHRISTOPHER WENTWORTH WELLS

Virginia—Yale University

District IV

MS. DELAVANE DIAZ

Florida—United States Air Force Academy

MR. KENNETH MICHAEL LAMB

Tennessee—Rhodes College

MS. ROBIN ROTMAN

Tennessee—University of the South

MR. KENNETH LANE TOWNSEND

Mississippi—Millsaps College

District V

MR. JEFFREY ISHIZUKA

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MS. AMBER MICHELLE RAUB

Ohio—United States Military Academy

MR. WEN SHI

Michigan—Johns Hopkins University

MR. PAUL ANDREW TAYLOR

Wisconsin—Boston College

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MS. BETHANY LIST EHLMANN

Missouri—Washington University in St. Louis

MS. ALLISON GILMORE

Minnesota—Washington University in St. Louis

MS. JENNIFER MICHELLE HARRIS

Oklahoma—Wake Forest University

MR. DECKER F. WALKER

Minnesota—St. Olaf College

District VII

MS. LARA BRIANA ANDERSON

Utah—Utah State University

MR. OLUWABUSAYO TEMITOPE FOLARIN

Texas—Morehouse College

MR. BRETT T. HUNEYCUTT

Arizona—Boston College

MS. ELIZABETH KISTIN

New Mexico—University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

District VIII

MS. THERESA BRIDGEMAN

California—Stanford University

MR. JARED ANDREW COHEN

California—Stanford University

MS. ALLYSSA M. LAMB

Washington—University of Washington

MR. RICHARD A. MALINS

Hawaii—Boston University



District VII

Lara Briana Anderson

(Utah and Magdalen)

Utah State University: B.S., Physics and Mathematics, 2003

Oxford Course: D. Phil., Mathematics

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Career Aspirations

Research and teaching in theoretical physics;
 science outreach and advocacy



Lara Anderson graduated first in her class from Utah State University in 2003 with a double B.S. in Physics and Mathematics; she is currently completing an M.S. in Physics. A 2001 Goldwater Scholar, Lara's primary research focus has been supergravity and quantum field theory, formulating new conformal gravity models and studying the quantum properties of symplectic spaces. She has co-authored several papers based on this work and won the first place award for student research at the Dirac Centennial Conference. In addition, she was part of a team that designed and built an experimental payload that flew on the space shuttle *Endeavor* in 2001. She is the recipient of the Otteson Award in Physics, a Dean's scholarship and the Presidential fellowship. Lara's commitment to science outreach led her to design and found "Cool Ideas in Science!", a community science workshop for children and parents. Off campus, Lara has studied the martial arts since age 7, and holds black belts in Kempo Karate and Aikido. An internationally certified Aikido instructor, she has volunteered her time teaching adult and children's classes in addition to participating in community drug awareness and self-defense demonstrations ("a great perk is getting to use a Japanese sword!"). Her other activities include violin performance, organic gardening, reading literature, hiking, playing soccer ("with more enthusiasm than skill!"), and collecting math jokes. At Oxford, she looks forward to working on quantum gravity research ("one of the most beautiful areas of modern physics") and playing "football" with real enthusiasts.



District III

Cristina Adriana Bejan (North Carolina and Wadham)

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Career Aspirations

Professor of philosophy; playwright; actress;
human rights educator

Cristina Bejan grew up in Durham, North Carolina, and is a Philosophy and Theatre major at Northwestern University, where she is a Weinberg College Scholar. Lara's honors thesis explores the applicability of Kant's moral theory of autonomy to newly free societies today, particularly Romania. Cristina has spent significant time in Eastern Europe, attending conferences in the Czech Republic and Slovakia and interning for Freedom House Bucharest in the Summer of 2002. While in Romania, Bejan drafted a project called "Building Tolerance in Central-East European Countries" in an effort to combat religious and ethnic prejudice in the region. She speaks German, Romanian and French, and is learning Slovak. She hopes to use theater "as an educational tool both to expose Romanian youth to ideas of human rights and to teach them the value of freedom of expression." Cristina is an accomplished playwright, actress, director, producer and dramaturge. Two of Cristina's original plays were performed in Oxford last year, during her stay as a visiting student at St. Anne's College—her play *To Those Who Haven't Stopped Thinking* was the most successful New Writing play ever performed at Oxford's Burton Taylor Theatre. She has received a number of research grants for both theater and philosophy and has published articles in *The Northwestern Chronicle* and in Oxford's *The Crucible Magazine*. Cristina loves dancing in discotheques and doing yoga. In addition to playing Northwestern club ice hockey and varsity women's ice hockey at Oxford, she is an avid basketball fan and still roots for Duke.



District VIII

Theresa Bridgeman

(California and University)

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Oxford Course: M.Phil., International Relations

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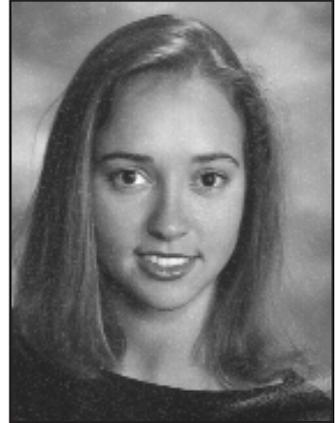
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Career Aspirations

U.S. foreign policy and international development;
human rights and public interest law; teaching;
public service



Tess Bridgeman entered Stanford as a President's Scholar and a Coca-Cola Scholar and was selected as a 2002 Truman Scholar. Tess has twice been a Haas Public Service Fellow, was a Latin American Studies Public Service and Research Fellow, and received numerous academic awards, including the Dean's Award for Academic Accomplishment. Tess conducted neurosurgery research at Stanford Hospital for three years and was given an award by Stanford's Class of 2003 for her "continuous dedication to merging a vision for social justice with organized action towards change." Tess' "lifelong commitment to social justice" began in elementary school. A volunteer for Planned Parenthood since age 12, Tess received their Rising Star Award in 1999, served as president of Stanford Students for Choice from 2001-2003, and was named one of the nation's "Top 30 Under 30" leaders for reproductive rights by Choice USA. A volunteer medical interpreter in California, Tess has also done research and public health and development work in Latin America since 1998. In 2000, Tess co-founded the non-profit organization Puente a la Salud Comunitaria to address food security and women's health issues in Oaxaca. At Stanford, Tess developed a seminar for students in international health/development and a course on "The Health and Environmental Effects of U.S. Foreign Policy." A 2003 Gardner Fellow, Tess works at the World Bank Inspection Panel. She hopes to continue working on global economic governance at Oxford. Tess has "a passion for the piano," dances "whenever possible," and enjoys playing basketball and the Brazilian martial art, capoeira.



District VIII

Jared Andrew Cohen (California and St. John's)

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Oxford Course: M.Phil., International Relations



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Career Aspirations

Policymaking; elected office; academia

Jared Cohen is both an accomplished artist and a scholar of history and political science, with a special focus on Africa and U.S. foreign policy. In order to work, research, and travel through 21 different African countries, Jared has sold his own artwork in galleries and to private buyers. His book, *100 Days of Silence: America and the Rwanda Genocide*, led to his employment as a consultant for PBS Frontline's documentary on that genocide. Jared's experience in government includes work at the State Department and summer employment at the Pentagon. Outside of government service, Jared worked for the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (Idasa). Jared is the youngest consultant for the Forum on Early Warning and Emergency Response, has worked for the Hoover Institution, and is the founder and editor-in-chief of *Six Degrees: A Stanford Journal of Human Rights*. Fluent in Kiswahili and conversant in Maa and its dialects, he spent three months living with the Maasai of Kenya, herding cattle and conducting research. He started the Ilboru Project, which sends school supplies and teaching aids to the Ilboru village of Tanzania, where Jared says his interest in Africa began. Jared was the first junior to win Stanford's Hines Prize for the best senior honors thesis and has won several research and anthropology awards. Before attending Stanford, Jared was an all-state Connecticut soccer goalie and holds the state record for most career saves (fourth all-time in the United States). Jared gets inspiration from his parents and sister "who have always encouraged me to follow my passion."



District IV

Delavane Diaz

(Florida and Lincoln)

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Oxford Course: M.Sc., Economic and Social History

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Career Aspirations

U.S. Air Force Officer



A Tampa native and Presidential Scholar from Berkeley Preparatory School, Delavane Diaz is an astronautical engineering major with a minor in Spanish. Delavane served as the Wing Commander, responsible for the good order and discipline of over 4,000 cadets—the second woman to have held the Academy's highest leadership position. In the Space Systems Research Program, Delavane works with fellow cadets to design, build, and test FalconSat-3, a small satellite scheduled to be launched in October 2006. As chief mission analyst she is responsible for mission planning and operations. For her senior thesis, Delavane researched the use of quaternions in spacecraft attitude determination. Delavane serves on the Honor Executive Committee and was elected as a junior to the Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Gamma Tau engineering honor societies. The three-time MVP of the academy's NCAA Division I volleyball team, Delavane is also an Academic All-American and a member of the All-Mountain West Conference volleyball team. She holds records both at the Air Force Academy and in the Mountain West Conference for the highest kills-per-game average and for service aces in a single game. Delavane also set a new all-time school and conference record of 41 kills in a four-game match, earning her second place in the NCAA record books. Delavane is an avid skier, an advanced certified scuba diver, and enjoys hiking, backpacking, and mountain biking. Her other interests include tennis, running, Bikram yoga, mosaic art, and watching foreign films.



District VI

Bethany List Ehlmann

(Missouri and Keble)

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Environmental Studies, 2004

Oxford Course: M.Sc., Environmental Change and Management



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Career Aspirations

Professor of planetary sciences;

science policy advisor

Raised in Tallahassee, Florida, and a graduate of Rickards High School's International Baccalaureate program, Bethany Ehlmann has "long been interested in the big picture, the existential questions: 'How did we get here?' and 'Are we alone?'" A Goldwater Scholar and a two-time Udall Scholar in Environmental Studies, Bethany has a particular interest in the evolution of planetary habitability. She is a Washington University Compton Scholar in Physical Sciences and Mathematics and holds Robinson and Fossett Research Fellowships. In early 2004, Bethany worked as a Collaborating Scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, helping to operate two rovers on the surface of Mars. Bethany has researched hydrothermal vents in Hawaii, rainforest regeneration in Panama, liquid water spring systems in the Canadian Arctic, space exploration policy, and the feasibility of a human Mars mission (at NASA's Astrobiology Academy). Bethany is a Senator in the Student Union and a student representative on several university committees. In her "not-so-abundant spare time," Bethany plays ultimate Frisbee competitively, travels, and enjoys practicing two newly acquired skills: SCUBA diving and skiing. Throughout her career, Bethany hopes "to take a leading role in applying science to public policy issues such as the exploration and development of space, environmental policy, and science education."



District VII

O. Temitope Folarin (Texas and Harris Manchester)

Morehouse College: B.A., Political Science, 2004

Oxford Course: B.A., Philosophy, Politics, Economics

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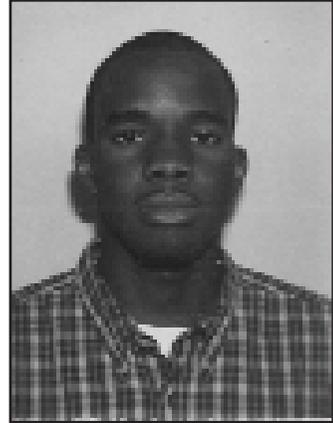
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Career Aspirations

Work with development agency or the UN;
international law; elected office



Oluwabusayo Temitope Folarin is a political science major with a special interest in international law and development; his thesis is a comparative study of democratization in Angola and Botswana. Under the auspices of a Benjamin Mays Fellowship, Tope studied at Bates College as a sophomore before traveling to South Africa under grants provided by the International Human Rights Exchange and Morehouse College's Andrew Young Center for International Affairs. While in South Africa, Tope studied human rights at the University of Cape Town and worked with the research and advocacy arm of the National Association of Democratic Lawyers (NADEL). He also assisted in developing HIV/AIDS training clinics for rural South Africans. During the summer of 2003, Tope interned with the Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C., and co-authored two publications for Congress. As a freshman at Morehouse, Tope co-founded a collaboration between Morehouse, the University of Texas El-Paso, and Oglala Lakota College in South Dakota—a cooperative effort to study racism and race-based college admissions policies. Currently, Tope works in the executive office of the national headquarters of CARE USA in Atlanta, where he researches the effects of genetically modified organisms on the economies of developing countries. Tope also serves as a teaching assistant in the political science department at Morehouse. During his “off-time,” Tope debates for Morehouse, watches art films, “reads (everything),” sings, and is an avid basketball player, with aspirations to “pick up the game once again” at Oxford.



District I

Dov Fox

(Connecticut and St. John's)

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Oxford Course: M.Phil., Political Theory



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Career Aspirations

Teaching moral and political philosophy

A recipient of a John Harvard Scholarship and winner of the Detur Book Prize for academic distinction, Dov Fox served as a staff researcher for the President's Council on Bioethics, working under the council's chairman, Dr. Leon Kass. Dov has received several undergraduate research grants for his senior thesis, which addresses the moral status of practices that aim to enhance human traits. He has two books under contract, one on undergraduate life at Harvard and another (edited) book designed to introduce the American legal system to foreign law students. Dov has been a research intern for the Federal District Court of Connecticut and in the housing unit of Greater Boston Legal Services. His volunteer experience includes being a teacher and co-chair for Harvard CIVICS, a student-run program that works with inner-city middle school students and sponsors symposia with middle school students and government officials. Dov also served as a peer tutor and freshman advisor, worked at the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, and taught English as a second language to high school student refugees from Kosovo and Somalia as part of the Refugee Youth Enrichment Program. His athletic pursuits include running the Jimmy Fund Boston Marathon and playing baseball, basketball and football. In addition to interests in "Latin dance, ping pong, John Coltrane, making sushi, and rooting for the Red Sox," Dov is a comedian who has written and performed original routines at clubs in Boston, Hartford, New York, and Washington, D.C. Alongside a career teaching moral and political philosophy, Dov hopes to coach Little League baseball.



District VI

Allison Gilmore

(Minnesota and Green)

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Oxford Course: M.Phil., Sociology

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Career Aspirations

Professor of mathematics



Elected to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year, Allison Gilmore is a mathematician with a particular interest in topology and algebraic topology. She has received several academic awards for work in both mathematics and the humanities, including the Arthur Holly Compton Scholarship (awarded for excellence in mathematics or physical sciences) and the Howard Nemerov Scholarship (for excellence in writing). Two grants from the National Science Foundation have supported her honors thesis work on three-manifold topology, in which Allison has worked on various techniques for proving the Virtual Betti Number Conjecture. She conducted research with Professor Rachel Roberts over two summers, work that continued into the Spring of 2004. Allison is president of the Washington University Students for Sensible Drug Policy, a student political organization dedicated to educating students about the war on drugs and reforming U.S. drug laws. Additionally, she has been a leader of her campus Stop-the-War coalition. After Oxford, Allison aspires to be a professor of mathematics at a major research university, where she plans “to do pure mathematics research in topology and algebraic topology and collaborate with social scientists on interdisciplinary projects involving applications of topology to social issues.”



District VI

Jennifer Michelle Harris (Oklahoma and Pembroke)

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Career Aspirations

U.S. foreign policy; international diplomacy

Originally from southwest Oklahoma, Jennifer Harris is a *Demon Deacon* at Wake Forest University and has strong interests in international relations and human rights. A Truman Scholar and member of the *USA Today* Academic All-American second team, Jennifer was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior. Jennifer is a Toyota Community Scholar, was selected by the U.S. Atlantic Council to attend the 2002 Prague NATO Summit as a youth delegate, and earned other grants to support her travel to Eastern Europe for research and service endeavors. She assisted with drafting a new national asylum policy in Latvia and researched repatriation efforts in Croatia and Bosnia. She worked for the American Bar Association's Central/Eastern European Law Initiative and, in July 2003, presented her research on temporary protection refugee status to the UN High Commission on Refugees in Geneva. Jennifer serves on Wake's Volunteer Service Executive Board, coordinates student involvement with the regional AIDS Care Service and created Casa de Caridad, an annual campus service trip to Mexico City to work alongside Mother Theresa's Sisters of Charity. A three-year editor for the *Philomathesian*, Wake Forest's liberal arts journal, she serves as this year's editor-in-chief. Jennifer's greatest joys in life are "sailing with my dad, finding fresh powder on mountain slopes, and coaching girls' tennis for Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, NC." In the interest of cross-Atlantic relations, Jennifer reports, her current roommate hopes that Jennifer "finally masters playing the harmonica before she reaches Oxford."



District I

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Career Aspirations

U.S. Army Officer



Dan Helmer graduated from the United States Military Academy with majors in Military History and Arabic. At West Point, Dan won awards for excellence in research and writing, as well as in history, completing his senior thesis on Hezbollah and terrorism (though he is insistent about the “relative mediocrity of my academic record”). Additionally, Dan earned a varsity letter in gymnastics, “setting records in both bench warming and team spirit.” As president of the United States Military Academy Hillel, Dan helped to create service weekends and also a weekend dedicated to teaching other college students about Jewish American military service. He also served as a volunteer in a clinic for the homeless in the Camden area. Dan is especially grateful for his “wonderful upbringing” by his parents, Yaron Helmer and Lynn Helmer, and is engaged “to the beautiful and intelligent Ms. Karen Bonin, who will change the world as much as a teacher as I can as a soldier.” Dan was posted to Iraq shortly after his selection as a Rhodes Scholar and remarks: “My greatest source of pride is serving as an American soldier.” When asked about his career aspirations, Dan replied simply that he wished “to have soldiers who are proud to have had me as their leader.” Dan clearly brings a sense of humor to all that he does, even in the midst of combat. “As an assistant intelligence officer here when I ought to be on tanks,” he wrote from Iraq, “I really wish that I had studied my Arabic a lot harder.”



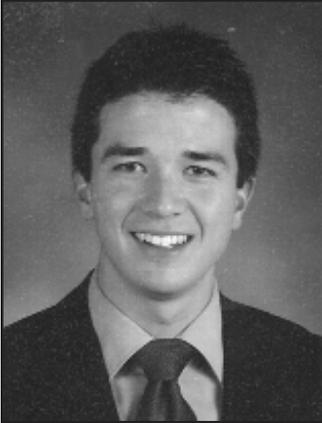
District VII

Brett T. Huneycutt

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Oxford Course: M.Phil., Economics



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Career Aspirations

Professor of economics, focusing on development and Latin America; public policy

A Presidential Scholar at Boston College, Brett Huneycutt graduated first in his class and *summa cum laude* in 2003. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year, Brett received the Finneran Commencement Award (the highest undergraduate honor at BC), as well as a number of other academic awards. His undergraduate thesis used household survey data from El Salvador to demonstrate how small businesses depend upon remittances from migrant relatives in the United States for investment. This project was awarded the Undergraduate Research Award of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, as well as the McCarthy Award for best senior thesis in the social sciences. Currently living in El Salvador on a Fulbright grant, Brett is continuing his research on microenterprises and migrant remittances. During his junior year, Brett lived in Mexico City, studying in the spring at the Universidad Iberoamericana, interning during the summer in the economics section of the U.S. Embassy, and volunteering on the weekends with a microfinance institution. He served as President of Ignacio Volunteers, BC's largest international service organization, leading a student service trip to Tijuana and starting an immersion trip to a Zapatista refugee camp in Chiapas, Mexico. He received a grant to do research in Madrid on the Pinochet extradition case. Brett also tutored undergraduates in Spanish, taught GED classes at a Boston prison, and volunteered in a Catholic Worker soup kitchen. In his spare time, Brett enjoys "golf, ultimate Frisbee, and budget travel."

*District V*

Jeffrey Ishizuka

(Ohio and Merton)

Williams College: B.A., Chemistry, 2004

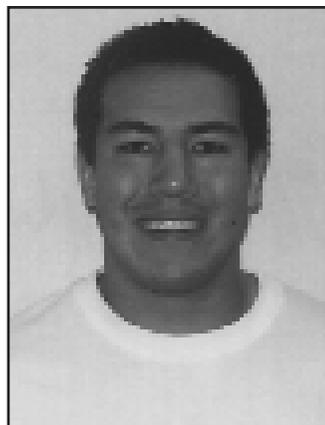
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Career Aspirations

HIV vaccine research; medical doctor



Elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior, Jeff Ishizuka is a Williams College 1960's Scholar in chemistry and has held several research assistantships. At Williams he worked on a project, funded by the National Science Foundation, deriving mathematical models for chaotic molecular behavior. He has also co-authored a paper for first year students (now submitted for publication) introducing the concepts of non-linear dynamics. Jeff studied at Oxford in his junior year on the Williams-Oxford Programme where, as a research assistant in physical chemistry, he predicted unknown energy levels in a vibrational-rotational spectrum of FeH and assigned portions of FeH's spectrum. An Eagle Scout, Jeff has received distinction as a scholar-athlete at Williams, where he was a varsity wrestler. He has also served as a writing tutor at Williams and worked with asylum seekers from Kosovo as part of Oxford's REACH UP program. While volunteering at Montaña de Luz hospice for children with HIV/AIDS in Honduras, Jeff managed and translated for volunteer construction teams, computerized and updated projects and finances, developed environmental plans, and administered the hospice for two weeks in the director's absence. He has also co-authored a successful grant proposal to assist the work of the hospice. Jeff writes poetry and has played classical piano for 15 years (enjoying Brahms and Chopin in particular).



District II

Julia A. James

(New York and Green)

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Oxford Course: D.Phil., Medicine



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Career Aspirations

Clinical research; international health;
health policy; human rights; writing

A 2003 Goldwater Scholar and the recipient of a number of undergraduate research fellowships, Julia James is writing an honors thesis on the conformational analysis of novel HIV-1 protease inhibitors. She has presented her research at professional conferences across the nation. Julia was awarded a 2002 American Chemical Society Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship and a 2001 Merck AAAS Undergraduate Research Fellowship for research following her freshman and sophomore years. She was one of fifteen recipients of the 2003 UNCF/Merck Undergraduate Fellowships, which included two summer internships at Merck. This experience helped Julia redefine her “dedication to performing clinical research to benefit the underprivileged world-wide.” Julia plans to continue researching HIV at Oxford, “using both a theoretical and practical approach.” Julia served as Junior Class President, is the co-chair and founder of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Remembrance Committee, and was a resident advisor and orientation leader. She was a peer tutor in biology, chemistry, physics, and calculus and also helped struggling first-graders with their reading skills. The recipient of the 2002 Albert J. Holland Physics Oratory Prize, Julia is also a writer and choreographer “intrigued by the idea of producing a play at Oxford.” She enjoys writing and reading (“especially creative non-fiction and poetry”) and plans to write young adult literature “to inspire a new generation of heroes and heroines.” Julia also enjoys “jogging, baton-twirling and improvising piano pieces.”



District VII

Elizabeth Kistin

(New Mexico and St. John's)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: B.A., Political Science; Latin American Studies, 2004

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Career Aspirations

Policy and fundraising for rural development in Latin America; perhaps a career with the United Nations Development Program



A Morehead Scholar and North Carolina Fellow at the University of North Carolina, Elizabeth Kistin combines distinguished academic work in political science and Latin American Studies with a wide array of research and service in international development. Elizabeth received a Julia Crane Award for undergraduate research in Latin America and a Tzedek Social Justice Fellowship. She has held various research, teaching and media internships. Elizabeth observed agriculture and micro-credit projects in Ecuador (where she also helped organize a resource center) and was a K-2 and adult literary teacher in Costa Rica. With the Amigos de las Americas program, Elizabeth worked as a public health volunteer and volunteer training supervisor both in Oaxaca, Mexico, and in Albuquerque. In North Carolina, Elizabeth helped design a Spanish/English curriculum for preschoolers, tutored middle and high school students, taught English as a second language (designing and implementing her own curriculum), and served as a discussion leader for freshman seminars and as part of the C-START program at UNC. Elizabeth is active in a local crisis intervention center, served as vice chair for programs at the College Board in New York, and was a student representative to the North Carolina Fellows Advisory Board. Elizabeth also enjoys club sports, winning team and individual championships in soccer, volleyball, and ping pong. A New Mexico native, Elizabeth “grew up surrounded by Spanish speakers and a rich combination of Hispanic and Native American culture.”



District II

Pooja Kumar

(Pennsylvania and Magdalen)

Duke University: B.A., Health Policy, 2001 (also Harvard University)

Oxford Course: M.Phil., International Relations



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Career Aspirations

Physician; international health policymaker

Currently a second-year student at Harvard Medical School, Pooja Kumar graduated *magna cum laude* from Duke in 2001, with distinction in her own concentration of international health policy and social values. At Duke, Pooja was an Angier B. Duke Scholar, served as an Undergraduate Research Fellow of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, was named to the 2001 *USA Today* All-USA First Academic Team, and won the Alona E. Evans Award in International Law for her honors thesis on health and human rights. Pooja received a Hart Fellowship to work with the International Rescue Committee as Health Program Specialist on the Azerbaijan-Armenia border and worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the border between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zambia. She conducted a qualitative assessment of youth affected by HIV/AIDS in New Delhi, evaluated the National Health Insurance program in Taiwan, and served as a volunteer care provider for terminally ill patients in Calcutta. With the support of a grant from Duke's Center for International Studies, Pooja worked with the Save the Children Federation's Children in Crisis Unit in East Timor, where she also conducted an extensive documentary photography project on the effects of war and reconstruction on Timorese children. Her photography has earned several awards, including the Benenson Award and the John Hope Franklin Award. Pooja is no stranger to Oxford, where (in 1999) she studied Romantic-era British literature at New College as a Lord Rothermere Scholar.



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Allyssa M. Lamb

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Career Aspirations

Teaching and research in the history and religions of the ancient Mediterranean world



As a student pursuing a double degree in Classics and Biblical/Ancient Near East Studies at the University of Washington, Allyssa Lamb dedicated her energies to the study of Hellenistic Egypt. Allyssa has received numerous academic awards, including the Greenfield Scholarship for excellence in Classics (for which she has been selected three times), and the Chester William Fritz Scholarship, awarded to outstanding UW students in the humanities (of which she has been a recipient twice). A member of Phi Beta Kappa since 2002, Allyssa was recognized by the American Philological Association with its 2002 Summer Minority Fellowship. In 2003, she received the UW Classics Department's Meg Greenfield Essay Prize for a paper examining Greek and Egyptian domestic laws and social attitudes toward women during the Hellenistic Age. Her honors thesis is an analysis of the changing character traits of Medea, as reflected in the *Medea* of Euripides and the *Argonautika* of Apollonius Rhodius. In Spring 2002, Allyssa participated in the UW Classics Department's Spring Seminar in Rome, where she studied the city's monuments and took a particular interest in Latin epigraphy. She has also worked as a research assistant at the archaeological excavation at Tel Dor, Israel, excavating, identifying, and cataloging artifacts. In her spare time, Allyssa enjoys "jogging, museum hopping, reading and photography." At Oxford, she is looking forward to reading more hieroglyphics, getting lost in the Ashmolean, and "enjoying the Seattle-like rainy weather."



District IV

Kenneth Michael Lamb

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Career Aspirations

Professor of moral and political
philosophy; public service

Reared on a small family farm in Chapel Hill, Tennessee, Michael Lamb is a political science major and American studies minor at Rhodes College. Michael has published in the *Rhodes Historical Review* and is currently working as a research assistant for a book on religion and politics. His intellectual passions include ethical and political theory, particularly theories of social and economic justice, and he is “dedicated to combining philosophy with practice.” Named “Sophomore Man of the Year,” Michael has been active in several honor societies. As Vice President of the Honor Council, he helped lead a major revision of the constitution (and now serves as the council’s president). He has also served as a representative on the Allocations Board, a member of a Task Force on Intercollegiate Athletics, and a student representative on the Board of Trustees. A Service Scholar at Rhodes, Michael has been most involved in addressing issues of hunger and homelessness and serves as president of the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. In addition to volunteering weekly at a student-run soup kitchen, he has interned for a state senator and a U.S. Congressman, tutored elementary school children, worked at a non-profit legal center, and constructed houses and playgrounds in Reynosa, Mexico. At Oxford, Michael plans to study “how philosophical and religious ethics shed light on contemporary political issues” and looks forward to “traveling, running, learning how to play squash, and improving my punting skills!”

*District II***Heather E. Long**

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Career Aspirations

English professor; university president; director of humanities programs in prisons



Affectionately known by her Wellesley sisters as “the money guru” and “Chaucerette,” Heather Long has received academic awards in economics and English. She has taken her passions for both subjects to such diverse places as Honduras (where she taught English classes), Spain (where she founded the Centro de Desarrollo Internacional in Pamplona) and inside Massachusetts prisons (where she pioneered literature rehabilitation programs). Heather used a summer National Science Foundation grant in economics to help research a major NBER study on child care stipend policies. She has also authored a report on hate crimes for the Pennsylvania Attorney General and was twice an intern for U.S. Senator Rick Santorum. At Wellesley, she served for three years as a student representative to the Board of Trustees and to the President’s Budget Advisory Committee, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior, was twice named the Katherine Malone Scholar, and was elected Student Bursar. Heather traveled to Spain as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and has received numerous awards for her creative and analytical writing, Spanish essays and community service. Heather enjoys “wielding a saber” and has fenced for Wellesley’s varsity fencing team as well as at the Junior Olympics. Winner of the American Academy of Poets Prize, Heather has met the last five American poet laureates and looks forward to meeting Britain’s poet laureate Andrew Motion next year.



District II

Emily Pembroke Ludwig (West Virginia and New College)

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Career Aspirations

Medical doctor; public health policy

As a history major at Williams, Emily Ludwig has focused her research on questions of nationalism and national identity. In particular, she has explored the history of Imperial and Weimar Germany, building on research begun during her junior year abroad at Exeter College, Oxford. Emily has also completed extensive coursework in the field of biology. In the summer after her sophomore year, Emily was awarded a Whitehead Summer Scholarship to do genetics research at the Whitehead Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she helped to complete a genetic screen designed to identify genes involved in fruit fly eye development. At Oxford, Emily hopes to combine her interests in history and biology, focusing on the social history of medicine. She plans to study how colonial efforts to control disease influenced, and were influenced by, Britain's national medical identity. Emily hopes that this course of inquiry will provide her with a unique perspective from which to approach medical school and a future career in public health. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year, Emily was also a varsity soccer player at Williams (and played for the Blues football team during her junior year abroad). She holds a United States Soccer Federation "D" coaching license and helps coach 3rd and 4th grade girls at the Williamstown Youth Center. In addition to coaching and playing soccer, Emily likes to run, cook, and serve as a peer-tutor. When at home in Baker, West Virginia, Emily enjoys doing volunteer work for the Hardy County 4-H Club.

*District VIII***Richard A. Malins**

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Career Aspirations

Research scientist; medical doctor



A Harold C. Case Scholar and Trustee Scholar at Boston University, Rick Malins majored in chemistry and neuroscience, with a special interest in the connection between neuronal plasticity and degenerative disorders associated with aging. He was named a Beckman Scholar during his junior year, and he presented his research on the *C. elegans* APL-1 protein, which models the function of human APP in Alzheimer's disease, at the National Academy of Sciences. He expresses his artistic side as an active participant in campus theater, and has served as a director, technical director, stage manager, or lighting designer for over 25 productions. Directing Shakespeare's *Richard III* was "one of my most memorable experiences." As a violist, he has played with the Boston University orchestra and in several string quartets, and he has recently taken up the guitar. He has been an instructor and peer leader in chemistry and tutors disadvantaged children at a Boston community center.



District I

Alexander Aaron Pollen (Massachusetts and Pembroke)

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Career Aspirations

Biology Professor with influence
over environmental policy

Since childhood, Alexander Pollen has “loved nature and being outdoors.” In high school, these interests developed into a research project on aging in long-lived Galapagos tortoises. The experience of this project and the guidance of his first adviser, Dr. Matthew Meyerson, convinced Alex to focus on biology in college. Under the direction of Dr. Marc Hauser, Alex studied communication and reciprocal altruism in cotton-top tamarins and co-authored a paper published in *Animal Behaviour*. Since then, Alex has combined his research interests with his desire to see the world. As a National Science Foundation Summer Fellow in Hawaii, Alex studied antibiotic production in marine bacteria in the lab of Dr. Michael Cooney. Hawaii energized Alex’s outdoor spirit as he SCUBA dived, hiked, biked, raced up volcanoes, and “tried my best to learn surfing.” Alex’s senior thesis (with Dr. Hans Hofmann) allowed him to combine his interest in evolutionary biology with his love of the outdoors. Under a Bauer Center for Genomics Summer Fellowship, Alex studied brain structure and gene expression in related species of cichlid fish. A Mind, Brain, Behavior Thesis award sponsored his field work characterizing the habitat of these species of cichlid fish by SCUBA diving in Lake Tanganyika, Tanzania. Seeing the deforestation around the lake, the nearby chimps at Gombe, and the melting glacier on Mt. Kilimanjaro reinforced Alex’s desire to study biodiversity conservation and environmental change before pursuing a Ph.D in biology.



District V

Amber Michelle Raub (Ohio and St. Catherine's)

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Career Aspirations

Engineering materials research; building
and designing lighter, safer spacecraft



Amber Raub is Battalion Commander at West Point, in charge of nearly 1,000 cadets. A member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the recipient of the Roger Herndon award for excellence in Introductory Aerodynamics, Amber is currently researching and designing a rock deflector to protect the underbelly of the U.S. Air Force C-130 cargo plane from damage from unimproved runways. She is president of the West Point section of the Society of Women Engineers, an outreach organization to promote, and educate women about, engineering and the sciences. She is also the co-founder and funding director of United Students for Veterans' Health (part of a national organization which provides services to local veterans and veterans' hospitals). Amber worked with seventh grade students as a physics mentorship volunteer, assisting with laboratory experiments and acting as a "big sister." The recipient of the Distinguished Cadet Award for her academic standing, Amber is also airborne qualified (with 5 jumps to her credit as part of a course at Ft. Benning, Georgia, this past summer). Amber enjoys intramural athletics, playing volleyball and soccer, doing orienteering, and refereeing basketball.



District I

Olivia Rissland (Rhode Island and Christ Church)

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Career Aspirations

Clinical medicine; bench-top research in oncology

A Faculty Scholar at Brown, Olivia Rissland was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year and has received numerous academic awards, including two summer research assistantships from the Program in Liberal Medical Education. She has extensive research experience, including developing a mouse model for immunotolerance induced by photopheresis, beginning the synthesis of a molecular diode starting with the aromatic compound anthracene, and work on understanding the mechanisms of HIV CD4-independent entry into cells. Her thesis research focuses on the mechanisms of JCV uncoating within the cell, especially the involvement of the PDI and the proteasome. Olivia has had part-time and full-time teaching assistantships in immunology, biochemistry, and cell biology, has served for two years as an editor of the *Brown Classical Journal*, and is president of the Brown Classics Club. She has also been active as a DJ and internship director for WBRU, a full-time, commercial radio station run primarily by students. An accomplished athlete, Olivia earned a first-degree black belt (or “Shodan”) in Shotokan karate in high school and has coxed at the Riverside Boat Club and Narragansett Boat Club, experience which will certainly serve her well in Oxford.



District III

David G. Robinson

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Career Aspirations

Journalism



David Robinson occasionally receives “adoring letters from basketball fans who have mistaken me for the San Antonio Spurs’ center.” People who know him better write letters to the *Daily Princetonian*, where David has spent his college years as a reporter and editor. His projects there included a piece detailing the campus’ underground drug scene and a series of stories about the fall 2001 anthrax letters, which were postmarked within a 30 minute drive of Princeton’s campus. As opinion editor, he has led the drive to reintroduce unsigned staff editorials, which now run several times a week. He believes that “philosophy drives the news,” and hopes to use his Oxford training to get to the bottom of political debates, writing pieces that focus on the underlying ideas at stake rather than daily tactics and spin. In his spare time, he gives campus tours through the Orange Key guide service. He is a compulsive reader of magazines, including the *New Yorker*, *Harper’s* and the *Atlantic*. He counts Robertson Davies, Daniel Boorstin, Thoreau and Twain among his favorite authors. His musical tastes are catholic—a recent play list included the Indigo Girls, Eminem and the Beatles.



District IV

Robin Rotman

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Career Aspirations

Environmental law with an emphasis on water
quality mitigation and water rights

Robin Rotman was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior at Sewanee, where she majors in geology and minors in environmental studies and mathematics. She has conducted summer research on fellowships sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and recently presented a paper at the meeting of the Geologic Society of America. Robin has also held a Century Institute Sagner Fellowship. In addition to serving as treasurer of the University Student Assembly, Robin has been active as a swimmer, SCUBA diver, and percussionist. She took first place in the ACT Spring Triathlon in Canberra, Australia. While in Australia, Robin was also a participant in a 48-hour, 100 kilometer trek (which included climbing Australia's highest mountain, Mt. Kosciusko) to raise funds for an Australian bush medical service. Robin is active in the life of the Episcopal Church and presumably looks forward to exploring Oxford's rich and varied Anglican traditions.



District V

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Career Aspirations

Physician-scientist



After emigrating from China to the U.S. in 1999, Wen Shi initially attended classes in English as a second language. By the time he graduated from high school in 2001, he had excelled in ten Advanced Placement exams, including AP English, and had won numerous awards in national and state math and science competitions. In his three years at Hopkins, Wen has finished his Bachelors degree with Phi Beta Kappa honors and has completed all core courses for Ph.D. candidates in Biology. Outside the classroom, Wen has taught other immigrants English, volunteered at Hopkins Hospital AIDS clinic and responded to medical emergencies on campus. Wen co-founded an organization through which Hopkins undergraduate and medical students teach sex education to incarcerated youth. As Vice President of Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, he organized 3,800 student-hours of projects in 2002-2003. Wen received the President's Student Service Award for his leadership in campus and community events. He facilitates diversity roundtables and serves on the Hopkins Diversity Leadership Council. Wen has also become a regular guest on Voice of America, telling his immigrant success story to a world audience. Since freshman year, Wen has conducted research at the Hopkins School of Medicine on the cardiac toxicity of cancer drugs, work that has earned him Howard Hughes and Woodrow Wilson Fellowships and a Goldwater Scholarship. He will pursue a career in academic medicine, "dedicating myself to the conquest of cancer."



District V

Paul Andrew Taylor (Wisconsin and New College)

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Career Aspirations

Researcher and professor in physics/astrophysics

A Presidential Scholar, Paul Taylor majored in both classics and physics at Boston College. As a classicist, Paul enjoyed a semester abroad in Rome and is currently working on an independent research project on Vergil's *Aeneid*. Before coming to Boston, he worked with Dr. Bharat Biswal at the Biophysics division of the Medical College of Milwaukee on various aspects of fMRI data analysis, for which he shares a patent on a statistical re-sampling process. A 2001 Goldwater Scholar, he has studied Fermi liquids with Dr. Kevin Bedell at Boston College and astronomy with Dr. Andreas Zezas at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. Paul hopes to combine these areas of physics at Oxford by studying stellar modeling and structure. While in Boston, he has enjoyed volunteering at the Haley House Soup Kitchen for the past three years and was named Volunteer of the Year there in 2003 ("possibly for perfecting the art of pancake making"). A participant in many sports, Paul has been a varsity fencer throughout his college career. He has been team captain for the past two years, was New England Men's Foil Champion in 2002, and has competed at the NCAA National Championships twice. Paul hopes to be able to continue all these interests at Oxford, together with his astrophysical pursuits.

*District IV*

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Career Aspirations

Academia; law; public service



Raised in the outskirts of Kosciusko, Mississippi, Kenneth Townsend majored in English and political science at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. At Millsaps, Kenneth has held leadership positions in a number of campus organizations, including serving as student body president, working as a Resident Assistant, and co-chairing the college's ecumenical Campus Ministry Team. Kenneth has also been involved with a variety of local community groups. Currently, Kenneth serves as fundraising chairperson of the Hinds County Young Democrats and mentors his little brother, Demantre, as part of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Mississippi. Interested in the intersection of political theory and public policy, Kenneth has written an undergraduate honors thesis entitled "Faith-Based Initiatives and the Search for Consensus-Building Dialogue." During his sophomore and junior years at Millsaps, Kenneth was instrumental in starting a tutoring program for a group of local Sudanese refugees. A 2003 Truman Scholar, Kenneth's passions lie in public service. After Oxford, Kenneth hopes to pursue graduate studies to prepare him further for a life spent working with his fellow Mississippians "to address some of the problems that have kept my state from achieving the degree of success that it ought." Kenneth's experiences as a 2003-2004 Ford Foundation teaching fellow in political science have strengthened his commitment to work as a professor at some point in his career. In addition to his academic pursuits at Oxford, Kenneth hopes to travel and to play basketball for his college.



District III

Rachael Anne Wagner

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Career Aspirations

Public service through policy work
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Inducted to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior, Rachael Wagner has published papers on both economic and anthropological topics. Her primary research interests are gender and family policy, subjects she intends to pursue further at Oxford. Additionally, she has been awarded research fellowships by the Harvard Children's Initiative, the Murray Research Center at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, the Goelet Fund, and the Harvard College Research Program. Rachael has held numerous positions within the Harvard International Relations Council, served as Executive Editor of *The Harvard International Review* and as Chargé d'Affaires for the Harvard Model United Nations Conference, and taught a weekly class on international affairs at a local high school. Rachel has also been a fundraising strategy intern at the Center for Women and Enterprise in Boston and has been the volunteer coordinator for a congressional campaign, a research assistant for the National Bureau of Economic Research, and an investment banking summer analyst. In June 2002, she coordinated the writing of a 25-year plan for the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Fellow at the Virginia Citizenship Institute's College Leaders Program. Named an NCAA Division I Academic All-American in 2002 and 2003, Rachael is a member of Harvard's Varsity Alpine Ski Team and has played for both the junior varsity field hockey and junior varsity lacrosse teams. An "avid golfer," Rachel also "looks forward to supplementing my studies at Oxford with an in-depth analysis of the U.K.'s famed golf courses."



District VI

Decker F. Walker

(Minnesota and University)

St. Olaf College: B.A., Mathematics, Economics, 2004

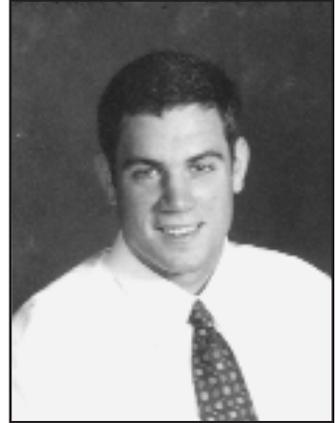
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Career Aspirations

International development; public policy



A Goldwater Scholar, Decker Walker will graduate from St. Olaf College with majors in mathematics and economics as well as concentrations in international economics and statistics. Having never left the country before arriving at St. Olaf, he has now studied abroad in China, the United Kingdom, Hungary, and Germany. Last summer, he worked for the United Nations Development Programme in Lusaka, Zambia, where he authored an agricultural development proposal for the Zambia-Malawi-Mozambique Growth Triangle. Closer to home, he serves as a mentor for middle-school students in St. Olaf's hometown of Northfield, Minnesota. Decker is also the founder and CEO of Texts4Cheap.com, a non-profit used textbook distributor, which, while it "doesn't yet have Amazon.com shaking in its boots" has sold textbooks to students "from Massachusetts to California." A talented athlete, Decker won three varsity letters. In addition to pursuing Blues in both track and basketball, Decker hopes to "crack into Oxford's lucrative textbook market." He will regret "laying his football career to rest." In his spare time he also enjoys listening to music and playing the violin.



District III

Christopher Wentworth Wells (Virginia and Balliol)

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Career Aspirations

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As a history major, Christopher Wells has focussed on the Middle East and on grand strategy. He is currently continuing his study of Arabic, which he began learning during a summer in Egypt in 2003. Chris has worked for Dr. Anthony Cordesman at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, researching and writing sections in two books: *The Israeli-Palestinian War* and *The Military Balance in the Middle East*. He has also interned at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, where he analysed defense contracts for the agency's director and was involved in projects on bio-terrorism (assessing the restructuring of defense agencies, and creating a legal database for WMD consequence management). Chris has participated in the graduate programs in the Study of Grand Strategy and was a student panelist at a conference on Grand Strategy at the Army War College. As a member of the varsity soccer team, Chris helped lead his team in his senior year "to within inches of an Ivy League championship." He recently discovered an untapped passion for theater as a stage manager for a production of *Arcadia* in the spring of 2003—"I have not looked back ever since." This year he is assistant director for a production of *The Cripple of Inishmaan*. Chris worked for the Director of the Astrobiology Department at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (on a project investigating the nature of consciousness and intelligence) and retains a lifelong passion for space science and exploration. While he aspires to a career in U.S. government service (in foreign policy and international security), Chris remains "unflappably convinced that I will some day set foot on Mars."