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## *We Remember...*



We remember the following members or the family members of the NC National Guard Association or NC National Guard Soldiers and Airmen that have passed away since our last magazine publication. Listed below are those members (and non-members), spouses and dependent children that have recently passed away. If we have missed someone, please contact Rhonda Mooring at [rhonda@ncnga.org](mailto:rhonda@ncnga.org) or 919-851-3390 ext 1.

Donald R. Stroud, Army  
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December 14, 2019

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Shelby, NC  
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Blackburg, SC  
March 28, 2022

Linda Johnson  
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Roy Johnson, Army  
Wilkesboro, NC  
April 7, 2022

Melvin E. Morton, Sr., Army  
Asheville, NC  
April 12, 2022

James E. Klinger, Army  
Colton, WV  
April 14, 2022

Clifton E. Thompson, III, Army  
Clayton, NC  
April 15, 2022

Alfred L. Elmore, Army  
Garner, NC  
April 26, 2022

Ira D. Adams. Air  
Indian Trail, NC  
May 4, 2022



# North Carolina National Guard Promotes First Hispanic General

*Altasia Johnson*

The North Carolina National Guard promoted Cristina Moore to the rank of Brigadier General on April 1st, making her the first Hispanic general in the organization.

Moore, a West Point Academy grad, was born in Puerto Rico and grew up in Tennessee. She has over 26 years of combined military service with both the U.S. Army and the North Carolina National Guard. Upon her promotion, Moore will assume the role as Assistant Adjutant General-Sustainment. She will represent the adjutant general of the North Carolina National Guard as the principle advisor on all programs and operations affecting the North Carolina National Guard, and provide oversight and guidance to the 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, the 113th Sustainment Brigade, and the 139th Regiment leading over three thousand Soldiers and Airmen.

In recognition of this historic event, I sat down with BG Moore to discuss her background, military career, and future goals for her new position.



*Brigade Change of Command with Husband, Rob, and daughters; Katie, Hope, and Helena*

## **How do you feel about being the first Hispanic Brigadier General of the North Carolina National Guard?**

I'm just giddy about being a General. It was funny, when I got the phone call and towards the end of the phone call, I was like...this could be the coolest call ever. And I was like, oh, I'm talking to a two-star. And I think to me, it's the epitome of the American dream. Right? It's [also]

about [that] there's no barriers or limits. It was just there. I had great support. I had a great team. I had individuals that believed in me when maybe sometimes you know, you have good days and bad days. And on those days that you don't believe in yourself, I just had amazing people along the way that encouraged me and I'm thankful to be here. I want to make it to the point where we don't have the conversation of minority female general. It's been 26 years. It's been a long time. It's been a long road and I can pinpoint different times in my career that have been life changing and memorable for me and I'm thankful I've been able to have that journey and excited about what the next couple of years hold now that I've been given the opportunity to continue to serve, so I'm really excited about it.

## **How did West Point prepare you for your career?**

You do your military education while you're there as well as your military training. What I find is one of the really great values of West Point is not just the leadership training, because that's obviously kind of the easy button to talk through the leadership aspect of it, but I got exposed to all different branches [of the military]. So I really felt like I had a good solid understanding of military operations and our branches and how we come together and how all of the different branches have a part to play and then how we conduct our operations. So I felt like when I picked my branch [Engineer], I was informed enough to make a pretty good decision. And then you have four years, four years embedded in a military disciplined, structured environment. And so that transition when I [went] active duty, I already had that discipline already embedded in everything that I do.

## **How was it being a woman attending West Point?**

It was a phenomenal experience. I applied for other colleges because I was interested in being an aeronautical engineer and all the other colleges that I applied to had grad students teaching the courses or large auditorium courses. [In West Point] we had actual professors teaching, even [in] our undergrad classes. The largest class I had was one linguistic class [and] the rest I had no more than 15 students. The instruction is phenomenal. It's personal. It's a college experience unlike any other outside of the military aspect. The one-on-one education opportunity there is amazing. They're setting high expectations, high educational expectations, high physical expectations, but it's also an amazing network of people that I still keep in touch with to this day.



*Fort Bragg Green Ramp for 2004 deployment with 30th Engineer Brigade*

**Why did you join the military?**

I think I was in about the sixth grade. I used to watch movies like Big Red One and Hamburger Hill and I knew at a very young age [and] declared [to] my family at a very young age that I was going to join the military. I've just always known...it's something that has called to me from as far back as I can remember. I get told sometimes that everything else I do just enabled me to do what I'm passionate about, and that's serving in the military. I left active duty at the beginning of June [2000] and I was in the National Guard before the end of June. That's how quickly I knew that I needed to have the military as part of my life. And I love this country. And I felt called to serve and it hasn't waned or diminished in all those years.

**What keeps you motivated to continue serving?**

What keeps me motivated to serve is our organization, it's our soldiers, [and] it's our airmen. It's when I sit in a conference room and we talk about the future of the organization and they look to me to help them find a way to get there and you know, as long as I continue to have a purpose and have a value, I'll continue to be at the table.

**What have your experiences in the military been as a female and a minority?**

I get asked this question all the time. I think everybody expects me to share all these nightmare stories. My civilian boss reminded me when we were on a road trip this week and she said that, sometimes it's not about what happens or [the] experiences you have, but how do you address those experiences. I had been raised to be resilient and positive and to overcome those barriers. So when I look back at my career from the outside looking in, somebody might pinpoint little pockets of, oh that was horrible. How did you overcome that? And to me, it wasn't that big of a deal, because I didn't give it power over me. I believe that the negative have a negative influence or negative impact on me when I give it that power and I choose not to. I was the only female and only minority oftentimes in the engineer branch. I take a lot of pride in the fact that when I was [both] in the battalion and brigade command that people don't say, "Well look, she's a female, and she got in that position. It's Colonel Moore is there. Oh by the way, she happens to be a female." And to me, I think leading with qualification, and leading with your performance, and setting that standard is that example. I never got questioned as to, "Are you here because you're a female". I always felt that I was there and selected because I earned it. And I think people around me saw that.

*Brigade Change of Command with LTC Poovey, CSM Garner, and COL Kohl*





**What have been the highlights of your career?**

Getting promoted to General, is pretty cool. I got to serve in Iraq with my husband in 2004 and 2005, and I'll tell you, that was a highlight but that was also one of the hardest moments. I got to serve in a response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, and where our engineers responded was literally in my hometown. The Republican National Convention (RNC) was fun, the Democratic National Convention (DNC) was special. There's so many of those moments that were just special occasions and memories that I'll hold on to.

**What are your goals as Assistant Adjutant General?**

I'm excited about bringing a lot of the lessons I've learned and what I've observed and try to continue to move North Carolina and the North Carolina National Guard to continue to evolve and become an organization of the future. Our environment changes on a regular basis. So how do we address our resiliency issues or challenges and how do we address our suicide rates? How do we make it where it's not such a big deal that a minority female becomes the general officer but that just becomes the norm, right? And not just at the most senior leadership levels, but from the entry level of our ranks? How are we recruiting and building this organization really to be a sustained organization in the future? The thing that I've always been passionate about [is] our operations but I've also been extremely passionate about mentoring and coaching and developing. I really hope to be able to influence in career development, coaching, and mentoring, not towards the

end of our careers, which is kind of sometimes what we end up focusing on, but from the beginning and identifying what those opportunities are, what are the things that an individual can do to influence their future so they can stand in my shoes one day.

I also met with two of her former colleagues, LTC Frank Poovey and CSM Benjamin Garner and they both extend their congratulations on the historic accomplishment.

LTC Frank Poovey, Deputy Brigade Commander, of the 1/30th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, has worked with BG Moore directly over the past 15 years.

"This [promotion] has been a long time coming. Nobody that knows her is surprised by what's happening," said Poovey. "The future of the North Carolina National Guard certainly looks bright with her as a senior leader and we're just lucky to have her."

CSM Benjamin Garner, State Command Sergeant Major, has worked with BG Moore for over 10 years.

"Congratulations to her and it is a significant, significant, accomplishment for her and her family," said Garner. "She would be great at that level and meeting our Adjutant General's expectations and seeing our organization to the next realm of the unknown per se...she would definitely do a great job."



*Officer Cristina Moore reaffirms her officer's oath given by Maj. Gen. Todd Hunt, TAG of NC, at the NCNG's Readiness Center in Charlotte, May7, 2022, photo by Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jordan, NCNG*

# Interning with the North Carolina National Guard Association

*NCNGA Staff*

The North Carolina National Guard Association has an amazing internship program. The program started in 2019 and has allowed the Association to work with some brilliant people – with the Association both teaching its interns, and learning from them. Our interns come from a wide range of different backgrounds, some have been military while others have been dependents or civilians - all have shared a passion for supporting North Carolina Guardsmen. In addition, our interns have come from different colleges across the state including Meredith, North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While our interns all have different educational backgrounds and majors, they have all been a crucial part in helping the Association to be successful.

These interns have had a vital role in increasing the Association’s online presence. Helping to spread knowledge about the Association to increase membership. In addition, the interns have assisted in database management, sending out Association correspondence, and helping produce the Tarheel Guardsman. All of which helps to make sure things run smoothly and Association members get the support they need. While these are the interns’ main roles, they also work on special projects such as helping with convention planning, applying for grants, and in general just lending out a helping hand to full-time employees.

Many of our interns have used the role to gain experience that will help them reach their future goals. In fact, most of our interns have even been able to use this internship to gain college credit while getting paid. While the Association can get busy at times, this is an amazing place to gain experience in time management, flexibility, and attention to detail. All in a safe, supportive environment that wants to see its interns succeed both here within the walls of this Association, and outside on their own. Erin Jordan was our very first intern back in 2019 and within just a few months she earned a permanent position here as our Executive Assistant. We are very proud of our internship program and the work our interns have achieved throughout these past three years.

Kiara Riley has been an intern at the Association for almost two years now. She graduated this May and will be leaving us to join the workforce shortly. “Looking back on my time here, I’m extremely thankful for all that I have learned. I know that the tools the Association has provided me with will help me to be successful in the future.” While Kiara has enjoyed all parts of the job, her favorite has been

the Associations Christmas activities. “I loved being a part of the Gifting Tree Project for the first time this year. It’s a way to get into the Christmas spirit while also trying to help Guardsmen and their families get scholarships. Over the past 2 Christmases, I have also loved helping with the Angel Tree Program. Don’t get me wrong, it is tiring shopping eight hours a day for three days in a row. But the thought that I’m helping to provide presents to families in need keeps me going. It’s amazing to intern at a place where you feel like you’re helping the community.”

While we are proud of our past interns, it is time to look toward the future. We are in search of a new intern! The hours are flexible, 10-20 hours a week. If you or anyone you know may be interested, tell them to reach out to the Association.

To apply, email Larry Coleman: [larry@ncnga.org](mailto:larry@ncnga.org) with the subject line “Communications and Administrative Internship.” Send him your resume and a short response (250 words or less) to these questions:

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

What skills would you bring to this position?





# North Carolina National Guard Hosts Africa Military Law Forum Advisory Council

*Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jordan*



*Members of the African Military Law Forum Advisory Council pose at the North Carolina National Guard hosted at NCNG Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 26 - 28, 2022. The conference, created by the United States Africa Command, brought African military legal advisors from several nations including Botswana, one of the NCNG State Partnership Program peers, and Nigeria, Cameroon, Namibia, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Tunisia, Niger, Malawi, Burundi, and NCNG leaders including U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jeffery Copeland, the NCNG Director of Joint Staff and retired Col. Rick Fay, NCNG Chief Counsel, to share their expertise in International, Operational, Administrative, and Civil law and to announce the formation of the Women's Peace and Security component to the ongoing forum, photo by Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jordan, NCNG*

The North Carolina National Guard hosted the African Military Law Forum Advisory Council at the NCNG Joint Force Headquarters April 26-28.

The conference, created by the U.S. Africa Command, brought African military legal advisors from several nations, including Botswana, one of the NCNG State Partnership Program peers, and Nigeria, Cameroon, Namibia, Burkina Faso, Uganda, Tunisia, Niger, Malawi and Burundi. NCNG attendees included U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jeffery Copeland, the NCNG director of Joint Staff, and retired Col. Rick Fay, NCNG chief counsel.

“We are honored to have you here,” said Copeland.

The forum gave all a chance to share their expertise in international, operational, administrative and civil law.

“The forum is very important. We see how each one (national legal experts) acts,” said Maj. Gen. MPho Churchill Mophuting, Botswana Defense Force deputy commander.

These events help military legal professionals promote adherence to the rule of law, systems of accountability, adherence to the Law of Armed Conflict, observance,



respect, and protection of human rights, and the importance of military subordination to civilian authority.

At the gathering, the formation of the Women’s Peace and Security component was also announced as part of the ongoing forum.

The AMLF includes dedicated African legal professionals serving in the military or working in the Ministry of Defense or Ministry of Justice.

Its goal is to bring together military legal advisers from 54 African nations to discuss legal topics of interest, propose model solutions, and exchange ideas on improving military operational adherence to the rule of law.



*Left, Maj. Mike Sterling, North Carolina National Guard State Partnership Director, greets Namibian Defence Force Brig. Gen. Helena Ndilimeke Amutenya, left, and Cameroon Armed Forces Col. Marguerite Meffand-Loaw, center, at the African Military Law Forum Advisory Council at NCNG Joint Force Headquarters*

*Below, North Carolina National Guard leader U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jeffery Copeland, the NCNG Director of Joint Staff, right, and retired Col. Rick Fay, NCNG Chief Counsel, listen to legal experts via translators at the African Military Law Forum Advisory Council at NCNG Joint Force Headquarters*



# North Carolina National Guard Museum Brings the Past into the Present

*Sgt. 1st Class Mary Junell*

*The Tarheel Minuteman Foundation is the official charitable partner of the NCNG Museum. Charitable donations can be made at [ncnga.org/ncng-museum/](http://ncnga.org/ncng-museum/).*



*Sgt. Gary Spencer, the North Carolina National Guard Museum Curator, explains an interactive display after the unveiling of the museum during a ceremony in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 7, 2022. The museum is set to undergo a complete renovation before a full opening to the public and showcasing more than 359 years of North Carolina National Guard history,*

*Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Mary Junell*

As people filtered through the main gallery of the North Carolina National Guard Museum, a group of veterans gathered around a large screen.

They were there to support their friend, Chad Stephens, a former NC Guardsman and 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team veteran who was awarded the Silver Star for his actions in the Battle of Baqubah in Iraq on June 24, 2004. The museum featured a small exhibit talking about Stephens and his award.

Footage from the 30th's participation in the battle moved across the screen while the veterans began pointing out other Soldiers by name who had been part of the 2004 battle in Iraq.

Then the room went silent when one said, "oh wait, that's me."

The 30th veterans joined community leaders, current North Carolina Guardsmen, and friends of the museum on April 7, 2022, to celebrate what many called the grand unveiling.

"We are really unveiling this facility and letting the

community and the organization know that this building that once belonged to the Department of Agriculture now belongs to the North Carolina National Guard and will be the future site of a complete North Carolina National Guard Museum," said Capt. Kory Dearie, who serves as the full-time museum director.

The museum has been ten years in the making, and although not yet open to the public, Dearie said the building was one of the most significant hurdles.

"We were building up a network of veterans, volunteers, and artifacts," he said. "The network continues to grow and grow. We had so much stuff that we ran out of space for it, but now we have this new building."

The building will one day display the more than 4,800 artifacts the museum has been collecting and cataloging in a warehouse.

"Some artifacts are tiny little things like a badge, a button, or a ribbon, and some are big like the tank or a helicopter," Dearie said. "When we talk 359 years of history, we have content for days. What people saw today was a handful of physical artifacts that belonged to someone or tell a story from a certain era, but then you also saw these banners that we put together and an interactive display that will help highlight the history that we don't have artifacts for."

*Maj. Gen. Todd Hunt, Adjutant General of North Carolina, and North Carolina Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, David Smith, unveil an artist rendering of the proposed building renovation for the North Carolina National Guard Museum during a ceremony at the site in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 7, 2022. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Mary Junell*





Even though this project started ten years ago, the grand unveiling is just the beginning. Dearie said they are now building their plan for the future, which includes a complete renovation of the building.

"It's exciting and nerve-wracking because now the secret's out. Now people know about the museum and want to visit it, volunteer, or donate more items, which is great, but there is still so much that needs to be finished to get to that point."

In addition to Stephens being featured in and attending the museum that day, Kristen Ohliger, a former NCNG Soldier and the first female Apache pilot in the National Guard, was there to see an exhibit featuring her flight suit.

Dearie said seeing Ohliger's two young children get excited about seeing their mom's face in a museum exhibit was one of the event's highlights.

"That's the pinnacle of what you want to see; you want to see our veterans, people who served this organization, people who are featured in this museum, coming by with their families and teaching them about their service and getting them excited about it," he said. "That's as good as it gets."

For now, the museum is only open for tours by appointment, but they are accepting volunteers and artifacts that will help tell the legacy of the North Carolina National Guard.

*The North Carolina National Guard Museum invited Soldiers Airmen, veterans, civic leaders, and museum supporters to the official museum debut in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 7, 2022. The museum, open to the public at a later date, will continue collecting and preserving artifacts, documents, and memorabilia that have specific historical significance to the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard of North Carolina. Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jordan*



# 2022 NCNGA Educational Foundation Scholarship Recipients

## Memorial/Special Scholarships

### Len Adams Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Josie B. Garner of Waynesville - Western Carolina University  
Daughter of CSM Benjamin and Amy Garner – JFHQ-NC

### Air Guard Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Hank G. Yelton of Morganton - Mars Hill University  
Grandchild of SMSgt (Ret) Glenn D. Lowrance, Jr. - Life Member

### CMSgt George R. Auten Memorial Perpetual Scholarship - \$1,200

Cadence Mullis of Hickory - NC State University  
Daughter of MSG Robert and MSG Holly Mullis - HHC 630th/JFHQ-HHD

### Cindy Basler Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Thomas Camp of Clover, SC - University of Alabama  
Son of Chief MSGT(Ret) Ned and Joyce Seaman - 145th AW

### Dare Reese "John" Beam Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Jordan Hazelman of Delavan, II - East Carolina University  
PVT - HHB 5th BN-113th FA

### Danny E. Bowers Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Alexandra Abramo of Annapolis, MD - Carson-Newman University  
Grandchild of 1SG Leonard Harris - HHC 105TH ENG

### Roy L. Brantley Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Korey Pearson of Raleigh - Appalachian State University  
Son of LTC Leland Pearson - HHD, 109th MP BN

Faith Almond of Apex – Elon University

Daughter of COL Mark and Holly Almond – JFHQ-NC

### Citizen Soldier Scholarship Fund Honoring BG Iwan Clontz - \$2,500

Sydney R. Cook of Cary - Appalachian State University  
Daughter of CW2 Kenneth and Sharon Cook, Jr. - 30th ABCT

Charlie I. Yelton of Morganton - UNC-Chapel Hill  
Grandchild of SMSgt (Ret) Glenn D. Lowrance, Jr. - Life Member

### CMSgt David A. Earnhardt Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Anna Hackney of Bear Creek - Appalachian State University  
Daughter of CW4 Christopher Hackney - JFHQ-HHD

### Walter R. Freeze Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Kristin Frazier of Farmville - East Carolina University  
Grandchild of SSG (Ret) Charles Frazier - Life Member

### Ruth and Ellis Fulbright Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Eli Reynolds of Clinton, SC - University of North Florida  
Grandchild of TSgt (Ret) Brian Whitley - Life Member

### Elmer C. Hardison Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Jacqueline Steenwyk of Concord - American University  
Daughter of CPT Dirk and Erin Steenwyk - 578th FEST-M

### Weldon E. Holcomb Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Nicholas Jones of LaGrange - East Carolina University  
Son of CW3 Jeffrey and Jamie Jones - JFHQ-HHD

### William E. Ingram Memorial Scholarship - \$1,200

Davis W. Suther of Henderson – Clemson University



Grandchild of COL (Ret) Wilson Holye Jr. - 205th Med

**BG William D. Lackey Memorial Scholarship -**  
\$1,200

Kelsey Campo of Mount Holly – UNC-Chapel Hill  
Daughter of MSgt Adam and Suzanne Emerick - 145th  
AW

**Dorothy Ledbetter Memorial Scholarship -** \$1,200

Logan Church of Clemmons - UNC-Charlotte  
Son of SFC Scotty and Kristie Church - 505th Eng BN

**LTC William C. Polk, Jr. Memorial Scholarship -**  
\$1,200

Lauren Harrison of Concord - UNC-Charlotte  
Grandchild of CW5 Glenn Kluttz - Life Member

**NCNG SAAF Scholarship -** \$1,200

Miguel Allen of Kernersville - UNC-Greensboro  
Son of SSG Michael and Jennifer Allen - 883 EN CO

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1-252

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Grandchild of SMSgt (Ret) Tony Cherry - Life Member

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Daughter of MSG Daniel - 263 CBCS

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Daughter of SFC Jeffrey Keiger - 145 MXG

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University  
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Audra G. Morgan of Flat Rock - Milligan College  
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University  
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Kathryn K. Neal of Raleigh - East Carolina University  
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University  
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Boulder  
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Kidd - \$600**

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Technical College  
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**Other Scholarships**

**Academic Excellence/Leadership Award - \$1,500**

Evan Powell of Graham - North Carolina A&T  
University  
Son of SGT (Ret) LaMonte and Donna Powell - NC  
Air Guard

Isabella Camp of Clover, SC - Clemson University  
Daughter of Chief MSgt (Ret) Ned and Joyce Seaman –  
145th AW

**Citizenship Award - \$1,500**

Lillianna Sirmon of Boone - Western Carolina  
University  
Grandchild of TSgt (Ret) James Adams – 145th CAM  
Squad

Emily Huey of Edenton - East Carolina University  
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**SECU Foundation/NCNGA Educational Foundation  
Scholarship - \$5,000**

Alexis Ball of Jonesville - Surry Community College  
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**SECU Foundation/NCNGA Educational Foundation  
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Austin Faircloth of Newton Grove - Western Carolina  
University  
Grandchild of MSG Joseph Austin - HHC 30th ABCT

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# Thank You Letters from Scholarship Recipients

Dear NENGA Educational Foundation,  
I would like to express my gratitude for the Scholarship money I was awarded this year! I will be putting the money to good use this fall to continue my education at East Carolina University toward my Interior Design Degree.  
Thank you so much! -Carrie Thompson

To whom it may concern,

I would like to thank everyone on the NC National Guard Association Education Foundation scholarship board for selecting me as a scholarship recipient. I am honored by the gift of both your funding, and the trust that goes along with it. I will do my very best to ensure that that trust is not misplaced. Thank you again, and God bless you!

Sincerely,

Heath Carter

Dear Ken Tyndall,

I want to thank the North Carolina National Guard Association Educational Foundation for awarding me the Academic Excellence scholarship. Although it's not the typical college experience, I am thoroughly enjoying my classes and time at Chapel Hill. Thank you again for your generosity.

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Respectfully,

Noah J.

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so very much for your generosity of the \$1,500.00 Citizenship Scholarship! I am so very grateful and I am looking forward to my first semester at Appalachian State University!

Thanks again,  
Allison Roper



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