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EVE CARSON SCHOLARSHIP SELECTS NEWEST EVE CARSON SCHOLARS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – Juniors Emma DeWitt and Paige Holmes have been named as the newest Eve Carson Scholars of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The scholarship will fund half the cost of attendance in their senior year, plus $5,000 each for a summer enrichment experience.

DeWitt, daughter of Toby DeWitt and Rosalyn Carson-DeWitt, is from Durham, NC, and majoring in American studies with a minor in creative writing.

“This summer I hope to travel to London, England, to work in an alternative education unit that serves previously incarcerated youth,” DeWitt wrote in her application. “I will create and lead arts-based programming that encourages creativity, self-confidence and positive self-expression.”

Holmes, daughter of David and Carol Holmes, is from Chapel Hill and majoring in psychology with a minor in medical anthropology.

Next summer, Paige plans to travel to California to volunteer at a renowned summer camp for children with chronic diseases. She also plans to attend a conference on well-being and positive psychology, and a program on designing societal health initiatives. She further hopes to become certified through a Stanford University training course as a workshop leader of an international program designed to help people live well and control how the symptoms of their chronic illness affect their lives.
“We are so pleased to have Emma and Paige as our 2013-2014 scholars!” said Elizabeth Davis, the scholarship's director of recruitment and selection. “They are both so deserving and I can't wait to see all of the wonderful ways they give back to the Carolina community.”

A nine-member selection committee composed of students, faculty, staff and alumni chose DeWitt and Holmes from among 70 applicants.

“Both Paige and Emma have demonstrated passion, leadership and service, and are committed to utilizing the opportunities presented by the scholarship to continue to grow and develop and give back,” the scholarship’s executive director Kacie Neville said.

The scholarship honors students who have demonstrated transformative growth while at Carolina by taking advantage of the resources offered, and, who, through this growth have gained self-awareness that has enabled them to find their passion and use this passion to contribute back to the community in a lasting and meaningful way.

The Eve Carson Scholarship was established in 2008 to commemorate and celebrate the life and vision of former student body president Eve Marie Carson. She envisioned a junior-year scholarship and included it on her platform for student body president in 2007.

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