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American Rhodes Scholars-elect for 2010

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DISTRICT 1

Maine

William J. Oppenheim III, New Canaan, Connecticut, graduated from Bowdoin College in 2009, magna cum laude, with a self-designed major in anthropology, religion and education, and a minor in teaching for secondary school. He founded and directed a foundation that maintains a free network fostering collaboration between over a hundred educational partners in 26 counties. He has done research on the intersections of religion, education and politics in India, Brazil, and South Africa. Since leaving Bowdoin he has taught and led NOLS backcountry expeditions. William (Willy) plans to do the M.Sc. in comparative and international education at Oxford.

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New Jersey

Zohar Atkins, Montclair, is a senior at Brown University where he will get a bachelors degree in classics and Judaic studies, as well as a masters degree in history. He is writing his honors thesis on Heidegger and Rosenzweig. He co-leads a weekly poetry class for inmates at a maximum security prison, and is trustee and prayer leader at the Brown-RISD Hillel. He has many published poems and articles in the humanities, and is a violinist and fiddler. At Oxford, he plans to do a doctorate in theology, pursuing his interest in breaking down the traditional dichotomy between humanity and God.

DISTRICT 2

Connecticut

Russell A. Perkins, Evanston, Illinois, graduated with high honors from Wesleyan University in May. He led the foundation of the Wesleyan Center for Prison Education, which offers college courses in prison and provides research and volunteer activities for Wesleyan students. A classical pianist and avid cyclist, he was an art editor for a student literary magazine and taught a small discussion class in philosophy at the Cheshire (CT) prison. Russell plans to do the B.Phil. in philosophy at Oxford.

Massachusetts

Matthew L. Baum, Watertown, graduated from Yale University in May with a major in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology. He is currently studying for an M.Sc. in neuroscience at Trinity College, Ireland, as a Mitchell Scholar. Matthew has done research on Fragile-X syndrome at Yale, and on bipolar disorder at Trinity College. He was president of Yale wrestling, played on the Yale rugby team, and coordinated a Yale community service program. Matthew intends to do a doctorate in neuroethics at Oxford.

DISTRICT 3

New York

Mark Dlugash, Larchmont, graduated with highest honors from Swarthmore in 2008, with majors in psychology and education, and where he won the college's top award for leadership and scholarship. Since graduating, he has been a fellow with Americans for Informed Democracy in Washington, DC where he has worked to build a national undergraduate college for civilian service, a civilian counterpart to the military service academies. Mark is also a classical pianist and opera singer. He intends to read for the M.Sc. in forced migration at Oxford.

New York

Alexandra P. Rosenberg, New York City, is a senior at the United States Military Academy, where she majors in sociology, and where she ranks first in her class academically. A Truman Scholar, she won awards at West Point for physical and military excellence in addition to prizes in chemistry, psychology, and history. Alexandra also worked in community development and as an assistant physician in Gambia, and organized and led a support/interest group for female cadets at West Point. She plans to do the M.Sc. in global health science at Oxford.

DISTRICT 4

Delaware

Caroline J. Huang, Newark, is a senior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she majors in brain and cognitive sciences, with minors in psychology and political science. At MIT, she founded the MIT branch of Camp Kesem, a student-run and free camp for the children of cancer patients. Caroline's research uses MRI imaging to investigate the area of the brain associated with reading, with applications to dyslexia. She also interned for Senator Edward Kennedy. At Oxford, she plans to do a doctorate in public health with a focus on bioethics.

Pennsylvania

Henry L. Spelman, Swarthmore, is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he majors in classical languages (Greek) and minors in creative writing. His senior thesis is a commentary on a poem by Pindar. A poet himself, he is working on a book-length manuscript of poetry as his honors thesis. Henry spent two summers with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Tanzania, and serves on Amnesty International's Refugee/Migrant Program steering committee. He plans to do the M.Phil. in Greek and Latin languages and literature at Oxford.

DISTRICT 5

Maryland/DC

Tyler S. Spencer, Washington, DC, graduated in 2008 from the University of Virginia with a special major in international health and sustainable development, and a minor in environmental science. Upon graduation from UVA, he founded and serves as executive director of a nonprofit that trains top athletes as HIV/AIDS educators in the D.C. schools. He has also spent summers managing a grassroots AIDS prevention program in South Africa. Tyler was a Morris Udall Scholar, and is head coach of the National Deaf Tennis Team. He plans to do the M.Phil. in evidence based social intervention at Oxford.

North Carolina

Ugwechi W. Amadi, Camden, is a senior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, majoring in brain and cognitive science, with a minor in literature. She has done research on post-traumatic stress disorder, and atherosclerotic restenosis at MIT, and on brain atrophy and alzheimers at the Massachusetts General Hospital. She is also active in mentoring middle school girls. Ugwechi plans to do the M.Sc. in psychological research at Oxford.

DISTRICT 6

Georgia

Grace Tiao, Marietta, graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College in 2008 with concentrations in English and American literature and language, and history and science. An environmental scientist, she was manager of a 2008-2009 expedition on ecosystem biodiversity in Antarctica, working with a New Zealand university. Grace also was features editor for The Harvard Advocate, Harvard's literary magazine, an editor and a staff writer for the Harvard Science Review, and is first violin in the Harvard Baroque Chamber orchestra. She has also interned for The Paris Review. At Oxford, she plans to do the B.A. in mathematics and statistics.

Virginia

Kira C. Allmann, Williamsburg, is a senior at the College of William and Mary, with majors in government and linguistics. She has also studied Arabic at the Al-Akawayn University in Morocco, and architecture and art history at the University of St. Andrews. Kira teaches in the Williamsburg public schools, and is active in college committees and societies. At Oxford, she intends to do the M.Phil. in modern middle eastern studies.

DISTRICT 7

Alabama

Jordan D. Anderson, Salem, Virginia, is a senior at Auburn University where he majors in biomedical sciences. He has done organic chemistry research on the photolyzing effects of UV light on the eye. Captain of the Auburn swim team, and an All-American, his team has won the national championship two times. Jordan has also been active with the Younglife Christian outreach program and in many volunteer organizations. He plans to study global health sciences at Oxford.

Florida

Roxanne E. Bras, Celebration, graduated from Harvard in June with a concentration in economics. She is currently a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Germany, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Airborne School and the U.S. Army Air Assault School. Roxanne did research on Operation Iraqi Freedom, wrote her thesis on counterinsurgency, graduated magna cum laude, is a marathon runner, and has been active as a tutor in economics and in English as a second language. At Oxford, she plans to do a graduate degree in international relations and military policy.

DISTRICT 8

Texas

Elizabeth B. Longino, Dallas, is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she majors in English and public policy analysis. She researched human trafficking and other human rights violations on the ground in Bosnia-Herzegovina after its civil war, and then helped start a foundation in Cambodia addressing child prostitution. Her honors thesis is on aid effectiveness in post-conflict societies. She is president of the UNC chapter of the Roosevelt Institute campus network. Elizabeth (Libby) plans to do the M.Sc. in forced migration at Oxford.

Texas

Steven Mo, Pearland, is a senior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he majors in biology and minors in economics. He spent his junior year studying biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Cambridge. He has conducted research in breast cancer pathology, and in the Harvard-MIT laboratory in multistate regenerative technologies. Steven has organized and taught classes for high school science students, and has won numerous prizes in biology and biomedical engineering. He plans to do a doctorate in bioengineering at Oxford.

DISTRICT 9

Indiana

Darryl W. Finkton, Indianapolis, is a senior at Harvard College where he majors in neurobiology, with a secondary concentration in African American studies. He directed and co-founded a sustainable water delivery system for a community in Ghana, and has done neuroimaging research in infant cognition in a French medical laboratory. He played varsity basketball for two years before suffering a knee injury. Darryl plans to do the M.Sc. in global health science at Oxford.

Kentucky

Monica L. Marks, Rush, graduated from the University of Louisville in May with a triple major and high honors in philosophy, political science, and women's and gender studies. She is now on a Fulbright Scholarship in Turkey, where she is studying how Turkey secularized its formerly sharia-based civil code. She has also studied at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, and is proficient in Turkish, Arabic and Swahili. At Oxford, she plans to do a doctorate in modern middle eastern studies.

DISTRICT 10

Illinois

Daniel D. Shih, Aurora, is a senior political science major at Stanford. His honors thesis, with field research in Venezuela, is on Sino-Venezuelan political and economic relations. He was field director in Albuquerque for the Obama campaign, and a field organizer in five other states. An accomplished violinist and a Truman Scholar, he also founded a campaign to raise working conditions in factories producing Stanford apparel. Daniel plans to do the M.Phil. in international relations at Oxford.

Michigan

Jean A. Junior, Troy, graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College in 2009 with a concentration in sociology. She is currently a Fulbright Scholar in South Africa doing research in an HIV/AIDS program in KwaZulu-Natal. While in college, she was a health researcher on health behaviors of the very rural poor in Bangladesh. In Cambridge, she was co-director of City-Step, a program of dance and other creative activities for public middle schoolers. Jean plans to the M.Phil in comparative social policy at Oxford.

DISTRICT 11

Iowa

Stephanie A. Bell, West Des Moines, graduated from the University of Chicago with majors in anthropology and gender studies. A Truman Scholar and nationally ranked debater, she wrote her honors thesis on sex, sexuality, and science in South Africa's AIDS crisis, and won some of the University's highest honors. She also worked for the Treatment Action Campaign in Cape Town, South Africa, and the Student Global AIDS Campaign. Since graduating, she has worked as a non-profit strategy consultant in San Francisco. Stephanie plans to do the M.Phil. in development studies at Oxford.

Wisconsin

Eva Z. Lam, Milwaukee, is a senior at Harvard College where she majors in social studies. She is president of the Harvard College Democrats, and worked at Harvard and in New Hampshire on the Obama campaign. She is committed to education reform, her thesis is on cultural competency training in Teach for America, and she will soon be certified to teach high school history. Eva also has a black belt in taekwondo, and was a high school national champion debater. At Oxford, she plans to do the M.Sc. in comparative and international education.

DISTRICT 12

Kansas

Eleanor M. Ott, Lawrence, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in April, summa cum laude, with majors in chemistry, history, and French. Since graduating, she has worked as a Truman Scholar at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on projects relating to teenage pregnancy prevention, refugee resettlement, and domestic violence prevention. At Pittsburgh, she founded an advocacy organization for refugees and worked as a tutor, and did research in nuclear and radiochemistry. Eleanor intends to do the M.Sc. in forced migration at Oxford.

Missouri

Andrew J. McCall, St. Louis, is a senior at Truman State University, where he majors in philosophy and religion. He is the first Rhodes Scholar to be elected from Truman State. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior, he has also taken courses in Vienna, Austria, and the University of Colorado. He is interested in the division between analytic and continental philosophy. Captain of the swimming team, he is five-time Division II All-American in swimming and a violinist in the university symphony. Andrew plans to read for the B.Phil. in philosophy at Oxford.

DISTRICT 13

Colorado

William D. Gohl, Colorado Springs, is a senior at Regis University, with majors in English and politics, and minors in business administration and Spanish. His thesis is on Roman Catholic social teaching and capital punishment. William is active in the Regis University ministry, had worked in the U.S. Attorney's office, and has counseled victims of domestic violence. William intends to do the M.St. in English language and literature at Oxford.

New Mexico

Justine O. Schluntz, Albuquerque, received her B.S. from the University of Arizona in mechanical engineering in May, summa cum laude, and is now a graduate student there in fluid dynamics. A nine-time All-American in swimming and member of the 2008 national championship team, she swam in the U.S. Olympic trials in 2004 and 2008, and holds NCAA and American records in relays. Justine is also an active Big Sister and in other community programs in Tucson and southern Arizona. She is particularly interested in harnessing tidal energy from the oceans, and plans to do a D.Phil. in engineering at Oxford.

DISTRICT 14

Montana

Raphael J.C. Graybill, Great Falls, is a senior at Columbia University where he majors in political science. He was elected a Montana delegate for Obama at the Democratic convention, worked this summer on the health team of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, and interned for Senator Max Baucus the previous summer. Raphael (Raph) is captain of the Columbia ski and snowboarding team. Since 2007 he has been a uniformed auxiliary policy officer in the 26th precinct of the NYPD. He plans to do the M.Phil. in political theory at Oxford.

Washington

Elizabeth A. Betterbed, Fox Island, is a senior at the United States Military Academy, where she majors in mechanical engineering. She is second in her class academically, and 1st overall (academic/physical, military). An academic All-American varsity soccer player, she has won awards in mechanical engineering, conducted research for the Pentagon's Quadrennial Defense Review and was an exchange student in Mexico. She also is a member of a team of cadets designing and building a powered prosthetic foot to allow wounded soldiers to run. Elizabeth will do the M.Phil. in geography and the environment at Oxford.

DISTRICT 15

California

Henry R. Barmeier, Saratoga, is a senior at Princeton University in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, with minors in environmental studies and Spanish. A Udall Scholar and member of Phi Beta Kappa, he worked in Rome at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization on the role of fisheries in the food security strategies of developing countries. He is head fellow at the Princeton writing center, leader of an outdoor action program, and committed to issues related to sustainable, locally grown organic food. At Oxford, Henry plans to do the M.Sc. in nature, society and environmental policy.

California

Geoffrey C. Shaw, Belvedere, is a senior at Yale University where he majors in philosophy. He is editor-in-chief of the Yale Philosophy Review, and was founding editor-in-chief of a campus political magazine. He also serves on the committee of Yale College for major student discipline cases, and is chairman of the Independent Party at the Yale Political Union. Geoffrey has also been a community volunteer in Kazakhstan, and an English instructor in China. He plans to do the B.Phil. in philosophy at Oxford, with a focus on legal philosophy.

DISTRICT 16

California

Elizaveta Fouksman, Emerald Hills, graduated summa cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 2008, where she majored in history and minored in global studies and Russian literature. After graduating, she worked with a grassroots education program with rural youth in India. While still at UCLA, Elizaveta (Liz) conducted victim outreach to sex-workers and human trafficking victims in both the streets and courts of Los Angeles. She has done documentary filmmaking, trekked in the Himalayas, and done human rights research on child labor in India. At Oxford, she plans to do the M.Phil. in development studies.

California

Brittany L. Morreale, Palos Verdes Estates, is a senior at the United States Air Force Academy, where she majors in physics with an emphasis in astronomy and a minor in Japanese. She spent a semester in Nagasaki, Japan, studying Japanese culture, history, and language. Brittany captained the Air Force cross country team, was wing command chief in her junior year, and has been an active volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, in a soup kitchen for the homeless, and will personally deliver shoes to Africa that her organization collected for Kenyan and Sudanese children. She is a violist in the Academy orchestra, and joined an international scientific team in a meteorite shower study. At Oxford, she will do the M.Sc. in physics.