



Congratulations!
2012 Ferguson Scholar

KATHARINE A. WALLNER

Northern Guilford High School
Greensboro, North Carolina, Class of 2012
Bound for University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, NC
Business Major

Katharine is an AP Scholar with distinction and will graduate in the top ten percent of her class with a weighted GPA of 4.93. Katharine has managed to maintain her academic achievement throughout high school while balancing involvement in the community, her school, and working a part-time job.

Katharine has been an active community volunteer, giving more than 500 hours of her time to help various community organizations such as the American Red Cross, United Methodist Relief, the Greensboro Urban Ministry/Pathways Shelter, and Habitat for Humanity. Katharine is President of the Active Nighthawks Tutoring program and has been a volunteer tutor for kindergarteners throughout her high school years. Through the American Red Cross Club, she organized a very successful talent show to raise over \$1,200 for measles vaccines. Katharine also volunteers with her youth group and has helped lead various events to prevent hunger in the community. Speaking of Katharine, her priest and youth group leader writes "she has a great capacity for showing compassion and seeks to make the world a better place."

At Northern Guilford High School, Katharine has managed to participate in multiple activities in spite of the extra hours she spends on academics. Katharine is the senior editor of the North Guilford High's award-winning yearbook. Katharine's English teacher stated that "The quality that makes Katharine a standout to me is her leadership." Calling Katharine's skills as an editor "top-notch", she explained that Katharine managed a staff of 30, and has become a role model for all of them. While at Northern Guilford, Katharine also lettered in tennis all four years and was an academic all-conference, regional player.

In her personal essay, Katharine explained that it hasn't been easy trying to excel academically, doing community service and school activities all while working part time, but she is determined and motivated by seeing progress. Whether it was the satisfaction of building homes in the intense southern heat, or working on an award winning yearbook, her determination to succeed is evident. She noted, "Memories like these are not just times I cherish, but instead they are fleeting moments in time where I discovered the person I am and will always be." Katharine aspires to enter the business world someday and become a CEO or an Editor.

Jon and Kate Wallner are the proud parents of Katharine. Kate is in Inside Sales and Jon is a Warehouse Manager; both at branch 16.

Best of luck at University of North Carolina, 2012 Ferguson Scholar

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