

2022

Delta Scholars

*Cultivating change-
makers in Mississippi*





Oluwatosin Adeyemi

She/Her

Rising Senior

Major: Biology

From: Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State Nigeria

Hobbies: Reading

Career Interests: Psychiatry

Favorite Book/Movie: *Gifted Hands*

Fun Fact: I am an Ambivert.

Favorite Thing About MS: The hospitality of its people.



Will Andrews



He/Him

Rising Senior

Major: Industrial Engineering

Minor: Global Studies

From: Lexington, KY



Hobbies: Volleyball, comic books, reading, Star Wars, history, tennis

Career Interests: Sustainable Development

Favorite Book/Movie: The MCU Movies

Fun Fact: I am a retired D1 athlete.

Favorite Thing About MS: I have never been to Mississippi, but I am very excited to learn more about the culture and heritage of the Delta region!



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Emma Atkinson



She/Her

Rising Senior

Major: Biological Sciences

Minor: Chemistry

From: Tupelo, MS

Hobbies: I enjoy journaling and spending time outside! I love going on walks and spending time with people, especially family.

Career Interests: My goal is to become a physician specializing in pediatrics.

Favorite Book/Movie: My favorite movies are the Harry Potter movies, and I loved the books as well.

Fun Fact: An interesting fact about me is that my team was selected as finalists for the Community College Innovation Challenge led by the American Association of Community Colleges in partnership with the National Science Foundation!

Favorite Thing About MS: I really love the sense of community I feel when I am in Mississippi. I have always felt at home here!



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Elizabeth Barstein



She/Her

Rising Senior

Major: Environmental Studies

Minor: Health: Science, Society, and Policy (HSSP)

From: Princeton, NJ

Hobbies: I like to write poetry and embroider.

Career Interests: I haven't figured that out just yet! I enjoy research and would like to do something related to environmental justice.

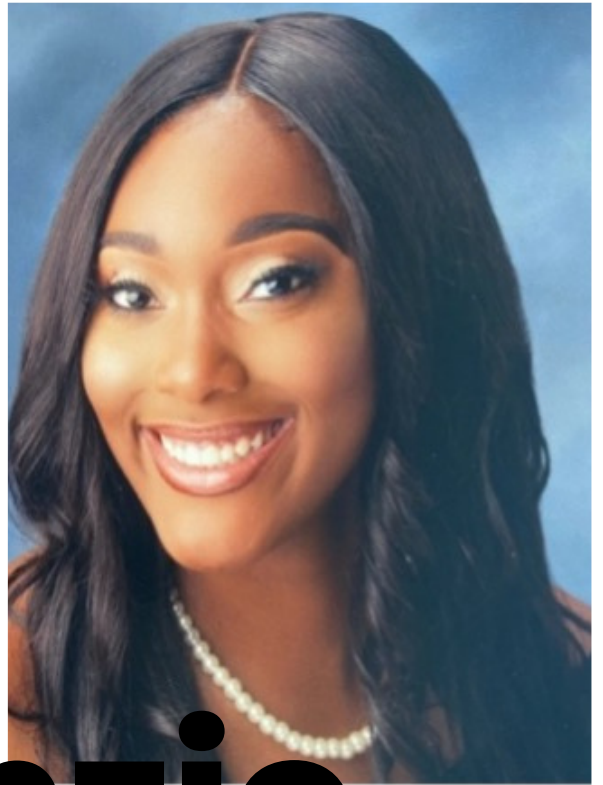
Favorite Book/Movie: I have a hard time picking favorites, but a book I read recently that I loved was *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner.

Fun Fact: I played the euphonium for 10 years.

Favorite Thing About MS: I've never been to Mississippi or to the south! I am most excited about experiencing a completely different part of the country and learning from the people there.



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Mackenzie Bronson

She/Her

Rising Sophomore

Major: Biology, Pre-Nursing

From: Brandon, MS

Hobbies: basketball, hair

Career Interests: Pediatric nurse practitioner, open my own multi-health practice

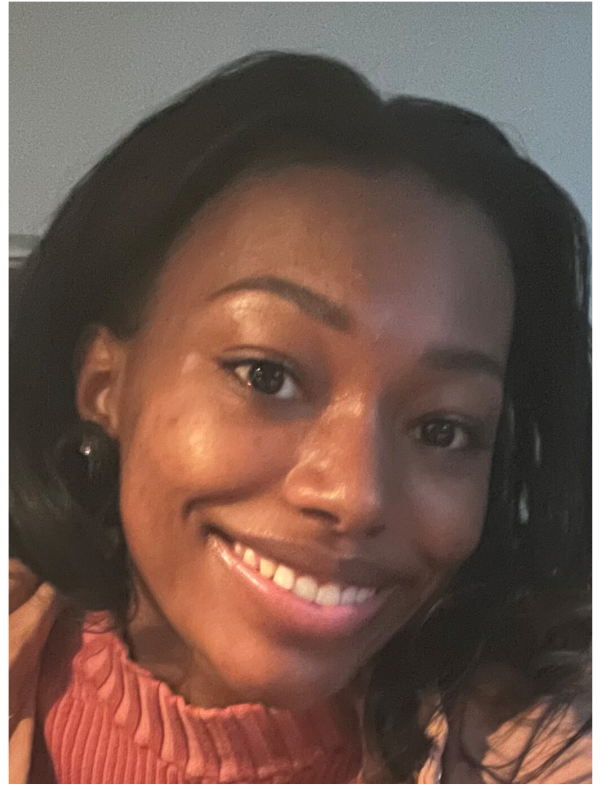
Favorite Book/Movie: *Matilda*

Fun Fact: I graduated top 10 in my high school class.

Favorite Thing About MS: What I love most about Mississippi is the nature.



Eriel Burns



She/Her

Rising Junior

Major: Political Science

Minor: Business and English

From: Clarksville, TN

Hobbies: I like to go hiking, shopping, or simply relaxing at home or at the spa.

Career Interests: I would like to be a corporate lawyer and have prospects of creating my own law firm.

Favorite Book/Movie: My favorite book is *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, and my favorite movie is *Scarface*.

Fun Fact: I was homeschooled from 5th to 8th grade.

Favorite Thing About MS: I've never been to MS, but I have a close friend from Drew, MS that raves about the seafood boils. I think that is what most excites me about MS, and I look forward to trying some before I depart.



Givon Busby



He/Him

Rising Junior

Major: Science Education

From: Memphis, TN

Hobbies: Playing the drums and dancing.

Career Interests: Choreographer, drum instructor, science teacher, counselor, and role model for young age groups.

Favorite Book/Movie: *The Hate U Give*

Fun Fact: I'm a first-generation student.

Favorite Thing About MS: A lot of my friends are from Mississippi. I love how when there is a sunset, the clouds are beautiful.



Anna Dean



She/Her

Rising Sophomore

Major: Government, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Minor: Religion

From: Jackson, MS & Bentonville, AR

Hobbies: I enjoy teaching kids Speech and Debate, listening to Podcasts (my favorites are The NPR Politics Podcast, Hysteria, and Unladylike), and drinking overpriced coffee with friends.

Career Interests: I am interested in pursuing a career to better the South. I hope to work in the policy or nonprofit world to create change in the region. I am passionate about issues regarding educational and gender equity.

Favorite Book/Movie: My favorite book is *Living a Feminist Life* by Sara Ahmed.

Fun Fact: I do Policy Debate, where we talk really fast to fit in more arguments. I can speak at 300 words per minute.

Favorite Thing About MS: Other than the pine trees and sweet tea, I love the people. Mississippi is full of strong, resilient, hard-working people. The state is home to diverse works of literature, histories, religions, foods, music, races, and identities.

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Clark Etzel



He/Him

Rising Sophomore

Major: Public Policy

Leadership

From: Russellville, AR

Hobbies: Reading, cooking, running, video games on occasion, and museums

Career Interests: I intend to work in the fields of public health or social policy in southern states. I plan to teach for two years and then pursue a master's in public health, public policy, law, or a mixture of two. Afterwards, I hope to work for an organization such as the Delta Regional Authority, a congressional committee, a state cabinet agency, the Department of Health and Human Services--anywhere where I can work with public health, social policy, and the south.

Favorite Book/Movie: I tell people I do not have a favorite book; I don't think there is one that stand out among the rest. It's kind of an embarrassing secret. *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote, *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward, or *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. After writing those out, I would have to say *The Overstory*. My favorite movie is *The Green Knight*.

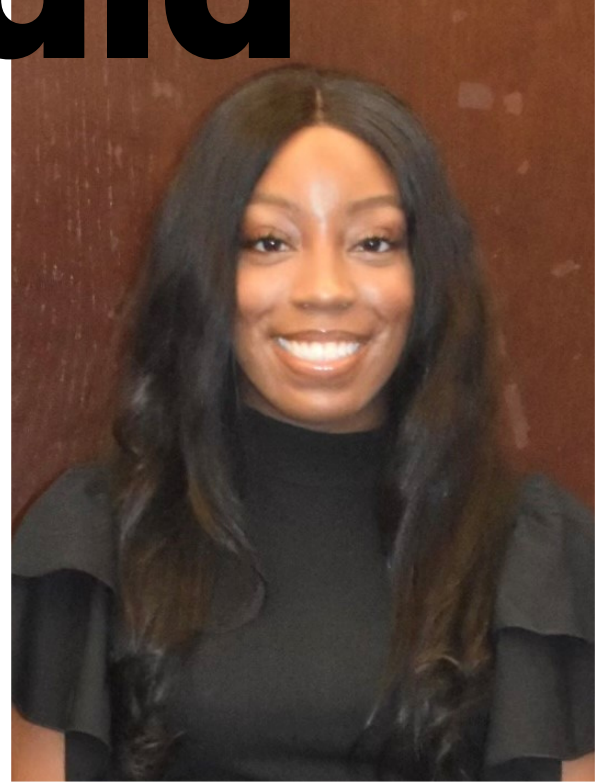
Fun Fact: I have lived in five states. I was born in Illinois. I then moved to Iowa, then to Ohio, then moved again in Ohio, then Arkansas, and now to Mississippi. Last summer, I moved my parents to Illinois. I currently live in Mississippi year round.

Favorite Thing About MS: My favorite part about Mississippi is the music. I love seeing live music and learning about Mississippi's musical history!!



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Kennedi Fitzgerald



She/Her
Rising Junior
Major: Nursing
From: Vicksburg, MS

Hobbies: Some of my favorite hobbies and activities are cheerleading, playing piano, hanging out with friends, and learning new things.

Career Interests: I plan to become a traveling nurse for a while. I then plan to go back and obtain my doctorate degree in nursing. Lastly, I will attend CRNA program and work my way to the position of Chief CRNA.

Favorite Book/Movie: I have a lot of favorite movies. Some of those include ALL the *Fast and Furious* movies and *Takers*.

Fun Fact: A few interesting things about myself are that I rebuild and repair houses every summer, and I have been playing the piano since I was 5 years old.

Favorite Thing About MS: My favorite thing about Mississippi is the room for improvement that it has. There's so much about Mississippi that could improve and I would love to be apart of the change.



Kittson Hamill



She/Her

Rising Sophomore

Major: Computer Science, Physics

Minor: RRS, Chinese, Art

From: Huntsville, AL

Hobbies: Art, weaving, birds.

Career Interests: Computer Science
interdisciplinary work

Favorite Book/Movie: *The King's Speech*

Fun Fact: I am a dual citizen between America
and Australia.

Favorite Thing About MS: Food

Malorie Jones



She/Her

Rising Senior

Major: Agribusiness

From: Olive Branch, MS

Hobbies: My favorite hobbies are hunting, fishing, listening to live music, and watching football. I also love to tend to animals.

Career Interests: I would love to work for Mississippi State Extension upon graduating, either as an Extension Agent or in Research as a career. I'm also adamant on being a 7th generation Mississippi farmer, like my family before me.

Favorite Book/Movie: *When Harry Met Sally* - movie
To Kill A Mockingbird - book

Fun Fact: I love live music so much, I've probably traveled over 100K miles in my life to see some of my favorite artists. I also own more band merchandise than regular clothes.

Favorite Thing About MS: It's truly hard to pinpoint one thing I love the most about Mississippi. Some of my favorite things would be: it's an agriculture dependent state, there's cheap and small town living, and the extensive history with music its has such as blues & rock-N-roll.

Caroline Leonard



She/Her

Rising Junior

Major: Civil Engineering, International Studies, Arabic

From: Oxford, MS

Hobbies: I enjoy baking, crafting, traveling, and watching TV.

Career Interests: I want to work with communities (both domestically and internationally) to improve infrastructure and access to civil society. I am especially interested in connecting the technical side of development with more social aspects, and would be interested to work in engineering or public policy.

Favorite Book/Movie: My favorite movie is *Thor: Ragnarok*.

Fun Fact: I worked as a mall Easter bunny for one season in high school.

Favorite Thing About MS: I really love the varied wildlife of Mississippi, especially on the coast.



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Diana Martinez



She/Her

Rising Sophomore

Major: Behavioral Neuroscience

Minor: Religion

From: Harvey, LA

Hobbies: I LOVE gardening and reading. One of my favorite pastimes is creating terrariums! I also love exploring new places and shops!

Career Interests: I aspire to be an immigration lawyer who provides pro bono legal services. Later on, I would also love to own a rabbit cafe dedicated to rabbit adoption.

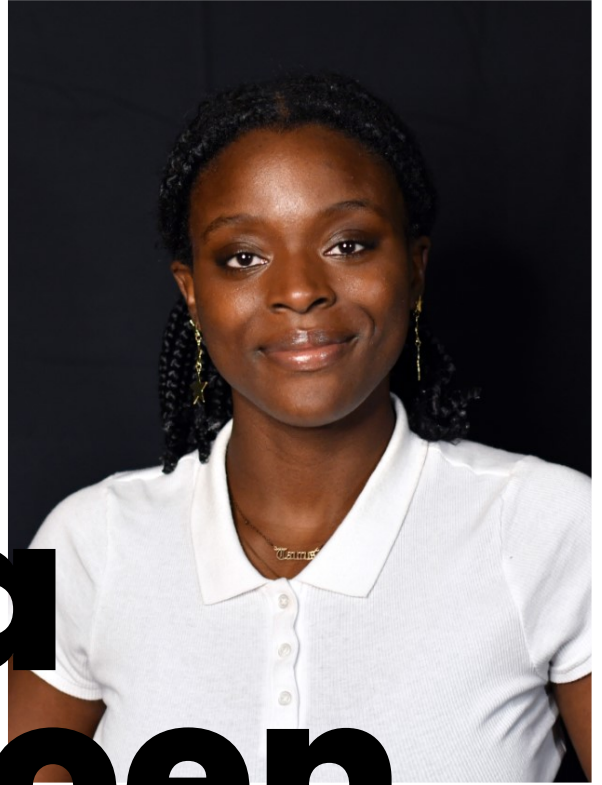
Favorite Book/Movie: My favorite movie is *Barbie as the Princess and the Pauper*. It is a childhood staple, and I will stand behind that no matter what. Great characters and soundtrack! Chef's kiss!

Fun Fact: I potty trained my pet rabbit.

Favorite Thing About MS: What I love the most about Mississippi is Tupelo. I've really only spent a few weeks in Tupelo, but it was a really awesome experience. I loved trying all of the local restaurants, especially Fairpark Grill, and exploring the small downtown area. I even took a picture with an Elvis mural! The people were incredibly welcoming and kind!



Eghosa Ogbevoen



She/Her

Rising Junior

Major: Health Science - Pre-Professional

From: Lee's Summit, MO

Hobbies: Reading, working out, playing brain games, listening to podcasts

Career Interests: Policy-making, advocacy, judicial positions

Favorite Book/Movie: James Cameron's *Avatar*

Fun Fact: I'm double jointed in my right thumb!

Favorite Thing About MS: I'm excited for the weather and the landscape!

Maya Subramanian



She/Her

Rising Sophomore

Major: HSSP (Health, Science, Society, and Policy) and IGS (International and Global Studies)

From: Lexington, MA

Hobbies: Some of my favorite hobbies include cooking and baking, writing, playing the piano, and being in nature! I have always been an avid cook, but especially during the pandemic, it became a source of comfort and joy, and I have recently become interested in plant based cooking and eating. I love to write my own poetry and enjoy journaling - it is one of my favorite past times with friends. I've been playing the piano since I was 4 years old, and it is a huge part of my life. I enjoy all types of music, but particularly jazz and R&B (which is why I am all the more excited to explore the exciting music culture of Mississippi!) Finally, I love being outside, especially in the warmth, whether that be going on a walk or run, going on picnics with my friends, and exploring new places to go on hikes.



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Career Interests: In the future, I would love to explore a career in public policy, fostering legislative action for marginalized public health causes and outcomes in particular. I am particularly invested in addressing healthcare disparities in the system, and addressing inequities for different members of the population. I am also keen on exploring global health outcomes - growing up in the United States, our focus on healthcare outcomes can sometimes be centered in our own communities and surroundings, but I would like to explore health disparities in my native country of India. Overall, while I am not sure exactly where I will be in a few years, whether that be pursuing a degree in law or a masters of public health - I know that my ultimate goal is to reduce health disparities, and foster healthier, happier communities for all.

Favorite Book/Movie: My favorite movie would have to be "Back to the Future" - I love 80s movies and TV, and have a special place in my heart for this movie. I love the storyline, actors, and how lighthearted and funny it is - and think the premise is fascinating!

Fun Fact: I am a big fan of personality tests, and think they're a really cool way to get to know people. My Myers-Briggs personality type is an INFJ - "The Advocate".

Favorite Thing About MS: While I've never been to the Mississippi (or explored the South - I've spent most of my life in the Greater Boston area), I am eagerly looking forward to immerse myself in the vibrant culture! I have heard so much about the life in Mississippi from my professor, Laurence Simon, who has spent many years himself doing important work in the Delta. I am particularly excited to try the food, as a self proclaimed foodie, and am looking forward to hearing the blues and jazz at the many blues clubs in Mississippi! I'm also certainly looking forward to the warmth and sunshine.

Grace Waters



She/Her

Rising Senior

Major: Integrated Digital Marketing

From: Hoover, AL

Hobbies: Watching movies, thrift/vintage shopping, scrolling through Pinterest, painting

Career Interests: Going to law school and doing non-profit work for wrongfully-incarcerated individuals

Favorite Book/Movie: movies = *Django Unchained* and *A Star Is Born*

Fun Fact: I still have a stuffed animal that I've had since I was 1 years old. :)

Favorite Thing About MS: I love the people I've met at MSU and visiting the Refuge to walk on the trails and hammock.



Kotomi Yokokura



She/Her

Rising Junior

Major: Social work

Minor: Public Policy

From: Lexington, KY

Hobbies: I love to go hiking and do anything outdoors. I'm not sure if this is considered a hobby but finding new or cute coffee shops is always fun. I've also grown up around music and am listening to it constantly.

Career Interests: I'd like to either work in a think tank addressing societal stigmas and resulting policies or advocating for policy change.

Favorite Book/Movie: *Tangled*

Fun Fact: I get hurt pretty often. My most recent injury was a torn ACL from trying to run over a girl while playing softball.

Favorite Thing About MS: I've never been to Mississippi and am excited to learn more about the state and its culture. I am also excited to see if there are any new foods to try.

