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# THE GREENSBORO WATCHMAN

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## Horseshoe Farm welcomes 2019-2020 fellows

*A little bit about the eighteen new faces working in and around Greensboro*



**Katie Blankemeyer**

"She is..." Katie from Penn State! As a Pennsylvania native, you know what team she will be cheering on come fall. Katie studied Biomedical Engineering and hopes to attend medical school next year. Her energetic nature can sometimes lead her to be a bit clumsy, so she also enjoys more laid-back activities like knitting, watching old movies, or doing a crossword puzzle. She loves animals and even played the evil parrot in a school production of Aladdin! Katie can carry on lively conversations concerning just about anything as long as they don't involve spiders, mint chocolate chip ice cream or Ohio State. She wants to thank y'all for being so welcoming, and she can't wait for what this next year has in store!



**Anita Ho**

Anita is a friendly face from San Diego who studied Cognitive Science/Biology at Scripps College. Although you should never trust a person who doesn't like chocolate, Anita is the exception! As a trustworthy, determined, and compassionate person, Anita aspires to become a physician specializing in emergency medicine. She likes small animals, especially corgis, but don't let her size fool you because she also enjoys staying active through swimming and powerlifting. She wants to thank you all for being so welcoming and kind. She says, "I've lived in California my whole life and I'm blown away by the hospitality and patience you all have shown. I am so excited to get to know as many of you as I can and learn more about you and Greensboro!"



**Rojas Oliva**

If you see a young fellow walking around covered in dirt and sporting an impressive mane swept up in a bun, there's a good chance this is one of our new Farming, Health and Nutrition Fellows, Rojas! He comes to us from Texas but attended school at Amherst College where he earned a degree in Environmental Studies and Biology. Rojas has a kind and gentle spirit and feels very humbled at

this opportunity to learn from the Greensboro community. He enjoys the simple wonders in life from appreciating the beauty of clouds to learning about edible plants. He hopes to bring his passion for growing and eating food into his future career, but he will be happy as long as he gets to see dirt turning into food.



**Kayla Rykiel**

As one of the dancers in the group, Kayla majored in Biomedical Sciences with minors in Dance Studies and Public Health at the University of South Florida. This caring Florida native is right up her alley at Horseshoe Farm since she aspires to work as a physician in a rural community. Kayla often goes above and beyond with her work, which is even shown in the very nature of her bones given that she has an extra bone in her body! When she's not dancing, Kayla loves to learn about national parks and hopes to take a road trip one day to visit all of them. Kayla loves that "the warm kindness of the community makes Greensboro easily feel like home." She can't wait to meet everyone so make sure to say 'hello' if you see her around!



**Morgan Bond**

If you saw someone busting out some serious dance moves at the Horseshoe Farm reunion, that was probably Morgan! A lively and passionate Fellow with a strong sense for justice, Morgan wants to go into public policy and work to change unjust legislation while improving public health and increasing resources on a national scale. She hails all the way from Belfair, WA and studied Psychology with a minor in Communication Studies at Western Washington University. You will often find her swimming in a pool to relax, but she enjoys a variety of activities including singing, reading, and poetry. She wants the Greensboro community to know that, "I chose to come here to listen, learn from, and serve y'all in any way!"



**Catie Sanders**

You will often catch this Texan with a bright smile

on her face! Catie studied Biology and Anthropology at the University of San Diego, and she is interested in a career in family medicine or pediatrics. Catie's friendly demeanor allows her to be a great listener, and she loves to learn and hear about other people's stories. Catie loves being near bodies of water. The water has proven to be her happy place even when she is swimming with sharks! She finds it very soothing to spend the day on the water due to the fun fact that she lived on a ship for five months. Catie says, "I am grateful that y'all have opened your community to us, and I am excited to learn from the people here and about Greensboro's culture, history, and food!"



**Christine Tanna**

As someone who is not a fan of the cold, Christine is finally in her element here in Alabama! After living in Illinois all her life, Christine graduated from Williams College with a degree in Biology and English. With a sweet demeanor and quiet strength, these assets will benefit Christine as she pursues medicine in the future. Her positive outlook allows her to see the good in situations as shown in the fact that even though she came in second to last place in a race, she was still excited about winning a bottle of maple syrup! Along with running, she also enjoys reading and baking goodies (as long as there is no peanut butter). Christine shares, "I feel blessed to have the chance to live and work here while learning from the people of Greensboro!"



**Jordan Lazarus**

As a hard worker and critical thinker, Jordan earned his degree in Cellular & Molecular Biology at the University of Michigan (Go Blue!), and he hopes to attend medical school. Although he lived in the Midwest for the past four years, he is actually from Southern California. You will often hear him asking others how they are doing, and his caring and thoughtful nature even extends to the bugs of Alabama. He does not like to kill bugs but would rather return them to their natural home. Besides being our designated bug rescuer, a fun fact is that he was a freemove disc jockey in college! You can spot him relaxing with a nonfiction book, swimming, hiking, or munching on free samples from Costco. Feel free to strike up a conversation with him if you see him around!



**Jintana Williams**

Jintana is a Wesleyan University graduate who majored in Biology and African American Studies. She is from North Carolina and is interested in going into medicine in the future. She is excited to be so warmly welcomed into Greensboro, and she did not expect this area to be so lush and green! She enjoys taking in the natural beauty when she goes for walks. Jintana's claim to fame is being on a reality TV show when she was just eight years old! She likes to collect jewelry, and you will often see her rocking the most fashionable statement pieces. She is a thoughtful person who is very intentional in the conversations she has with people and the way she serves others. She does have a sassy side to her, which keeps you on your toes and makes her fun to be around!



**Mary Zhou**

Born and raised in southern California, Mary Zhou comes to us after earning her degree in molecular biology at the University of California at Berkeley. Mary will be one of three first year fellows working at our Marion site this year. If you need dancing tips, Mary is the person to ask! She has been dancing since she was eight years old and does everything from ballet to contemporary dancing! Mary is interested in working in the healthcare field in the future because she loves getting to know people and making a difference in her community, so be sure to tell her hello! Mary says, "I am very excited to be a part of the Black Belt community this year and cannot wait to get to know each of you a personal level!"



**Jennifer Gamble**

You might see her around town with a big smile and wearing Georgia red! Jennifer Gamble hails from Augusta, Georgia and received her degree in Biology from the University of Georgia. Though she is a big ball of energy, she also enjoys slowing down with a good book or practicing

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## Victor Poole, longtime Bank of Moundville exec, dies July 24 at age 88



Victor P. Poole, Sr., of Moundville, Alabama passed away at the age of 88 at Moundville Health and Rehab Facility on July 24, 2019. Services will be held on Saturday July 27, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Magnolia Chapel Funeral Home South. Officiating will be Reverend Michael Cobb, Pastor of the Moundville United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, with Magnolia Chapel Funeral Home South directing. Visitation will be 2 hours prior to the service at the Funeral Home.

Victor was preceded in death by his parents, Spurgeon F. and Natalie Phillips Poole; His sister, Lorine (Maurice) and His brother, Jack (Janell).

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Madie H. Poole; his 3 sons, Phil(Leigh Ann), Howell(Tammy) and Ross; His 3 grandchildren, Natalie Poole Decker(Will), Emily Poole Mullenix(Justin) and Vic Poole. He also has one great grandchild, Ava, 19 mos, and one great grandchild due in October.

Victor Poole was born on July 18, 1931 in Knoxville, Greene Co., Alabama. His dad, Spurgeon, was the lockmaster at Old Lock 9 on the Black Warrior River. Victor's mom, Natalie, was a schoolteacher and homemaker. His Christian training and baptism as a child was at Bethel Baptist Church in Ralph, Alabama. It is from this time at Bethel and in his home that he learned a great generosity toward others that he maintained throughout his life. He grew up at the Lock Nine site on the river. In the eighth grade, he transferred to Hale County High School from Knoxville School, commuting each day to school in Moundville by boat across the river.

He participated in many activities at Hale County

High School, including football and baseball. He also, most importantly, met Madie Irene Howell. They both graduated in 1949, married in 1953 and remained married for the next 65 years.

Victor entered the U. S. Army and proudly served for three years as a member of the 82nd Airborne., where he achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the army, he earned his degree at the University of Alabama while working at the Bank of Moundville.

Victor's father-in-law, E. Price Howell, Sr., had purchased a majority interest in the Bank of Moundville in 1946, just at the conclusion of World War II. E. P. Howell, Sr., of Hartford, had originally moved to Moundville as a coach, math teacher and principal. Once there, he married Madie O'Neal Elliott, of Moundville in 1929.

E. Price Howell Sr. died suddenly in 1955, after which his widow, Madie, became President of the Bank of Moundville. Victor, while still in college, became Executive Vice President and CEO, positions that he held for the next 41 years.

Victor Poole also had a passion for and a longtime interest in politics and education. He was appointed to the State Board of Education in 1963. He was re-elected 6 consecutive times and retired from the State Board of Education in 1994. During these decades on the board Victor worked on many projects for the betterment of the state and its school children. In particular, he spent much time and resources working with many others around the state to create Shelton State Community College.

He was a member of the Hale County Board of Education and the Moundville City Council. He was a member for many years of the Black Warrior Council, Boy Scouts of America. He and Madie Irene were Pillars of the Community as chosen by The West Alabama Chamber of Commerce.

Finally, Victor and Madie Irene have been active members of and have a

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## Apply August 5 at HERO for LIHEAP utilities assistance

What is LIHEAP?  
LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps eligible households in Hale County with a one-time payment toward their primary heating/cooling source to meet the rising costs of home energy. The amount of assistance that a household can receive depends on gross household income, family size and the type of fuel the household uses to heat/cool their home.

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- Valid US issued photo ID
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A recent copy of your energy bill (dated in the last 30 days)

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Last week we were able to have a busy day at the market. Week before last was the busiest it's been this year and I didn't know what to expect. Some of the vegetables are and soon will be disappearing from the farmers' inventory. Peaches are gradually thinning out. Other products like okra, purple hull peas and squash should be available. The iron chair gossip department moved over to the picnic table with the big umbrella and boy did we need an umbrella. We had a lot of traffic because we were giving away the last of the Extension Office educational, nutritional and healthy give-ways. Reverend Steve Vernon came by for a visit on his new (used) motor scooter which was a VIP Vespa, which means Very Important Preacher. We enjoyed talking to Steve.

And other breaking news, our Methodist Pastor, Doug Jolly and his wife, Bethany, were accompanied to the market by the town dog, Fred. When they left they took the safe route behind Piggly Wiggly to stay off of State St. I hope I don't get into trouble be-

cause there is another Greensboro dog that deserves mentioning. His name is Spot. You may see him anywhere in town and he looks both ways before he crosses the street. Back to the farmers market. Mrs. Janice Koehn has really had some delicious cakes and breads this year. Please come out and support her efforts. Most everything is calorie free (lol). We are approaching the beginning of school. Some schools in the area are starting August 7 so slow down in the school zones in the mornings and evenings to protect our children. It won't be long before we will be talking about hurricanes, so if you don't have a weather radio you might consider getting one.

We appreciate your support of the Greensboro Farmers Market, we couldn't do it without you. That's it for this week. Remember to Eat Fresh and Buy Local. See you at the market.

— Bill Henry, Market Manager.



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yoga. Jennifer plans to be a Physician's Assistant one day and even open up her own yoga studio! She will be one of three first year fellows working at our Marion site this year. Jennifer says, "So far this community has welcomed me with their generosity, I look forward to creating new ways to be involved in the community."



**Reed Miller**

As a Mobile native, Reed Miller grew up soaking up the sun at Orange Beach and earned his degree in Medical Sciences at the University of South Alabama. A sports guy through and through, you'll often find Reed playing basketball, golf, frisbee, or just running around town. In the future, Reed wants to be a Physician's Assistant and stay involved in non-profit work that focuses on youth education and professional success. Reed will be one of three first year fellows working at our Marion site this year. He enjoys spending his time either cooking or fishing and would love to get to know you through a shared meal or with a fishing pole in hand!



**Sophia Orlando**

Coming all the way from the rainy city of Seattle, Sophia is one of them most thoughtful people you will meet. She received her degree in Public Health from the University of Washington, and plans to attend medical school while also earning a Master's in Public Health. She is full of character, always keeping her friends and family laughing. In her spare time, Sophia loves to cook Italian food, listen to music and visit art museums. She can even speak a little Italian, so be sure to quiz her! She wants to be able to focus on community health as a physician, and is very excited about the opportunities ahead. Sophia says "I'd like to thank the people of Greensboro for welcoming me into their community. Please say hi if you see me around town, I am so excited to meet more of y'all

and to call Greensboro home!"



**Lydia Abma**

Lydia, a dual citizen, was born in Canada, but now calls Grand Rapids, Michigan her home. She went to school at Calvin College, where she studied Public Health and Psychology. She plans to further her education in public health, working to expand healthcare access in underserved areas and communities. Lydia has shown herself to be a caring individual. This adventurous fellow loves to travel to new places and go on hikes. In her spare time, she also enjoys beating her best time on the New York Times' daily mini crosswords puzzle. As a child, she once had over 20 stuffed animal koalas! She would like to tell the Greensboro community, "I am so excited to make Greensboro home! I love sharing meals together and getting to know people, so this wonderful place is feeling like home already."



**Grace Chamberlin**

Home to the only town that produces M&Ms, Allamuchy, NJ, Grace grew up with her town coated in the sweet scent of chocolate for months at a time. Grace received her degree in Sociology and Public Health at Williams College. In the future she plans to go to graduate school for Public Health. You can catch her running every morning around town or more frequently on Snapchat! She's a huge fan of podcasts, and has even learned how to make one earlier this year! Grace has always been a curious person and is always open to trying new things. She says "Thank you so much for welcoming me into your community already! I can't wait to meet more of you (feel free to come up and introduce yourself!) and learn about this area. And I refuse to leave without learning how to make fried chicken."



**Jade Frederickson**

Jade is a bubbly, fun-loving individual. She is from Lino Lakes, Minnesota, but went to school at Texas Christian University where she earned her degree in Coordinated Dietetics and minored in Nutrition. You might have seen her dancing at Project Horseshoe Farm's 10 year anniversary, recording an impressive length of 11 miles danced! She's a Farming, Health, and Nutrition fellow, who will work at Bois d'Arc (BDA) Farm located in Uniontown. Her future plans include incorporating agriculture and food production into community dietetics. She wants the people of Greensboro to know, "Minnesota is not a frozen tundra and it is actually quite nice in the summer, but no, I am not used to the constant heat (i.e. I have not stopped sweating since I got here)! Other than that, I have enjoyed everything about Greensboro, and even though I am far from home, I don't feel that way here!"



**Bridget O'Brien**

Bridget comes all the way from Oceanside, California. She attended UC Berkeley earning her degree in Public Health. Bridget's heartwarming smile is the first thing you will notice about her, but don't let her smiling face trick you. Bridget loves to compete. She did seven years of championship level Irish dancing, and also loves to play tennis. She plans to go to medical school, becoming a critical care physician. She loves to travel with friends and make her own coffee in the morning. Bridget is a hardworking individual that is prepared roll her sleeves up to get the job done. She says "I'm so excited to get to know ALL of you! Thanks for welcoming me so warmly to your home!"



**Reem Ghanem**  
Reem Ghanem is from

Bloomington, Minnesota, and traveled out to California where she attending Stanford University. She is a loyal and sincere individual who enjoys hanging out with friends. While in college she majored in Biology and minored in Human Rights. She aims to become a physician that works closely with public health and improve health equity in communities. She loves playing the piano, singing, and listening to music. She was once ran over by a goat, but didn't let that keep her down! Reem says "I'm so excited to get to know you all better! You've been so kind and welcoming already, and I can't wait for the next year. Also, I don't know too much about football, but I'm excited to learn -- if anyone wants to teach me some things, I'd really appreciate it!"



**Sonya Bedge**

Being from Portland and attending Oregon State University, Sonya's goal over the next year is to explore the Black Belt area and fully experience all that Southern culture has to offer. She is a thoughtful individual who loves hanging out in the sun with friends. Sonya enjoys reading or singing at karaoke! She earned her degree in BioResource and a Chemistry minor. Last year, she spent her summer in Botswana completing community health research. She hopes to become a physician and work in a setting where she has the opportunity to get to know her patients personally. She says, "This really is a special community and I feel lucky to be able to experience it. Also, I love learning to cook new foods, so if anyone ever needs a sous-chef let me know! I would love to help out and learn a new dish at the same time!"

**Back to school giveaway is Saturday**

The 2019 Sen. Bobby Singleton annual back to school supply giveaway/health fair/fun day is set for Saturday, August 3 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Greensboro Recreation Center (the old National Guard Armory). Please make all donations payable to the Hale County Enrichment Society, Inc., P.O. Box 668, Greensboro, AL 36744. Also, you may purchase supplies and deliver them to Lorrie Cook or Gay Nell Singleton at Greensboro City Hall. Thank you for your continuing support.

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