The Outstanding Scholar distinction is the highest individual honor a student can receive at Alabama A&M University. One Scholar is selected to represent each academic college. The 2019-2020 Outstanding Scholars are:

**Benicia Harrison**  
College of Agricultural, Life & Natural Sciences

**Aurielle Anderson**  
College of Business & Public Affairs

**Dominique Roberson**  
College of Education, Humanities & Behavioral Sciences

**Emmanuel Joda**  
College of Engineering, Technical & Physical Sciences
Benicia Harrison is a senior Biology major from Mobile, Alabama. While maintaining an impressive 4.0 grade point average, Benicia has served as secretary for the Alabama Student Rural Health Association, historian for the Pre-Professional Health Association, and as an active member of the Business Industry Student Cluster and the American Association of University Women. Benicia has been a recipient of the Advancing Success in STEM Undergraduate Research and Education Grant and won first place in the Brenda Davis Art Contest in 2018. With a passion for science and a commitment to service, Benicia intends to uplift others. After graduation, Benicia aspires to successfully navigate through medical school at the University of South Alabama and ultimately become a physician assisting individuals in underserved communities.

The daughter of Lisa and Marvin Anderson, Aurielle Anderson is a senior Marketing major. A true example of exemplary work ethic, Aurielle is completing her degree while maintaining three jobs. In addition to working as a student assistant in the Office of Marketing, Advancement, and Communications, she also works as a patient access representative at Huntsville Hospital and as a marketing analyst at an associated company at Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology. Deeply connected to what matters most in life, Aurielle enjoys spending time with her family when she is not working. After graduation, Aurielle aspires to secure employment with a company that desires to make a true impact on society.
Dominique Roberson is a senior English major with a minor in Secondary Education. Dominique has served diligently as a member of the NAACP, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, Teachers of Tomorrow, English Club, and the National Conference of Teachers of English. Dominique has been recognized as a Delta Kappa Gamma Education Scholar and as the 2018 Soroptimist of Huntsville Live Your Dream Award Winner. On the educational frontline, Dominique has presented work-in-progress at the 2019 NCTE national conference in Baltimore, Maryland. With an impressive record of scholastic achievement, Dominique’s journey is just beginning. After graduation, Dominique’s aspirations include becoming a high school English teacher, attending Johns Hopkins School of Education, pursuing a K-12 Arts Integration teaching certification, starting a nonprofit organization for children in public housing, and writing children’s books.

The son of Omolar Joda, Emmanuel Joda is a senior Computer Science major. Motivated to enhance the world through technology, Emmanuel has accomplished several dynamic endeavors. During his time at the university, Emmanuel has maintained a robust record of extra-curricular involvement. Emmanuel has served as the President for the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Vice-President for the International Student Association and the National Society of Black Engineers. Additional affiliations include the University’s Honors Program, Computer Science Club, Association for Computing Machinery, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. Emmanuel has been recognized as a STEM Star Scholar, GEM Fellowship Scholar, Forbes Under 30 Scholar, and as the 2019 PayPal Champion Intern of the Year. After graduation, Emmanuel will accept a full-time software engineering role with PayPal. He will also enroll in graduate school where he will pursue a MS in Computer Science utilizing the GEM fellowship that he was recently awarded. Ultimately, Emmanuel aspires to improve quality of life and create a pipeline for individuals in third world countries, creating a globally inclusive technological environment.
In Memorium

Kenneth W. Gunn, Jr. was a native of Anchorage, Alaska who was offered a full academic scholarship and had nearly completed his degree at Alabama A&M University. A top flight scholar athlete, Kenneth's impressive academic record gained him recognition from some of the most prestigious institutions in the country, including Yale University. He was on his way to becoming a very successful lawyer. Sadly, Kenneth passed away on January 20, 2013 and was unable to complete his season at Alabama A&M or realize his dream of attending law school. In honor of his memory, the Athletic Director, Mr. Bryan Hicks, has renamed the traditional Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award, the Kenneth Gunn Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award.
Alan Rios is the recipient of the 2019-2020 Kenneth Gunn Outstanding Scholar Athlete award. This award is granted to the student athlete with a superior grade point average, high involvement in civic engagement and demonstrates leadership and teamwork on the field, track or court; as well as in the classroom.

The son of Jose and Virginia Rios, Alan is a senior accounting major from Tanner, AL. While dominating on the football field, Alan has maintained an impressive 3.92 grade point average. During Alan's four years at the university, he has remained on the Dean's list, the Athletic Director's Honor roll, and the SWAC All-Academic Team. After graduation, Rios will participate in an internship at the Price Waterhouse Cooper Accounting Firm. Alan has aspirations of owning his own accounting firm.
The Alabama A&M University Alumni Senior Award is given by the Alumni Association to the senior with the highest cumulative grade point average over a period of four years. The 2019-2020 recipient is **Jeremy Lipscomb**. Hailing from Greensboro, AL, Jeremy Deon Lipscomb is a civil engineering major with a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point average. He is the son of Martha Lipscomb and Terry Hamilton. Jeremy maintains active affiliations with the National Society of Black Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, Men of America Nurturing and Ushering Progress, Inc., and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

After graduation, Jeremy will relocate to Montgomery, AL to serve in a full-time capacity as a Project Engineer. He also plans to obtain his Professional Engineer's License and possibly obtain a graduate degree. Jeremy is a proud advocate for Alabama A&M University and resonates with the institution’s motto of “Start Here and Go Anywhere.”
Established in 1989, the **Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC)** is a national, premier trivia game for top students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The fast-paced buzzer competition highlights students' academic prowess and ability to answer questions about history, science, literature, religion, the arts, and more. The national competition is held in Los Angeles, California each year. Students are eligible to become a member of the team after competing in an on-campus competition event and attending intensive study sessions.

**2019-2020 Varsity Scholars**

*Captain:* Aniekan Ruffin  
Chaz Holder  
Carl-Alex Moore  
Byron Wesley, Jr.

*Contender Team*

Brooklyn Albert  
Aleisha Nesbitt  
Kaila Pearson  
Faith Spencer

*HCASC Coach & Coordinator*

Mrs. Carla Draper Holloway

The Alabama A&M University HCASC Varsity Scholars emerged undefeated at one of eight 2020 qualifying tournaments in February. This dominant win secured the Bulldog team as a Top 8 contender to win the national title in April. Due to the pandemic, the national tournament was cancelled. The Bulldog team will continue their quest to bring the first national HCASC title to Alabama A&M University in 2021.
Brooklyn Albert
Parion Alexander
Russell Allen
Reagan Alvarez
Eric Anderson
Aminat Animashaun
Kamsi Arinze
Makayla Auls
Brenton Ball
Kennedy Banks
Najee Banks
Kamryn Barnes
Natasha Barrow
Rakia Bates
Maci Battle
Lauryn Bell
Trevor Berkemeyer
Bria Berry
Jada Bibb
Jeremiah Biggs
Latasha Bird
Aniya Bonds
Aubri Bowman
Anita Bozhko
Jordan Bradford
Xzavier Brandon
Msontai Brock
Brian Brown
Kaylon Brown
Britney A. Brown Mott
Daniel Burrell
Kelan Butcher
Angelo Butler
Mackenzie Calhoun
Kannon Campbell
DaiSana Cannon
Trinity Carlisle
Gabrielle Cash
Cameron Cole
CaMiah Cole
Robyn Cole
Spencer Corey
Yteria Cowlin
Mia Craig

Fermin Crespo
Terica Curtis
Josie Daffin
Lauren Dardy
Brevin Davis
Jhantel Deloach
Rachael Dike
Rebekah Dike
Johniya Doaks
Kennedy Dunn
Karrington Earle
Brendon Eatman
Joseph Edoki
Elizabeth Embden
Ariana Ezell
Terrin Farris
Korbin Fears
Justin Fletcher
Samarion Flowers
Akhiya Floyd
Zion Forbes
Daishon Foster
Alexandra Foy
Kennedy Freeman
Jocelyn Gabriel-Ayala
Eve Gaddis
Makynzee Gaddy
Gemijah Gillespie
Mhret Girma
Rebecca Glenn
Breanna Green
Jaila Green-Mascotti
Na’Aliah Griffith
Ariana Griggs
Esteban Guadarrama
Alexander Hall
Danielle Hansel
Taya Hardnett
Thierry Havah
Cristen Hawkins
Kourtney Hawkins
Sydney Hawkins
Aaliyah Henderson
Kaylyn Hendrix
Tiyana Herbert
Jabari Hinton
Avianna Holder
Chaz Holder
Cailyn Holloway
Tamyia Houston
Joshua Hubbard
Mason Hughes
Miekah Ingram
Deja Jackson
Emmanuel Joda
Cyean Johnson
Mitrick Johnson
Jaylen Jude
Adric Kimbrough Jr.
Kimberly Larkin
Jazmine Lawson
Chloe’ Leavings
Vincent Lee
Justin Lindberg
Dermyrius Lindsey-Lewis
Avontae Little
Jeremiah Lucy
Vanessa M. Mondragon
Gianni Martin
Zaire Martino
Nthabi Mashego
Briel Maston-Brown
Ronald Maxwell
Tierney Maxwell
Markia McCord
Myles McCoy
Gamaya McEachern
Jamal McIntosh
Kamerya Mixon
Carl Alex Moore
Jaelei Mosley
Jamalah Muhammad
Kashta Dozier Muhammad
Jayla Neal
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Jailyn Shepard
Paris Siggers
Hailey Simmons
Timia Sims
Austin Smith
Khalid Smith
Patience Smith
Zaria Smith
Dominique Spence
Carliiss Spencer
Faith Spencer
Jadyn Steave
Kourtney Steen
Darnicia Stevenson
Kristina Stevenson
Cheniah Streeter
Deja Strong
Simeon Sykes
Kendus Tisdale-Jeffries
Kendall Tramble
Leonna Trammell
Monsheri Travis
Jayla Turner
Alexandra Nelson
Aleisha Nesbitt
Meagan Omezi
Chukwufumnanya Oniamwa
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Shaniya Powell
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