

# Golden Torch Honorees

**O**n March 29th, in Nashville, two high school students will receive the highest honors of the National Society of Black Engineers: the NSBE Golden Torch Awards! The Saturday evening awards ceremony, part of the Annual Convention, supports scholarships for talented high school seniors and is free for everyone who attends NSBE40. We hope to see you there!

## PRE-COLLEGE INITIATIVE STUDENT OF THE YEAR (FEMALE)

### Paige Cheatham

San Antonio City Wide NSBE Jr. Chapter  
San Antonio, Texas

When Paige Nicole Cheatham joined the San Antonio City Wide NSBE Jr. Chapter in 2007, she had never had any exposure to careers in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). But that immediately changed when she joined NSBE. Paige became more confident in her math and science skills and began to consider college majors in STEM.

This was the start of her fulfillment of NSBE's mission. She is a dedicated student who maintains a 3.85 average at Saint Mary's Hall in San Antonio, Texas, received National Achievement Outstanding Student recognition and is an AP Scholar with honors.

Paige honed her leadership skills in NSBE, serving as her chapter's 2012–13 president and as a regional officer. Paige is committed to impacting her community through service, primarily through her participation in NSBE programs, such as her chapter's SAT math tutoring for 7th graders for the Duke Talent Identification Program.

"It was through this volunteerism that I came to realize my goal of a life of service in underserved communities," she says. "I am undecided between science and engineering but feel better prepared to excel in either direction because of my involvement with NSBE."



## PRE-COLLEGE INITIATIVE STUDENT OF THE YEAR (MALE)

### Nathan Harris

Northland High School NSBE Jr. Chapter  
Columbus, Ohio

Nathan Lee Roy Harris is a fifth-generation college candidate who will enter higher education this fall. Today, Nathan is a senior at Northland High School with a 4.57 grade-point average and numerous extracurricular activities on his resume, among them, the school band, as drum major; Northland's S.T.E.M. Club, as president, and the varsity baseball team. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is a Morehouse/Coca-Cola Andrew Young Global Leader.

Nathan has great optimism and a goal of gaining a foothold in the future of America. He sees himself as a victor of untapped potential, not a victim of his society. He has chosen to live above the stereotypes and norms of society and become a computer engineer. His choice is to attend Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., and earn a double degree there in theology and engineering. With those credentials, he plans to become a pastor and a successful engineer, able to guide individuals on the right path while creating a path of change within our world for the greater good.

