**2014 Edward Nell Scholarship Winner**

**Name:** Rachel Horowitz

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**College:** University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill

I joined the school newspaper during my sophomore year. At that point I never believed that I could have become an editor, let alone the editor-in-chief. During the second semester, my adviser promoted me to the Student Life editor, and later offered me the position of editor-in-chief.

During the two years in that role, we pioneered our school’s first online newspaper format, as well as our first color issue. We completed our own layout design and planned each of the issues as a group. One of my editorials won second place last year in the North Carolina Scholastic Media Association competition. Our overall newspaper won first place in the American Scholastic Press Association competition the past three years. I also received the all-school award for Most Outstanding Newspaper Underclassman and Most Outstanding newspaper Upperclassman, respectively.

I belong to the National Honor Society (vice president), Beta Club, National English Honor Society, International Thespian Society (president), and, of course, Quill and Scroll. However, the names of the societies do not matter as much as the volunteer work I have done for these organizations, all of which have prepared me in the areas of leadership and service. I know for certain that I want to continue as many of these activities as I can in college, as well as join UNC’s broadcasting club and news laboratory.