

**Scholarship and Leadership  
Niswonger Foundation Board Update  
Thursday, May 7, 2020**

Niswonger Scholar Summer Leadership Institute

The theme for this year's Summer Leadership Institute is *"The Tipping Point: How little things make a big difference."* The textbook author is Malcolm Gladwell. The date for the Summer Institute is May 25-29. A redesigned schedule will accommodate social distancing and provide an opportunity for each Scholar to spend time with Foundation staff and other Scholars. All scheduled travel experiences have been cancelled.

New Scholars

- Home Visits have been completed with all our newly selected Scholars.
- Welcome Dinner was cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Additional contacts are being made to assist as they navigate more uncertain environments with summer orientation and fall matriculation.
- Assistance will be provided for technology to meet their individual needs.

New Scholar Mentors and Alumni Mentors

<u>New Scholar</u>	<u>Scholar Mentor</u>	<u>Alumni Mentor</u>
Gustavo Castillo	Levi Blazer	Morgan Thomas
Derek Driskill	Rithvik Vutukuri	Hope Adkins
Sam Hensley	Erica Seal	Matthew Widener
Macy Noe	Aubrie Strange	Dustin Howser
Mabel Olson	Alexis Harvey	Dillan Shults

New Scholar College Selections and Majors

<u>New Scholar</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Major</u>
Gustavo Castillo	College of Charleston	Exercise Science
Derek Driskill	Carson-Newman	Education- English, Science, Math
Sam Hensley	ETSU	Education – History, Science, Math
Macy Noe	Vanderbilt	Chemical Engineering
Mabel Olson	Tennessee Tech	Mechanical Engineering

Scholars and Alumni News - (See Attached)

## SCHOLAR UPDATES



**Trent Dickerson** (University of Tennessee, freshman) will be working in a co-op with the FedEx Supply Chain in Memphis, this summer, spring of 2021 and fall of 2021.



**Emily Ellison** (Clemson University, junior) was accepted as an early admission to the doctoral program in Veterinary Medicine at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. She will leave her undergraduate after her junior year. Following completion of the first year of veterinary school, she will receive her undergraduate degree.



**Alexis Harvey** (Tennessee Technology University, sophomore) was elected Executive Secretary for the Student Government Association. She was elected as President of the Society of Women Engineers.



**Lorraine Hayes** (Wake Forest University, junior) was elected vice president of the Wake Forest Habitat for Humanity Chapter. She will be serving as an Intercultural Ambassador at Wake Forest. She has been accepted into the Mortar Board Honors Society.



**Jasmine Martin** (University of Tennessee, sophomore) was selected as Assistant Director of Communications for the Student Basic Needs Coalition (SBNC) at the University of Tennessee. She achieved the Dean's List in her fall semester.



**Tanner Shivley** (Carson-Newman University, senior) received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. The highest honor presented to a student by Carson-Newman.



**Kori Smith** (University of Tennessee, senior) was accepted to a 10-month ministry and leadership training program with Thrive Residency, Knoxville. The position involves Kori living in a house with 11 residents, working full time in a ministry position, taking graduate level seminary and non-profit administration courses. Kori's research is being published under the department head of Biochemistry and Cellular and Molecular biology for Nitrogen Fixation and Flagellar Rotation of *Azospirillum Brasiliense*.



**John Turner** (University of Tennessee, freshman) earned a spot in the Heath Integrated Business and Engineering Program through an application and interview process. Upon graduation, this experience will appear on his degree as a concentration/Minor. He was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship per year to participate in this program.

## ALUMNI SCHOLAR UPDATES



**Will Brummett** (Class of 2013) accepted a position as program manager for Co-Curricular Service in the Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement in Public Service at George Washington University in Washington, DC.



**Dr. Elizabeth Loy** (Class of 2009) will be awarded the MD/PhD in May. She was matched to her Internal Medicine residency placement at the University of Colorado. She is considering critical care and rural medicine as her specialization.



**Dr. Ivory Shelton** (Class of 2016) will be awarded the Doctor of Medicine degree at Wake Forest University (virtually) on May 18. She has matched to her pediatric residency placement at the Vanderbilt Pediatric Residency program in Nashville. She will begin her duties as a PGY-1 Resident Physician on July 1. She was voted by her peers in the Wake Forest SOM Class of 2020 to receive the Wake Forest Medical Alumni Association Student Excellence Award. She was voted by the pediatric faculty of Wake Forest Brenner Children's Hospital to receive the "Michael Lawless Pediatric Merit Award," an award given to the senior student who demonstrates the characteristics and highest qualities of a practicing pediatrician: compassion, empathy, and leadership in pediatric care.



**Alex Smyth** (Class of 2015) was named Teacher of the Year at West Greene High School. He is graduating with his M.S. in Mathematics from Emporia State University in May.



**Todd Skelton** (Class of 2010) has accepted a temporary position with state government as legal counsel for Governor Lee's COVID-19 Unified Command and Economic Recovery Group. Todd recently joined the Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater Knoxville.



**Madeline Standbridge** (Class of 2018) is returning to Northeast Tennessee from her work in Pittsburgh, PA. She was accepted to the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University. She will begin classes in July.



**Dr. Christopher Steadman** (Class of 2015) will be awarded the Doctor of Medicine at East Tennessee State University, Quillen College of Medicine, in May. He was matched to his anesthesiology residency at University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri.



**Kayla West** (Class of 2013) has accepted a position as the Tennessee Recovery Navigator Nurse Practitioner for the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.