

**Scholarship and Leadership Program
Niswonger Foundation Board Update
Thursday, November 12, 2020**

Leadership Development

- *Winter Training* will be Thursday and Friday, December 17 and 18 **at the General Morgan Inn.**
- **We invite our Board Members to join us for all or part of our training activities.**
- **Opportunities for informal time with the Scholars will be a casual dinner and socially distanced holiday party on Thursday evening, December 17; and breakfast on Friday, December 18, at 8:15 a.m. at the General Morgan Inn.**
- The text for our Winter Training is "*The Other Wes Moore*" by *Wes Moore*. The Scholars have begun "pre-training" assignments that will prepare them for the two days of activities.
- The agenda for *2020 Winter Training* is attached to this report.

Scholar Updates

- The calendar for 2020-21 Scholar activities is included as an attachment.
- Scholar News is included as an attachment.
- Regular virtual meetings have been instituted with the Scholars in order to keep a closer check on their health and safety and to ensure a better connection with the freshmen Scholars.

Alumni Scholar Updates

- Alumni Scholar News is included as an attachment.
- A holiday party is not being planned for 2020 due to COVID-19.

Publications

- The Scholars Directory is currently in production.

Handouts

- Scholar and Local Alumni Contact Information

Niswonger Scholars
Winter Leadership Institute
December 17-18, 2020

AGENDA

Thursday, December 17

10:30 a.m. Freshmen Arrive at the Niswonger Foundation (lunch provided)

12:30 – 1:00 p.m. All Scholars Arrive and Check in the General Morgan Inn

1:30 – 5:30 p.m. Session 1 of Leadership Institute (Ballroom – General Morgan)

6:30 p.m. – Dinner and Fun

8:30 p.m. – Free Time 😊

Friday, December 18

8:15 a.m. – Breakfast (General Morgan Inn)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Session II of Leadership Institute

**Niswonger Foundation
Courageously, Hopefully, and Very Tentatively
2020 – 2021 Scholar Planning Calendar**

2020

Thursday and Friday, December 17-18
Winter Leadership Institute
Meeting and Lodging at the General Morgan Inn

2021

Saturday May 15 - Tuesday, May 18
Sophomore Outdoor Challenge

Thursday, May 20 - Sunday, May 23
Freshman Trip

Monday, May 24 – Friday, May 28
Summer Leadership Institute

Monday, May 24
Freshman Orientation
5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25
Senior Scholars' Graduation Dinner
General Morgan Inn, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 31 – Thursday, June 3
Van Wert Trip

Sunday, June 6 – Tuesday, June 15
Senior Trip

Thursday, August 5 – Sunday, August 8
Junior Trip

Thursday and Friday, December 16-17
Winter Training

Saturday, December 18
Alumni Scholars' Dinner
Niswonger Foundation/General Morgan Inn, 4:30 p.m.

NISWONGER SCHOLAR UPDATES

Levi Blazer (Belmont University, Senior) was selected as one of 26 students allowed to participate in and attend the third presidential debate of 2020, which was hosted by Belmont.

Gustavo Castillo (College of Charleston, Freshman) was selected for an NCAN (National College Attainment Network) 2020-2021 Federal Advocacy Fellowship.

Brittany Church (Austin Peay University, Senior) was chosen to create her own minor course in Religious Studies that can be completed in as little as one semester. She will be the first student to complete this new minor next semester.

Trent Dickerson (University of Tennessee, Sophomore) was appointed to the commission for Blacks at UT.

Sarah Douthat (UT Martin, Junior) was selected as the Radiant Coordinator at the BCM (Baptist Collegiate Ministry). She is the Missions Team Leader at the BCM. She received her certification in COVID-19 Contact Tracing.

Derek Driskill (Carson-Newman, Freshman) was accepted to the CN Student Government Association as a freshman delegate.

Lorraine Hayes (Wake Forest University, Senior) was elected to the WFU Homecoming Court.

Sam Hensley (East Tennessee State University, Freshman) was elected Junior Senator in the Student Government Association at ETSU.

Jasmine Martin (University of Tennessee, Junior) was selected for an NCAN (National College Attainment Network) 2020-2021 Federal Advocacy Fellowship.

Macy Noe (Vanderbilt University, Freshman) became a member of Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science (VSVS).

Mabel Olson (Tennessee Technological University, Freshman) became a member of UCSC (University Christian Student Center) at TTU. She was elected fundraising Chair of Society of Women Engineers (SWE). She changed her major from Mechanical Engineering to Electrical Engineering.

Aubrie Strange (Samford University, Junior) was selected as a 2020-2021 Howard Scholar. The recipients of this honor represent a variety of disciplines and are among the finest students in the college, working to promote research and interdisciplinary engagement both within the group and throughout the college. She was selected as a 2021 Jefferson County Memorial Project Fellow.

Rithvik Vutukuri (Tulane University, Junior) was elected president of the Premedical Society. He was elected Chair of Faculty and Alumni Relations for the School of Science and Engineering Student Government Association. He was elected vice president of the Minority Association of Premed Students.

ALUMNI SCHOLAR NEWS

Hope Adkins (Class of 2018) accepted the role of Coordinator of the Carson-Newman Annual Fund, in addition to her role as Coordinator for Alumni Relations.

Dr. Katie Baker (Class of 2007) received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor in July 2020. She was awarded the ETSU College of Public Health Foundation Research Award, in August 2020. She presented at the virtual Society of Family Planning conference in October 2020 – the title of the panel was, “Conducting Family Planning Services Research with Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Partners.”

Abigail Daniels (Class of 2010) was promoted to Donor Development Officer at Greenpeace Australia Pacific.

James Durham (Class of 2013) enrolled in a post-baccalaureate program with California State University – East Bay to take the prerequisites needed to pursue a master’s degree as a physician assistant.

Dustin Howser (Class of 2017) became engaged to Savannah Burt. They are planning an October 2021 wedding.

Dr. Elizabeth Loy (Class of 2009) is serving on the More than Medicine committee in her residency program at the University of Colorado. She is working to make their program more parent-friendly and more diverse.

McKenzie Reynolds Potter (Class of 2018) passed all four parts of the CPA exam to earn her CPA license. She was married to Zak Potter on October 24th.

Lillie Seal (Class of 2015) was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) for achieving a 4.0 in her doctorate studies at Capella University.

Tanner Shivley (Class of 2019) was lead on a project to build benches for the Jefferson City Health and Rehabilitation Center (JCHRC), so family members visiting their loved ones would be comfortable sitting by the resident's window, which is the required way to visit due to COVID-19.

SCHOLAR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Attachment 5

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