Building on a Strong Foundation

Directory of Scholars 2018-2019
The Niswonger Foundation was established in 2001 to make a positive and sustainable difference in education in Northeast Tennessee. This dream was envisioned by Scott M. Niswonger, Chairman Emeritus of Landair Transport, Incorporated and Forward Air Corporation. These companies, founded by Mr. Niswonger, were the first two Greeneville-based companies to be taken public in the history of Greene County, Tennessee. Jointly, the companies have combined annual revenue of over $700 million dollars and employ over 4000 people.

With the success of his two companies, the philosophy of “Learn, Earn, Return” was created. Using the innovative model of now having a private, for-profit logistics company, Landair Transport, support a not-for-profit educational foundation, the goal of bringing rigorous, relevant, and cost effective programs to public education became a mission. Fundamental to the success of the Niswonger Foundation has been a clear focus on removing constraints to educational innovation and problem solving, thus allowing local school systems to better provide for student needs. By building school programs that are research based and sustainable, the Niswonger Foundation has become a recognized voice for educational reform in the State of Tennessee, while nurturing the next generation of leaders.

The bases for the Foundation’s work are the School Partnership program and the Scholarship and Leadership program. The Niswonger Foundation expands its philosophy of “Learn, Earn, Return” beyond Northeast Tennessee through involvement in numerous statewide educational initiatives. In addition, the Foundation shares a percentage of our operating funds for grants to other not-for-profit agencies for programs that support our mission “To create opportunities for individual and community growth through education and other sustainable projects.”
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he Niswonger Foundation’s Scholarship and Leadership Program continues Building on a Strong Foundation. Scott M. Niswonger’s vision to “Learn, Earn, Return” is the inspiration for this program, which we believe to be unique to any other in the nation. Niswonger Scholars are provided a scholarship to attend the college or university that can best prepare them for their chosen careers. Selected from among the region’s best and brightest high school seniors, Niswonger Scholars engage in a four-year, innovative, leadership development program that prepares them for their commitment to return to Northeast Tennessee as future leaders for the region. Through an emphasis on leadership, educational excellence, business management, community service and ethical decision making, the Scholars are provided travel, training, internships, and personalized support to become model leaders and citizens. Scholars sign a contract to return to Northeast Tennessee within seven years of the completion of their college career. Those not returning, repay the Foundation’s financial investment. The career aspirations of the Scholars and paths of the Alumni are representative of the needs of the region (physician, nursing, business, education, counseling, not-for-profit, management, engineering, agriculture, veterinarian science, physical therapy, pharmacy, accountancy, public health). The vision is becoming a reality with a dynamic and successful network of Alumni Scholars committed to advancing the quality of life in the Northeast Tennessee region. Alumni work as mentors to the Niswonger Scholars, participate in the leadership training, and serve as the majority membership on the Scholar selection committee. The annual selection of new Niswonger Scholars promises to continue this legacy of outstanding leadership to support the future success of Northeast Tennessee. See www.niswongerfoundation.org/scholars for more information.

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Courtney Sherry Johnson
Maryville College, Senior

Courtney, daughter of Michelle Johnson, graduated Valedictorian from Gatlinburg-Pittman High School. She was a member of the National Beta Club, officer in the Interact Club, and National Latin Club, and active member of the Math Club. Courtney has been involved in several volunteer activities at both nursing homes and homeless shelters. She was selected as Sevier County’s Most Distinguished Young Woman for the 2014-2015 year and received the Tennessee’s Most Distinguished Young Women Scholaristic Award. She was a captain for the GPHS dance team.

Courtney is attending Maryville College and majoring in Exercise Science on a Pre-physical therapy track. She completed a 2017 summer internship at Pro Therapy physical therapy center in Sevierville. She plans a career in physical therapy.

Morgan Alexandra Thomas
Clemson University, Senior

Morgan, daughter of Robert and Beth Thomas, graduated from Science Hill High School with a 4.0 grade point average. She was a member of the Mu Alpha Theta, Student Government Association, and the soccer team. She mentored at a nearby elementary school as a teen trendsetter and served as a peer tutor to students within her school. She is involved in her church. Morgan represented the Johnson City School System at SCOPE, a program led by Tennessee’s School Board Association for student’s ideas on public educational policies.

Morgan is attending Clemson University where she is pursuing a degree in Chemistry. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega and serves as vice president of Intellectual Development. She also volunteers with ClemsonLIFE, a program designed for students with intellectual disabilities who desire a postsecondary experience on a college campus. She completed an internship with the ETSU Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy working with Prescription Drug Abuse. She has been accepted into the Class of 2019 at the East Tennessee State University, Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy.

Matthew Hunter Widener
East Tennessee State University, Senior

Matthew, son of Randal and Deena Widener, graduated in the top ten percent of the class at David Crockett High School. During his time there, he was the president of the Creative Writing Club, Sergeant-At-Arms of the Drama Club, and a member of the French Club, Key Club, and Beta Club. He assisted in teaching the Creative Writing class during his junior and senior years. He has taken part in several charity events, such as Antioch Baptist’s “Love Out Loud” and the annual clean-up of downtown Jonesborough.

Matthew is attending East Tennessee State University pursuing an English major with a minor in Secondary Education. He would like to someday run for political office in his community.
Dean's List each semester. He was chosen for the AAC all-freshmen team and the Champions of Character team in Basketball. He completed a 2017 engineering summer internship at Eastman Chemical Company. In summer 2018, Bo studied through the Oxford Summer Programme at Oxford University. He worked with the Jubilee Project on research that will benefit residents of Hancock County in providing clean water solutions.

Christian Michael Dalton
University of Tennessee, Junior

Christian, son of Rita Dalton, is a graduate of Hancock County High School with a 4.0 GPA. He served as president of HCHS Student Council, vice president of the Snedeville chapter of FFA, Senior Representative on the Tennessee 4-H State Council and as an Upper 8 Scout for the Tennessee 4-H Eastern Region All Star Council. He is a member of the 4-H Honor Club, 4-H All-Stars and 4-H Livestock, Land & Soil and Wildlife Judging Teams. He was nominated for and received “Vol State” at the 2015 4-H Roundup. He has completed community service hours through 4-H and FFA.

Christian is attending University of Tennessee-Knoxville and majoring in Agriculture Extension Education. He serves as Collegiate 4-H Social Chair. He has achieved the Dean’s List each semester.

Tanner Shivley
Carson-Newman University, Junior

Tanner is the son of Terry Shivley and Tammy and Robert Jarvis. He graduated from Sullivan South High School as a TN/VA Scholar and State of Tennessee Distinguished Graduate. He was a member of Sullivan South Baseball Team, National Honor Society, Beta Club, National Society of High School Scholars and Health Occupations Students of America. He received the Carson Newman Honors Scholarship and Bonner Scholar Faith and Justice Scholarship. His other awards include Honorary Usher - Senior Honors and Commencement, faculty nominee for Mr. Sullivan South and American Legion Boys’ State-Tennessee Technological University. He was active with community service through Cornerstone Fellowship Church, ER and Pediatrics at Wellmont Medical Center, Salvation Army, United Way, Boys and Girls Club and Saving Grace Baptist Church.

Tanner is attending Carson-Newman University on a Pre-med track. He is a Faith and Justice Scholar. He is a member of the Campus Advocacy Team at CN. He is a member/tutor of the WOW Program in Jefferson City and he serves as a Journey Program mentor. He serves as Student Coordinator for the CNU Summer Bridge Program. He uses his ropes certification to work with FCA, a program that assists at-risk teen girls.

Elijah “Bo” Charles Pless
Milligan College, Junior

Bo is a graduate of Elizabethton High School and the son of Eddie and Kim Pless. He served as Executive Board Member and Senior Class Secretary for the Student Government Association, vice president of the Carter County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Group, and Calvary Baptist Church’s Student Leaders in Christ Council. He was active with community service through Cornerstone Fellowship Church, ER and Pediatrics at Wellmont Medical Center, Salvation Army, United Way, Boys and Girls Club and Saving Grace Baptist Church.

Bo is attending Milligan College and majoring in Engineering. He was chosen for the AAC all-freshmen team and the Champions of Character team in Basketball. He has been named on the Dean’s List each semester. He completed a 2017 engineering summer internship at Eastman Chemical Company. In summer 2018, Bo studied through the Oxford Summer Programme at Oxford University. He works with the Jubilee Project on research that will benefit residents of Hancock County in providing clean water solutions.

Trenton Blake Yount
University of Tennessee, Senior

Trenton, son of Nathan and Jennifer Yount of Snedeville, graduated with Honors and Distinction as Valedictorian of his class at Hancock County High School. He was an active member in 4-H throughout his high school career. He served as a team leader at summer 4-H camp. He participated in many state level 4-H competitions, such as, outdoor cooking, forestry judging, and wildlife judging. He was an active member of the local SADD chapter, Student Council, and Pep Club. He is involved in service at his church.

Trenton is attending the University of Tennessee-Knoxville majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He continues to serve as a team leader at summer 4-H camp. He has completed a summer internship with Arconic in Alcoa. His future plans are to return to Hancock County and work to improve and protect the natural and social environment.

Tanner Shivley, Kori Smith and Christian Dalton present at the Scholar’s Summer Leadership Training

Kori Lynn Smith
University of Tennessee, Junior

Kori graduated from Chuckey-Doak High School with honors and is the daughter of Gena Shipley. She served as president of her senior class, vice president of the Chuckey-Doak FFA, Co-Captain of the Lady Knight’s Soccer Team and Co-Captain of the Lady Knight’s Tennis Team. She held membership with the Black Knight’s Nation, the Chuckey-Doak Marching Band, Spanish Club, Tusculum College’s Upward Bound Program and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a graduate of the Greene County Youth Leadership program. Her awards include Doer of the Word, Most Likely to Succeed, Best of the Preps Girls Tennis award, Best of the Preps Community Excellence award, State Top Seller in Agriculture Sales, Secretary of the State Runner Up Parliamentary Procedure team, and regional winner of the Home and Community Development SAE. She completed community service hours through Destination Imagination and First Church of God.

Kori is attending University of Tennessee-Knoxville and majors in chemistry with a minor in biology. She has earned the Dean’s List at UTK each semester. She enjoys volunteering at The Muse Knoxville. Kori has participated in nine missionary trips to Haiti, where she worked with children in the orphanages and hospitals.
Levi graduated with honors and distinction from Cocke County High School. He is the son of Tony and Gayla Blazer. He served as president of Future Business Leaders of America and Student Council and as a member of Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Principal’s Student Council, Beta Club, National Honor Society, Math Club and Scholar’s Bowl. He earned first place in Future Business Leaders of America Regional Competition. His awards include, AP Human Geography Underclassman Award and English I Honors Underclassman Award. He participated in Cross Country, Track and Field and Tennis. He volunteered with Friends of Tennessee’s Babies, Edgemont Elementary School and Angel Tree Ministries.

Levi is a student at Belmont University on a Pre-med track. He is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He serves on the Dean’s student advisory board. Levi volunteers with University Ministries and Belmont Best Buddies.

Emily is a graduate of Johnson County High School. She is the daughter of Billy Church and Tammy Ramsey. She served as the vice president and brass captain of the Johnson County High School Bands, music director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sargent in Arms of the National Technical Honors Society, secretary of the National Latin Honors Society, and as a member of the Latin Club, National Honors Society, Motorsports Club, Future Farmers of America, Chess Club, Media Club and ETSU Upward Bound. She served her community by volunteering at Johnson City Medical Center, Niswonger Children’s Hospital, and Calvary Baptist Church.

Emily is attending Clemson University where she is majoring in Animal and Veterinary Science with a minor in Biological Sciences. She is a member of Sigma Alpha and serves on the disciplinary committee. She is a member of Clemson Collegiate FFA and the Dairy Science Club. She is a member of Students to Students, a campus ministry. Emily does some touch up painting during the Scholar’s Summer Leadership Training Service Project at Ottway Elementary School.
Sarah Elizabeth Douthat
University of Tennessee at Martin, Freshman

Sarah, daughter of Beth and the late Mark Douthat, graduated with honors from West Greene High School. She served as senior class vice president, was junior class president, and was the student representative for the Greene County School Board. She served as vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and First Priority, and chairman of the Parliamentary Procedure team. She has served as secretary, vice president and president of the Future Farmers of America. She was voted “Best All Round” by her senior class. She served as a member of National Honor Society, National English Honor Society and National Society for High School Seniors. In service to her community, she has volunteered with Special Olympics, Samaritan’s Purse—Operation Christmas Child, Processing Plant, School Clean up Days, and the McDonald Outreach Center.

Sarah is attending University of Tennessee at Martin. Her major is Biology. When asked what the opportunity to attend college means to her, she replied, “After going to a country as undeveloped as Belize, I can honestly say what a huge blessing it is to attend school. There are children down there begging for a sponsor just to attend school, and here I am with this amazing privilege to further my education. It pushes me to make the most of this opportunity and to never take a second of it for granted.”

Alexis Renee Harvey
Tennessee Technological University, Freshman

Alexis is a graduate of Unicoi County High School and the daughter of Crystal Winston. During her time at UCHS she served as president and section leader of the marching band, senior class secretary and homeroom representative for Student Council. She served as a member of National Honor Society, Beta Club, Book Club, Spanish Club, Student’s Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Secretary for the Christian Student Union and as the Chick Fil-A Leader Academy secretary. She is a Track and Field athlete. Her awards include, Chemistry II Award and the Marching Band’s Most Excellent Junior Award.

Alexis is attending Tennessee Technological University and majoring in Engineering. When asked what the opportunity to attend college meant to her, she responded, “I never imagined what the opportunity of college means even more opportunities! It means that doors open, and I have the ability to make decisions. Without college, limited knowledge limits limited options.”

Jasmine Nicole Martin
University of Tennessee – Knoxville, Freshman

Jasmine graduated from Morristown-Hamblen High School East. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Casey Cook. While at Morristown East, she served as a member of Student Council, Spanish Club and Science Club. She participated in Scholars Bowel. She achieved the honor roll every academic year 1st through 12th grade. Her other awards include, AP English Award and AP Scholar Award. She enjoys volunteering as a mentor at Meadowview Middle School.

Jasmine is attending University of Tennessee-Knoxville and is majoring in Communications and Business. When asked what the opportunity to attend college means to her, she stated, “Personally, having the opportunity to attend college opens the door for infinite opportunities in life.”

Aubrie Claire Strange
Samford University, Freshman

Aubrie is the daughter of John and Kim Strange and a graduate of Cocke County High School. She is an AP Scholar with Honors, and a Furman Scholar. She served as Student Body President, Key Club historian, Cocke County FFA chapter vice president, Spanish Club treasurer, Beta Club secretary, National Honor Society historian, Yearbook editor and Debate Club assistant clerk. She was a National Qualifier in the Future Business Leaders of America Agribusiness Competition. She enjoys volunteering with Tennessee’s Babies with Special Needs, the Key Club, Volunteer Riders of Knoxville, and CCHS Red Regiment.

Aubrie is attending Samford University and majoring in Public Relations. When asked what the opportunity of college means to her, she replied, “Being able to attend college, for me, is an amazing opportunity. I am excited to go on to this next level of education and come out of it with a skill set that will better prepare me to continue serving those in my community. As a first generation college student, I have seen the challenges those without a college degree can sometimes face, and I am thankful that I am granted the opportunity that some people will never have.”

Rihthvik Vutukuri
Tulane University, Freshman

Rithvik is the son of Sunitha Gunda and Suresh Vutukuri and he graduated from Dobyns-Bennett High School with distinction. He is a National Merit Semifinalist. Rithvik received the AP Psychology Award, is a National AP Scholar, and an AP Scholar with Distinction. He served as president of the Student Council, President of both Mu Alpha Theta and the Beta Club. He was a builder, designer and programmer in Robotics and participated in the Science Olympiad and the National Science Bowl. He has volunteered with Holston Valley Medical Center, H.O.T.S. (Higher Order Thinking Skills), Operation Gratitude, Middle School Math Day and Rubiks Cube Lessons.

Rithvik is attending Tulane University and majoring in Biomedical Engineering. When asked what the opportunity of attending college means to him, he responded, “College has always been the next step in my academic career. I saw it as a stepping stone to medicine, and a place where I will academically learn more than I ever have before. However, as I grew and experienced more of life, I have realized it is so much more! It is a place where, not only will I learn more in a focused area of interest, it is a place of great personal growth. I will be exposed to people and cultures that I have never had the opportunity to be in contact with. Especially going to New Orleans, I will hear music, eat food, and see things that I would never have even imagined!

To me, the opportunity of attending college is amazing. Yes, I will grow academically. But as a person, the experiences that it will provide me are second to none!”

Alumni Scholar, Will Brammett, instructs at a Scholar’s Summer Leadership Training

Scholars complete day of service at the Children’s Garden in The Bronx, New York
Go to www.niswongerfoundation.org/scholars and select “Meet Our Alumni” to see complete biographical information

CLASS OF 2006

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Tusculum University, Biology with Medical Concentration
East Tennessee State University, Doctor of Pharmacy
Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, East Tennessee State University, Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy

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South Greene High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
Tusculum University, Elementary Education
East Tennessee State University, Masters in Education
East Tennessee State University, Education Specialist
American History Teacher, East Ridge Middle School, Morristown, Tennessee

Dr. Morgan Hammer Krapf
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Emory University, Chemistry
Drexel University, M.D.
Physician, Advocate Burlington County OB/GYN, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey

Dr. Ethan Emerson Reynolds
Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
Carson-Newman University, Biology & Chemistry
University of Tennessee-Memphis, M.D.
Anesthesiologist, St. Louis, Missouri

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Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
Emory University, English
Marketing Director, Boys & Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County, Johnson City, Tennessee

CLASS OF 2007

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Furman University, Health & Exercise Science
University of Alabama-Birmingham, Masters in Public Health
East Tennessee State University, DrPH
Assistant Professor, East Tennessee State University, College of Public Health, Johnson City, Tennessee

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Science Hill High School, Johnson City, Tennessee
Boston University, Political Science & International Relations
George Washington University, Masters in Public Health
Director of Technology Value Management, Advisory Board Company, Johnson City, Tennessee

Joseph Landon Watson
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Furman University, Political Science
University of Tennessee College of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence
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CLASS OF 2008

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Elizabethton High School, Elizabethton, Tennessee
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Engineering and Finance
Harvard Business School, MBA
Analyst, KKR, Menlo Park, California

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Lincoln View High School, Van Wert, Ohio
St. Francis University, Health Sciences
Paraprofessional, Manchester High School, South Whitley, Indiana

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Science Hill High School, Johnson City, Tennessee
Bucknell University, Classics & Comparative Humanities
Director, Storybrook Farm Bed & Breakfast, Jonesborough, Tennessee

Adam Joshua Miller
Hampton High School, Hampton, Tennessee
Tusculum University, Business Administration
East Tennessee State University, MBA
Systems analyst, BrightRidge, Johnson City, Tennessee

Sara Smith Noe
West Greene High School, Mosheim, Tennessee
Carson-Newman University, Elementary Education
Stay-at-home mother, Morristown, Tennessee

CLASS OF 2009

Brandi Ricker Sheloutt
Paulding High School, Paulding Ohio
University of Michigan, Education
Carson-Newman University, Masters in Counseling/School Counseling
Chemistry Teacher, Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee

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University of Tennessee, Public Relations
Arizona State University, Elementary Education
Marketing consultant, San Francisco, California

CLASS OF 2009

Natalie Neas Coleman
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Vanderbilt University, Secondary Education and English
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Benjamin Keefauver Fox
Daniel Boone High School, Gray Tennessee
Washington University, Business Administration
Bryant University, Masters in Business Administration
Offensive Coordinator, Centre College, Danville, Kentucky

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Van Wert High School, Van Wert, Ohio
Ohio Wesleyan University, Accounting
Certified Public Accountant, Vancrest Healthcare Services, Van Wert, Ohio

Dr. Dorothy “Elizabeth” Loy
University High School, Johnson City, Tennessee
University of Pennsylvania, Biochemistry
University of Pennsylvania, PhD
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Pursuing The Doctor of Medicine

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Elizabethton High School, Elizabethton, Tennessee
Furman University, Philosophy and Asian Studies
Emory University, Doctor of Jurisprudence
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Vanderbilt University, Biomedical Engineering
East Tennessee State University, M.D.
Medical residency in radiology, University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee

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Cornell University, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
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Georgetown University, Accounting and Finance
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Volunteer High School, Church Hill, Tennessee  
University of Tennessee, Business Law and Corporate Governance  
University of Tennessee, Haslam College of Business, MBA  
University of Tennessee, College of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence  
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College of William & Mary, Mathematics and English  
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Elon University, Religious Studies  
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East Tennessee State University, Nursing  
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University of Tennessee, Electrical Engineering  
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University of Tennessee, Nursing  
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