

**Scholarship and Leadership
Niswonger Foundation Board Update
Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

Niswonger Scholar Summer Training

The theme for this year's Summer Leadership Training is *Serving our Region: The Effects of Poverty*. The textbook is "*A Framework for Understanding Poverty*" by Ruby K. Payne.

Outdoor Challenge (Sophomores)	May 19 - 22
Challenge "Survival Picnic"	Tuesday, May 22, 4:00 p.m., Dishner's, 130 W. Main Street, Jonesborough
Bahamas (Freshmen)	May 24 - 27
Freshmen Orientation	Monday, May 28
Training Week	May 28 – June 1
*Senior Dinner	Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 p.m., General Morgan Inn
*Board and Staff Luncheon	Wednesday, May 30, 11:45 a.m. General Morgan Inn
Annual Day of Service	Thursday, May 31
*BBQ and Swim Party	Thursday, May 31, 6:15 p.m., Niswonger's, 1508 Crestwood Drive, Greeneville
Normandy Trip (Seniors)	June 2 - 12
New York City (Juniors)	August 2 - 5

**Board members are invited to join us for any of the Summer Training activities. We particularly encourage Board members and spouses to attend events highlighted in bold.*

New Scholars

- Home Visits have been completed with all our newly selected Scholars.
- Welcome Dinner was held on Thursday, April 26. Sincere appreciation to Board Members Alan Levine, Nikki Niswonger and Scott Niswonger for attending.
- A "get-to-know-you" meeting will be held with new Scholars in July.
- Assistance will be provided for technology to meet their individual needs.
- "Scholar Mentors" and "Alumni Mentors" are being assigned and connections made. These will be announced at the Board and Staff Luncheon on May 30.
- College Selections and majors are as follows:

Scholars

Sarah Douthat

Alexis Harvey

Jasmine Martin

Aubrie Strange

Rithvik Vutukuri

Schools

UT Martin

Tennessee Tech

UT Knoxville

Samford

Tulane

Major

Agriculture

Engineering

Business and Communications

Public Relations

Engineering/Medicine/MBA

Scholars and Alumni News - (See Attached)

NISWONGER SCHOLAR UPDATES



Hope Adkins (Carson-Newman University, senior) has been honored with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan award, the highest student award given at the university. She received the Carson-Newman Family and Consumer Sciences Leadership Award, KON Medallion Award, and Braden FCS Outstanding Senior Award. She received the Department of Student Affairs BOLD Student Worker Service Award. Hope will be serving on the ministerial staff of Central Baptist Church of Bearden in Knoxville as a Children's Ministry Intern this summer.



Levi Blazer (Belmont University, freshman) will be doing a summer internship with the CityLights organization in St. Louis, Missouri. He will be serving widows, immigrants, refugees and the less fortunate in receiving healthcare. He received an award for having one of the 3 highest GPA's in his fraternity.



Lorraine Hayes (Wake Forest University, freshman) joined Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.



Ty Myers (University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, freshman) has pledged with Beta Upsilon Chi (Brothers Under Christ) Fraternity. He has accepted the position of "Scrappy the MOC", the UT Chattanooga mascot.



Bo Pless (Milligan College, sophomore) will be working with the Jubilee Project on research that will benefit residents of Hancock County in providing clean water solutions. He will be studying abroad with the Oxford Summer Program, in England, through Council of Christian Colleges and Universities.



Tanner Shivley (Carson-Newman University, sophomore) has accepted the opportunity to attend a week-long class and receive his ropes course level 1 certification. He will be working with the Bridge Program again this summer and has been asked to serve their Orientation Leadership this fall.



Zachary Ward (University of Tennessee, junior) received the ACS-Hach Land Grant Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000.

Alumni Updates



Dr. Katie Baker (Class of 2007) and her husband William welcomed their daughter, Laurel June, on February 21.



Tyler Boyd (Class of 2011) was invited to participate in a panel at the Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference on using IVF technology on dairies to increase genetic progress. The panel's comments were published by *Progressive Dairyman* in their most recent issue and posted online at <https://www.progressivedairy.com/topics/a-i-breeding/how-three-dairymen-use-ivf-to-make-the-cows-and-bulls-they-want-in-their-barns>



Patrick Brown (Class of 2009) was married to Jessica Sharp at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville on April 28.



Chelsea Goodson (Class of 2010) has been promoted to Director of Purchasing and Administration at Aldi.



Jason Light (Class of 2013) has been promoted to Electrical Engineer in Eastman's KPE Area 3 group. He supports Utilities Division.



Lillie Seal (Class of 2015) has earned her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction at Carson-Newman University. She will be serving as coach for the Jefferson County Middle School softball team in the 2018/2019 school year.



Meredith Stevans (Class of 2010) has accepted a teaching position at Greeneville High School beginning in the 2018/2019 school year.



Rachel Witt (Class of 2012) has received the Stone Center for Latin American Studies Field Research Grant to conduct dissertation research as part of the Moche Valley Biohistory Project, Peru. She received the National Science Foundation Participant Award to study Stable Isotope Biogeochemistry and Ecology, as part of the Macrosystems Biology Project, at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City.