

Niswonger Foundation Board Update
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
Scholarship and Leadership

Scholar Updates

Recent News

- Winter Training was held on December 20-21, 2018. The text was “*The Noticer*” by Andy Andrews.

Academic Achievement

The following Scholars maintained a 4.0 gpa for the Fall Semester 2018:

- Sarah Douthat (University of Tennessee-Martin, freshman, mathematics education)
- Emily Ellison (Clemson University, sophomore, animal and veterinary science)
- Lorraine Hayes (Wake Forest University, sophomore, business administration/pre-law)
- Alexis Harvey (Tennessee Tech, freshman, engineering)
- Bo Pless (Milligan College, junior, engineering)
- Morgan Thomas (Clemson University, senior, chemistry/pre-pharmacy)
- Matthew Widener (East Tennessee State University, senior, English/secondary education)
- Rithvik Vutukuri (Tulane University, freshman, engineering/pre-med)
- Zachary Ward (University of Tennessee-Knoxville, senior, mathematics education)

The Board will be updated regarding one Scholar suspension and one Scholar leave of absence.

Service Achievement

- Our “shining stars” with community service for fall semester were Brittany Church (75 hours), Alexis Harvey (63 hours), Tyler Myers (73 hours), Tanner Shivley (55.5 hours), Christian Dalton (54.5). A total of 820.5 hours of community service was completed by our Scholars during fall semester 2018.

Study Abroad

- Alexis Harvey (Tennessee Tech, freshman, engineering) completed a service abroad project with Belize Christian Impact Ministries during the Winter break. The project involved a building project and provided support to a local school and orphanage.

New Scholars

- **Our New Scholars’ Dinner is planned for Thursday, April 25, 7:00 p.m. at the General Morgan Inn. Board members and spouses are encouraged to attend.**
- A press release for our New Scholars was issued in January.
- Contacts have been made with new Scholars and their families to offer assistance with college selection, scholarship applications, etc.
- College selection update:
 - Aisling Hagan (David Crockett), UT-Knoxville, agriculture education
 - Makayla Davis (West Greene)

- Trenton Dickerson (Morristown East), Vanderbilt, UT-Knoxville or Tennessee Tech, computer science and/or mathematics
- Erica Seal (Hancock County), East Tennessee State University, pre-med
- John Turner (Jefferson County), UT-Knoxville, marketing
- Home visits are currently being scheduled.

Scholar News

Please see attached.

Summer Training

The tentative agenda for Summer Training is as follows:

Outdoor Challenge (Sophomores)	May 18 - 21
Challenge “Survival Picnic”	Tuesday, May 21
Bahamas (Freshmen)	May 23 - 26
Freshmen Orientation	Monday, May 27
Training Week	May 27 – May 31
*Senior Dinner	Tuesday, May 28
*Board Luncheon	Wednesday, May 29
Annual Day of Service	Thursday, May 30
Normandy Trip (Seniors)	June 8 - 18
New York City (Juniors)	August 1 - 4

**Board Members and Spouses especially encouraged to attend.*

Additional details regarding training week will be provided at the May Board Meeting.

Scholar Alumni Updates

- The 2018 Scholar Alumni Reunion was held on Saturday, December 22 at the General Morgan Inn.
- Please see attached Alumni Scholar News

SCHOLAR UPDATES



Levi Blazer (Belmont University, sophomore) was named brotherhood/community service chair for his Fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau.



Brittany Church (Austin Peay State University, sophomore) was accepted into Eta Pi chapter of TriBeta (BBB) – National Biological Honors Society.



Sarah Douthat (University of Tennessee-Martin, freshman) was invited to be a member of UT-Martin chapter of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. She was named to the Chancellor's Corner Honor Roll with highest honors.



Alexis Harvey (Tennessee Technological University, freshman) completed a service abroad project with Belize Christian Impact Ministries during winter break.



Kori Smith (University of Tennessee, Junior) has been promoted to Visitor Services Coordinator at Muse kids STEM museum.

ALUMNI UPDATES



Tom Cully (Class of 2010) has accepted a position of dairy veterinarian at Maria Stein Animal Clinic in Maria Stein, Ohio.



Lucas Deloach (Class of 2010) has accepted a position as Associate with Littler Mendelson in Chicago, Illinois.



Matthew Grimm (Class of 2017) graduated from Tusculum University with his Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), with a Family Nurse Practitioner concentration.



Sean McCullough (Class of 2011) and his wife, Stephanie welcomed their daughter, Catherine in December.



Rachel Mixon (Class of 2011) has accepted the position of manufacturing engineer with Grundfos' Peerless Pumps in Indianapolis.



Trey Reliford (Class of 2010) and his wife, Kristina welcomed their daughter, Stephanie in December.



Ian Sams (Class of 2011) has accepted the position of National Press Secretary for Senator Kamala Harris's presidential campaign.



Joe Watson (Class of 2007) has been named partner at Waller, Lansden, Dortch and Davis, LLP.