

**Scholarship and Leadership Program
Niswonger Foundation Board Update
Thursday, November 15, 2018**

Scholar Selection Process

- The interviews for the 2019 Niswonger Scholars were conducted on Thursday, November 8, 2018. We had 82 nominations this year. Nancy interviewed 63 of these nominees to identify the 12 finalists.
- Alumni Raini Rowenhorst Armstrong, Katie Shields Arnold, Dillan Shults and Elizabeth Batson Williams joined Board Representative Nikki Niswonger as members of this year's Selection Committee.
- See Board material (Ratification of Scholarship Selections) with names of the Niswonger Scholar candidates for Board discussion and approval.

Leadership Development

- *Winter Training* will be Thursday and Friday, December 20 and 21 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 holiday party on Thursday evening, December 20; and breakfast on Friday, December 21, at 8:00 a.m. at the General Morgan Inn.**
- The text for our Winter Training is "*The Noticer*," by Andy Andrews. The Scholars have begun "pre-training" assignments that will prepare them for the two days of activities.
- The agenda for *2018 Winter Training* is attached to this report.

Scholar Updates

- The calendar for 2018-19 Scholar activities is included as an attachment.
- Scholar News is included as an attachment.

Alumni Scholar Updates

- Alumni Scholar News is included as an attachment.
- **Board Members, with spouses or guests, are invited to join the Alumni Scholars for a Holiday Gathering and Dinner on Saturday, December 22, General Morgan Inn, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Reception 5:00; Dinner 6:15)**

Publications

- The Scholars Directory has been completed and delivered.

Handouts

- Scholar and Local Alumni Information

ATTACHMENT 1

Niswonger Scholars
WINTER LEADERSHIP TRAINING
December 20-21, 2018

AGENDA

Thursday, December 20

10:30 a.m. Freshmen Arrive at the General Morgan Inn and Session Begins in the Board Room (lunch provided for freshmen)

12:30 – 1:00 p.m. All Other Scholars Arrive and Check in Hotel

1:30 p.m. – General Session Begins (Tentatively Ballroom A)

3:30 p.m. – Break

3:45 p.m. – Session Resumes

5:30 p.m. – Break

6:30 p.m. – Dinner and Fun

9:00 p.m. – Evening of Free Time ☺

Friday, December 21

8:00 a.m. – Meet for Breakfast (Tentatively in Ballroom C)

9:00 a.m. – General Session Begins (Tentatively in Ballroom A)

10:30 a.m. – Break

10:45 a.m. – Session Resumes

12:00 noon – Session Adjourns

ATTACHMENT 2

**Niswonger Foundation
Current Scholar Planning Calendar**

2018

Thursday and Friday, December 20 - 21

Winter Training

General Morgan Inn

2019

Saturday May 18 - Tuesday, May 21

Sophomore Outdoor Challenge

Monday, May 27

Freshman Orientation

5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27 – Friday, May 31

Summer Training

Tuesday, May 28

Senior Scholars' Graduation Dinner

7:00 p.m.

General Morgan Inn

Friday, May 31 – Tuesday, June 4

Freshmen Trip to Mexico

Saturday, June 8 – Tuesday, June 18

Senior Trip to Normandy

Thursday, August 1 – Sunday, August 4

Junior Trip to New York City

Thursday and Friday, December 19-20

Winter Training

ATTACHMENT 3

SCHOLAR UPDATES



Sarah Douthat (Samford University, freshman) was accepted on the Freshman Council at Samford. She was voted Freshman Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.



Emily Ellison (Clemson University, sophomore) received the American FFA Degree (the highest degree an FFA member can achieve) in October at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Alexis Harvey (Tennessee Technological University, freshman) has been selected as a senator in Student Government. She joined Society of Women Engineers and is an active member of Delight Women's Ministries. She has accepted an internship position with Edgewater Technical Association at Nuclear Fuel Services, in Erwin, for summer 2019.



Lorraine Hayes (Wake Forest University, sophomore) joined the cheerleading team. She was elected bid-day Chair of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and was selected as a collegiate mentor for the chapter.



Courtney Johnson (Maryville College, senior) assisted with a research project that will be presented at the South East College of Sports Medicine conference. She was chosen by her cheer team as Cheer Captain.



Jasmine Martin (University of Tennessee, freshman) joined the *S.P.E.A.K. Club* (Students Promoting Environmental Action in Knoxville) and *Active Minds*, which promotes mental health awareness.



Elijah “Bo” Pless (Milligan College, junior) has accepted an internship position at Eastman Chemical during summer 2019.



Morgan Thomas (Clemson University, senior) has been accepted to the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University.



Rithvik Vutukuri (Tulane University, freshman) was selected to participate in research at the Tulane Brain Institute under Professor Jonathan Fadok. He will be studying the shift in fear aversion behavior between freezing and flight. The research is focused on PTSD. He was chosen Secretary of the School of Sciences and Engineering Honors Society.



Zachary Ward (University of Tennessee, senior) is student teaching at Oak Ridge High School.

ATTACHMENT 4

ALUMNI SCHOLAR UPDATES



Raini Rowenhorst Armstrong (Class of 2017) is working with Coalition for Kids in Johnson City.



Katie Arnold (Class of 2017) is teaching mathematics and agriculture at Northview Senior Academy in Kodak, Tennessee. She, and her husband Justin, welcomed their son, Jackson Walt in September.



Dr. Katie Baker (Class of 2007) is serving as Co-Project Lead on an external evaluation of the South Carolina Choose Well Initiative, a state-wide collaboration that seeks to reduce the rate of unintended pregnancy through a range of collaborative efforts with health care systems, providers, non-profit organizations, professional associations, policy systems, and community members.



Tyler Boyd (Class of 2011) was selected to attend Class 11 of the Young Dairy Leaders Institute in February, 2019. He was selected as the 2019 Associate Chair of the All-American Jersey Show Futurity.



Jordan Frye (Class of 2015) completed 11 months of training and is now a certified Yoga Teacher.



Dr. Morgan Hammer Krapf (Class of 2006) and her husband Justin welcomed their son Hudson Samuel in early November.



Emily Hollingsworth (Class of 2011) was promoted to Senior Production Manager at Pyxl.



Elizabeth Jones (Class of 2013) earned her Principles and Practice of Engineering license for the state of Tennessee.



Brittany Jorgenson (Class of 2008) is CEO of Storybrook Farm, Inc. in Jonesborough. She volunteers with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and serves as an ESL tutor for an adult learner.



Dr. Jordan Kim (Class of 2012) is 2018-19 Chief Resident of his UT Chattanooga Family Medicine Residency. He was the 2017-18 Resident Recruiting Coordinator at UT Chattanooga Family Medicine Residency. His Poster Abstract was presented, and received Honorable Mention, at the International Conference on Opioids at Harvard Medical School, in June.



Dr. Elizabeth Loy (Class of 2009) earned her PhD and published a paper on the evolution and African ape origins of *Plasmodium vivax*, one of the parasite species that cause malaria. She completed a thru hike of the Colorado Trail.



Sean McCullough (Class of 2011) graduated with honors from the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University in Chicago. He is working as Client Lead with Bluedog Design, a business and brand strategy, innovation, and design consulting firm in western Chicago.



Rian Rainey (Class of 2010) and his family have returned to Columbus, Ohio. He is an Engineering Manager for the healthcare IT company, CoverMyMeds.



Matthew Sheppard (Class of 2017) successfully defended a thesis entitled “Physical and Virtual Prototyping in Product Design” to complete the Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering at Clemson University. Matthew has accepted a position with Itron in West Union, South Carolina.



Elizabeth Williams (Class of 2006) was named the National Resource Development Professional of the year for Boys & Girls Clubs of America. She was named Paul Harris Fellow for her Rotary Club.