

**Scholarship and Leadership
Niswonger Foundation Board Update
Thursday, May 9, 2019**

Niswonger Scholar Summer Training

The theme for this year’s Summer Leadership Training is *Dare to Lead: Brave Work, Tough Conversations and Whole Hearts*. The textbook author is Brene Brown.

Outdoor Challenge (Sophomores)	May 18 - 21
*Challenge “Survival Picnic”	Tuesday, May 21, 4:00 p.m., Dishner’s, 130 W. Main Street, Jonesborough
Bahamas (Freshmen)	May 23 - 26
Freshmen Orientation	Monday, May 27
Training Week	May 27 – 31
*Senior Dinner	Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m., General Morgan Inn
*Board and Staff Luncheon	Wednesday, May 29, 11:45 a.m. General Morgan Inn
Annual Day of Service	Thursday, May 30
*BBQ and Swim Party	Thursday, May 30, 6:15 p.m., Niswonger’s, 1508 Crestwood Drive, Greeneville
Normandy Trip (Seniors)	June 8 - 17
New York City (Juniors)	August 1 - 4

**Board members are invited to join us for 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 25. Special thanks to Board Members 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” have been assigned.

New Scholar

Makayla Davis
Trent Dickerson
Aisling Hagan
Erica Seal
John Turner

Scholar Mentor

Kori Smith
Christian Dalton
Jasmine Martin
Ty Myers
Trenton Yount

Alumni Mentor

McKenzie Reynolds
Dillan Shults
Katie Arnold
Dr. Jessica Burchette
Alex Smyth

- College Selections and majors are as follows:

<u>New Scholar</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Major</u>
Makayla Davis	ETSU	Nutrition
Trent Dickerson	UT – K	Computer Science
Aisling Hagan	UT – K	Agriculture
Erica Seal	ETSU	Pre-Med
John Turner	UT – K	Business

Scholars and Alumni News - (See Attached)

SEE SCHOLAR NEWS BELOW

Austin “Levi” Blazer (Belmont University, sophomore) was selected for the Gordon E. Inman College of Health Sciences Most Outstanding Student Leadership Award.

Christian Dalton (University of Tennessee, junior) was accepted for an internship with CO-OP. He has been selected as Ambassador for the College of Agriculture at UT.

Emily Ellison (Clemson University, sophomore) has been selected to serve on the Professional Greek Council, as a sorority member of Sigma Alpha.

Alexis Harvey (Tennessee Technological University, freshman) was elected senator for College of Engineering. She achieved the Dean’s list.

Lorraine Hayes (Wake Forest University, sophomore) is exploring a new business venture creating and selling specialty granola bars, called Brewnola. She has accepted membership into phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity. She accepted a student advisor position for the fall semester and was elected to the executive committee for Habitat for Humanity.

Elijah “Bo” Pless (Milligan College, junior) received the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award for the spring semester at Milligan.

Kori Smith (University of Tennessee, junior) has been selected for an internship as College Life Intern at University of Tennessee through Fellowship Church, in Knoxville. She was accepted for a mini-semester study abroad in African Studies in Dakar, Senegal.

Rithvik Vutukuri (Tulane University, freshman) has been elected to the Undergraduate Student Government as a Senator for The School of Sciences and Engineering. He has received a grant from the Center of Engaged Learning and Teaching and a second grant from Newcomb-Tulane College to fund his independent research project over the summer titled: *Determining the role of dorsal peduncular cortex neuronal afferents to the amygdala in regulating fear intensity in mice*. He was elected to the position of Internal Vice President of the Science and Engineering Honor Society. He was elected to serve as undergraduate representative for the Pre-Medical Society. He was elected as medical school liaison for the Minority Association of Pre-med Students.