

**Scholarship and Leadership
Niswonger Foundation Board Update
Thursday, May 11, 2023**

Niswonger Scholar Summer Leadership Institute

The 2023 Summer Leadership Institute will focus on a state and local perspective of the meaning of “community.” The Scholars will spend three days in Nashville, with an opportunity to meet with several state leaders, tour the Capitol and the Governor’s Residence, and have a visit with Governor Lee. Additionally, they will be examining Tennessee history with activities including a visit to the Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson.

The Scholars will return to Greeneville for a two-day “Community Mapping” project, where they will consider the opportunities and challenges faced by community leaders. A panel of Greeneville and Greene County leaders will be on hand to listen to the Scholars’ final presentations and provide critique.

The Scholars Summer Schedule

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| Summer Leadership Institute | May 28-June 2 |
| Senior Dinner | Wednesday, May 31 |
| New York City (Juniors) | May 17-21 |
| Normandy Trip (Seniors/2022 Graduates) | June 9-20 |

Scholars and Alumni News - (Included in Provided Information)

NISWONGER SCHOLAR NEWS



Derek Driskill – Carson Newman University, Junior – received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, which is given to students that demonstrate true servant leadership. The highest award offered at Carson-Newman. He was awarded the Carson-Newman Student Leader of the Year award. He wrote a research paper and presented it at the national convention in Albuquerque, and he won the Clark Youngblood National prize for Religion and Philosophy.



Aisling Hagan – University of Tennessee, Senior – has been accepted to graduate school at the University of Tennessee in an assistantship position.



Sam Hensley – East Tennessee State University, Junior – was invited by the president-elect of the Student Government Association to serve as Secretary of the Interior. He received the Richard W. Kopp Chemistry Education award and scholarship from his department.



Macy Noe – Vanderbilt University, Junior – was elected president of the AIChE (American Institute of Chemical Engineers) chapter at Vanderbilt.



Mabel Olson – Tennessee Technological University, Junior – was accepted to an internship with Gerdau, a steel manufacturing company. She received her department's Engineering Joint Council's Scholarship, the Tennessee Valley Authority Endowed Upperclassmen Scholarship, the Excellence in Electric Power Endowed Scholarship, and the Marie Ventrice Endowed Engineering Scholarship. She was selected to receive the department's outstanding senior award. She competed at

a conference for IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) with 17 other students in Orlando, Florida, in April.



John Turner – University of Tennessee, Senior – accepted a role in Knoxville’s Community Development Corporation (KCDC) as a Real Estate Redevelopment Analyst. KCDC is Knoxville’s public housing authority. He is working with them part time while he finishes his final semester at UT.

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ALUMNI SCHOLAR UPDATES

Lauren Bible – Class of 2011 – accepted a position with Piton Labs, a software engineering agency focused on startups and innovation projects within enterprise companies. She will be Operations Manager.

Chris Brown – Class of 2010 – as Defensive Coordinator helped lead his team at Baylor School to the state championship in the highest division of Tennessee high school football – D2-AAA.

Brittany Church – Class of 2021 – graduated from Purdue University with a Master of Science degree in Higher Education, College Administration & Leadership.

Elizabeth Jones – Class of 2013 – was promoted to Operations Maintenance Manager for Acetate Spinning at Eastman.

Jason Light – Class of 2013 – moved back to his original position at Eastman with the plan to fill the position of a soon-retiring lead subject matter expert (SME). With this move, he was promoted to senior engineer. His long-term goal is to become the company's lead SME in the field of power systems.

Virginia Pfeifer – Class of 2007 – is senior director of Provider Analytics at Optum.

Dr. Ivory Shelton – Class of 2016 – was matched to a Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Position at Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, which will begin in July.

Matthew Sheppard – Class of 2016 – has relocated to Bristol, Virginia. He is teaching Electrical Engineering Technology courses at East Tennessee State University while continuing to pursue a Ph.D.

Tanner Shivley – Class of 2020 – accepted the role as Assistant Director of Student Experiences at Carson-Newman University. He also serves with the Carson-Newman student outreach programs, PODER and Best Buddies.

Kori Smith – Class of 2020 – received her graduate certificate from ETSU for Global Health. She began Physician Assistant school at Trevecca and moved to Nashville in April.

Madeline Standbridge – Class of 2018 – was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society and will be serving as the Quillen Chapter's Treasurer at East Tennessee State University's Quillen College of Medicine.

Dr. Morgan Thomas – Class of 2019 – graduated from the ETSU Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy on May 5. She was matched to her pharmacy residency at Erlanger Health System in Chattanooga.

Brittany Vogt – Class of 2008 – and her husband, Eric have moved back to the region as Eric has accepted a position with ETSU Research Corporation, and Brittany will continue her work as CEO of Storybrook Farms, in Jonesborough.

Dr. Rachel Witt – Class of 2012 – defended her dissertation in March and passed. She graduated from Tulane University with her Ph.D. She accepted a visiting assistant professor position at Tulane University for the next academic year.