

**Niswonger Foundation Board Update
Thursday, February 8, 2024
Scholarship and Leadership**

Winter Leadership Institute

Scholars Winter Leadership Institute was held on December 18-19, 2023. Our discussion and activities were guided by the book, *“Anyway – The Paradoxical Commandments,”* by Kent M. Keith.

Summer Leadership Institute (Plans for 2024)

Normandy
Summer Leadership Institute
Senior Dinner

Friday, May 17 – Tuesday, May 28
Monday, June 3 – Friday June 7
Thursday, June 6

Scholar and Scholar Alumni Updates

- Please see attached.

CURRENT SCHOLAR UPDATES

Trent Dickerson – (University of Tennessee-Knoxville) has accepted a full-time position as an Engineering Specialist with Denso Manufacturing TN.

NISWONGER SCHOLAR/ALUMNI UPDATES

Will Brummett – (Class of 2013) was named the Campus Compact’s Student Engagement Manager. He will be working alongside the hundreds of student leaders that Campus Compact engages. This includes supporting the Newman Civic Fellows Program, the Student Design Team, The Allstate Foundation Newman Impact Grantees, and more.



Dr. Jessica Burchette – (Class of 2006) was the commencement speaker for the ETSU graduation in December.

Kayla Mehr – (Class of 2013) is assisting the State Opioid Treatment Authority Office with their review of the public rule. This review involves the rules that govern our state outpatient based opioid treatment clinics and opioid treatment programs (buprenorphine and methadone treatment).

Dillan Shults- (Class of 2018) and his wife Maci, welcomed their daughter Magnolia Dawn on January 11, 2024. Magnolia weighed 4 pounds and 14 ounces.

Todd Skelton – (Class of 2010) is serving on the Governor’s Council for Judicial Appointments, which assists in selecting appellate court judges in Tennessee.

Alex Smyth – (Class of 2015) is working with the Niswonger Foundation Project On-Track team as a technical assistant.

Dr. Christopher Steadman – (Class of 2015) will be returning to the region soon and has accepted a position at Holston Valley Hospital.

Dr. Morgan Thomas – (Class of 2019) is being considered for a post-graduate year 2 (PGY2) internal medicine residency position through ETSU.

Jessica Verran-Lingard – (Class of 2010) was featured in *Stanford Lawyer* magazine as part of an “In Focus” alumni interview. You may view the article at the following link: <https://law.stanford.edu/stanford-lawyer/articles/jessica-verran-lingard/>