

Scholarship and Leadership
Niswonger Foundation Board Update
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Recent Alumni Updates



Hope Adkins – Class of 2018 - is nearing completion of her PhD program at the University of Tennessee.

Katie Shields Arnold – Class of 2017 - is teaching Agriculture at Pigeon Forge High School.



Levi Blazer – Class of 2021 - completed the New York Marathon in early November.

Dr. Samuel Brashears – Class of 2017 - has accepted a position as a primary care physician with HMG in their primary care office at Sapling Grove, in Bristol.

He announced his engagement to Torey-Bates Samuel.



Gustavo Castillo – Class of 2024 - visited alumna, **Lorraine Hayes** - Class of 2021 - at Boston College of Law.

Derek Driskill – Class of 2024 - announced his engagement to Morgan Blazer.





Dr. Dishner was thrilled to be with alumnus, **Derek Driskill** – Class of 2024 - at the Governor's Rural Education Summit.

Dr. Emily Ellison – Class of 2021 - accepted a position with Morristown Animal Hospital. She works with large and small animals.



Aisling Hagan – Class of 2023 – completed her scholars' program with the Farm Foundation and the USDA Economic Research Service. Through this program, she was among 20 students to travel to Hawaii, Scotland, and Denver. She presented her capstone project in September on, "Food Waste Reduction Programs in Grocery Stores and Their Ability to Be Economically Beneficial for Stores."

Jason Light – visited alumnus, **James Durham** – both are Class of 2013, in Huntington Beach, California.



Law Loving – Class of 2012 – and his wife Megan announce the upcoming birth of their third child, in April.

Elizabeth Jones Marquez – Class of 2013- was married to Daniel Marquez in September. They unintentionally became national news when Elizabeth's dad walked 30 miles through hurricane debris to give her away.





Jasmine Martin – Class of 2022 - assisted in the creation of a new pilot program named NiswongerSTART, which was launched in August. She works as a mentor in partnership with Walter's State Community College through this program.

Mabel Olson Morris – Class of 2024 – was married to Brayden Morris in October. They reside in Greeneville.



Erica Seal – Class of 2023 - and Conner Kirka visited the Dishner's home to introduce them to Josie James Kirka.

Dr. Morgan Thomas – Class of 2019 - is completing a PGY2 pharmacy residency in Internal Medicine at the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy.



Alexis Harvey Wilson – Class of 2022 - was recognized as one of 25 alumni scholars for the “Top 25 to Watch” by the Ayers Foundation Trust. These 25 scholars were nominated because they are making an impact in their communities.

Dr. Rachel Witt – Class of 2012 - has accepted a position as a tenure-track assistant professor in biological anthropology at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

