



MILLESTONES

NISWONGER FOUNDATION

DIRECTORY OF SCHOLARS 2019-2020

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019

Courtney Johnson – Maryville College • **Morgan Thomas** – Clemson University • **Matthew Widener** – East Tennessee State University
Zachary Ward – University of Tennessee-Knoxville • **Trenton Yount** – University of Tennessee-Knoxville



2016 Nassau Bahamas!



2017 Outdoor Challenge!



2018 New York City!



2019 Normandy, France!



Niswonger Scholars welcome the new class of 2023.

The Niswonger Foundation was established in 2001 to make a positive and sustainable difference in education in Northeast Tennessee. This dream was envisioned by Scott M. Niswonger, Chairman Emeritus of Landair Transport, Incorporated and Forward Air Corporation. These companies, founded by Mr. Niswonger, were the first two Greeneville-based companies to be taken public in the history of Greene County, Tennessee. Jointly, the companies have combined annual revenue of over \$700 million dollars and employ over 4000 people.

With the success of his two companies, the philosophy of “Learn, Earn, Return” was created. Using the innovative model of now having a private, for-profit logistics company, Landair Transport, support a not-for-profit educational foundation, the goal of bringing rigorous, relevant, and cost effective programs to public education became a mission. Fundamental to the success of the Niswonger Foundation has been a clear focus on removing constraints to educational innovation and problem solving, thus allowing local school systems to better provide for student needs. By building school programs that are research based and sustainable, the Niswonger Foundation has become a recognized voice for educational reform in the State of Tennessee, while nurturing the next generation of leaders.

The bases for the Foundation’s work are the School Partnership program and the Scholarship and Leadership program. The Niswonger Foundation expands its philosophy of “Learn, Earn, Return” beyond Northeast Tennessee through involvement in numerous statewide educational initiatives. In addition, the Foundation shares a percentage of our operating funds for grants to other not-for-profit agencies for programs that support our mission “To create opportunities for individual and community growth through education and other sustainable projects.”



SCHOLAR MILESTONES



Dustin Howser



Hope Adkins



McKenzie Reynolds



Dr. Cole Seaton



Matthew Widener

The Niswonger Foundation's Scholarship and Leadership Program is "Coming of Age." As we mark the Foundation's eighteenth year, we are celebrating many important MILESTONES. Notable among these is that we recently selected our 100th Niswonger Scholar. This Scholar, as all new scholars in the class of 2024, has made a personal commitment to be a leader who supports our vision of a successful and productive Northeast Tennessee. The commitment for our Scholars to return to our region is "goal one" of the Niswonger Scholars program.

Fundamental to the goals of the Niswonger Foundation is seeing excellent and dedicated teachers in our classrooms. We celebrate the return of **Matthew Widener** (Class of 2019). He feels at home teaching English at David Crockett High School where he graduated four years ago. Matthew earned a degree in English at East Tennessee State University.

Welcome Home, **Hope Adkins** (Class of 2018)! Hope began her career as a classroom teacher in Knoxville, before returning to her alma mater, Carson-Newman University, as the Alumni Relations Coordinator.

After completing a bachelors and a master's degree in accountancy at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville, **McKenzie Reynolds** (Class of 2018), returned, in September, as an accountant for Blackburn, Childers and Steagall, in Johnson City.

Just this fall, we have seen the return of four more of our Alumni Scholars. We welcome back **Dustin Howser** (Class of 2017). Dustin is a Vanderbilt graduate who first honed his engineering skills at Lockheed Martin before bringing his skills and dedication back to our region. He is an engineer at Nuclear Fuel Services, in Erwin.

Dr. Cole Seaton (Class of 2009) is the first M.D. to be welcomed home. A biomedical engineering major from Vanderbilt, Dr. Seaton graduated from the East Tennessee State University Quillen College of Medicine. He is a radiologist with University Radiology at Greeneville Community Hospital East, Greeneville.

Our latest MILESTONE occurred in October. **Bo Pless** (Class of 2020), a senior engineering major at Milligan University, accepted a position at Eastman, in Kingsport. The beauty of this MILESTONE is that his employment offer was extended by Niswonger Scholar Alumni, Jason Light (Class of 2013). As Jason so aptly stated, "Now I get it! This really made "goal one" of the Niswonger Scholars program a reality to me!"

Northeast Tennessee will be the benefactor of every MILESTONE our returning Scholars accomplish.



CLASS OF 2020

Christian Michael Dalton
University of Tennessee, Senior



Christian, son of Rita Dalton, is a graduate of Hancock County High School with a 4.0 GPA. He served as president of HCHS Student Council, vice president of the Sneedville chapter of FFA, Senior Representative on the Tennessee 4-H State Council and as an Upper 8 Scout for the Tennessee 4-H Eastern Region All Star Council. He is a member of the 4-H Honor Club, 4-H All-Stars and 4-H Livestock, Land & Soil and Wildlife Judging Teams. He was nominated for and received "Vol State" at the 2015 4-H Roundup. He has completed community service hours through 4-H and FFA.

Christian is attending University of Tennessee-Knoxville and majoring in Agriculture Extension Education. He completed a summer internship at the Hawkins County Extension Office. He is working as an intern for Tennessee Farmer's Cooperative. Christian was selected to serve as Ambassador for the Herbert College of Agriculture.

Elijah "Bo" Charles Pless
Milligan College, Senior



Bo is a graduate of Elizabethton High School and the son of Eddie and Kim Pless. He served as Executive Board Member and Senior Class Secretary for the Student Government Association, vice president of the Carter County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Group, and Calvary Baptist Church's Student Leaders in Christ Council. His awards include, Tennessee Division 2 Class AA State Marching Band Champion, Most Outstanding Band Student, Wynell White Biology Award and Paul H. Pless Award. He has co-authored a book "Footprints of Appalachia". He was active in Varsity Basketball and Varsity Baseball at EHS. He completed community service hours through Mission Fuge Camps, Hale Community Ministries, Carter County Chamber of Commerce and Race for Wandell.

Bo is attending Milligan College and majoring in Engineering. He was chosen for the AAC all-freshmen team and the Champions of Character team in Basketball. He completed an engineering internship with Eastman Chemical Company. He received the Outstanding Student Scholarship Award in Engineering, in spring 2018. He received the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Project in the Science division at the 2019 RISE Above Research Conference, at Milligan.

Kori Lynn Smith
University of Tennessee, Senior



Kori graduated from Chuckey-Doak High School with honors and is the daughter of Gena Shipley. She served as president of her senior class, vice president of the Chuckey-Doak FFA, Co-Captain of the Greene County and City Schools' Destination Imagination Team, Co-Captain of the Lady Knight's Soccer Team and Co-Captain of the Lady Knight's Tennis Team. She held membership with the Black Knight's Nation, the Chuckey-Doak Marching Band, Spanish Club, Tusculum College's Upward Bound Program and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a graduate of the Greene County Youth Leadership program. Her awards include Doer of the Word, Most Likely to Succeed, Best of the Preps Girls Tennis award, Best of the Preps Community Excellence award, State Top Seller in Agriculture Sales, Secretary of the State

Runner Up Parliamentary Procedure team, and regional winner of the Home and Community Development SAE. She completed community service hours through Destination Imagination and First Church of God.

Kori is attending University of Tennessee-Knoxville and majoring in Biochemistry and Cellular and Molecular Biology and minoring in International Agriculture and Resources. She has earned the Dean's List at UTK each semester. She is working in a research program under Dr. Gladys Alexandre, studying cancer cell metabolism. She enjoys volunteering at The Muse Knoxville. Kori has participated in ten missionary trips to Haiti, where she worked with children in the orphanages and hospitals.



Class of 2020 explore New York City - Bo Pless, Christian Dalton, Kori Smith



CLASS OF 2021

Austin "Levi" Blazer Belmont University, Junior

Levi graduated with honors and distinction from Coker County High School. He is the son of Tony and Gayla Blazer. He served as president of Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council National Honors Society, and as a member of Key Club, Principal's Student Council, Beta Club, and the Math Club. He competed in Scholars' Bowl for two years and served as the editor of his high school yearbook, the Chanticleer. He earned first place in the regional Future Business Leaders of America parliamentary procedures competition and went on to place at the state and national levels. His awards include Coker County's AP Human Geography award as well as the English I Honors award. He participated in Cross Country, Track and Field and Tennis. He volunteered with Angel Tree Ministries, Edgemont Elementary School and Friends of Tennessee's Babies.

Levi is attending Belmont University on a pre-med track. He is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and serves on the Dean's student advisory board. He volunteers with University Ministries and Belmont Best Buddies.



Brittany Renee Church Austin Peay University, Junior

Brittany is a graduate of Johnson County High School. She is the daughter of Billy Church and Tammy Branch. She served as the vice president and brass captain of the Johnson County High School Bands, music director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sargent in Arms of the National Technical Honors Society, secretary of the National Latin Honors Society, and as a member of the Latin Club, National Honors Society, Motorsports Club, Future Farmers of America, Chess Club, Media Club and ETSU Upward Bound. She served her community by volunteering at Johnson City Medical Center, Niswonger Children's Hospital, and Calvary Baptist Church.

Brittany is attending Austin Peay State University with a biology major and a minor in Professional Education. She is a recipient of the Dean's Scholarship. She is a note taker for the Office of Disability Services and volunteers at the Educational Opportunity Center. She was accepted into Eta Pi chapter of TriBeta (BBB - National Biological Honors Society). Brittany plans to pursue a career in education.



Emily Laurel Ellison Clemson University, Junior

Emily, daughter of Eric and Patricia Ellison, graduated as valedictorian of Coker County High School. She was a member of the Coker County FFA livestock judging, dairy judging, envirothon, parliamentary procedure, and veterinary science teams. She was selected as the Tennessee FFA Eastern Region Star Farmer, and won the Eastern Region Forage Production Proficiency, and the Tennessee State FFA Sheep Production Proficiency. Emily served as president of both the Coker County FFA and the Tennessee Junior Sheep Producers Association. She was an active member of the Coker County 4-H, Coker County High School Principal's Council, National Honors Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Club and Beta Club.

Emily is attending Clemson University where she is majoring in Animal and Veterinary Science with a minor in Biological Sciences. She is a member of Sigma Alpha and serves on the disciplinary committee. She is a member of



the Clemson University Professional Greek Council and the Tigers for Tigers conservation club. She was previously a member of Women in Animal and Veterinary Science Living and Learning Community (WAVS) and now serves as a member of the WAVS leadership council. She also serves as a tutor and mentor for WAVS. She is a volunteer at the Oconee County Humane Society. Emily plans a career in veterinary medicine, serving both large and small animals.

Lorraine Faith Hayes Wake Forest University, Junior

Lorraine, daughter of Eloine and Keith Hayes, graduated from Cloudland High School with honors and distinction. She served as Youth Leadership Delegate, Varsity Cheerleading Captain, Senior Class President, Bible History Club President, and Relay for Life Club President. Her awards include, Highest ACT Score Award, Principal's Pride Award and UCA All-American Cheerleader. She has completed volunteer hours through Salvation Army, MARSH blood drives, Johnson City Medical Center, Operation Christmas Child Processing Center and multiple mission trips with her church.

Lorraine is attending Wake Forest University on a pre-law track. She is a peer leader within the WFU Conduct System, and in Students to Students, a campus ministry. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and a varsity cheerleader.



Tyler James Myers University of Tennessee- Chattanooga, Junior

Ty, son of Corey and Denise Myers, graduated first in his class with a 4.0 GPA from Tennessee High School. He served as a member of National Honor Society, Beta Club and Student Council. He was selected for Student Congress on Policies in Education in 2015. He was selected as Senior Class High Court King. He is the Founder, President and CEO of Poor Boy Gadgets. He serves his community with the Chamber of Commerce, Love-N-People, Adaptive Aquatics and Highlands Fellowship Church.

Ty is attending University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and majoring in Biology. He serves as a leader in the YoungLife program near his campus.





Alexis Renee Harvey
Tennessee Technological University, Sophomore



Alexis is a graduate of Unicoi County High School and the daughter of Crystal Winston. During her time at UCHS she served as president and section leader of the marching band, senior class secretary and homeroom representative for Student Council. She served as a member of National Honor Society, Beta Club, Book Club, Spanish Club, Student's Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), secretary for the Christian Student Union and as the Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy secretary. She is a Track and Field athlete. Her awards include, Chemistry II Award and the Marching Band's Most Excellent Junior Award.

Alexis is attending Tennessee Technological University and majoring in Engineering. She was re-elected as Senator for the College of Engineering. She was elected as fundraising chair for the Society of Women Engineers. She serves as a tutor for the engineering department at Tennessee Technological University.

Jasmine Nicole Martin
University of Tennessee, Sophomore



Jasmine graduated from Morristown-Hamblen High School East. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Casey Cook. While at Morristown East, she served as a member of Student Council, Spanish Club and Science Club. She participated in Scholars Bowl. She achieved the honor roll every academic year 1st through 12th grade. Her other awards include, AP English Award and AP Scholar Award. She enjoys volunteering as a mentor at Meadowview Middle School.

Jasmine is attending University of Tennessee-Knoxville and is majoring in Communications and Business.

Aubrie Claire Strange
Samford University, Sophomore



Aubrie is the daughter of John and Kim Strange and a graduate of Coker County High School. She is an AP Scholar with Honors, and a Furman Scholar. She served as Student Body President, Key Club historian, Coker County FFA chapter vice president, Spanish Club treasurer, Beta Club secretary, National Honor Society historian, Yearbook editor and Debate Club assistant clerk. She was a National Qualifier in the Future Business Leaders of America Agribusiness Competition. She enjoyed volunteering with Tennessee's Babies with Special Needs, the Key Club, Volunteer Riders of Knoxville, and CCHS Red Regiment.

Aubrie is attending Samford University and majoring in Public Relations.

Rithvik Vutukuri
Tulane University, Sophomore



Rithvik is the son of Sunitha Gunda and Suresh Vutukuri and he graduated from Dobyns-Bennett High School with distinction. He is a National Merit Semifinalist. Rithvik received the AP Psychology Award, is a National AP Scholar, and an AP Scholar with Distinction. He served as president of the Student Council, President of both Mu Alpha Theta and the Beta Club. He was a builder, designer and programmer in Robotics and participated in the Science Olympiad and the National Science Bowl. He has volunteered with Holston Valley Medical Center, H.O.T.S. (Higher Order Thinking Skills), Operation Gratitude, Middle School Math Day and Rubiks Cube Lessons.

Rithvik is attending Tulane University and majoring in Neuroscience. He was elected to the Undergraduate Student Government as a Senator for The School of Sciences and Engineering; as Internal Vice President of the Science and Engineering Honor Society; to serve as undergraduate representative for the Pre-Medical Society; and as medical school liaison for the Minority Association of Pre-Med Students.

He received a grant from the Center of Engaged Learning and Teaching and a second grant from Newcomb-Tulane College to fund an independent research project.



Class of 2022 celebrate in the Bahamas after completing their first year of college - Alexis Harvey, Sarah Douthat, Aubrie Strange, Rithvik Vutukuri

CLASS OF 2022

Sarah Elizabeth Douthat
University of Tennessee at Martin, Sophomore



Sarah, daughter of Beth and the late Mark Douthat, graduated with honors from West Greene High School. She served as senior class vice president, was junior class president, and was the student representative for the Greene County School Board. She served as vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and First Priority, and chairman of the Parliamentary Procedure team. She has served as secretary, vice president and president of the Future Farmers of America. She was voted "Best All Round" by her senior class. She served as a member of National Honor Society, National English Honor Society and National Society for High School Seniors. In service to her community, she has volunteered with Special Olympics, Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child Processing Plant, School Clean up Days, and the McDonald Outreach Center.

Sarah is attending University of Tennessee at Martin. Her major is Health and Human Performance Public Health.





Trenton Chase Dickerson
University of Tennessee, Freshman

Trent is a graduate of Morristown-Hamblen High School East and is the son of Phillip and Tina Dickerson. He graduated with honors and distinction and with a 4.0 GPA. He was a member of the 31 + ACT club, a National Merit Commended Student, and an ambassador for the Student Congress on Policies and Education. He served as President of the Advanced Choir at Morristown East and was selected to perform with the All-State Honors Choir in Nashville his junior and senior year. As a member of the school's DECA club, Trent achieved 3rd place in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing category of the state-wide competition his sophomore year. He worked for two and a half years at Hobby Lobby, and during the summer after his junior year, earned an internship with Morristown Utilities Systems. He enjoys serving his community through Student Council, Change One Person Everyday (C.O.P.E.), and with his church, leading worship and helping during bible school.



Trent is attending the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and majoring in computer science.

Aisling Grace Hagan
University of Tennessee, Freshman

Aisling is the daughter of Jim and Kate Hagan. She is a graduate of honors and distinction from David Crockett High School, where she served as Student Body President, FFA President, and was an active member of the BETA club. She also served as Student Representative on the Washington County Board of Education and attended the Tennessee Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences. She is a three time state FFA champion and twice National runner-up in Floriculture, Nursery/Landscaping, and Forestry. She served her community by volunteering with multiple organizations in the town of Jonesborough as well as Mountain States Health Alliance, and the Washington County Public Library.



Aisling is attending the University of Tennessee-Knoxville as an Agricultural Education major.

Erica Brooke Seal
East Tennessee State University, Freshman

Erica Seal is the daughter of Jennifer Greene and Carl Seal. She graduated Hancock County High School with honors and Distinction. Throughout her high school career, she received various awards for academic distinction. She served as 4-H President, FFA Vice President, and as a member of various clubs such as FBLA, Spanish Club, and Fine Arts Club. Erica has volunteered in her 4-H Club, helped organize the local demonstration room for the Hancock County Fall Festival, and served as an AmeriCorps member. She has also completed volunteer hours through Operation Christmas Child and MARSH Blood Drives.



Erica is attending East Tennessee State University on a Pre-Med track.

John Henry Turner
University of Tennessee, Freshman

John is the son of John and Crystal Turner of New Market. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Jefferson County High School. He captained the JCHS Scholar's Bowl team for two years. He also served as President of Jefferson County High School's Leo Club. He worked for The Standard Banner covering a variety of sports across the county. He was a graduate of the Jefferson County Youth Leadership Program. He has volunteered through the Chamber of Commerce, The Jefferson County Clerk's office, Habitat for Humanity, Appalachian Electric Cooperative, and the Dandridge Lion's Club.



John is attending the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, with a major in Public Administration.



Niswonger Scholars Summer Service Day at Second Harvest Food Bank



Niswonger Scholars learn about the "Refugee Experience" at the Niswonger Valleybrook Campus

CLASS OF 2023

Makayla Lashay Davis
East Tennessee State University, Freshman

Makayla is the granddaughter of Carolyn Dean of Mosheim. She graduated West Greene High School with a 4.0 GPA. At West Greene, she served as an officer in FCCLA and president of the Blue and Gold Club. She was a member of the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Tennessee Tomorrow, and Future Business Leaders of America. She was a cheerleader; and a student athlete, playing both soccer and tennis.

Makayla is attending East Tennessee State University. Her major is nutrition.



NISWONGER SCHOLAR ALUMNI

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complete biographical information

CLASS OF 2006

Dr. Jessica Epley Burchette

Cocke County High School, Newport, Tennessee
Tusculum University, Biology with Medical
Concentration
East Tennessee State University, Doctor of Pharmacy
Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice,
East Tennessee State University, Bill Gatton College
of Pharmacy

Nicholas “Nick” Shaun Darnell

South Greene High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
Tusculum University, Elementary Education”
East Tennessee State University, Masters in
Education”
East Tennessee State University, Education Specialist
Assistant Principal, West View Middle School,
Morristown, Tennessee

Dr. Morgan Hammer Krapf

Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
Emory University, Chemistry
Drexel University, M.D
Physician/Partner, Advocare Burlington County
OBGYN, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey

Dr. Ethan Emerson Reynolds

Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
Carson-Newman University, Biology & Chemistry
University of Tennessee-Memphis, M.D.
Anesthesiologist, St. Louis, Missouri

Elizabeth Batson Tetrick

Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
Emory University, English
Marketing Director, Boys & Girls Club of
Elizabethton/Carter County, Johnson City,
Tennessee

CLASS OF 2007

Dr. Mary Kate Baker White

Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
Furman University, Health & Exercise Science
University of Alabama-Birmingham, Masters in
Public Health
East Tennessee State University, DrPH
Assistant Professor, East Tennessee State University,
College of Public Health, Johnson City, Tennessee

Virginia Hines Pfeifer

Science Hill High School, Johnson City, Tennessee
Boston University, Political Science & International
Relations
George Washington University, Masters in Public
Health
Director of Technology Value Management,
Advisory Board Company, Johnson City, Tennessee

Joseph Landon Watson

Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
Furman University, Political Science
University of Tennessee College of Law, Doctor of
Jurisprudence
Associate, Waller, Lansden, Dortch and Davis,
Nashville, Tennessee

CLASS OF 2008

Bradley Scott Brown

Elizabethton High School, Elizabethton, Tennessee
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Engineering
and Finance
Harvard Business School, MBA
Analyst, KKR, Menlo Park, California

Casey Jackson Frantz

Lincoln View High School, Van Wert, Ohio
St. Francis University, Health Sciences
Radiologic Technologist/CT Technologist,
The Allergy and Asthma Center, Fort Wayne,
Indiana

Brittany Vogt Jorgenson

Science Hill High School, Johnson City, Tennessee
Bucknell University, Classics & Comparative
Humanities
Assistant Athletics Director, University of Delaware
CEO, Storybrook Farm Bed & Breakfast,
Jonesborough, Tennessee

Adam Joshua Miller

Hampton High School, Hampton, Tennessee
Tusculum University, Business Administration
East Tennessee State University, MBA
Software Developer, BrightRidge, Johnson City,
Tennessee

Sara Smith Noe

West Greene High School, Mosheim, Tennessee
Carson-Newman University, Elementary Education
Stay-at-home mother, Morristown, Tennessee

Brandi Ricker Shelnett

Paulding High School, Paulding Ohio
University of Michigan, Education
Carson-Newman University, Masters, Counseling/
School Counseling
Stay-at-home mother

Katie Elizabeth Williams

Unaka High School, Elizabethton, Tennessee
University of Tennessee, Public Relations
Arizona State University, Elementary Education
Marketing Consultant, San Francisco, California

CLASS OF 2009

Natalie Neas Coleman

Cocke County High School, Newport, Tennessee
Vanderbilt University, Secondary Education and
English
English and Reading Teacher, Sumner County
Schools, Gallatin, Tennessee

Benjamin Keefauver Fox

Daniel Boone High School, Gray Tennessee
Washington University, Business Administration
Bryant University, MBA
Offensive Coordinator, Centre College, Danville,
Kentucky

Kyle Wesley Holliday

Van Wert High School, Van Wert, Ohio
Ohio Wesleyan University, Accounting
Certified Public Accountant, Vancrest Healthcare
Services, Van Wert, Ohio

Dr. Dorothy “Elizabeth” Loy

University High School, Johnson City, Tennessee
University of Pennsylvania, Biochemistry
University of Pennsylvania, PhD
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine,
Pursuing Doctor of Medicine

Brandon Todd Reeser

Elizabethton High School, Elizabethton, Tennessee
Furman University, Philosophy and Asian Studies
Emory University, Doctor of Jurisprudence
Attorney, Wilson & Heyward, LLC, Mt. Pleasant,
South Carolina

Dr. Brady “Cole” Seaton

Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
Vanderbilt University, Biomedical Engineering
East Tennessee State University, M.D.
Radiologist, University Radiology, Greeneville
Community Hospital East, Greeneville, Tennessee

CLASS OF 2010

Christopher Morgan Brown

Unicoi County High School, Erwin, Tennessee
East Tennessee State University, English and
Secondary Education
Head Football Coach and Honors English Teacher,
Red Bank High School, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Patrick Carder Brown

Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
Purdue University, Landscape Architecture
Landscape Architect, Ross/Fowler, P.C., Knoxville,
Tennessee

Dr. Thomas Massey Cully

Lincolnview High School, Van Wert, Ohio
Indiana Wesleyan University, Biology/Pre-Medical
Cornell University, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
Veterinarian, Maria Stein, Animal Clinic, Maria
Stein, Ohio

Abigail Ricica Daniels

Van Wert High School, Van Wert, Ohio
Ohio Wesleyan University, Pre-professional Zoology
Macquarie University, Wildlife Conservation
Supporter Relationships, Coordinator, Greenpeace
Australia Pacific, Sydney, Australia

Lucas Edward Deloach

Elizabethton High School, Elizabethton, Tennessee
Vanderbilt University, Political Science
University of Virginia, Doctor of Jurisprudence
Associate, Littler-Mendelson, Chicago, Illinois

Jessica Verran-Lingard

Science Hill High School, Johnson City, Tennessee
Vanderbilt University, Mathematics and Political
Science
Stanford Law School, J.D./MBA
Intellectual Property Associate, Gunderson Dettmer,
LLP, San Francisco, California

Chelsea Goodson Long

Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
University of Tennessee, Finance
Director of Purchasing and Administration, Aldi,
Incorporated, Prairie Village, Kansas

Adriana Maria Penalba

Morristown East High School, Morristown,
Tennessee
Georgetown University, Accounting and Finance
University of Texas at Austin, Business
Administration
Financial Analyst, American Airlines, Dallas, Texas

Rian Carl Rainey

Van Wert High School, Van Wert, Ohio
The Ohio State University, Computer Science,
Engineering and Entrepreneurship
Software Engineer, CoverMyMeds, Columbus, Ohio

Moziano “Trey” Samuel Reliford

Jefferson County High School, Dandridge,
Tennessee
Sewanee: The University of the South, History
and Political Science
Stanford Law School, Doctor of Jurisprudence
Associate, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and
Garrison, LLP, New York, New York

Todd Blakely Skelton

Volunteer High School, Church Hill, Tennessee
University of Tennessee, Business Law and
Corporate Governance
University of Tennessee, Haslam College of Business,
MBA
University of Tennessee, College of Law, Doctor of
Jurisprudence
Chief Legal Counsel, Strategic Acquisitions Group,
Knoxville, Tennessee



Meredith Wachs Stevens

Johnson County High School, Mountain City, Tennessee
 College of William & Mary, Mathematics and English
 American University, Teaching Secondary Mathematics
 Mathematics Teacher, Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee

CLASS OF 2011**Matthew Lee Bible**

West Greene High School, Mosheim, Tennessee
 Tennessee Technological University, Chemical Engineering
 Advanced Chemical Engineer, Eastman, Kingsport, Tennessee

Tyler Lee Boyd

Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
 Vanderbilt University, Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology
 Virginia Tech University, Dairy Science
 General Manager, Jerseyland Sires, Hilmar, California

Emily Rose Hollingsworth

Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
 Belmont University, Entrepreneurship
 Production Manager, Pyxl, Knoxville, Tennessee

Sean Michael McCullough

Jefferson County High School, Dandridge, Tennessee
 Notre Dame University, Marketing
 Northwestern University, MBA
 Innovation & Marketing Strategist, Bluedog Design, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

Rachel Ann Mixon

Cherokee High School, Rogersville, Tennessee
 Purdue University, Mechanical Engineering
 Purdue University, Masters in Engineering
 Indiana University, Business Management
 Capital Tooling Engineer, Allison Transmission, Indianapolis, Indiana

Ian Charles Sams

Providence Academy, Johnson City, Tennessee
 University of Alabama, Political Science
 National Press Secretary, Kamala Harris, Presidential Campaign, Washington, DC

CLASS OF 2012**Taylor Ashby Grindstaff**

Jefferson County High School, Dandridge Tennessee
 East Tennessee State University, Psychology and Sociology
 Carson-Newman University, School Counseling
 Counselor, Jefferson County High School, Dandridge, Tennessee

Dr. Jordan Lakota Kim

Morristown West High School, Morristown, Tennessee
 University of Tennessee, Microbiology
 East Tennessee State University, M.D.
 Practicing Family medicine at CHI Memorial Integrative
 Medicine Associates, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Lawrence “Law” Wayne Loving, III

University High School, Johnson City, Tennessee
 Tulane University, Public Health and Economics
 East Tennessee State University, MBA
 Director, Career & Workforce Readiness, Niswonger Foundation, Greeneville, Tennessee

Rachel Gabrielle Witt

Johnson County High School, Mountain City, Tennessee
 Vanderbilt University, Anthropology and Art History
 Pursuing Doctorate in Anthropology, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

CLASS OF 2013**William Ross Brummett**

Jefferson County High School, Dandridge, Tennessee
 Elon University, Religious Studies
 Pursuing a higher education/nonprofit position in Washington, D.C.

James Michael Durham

Chuckey-Doak High School, Afton, Tennessee
 Notre Dame University, Marketing
 Director of Operations, Pursuing Results, San Diego, California

Johneshia Tashia Good

Science Hill High School, Johnson City, Tennessee
 Milligan College, Biology
 East Tennessee State University, Nursing
 Nurse, Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, Tennessee

Elizabeth Ann Jones

Science Hill High School, Johnson City, Tennessee
 Clemson University, Mechanical Engineering
 Tech Staff Engineer in Fibers Manufacturing, Eastman, Kingsport, Tennessee

Jason David Light

Sullivan Central High School, Kingsport, Tennessee
 University of Tennessee, Electrical Engineering
 Advanced Electrical, Engineer, Eastman, Kingsport, Tennessee

Kayla Williams West

Morristown East High School, Morristown, Tennessee
 University of Tennessee, Nursing
 East Tennessee State University, Masters of Science in Nursing, PMHNP
 NOVU Healthcare, Psychiatric Nurse, Nashville, Tennessee

CLASS OF 2014**Alexander “Alex” James Croghan**

David Crockett High School, Jonesborough, Tennessee
 Lipscomb University, Chemistry
 Records Technician Coder, Veterans Association
 Mountain Home, Johnson City, Tennessee

Yaying Wang

Greeneville High School, Greeneville, Tennessee
 Emory University, Psychology and Neuroscience
 Duke University, Physician Assistant (PA)
 PA with CVS Minute Clinic, Durham, North Carolina

CLASS OF 2015**Jordan Paige Frye**

Sullivan East High School, Kingsport, Tennessee
 University of Tennessee, Social Work
 University of Tennessee, Masters of Social Work
 Community School Resource Coordinator,
 Norwood Elementary School, Knoxville, Tennessee

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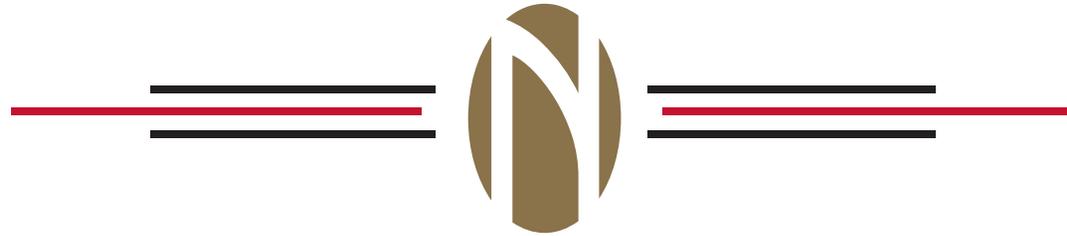
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