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2012-2013 Scholarship Recipients

The Union Auxiliary announces 13 recipients for the 2012-2013 academic year. Students will receive a five hundred dollar scholarship for each semester.



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Julia Appleton

My name is Julia Appleton and I am from Lake Placid, New York. Currently I am a senior at Union University where I am majoring in English, minoring in Spanish, and am pursuing my teacher certification in English. At Union I am a member of the Student Tennessee Education Association as well as the national English

Honor Society Sigma Tau Delta. One of my favorite aspects of my college experience so far has been the two years I served as a Resident Advisor. Being an RA was a great ministry experience for me because I had the incredible opportunity to build relationships with younger girls and encourage them in every area of their lives. Now as I am about to begin a new season in my life I am thankful for not only the quality education I have received thus far from Union, but even more so the purpose I have gained through my experience in leadership positions. I believe I am called to the education system and more specifically to English classrooms at the secondary level. I am passionate about teaching and while my hope is to one day teach abroad I know that wherever I am led to in the coming years I will be able to do what I love, serve God and His people.



Adrean Greer

I was born in Little Rock Arkansas. I moved to Jackson TN at the age of five. I have always wanted to be in the medical field since a child. I am a senior nursing student. I am happily married with a beautiful set of twins that I adore. My hobbies include spending time with my children, reading the Bible, and studying

nursing school. I chose Union University because I became pregnant at the age of seventeen with a set of twins, so my dream of being in the medical field seemed impossible. However, my high school medical professor referred me to Union University. When I got accepted, I knew that God sent me to Union University for a reason. I am so blessed to attend a University that accepted and helped me with my hardships. Thanks for reading my story.



Thomas Wood

I am from Gallatin, TN and am a junior DMS major with art emphasis. The hobbies I most enjoy are fellowshipping with my friends, playing sports and building Legos. From disk golf to basketball, I am always up for an outside activity. I chose Union University because I felt the Lord calling me here

and was at peace with that decision after I visited one day. The biblical values are evident and the environment is Christ focused, which makes it an absolute blessing to come here. Prayerfully I can work at a church or company working with the communications team in graphics. During the summer I was able to have a taste of what it would be like to be in this field, by working as an intern at my home church Brentwood Baptist. I really enjoyed working there and hopefully I could do that for a career after graduation.



dexus Brock

I am honored to receive the Auxiliary Scholarship because it has always been my top priority to make my education one of the main focuses in my life. As a junior journalism major, I know how difficult it can be to maintain the financial aspect of the college experience however, I am lucky enough to have a great group of

administrators at Union University who have helped me along the way. The benefit of not focusing on my financial need has given me the spare time to become a member of Mosaic, the PRSSA, and the co-editor of the news section of our school newspaper, the Cardinal and Cream. It is a blessing of many that have crossed my path this year to receive such a generous contribution to my education. Therefore, I extend a word of gratitude to the people who have stood by my side through every trial and obstacle because without them I would not be where I am today. Thank you.



Matt Moore

My name is Matt Moore. I am a Christian Studies Major, with an undeclared minor. I was born in Memphis Tennessee to Dean and Dianne Moore, who served with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea in the late 1970's-1980's before returning to Memphis. Lord willing, I hope to serve as a pastor

after graduating from Union. I enjoy camping, cooking, reading, and fishing. I had heard about Union University, and visited on a preview day in fall of 2009. During the chapel service I had a clear calling to prepare for a lifetime of service in the kingdom of God at Union University. Since then, God has regularly affirmed this calling to Union through his provision.



Elizabeth Davis

My name is Elizabeth Davis but most people on campus and in my life call me Ebbie for short. I grew up in the small town of Adamsville, TN. I am a senior journalism major and photojournalism is my minor. I am very active on campus through my position on Union's photo staff, Zeta Tau Alpha, Intramurals, and student activities. I

have a passion for people, photography and traveling. I feel like God has given me these desires and the love for these things to use my gifts for His glory. So right now I'm not quite sure how He is going to use these things in my life but as Paul tells us in Romans 1:16-17, I'm going to live by faith and not be ashamed of the Gospel and see where God leads me from there.



Charlie Pittman

I am from Milan, TN and am one of 5 kids, one of which is a Union graduate (Casie Pittman). I am a Biblical Studies major and a Psychology minor. I plan on going to seminary after Union and seeking a life in service to the church, however God sees fit. I play golf for Union University, which is one of my biggest interests, along

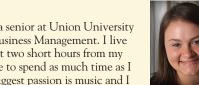
with movies, the outdoors, and Mtn Dew. I chose Union University because I have a chance here like none other. I am able to compete in the sport that I love and grew up playing, while at the same time study God's Word in depth to further prepare myself for ministry.



Stefani Kerr

am Stefani Rae Kerr and a senior at Union University earning my Bachelor's in Business Management. I live in Rockton, IL which is just two short hours from my favorite city, Chicago. I like to spend as much time as I can in this great city. My biggest passion is music and I hope to one day be in a top management position at a

major record label company in the United States.





My name is Kirby Wilson and I am a senior majoring in Special/Elementary Education and hope to someday work with special needs students. I am from Hoover, Alabama. I chose Union University because I love the Christ-centered environment. The professors and other students are always welcoming

and encouraging. One of my hobbies is traveling because I enjoy having the opportunity to experience other cultures.

Kirby Wilson



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Andy is a native of Ripley, TN. majoring in

Athletic Training, and he plans to extend his education to the Master's level. Along with a passion for helping others and a love for sports, Andy enjoys photography, music, and fishing. He feels that God has blessed him with the opportunity to attend Union, and this scholarship helps to achieve his dream of graduating from this prestigious university. After graduation, he is excited to see what doors God will open.



On behalf of the Union Auxiliary Scholarship I received I wanted to send you a note of thanks. I an very grateful for this added financial support you have awarded me with. My time at Union has been incredible and it is through blessings like this scholarship that I am reminded of how faithful our God is to provide me with the finances I need. Thank you so much Mrs. Dockery! I truly appreciate you and those who awarded me with this scholarship. I give God the glory and I pray that He blesses you as He has blessed me. Thanks again.

> Sincerely, Julia Appleton



Patrick Antwan McKnight

My name is Patrick McKnight and I am a senior Business/ Marketing major. After graduation

I plan to be a sales representative for Jackson General Hospital. In my spare time I actually like to ballroom dance, so when I get married I have nothing to worry about. I transferred to Union University from Jackson State and it is one of the greatest decisions I have ever made. If I would have chosen another University, I would not be the man I am today. Union has made me a better person and a better



Hannah Blan

My name is Hannah Blan and I am a senior Social Work major and Human Studies minor here at Union University. I am originally from the Chicagoland area where my dad pastors a Southern Baptist church in Channahon, IL. When I stumbled upon Union my senior year in high school I knew this is where

God was leading me to spend my college career. I am now in my junior year and have absolutely loved my classes and professors. I have been overwhelmed with the opportunities that I have with this major. I love to run and work out. For the last three school years I have been working for an elementary school in Jackson doing an aftercare program and it has been a good experience to prepare me for the reality of children. I also attend a local church where I work with the youth group on Sundays and Wednesdays and in an organization called Mission Jackson.

From the President

Hannah Nelson

My name is Hannah Nelson. I call Jackson, TN my

home having lived here eleven years. I am an Art majo

with an emphasis in Graphic Design and Photography

with a minor in Marketing. Being a student at Union

has taught me to trust in the Lord with patience and

He will be faithful in every situation to those who

fully submit their lives to Him. I enjoy expressing myself through creative

also enjoy God's creation by doing activities outdoors such as running or

enjoying a sunset. My ultimate goal in life is to use my gift of creativity and

passion for people to glorify God no matter where I live or what my career.

avenues such as fashion, planning events, painting and photography. I

The 2012 Fall semester is off to a great start! Enrollment for the new term is a record 4259, representing the 15th consecutive year for Union to show an enrollment increase. We are so pleased to welcome this wonderful group of talented students who have come to Union from more than 40 states and 30 countries.

The Fall Orientation dinner for the new MKs and International students was a huge success. We had a packed room with parents and siblings, as well as many Auxiliary members. Many thanks to the MK and International committees for providing an abundance of food, as well as the reassurance and joy they brought to the parents of these new students. We

are thankful for the direction and leadership provided by Kathy Tidwell and Marlene Vaughan, along with Sandra Williams and Sue Smith. Like so many other faithful Auxiliary members, this group is always ready to serve. We always welcome additional members to join

with us in these efforts. Please consider joining with us on one of these committee opportunities.

We would like to welcome Emily Harper to the Union University staff. She is our new International Student Advisor. She will be coordinating international student events and helping us know how to best serve them.

Several of you have already requested certain International or MK students to adopt for this year. Please contact Cindy Meredith and we will be glad to help guide these students to you.

New York Times columnist Ross Douthat was on campus for the Union Forum on September 20th. Our speaker for the annual Scholarship Banquet on October 4 will be former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. Please mark your calendar for this important event.

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Charles Fowler, Senior Pastor of Germantown Baptist Church, back to campus for our Fall meeting on October 17. We hope you will be able to join us for this special time together.

Blessings,



harles Fowler

Charles Fowler became senior pastor of Germantown Baptist Church in 2010. He served for sixteen years at Union University in various capacities including Senior Vice President for University Relations, Executive Director of the Union University Foundation, LLC, and Professor of Christian Ministries and Education.

While at Union, he also served as interim pastor in more than a dozen churches throughout the Mid-South. Many of the churches were going through challenging transitions in leadership. God, in His grace, poured Himself through Dr. Fowler to promote healing and growth

in these hurting churches. Dr. Fowler recognizes that the strengthening of these churches during his tenure is further evidence of the goodness and faithfulness of God.

In his various pastoral ministries, he has assisted many churches in developing a mission strategy to equip and mobilize more people to become more involved as volunteer and career missionaries. Dr. Fowler led his very first person to Christ on a mission trip and says today, "Those experiences galvanized my love for missions. I cannot imagine living as a faithful Christian without active mission involvement." He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the International Mission Board.

Dr. Fowler is originally from Corinth, MS. He is a graduate of Union University, Mississippi State University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Fowler was called into ministry while in high school and has spent his life following God's call. He has been married to Sandra for 26 years and has two daughters, Anna, who is in college, and Sarah, who is in the 10th grade.

Wissionaries in Residence



Dwight and Gloria Fern began their marriage and their church planting career in 1978 in Gainesville, Florida. They returned to Southwestern Seminary, where Dwight attended, and were asked to help start a church in Houston, Texas. They had their first three children (Joel, Kelly and Titus) during their time in Texas and also planted two churches. The Ferns were appointed with the International Mission Board in 1987 and served their first term in the Fiji Islands.

They worked with both the Fijians and Hindus to plant churches in Lautoka. Their fourth child, Micah, was born in Fiji. During their first furlough, mission strategy prompted their next assignment to the Philippines where they arrived at language school in January of 1992 Their fifth child, Joshua, was only three months old. After gaining some competency in the language, Dwight continued planting churches while Gloria homeschooled the children in Tuguegarao - the far northern province. Their sixth child, Grace, arrived in 1994. Dwight and Gloria have lived in Manila longer than anywhere else they have lived in their married life. For the past 9 years, the Ferns have worked with the urban poor of Manila mentoring pastors, conducting leadership training, and promoting the church planting movement through house groups and listening groups. They were also interim High School dorm parents and Dwight taught Bible at Faith Academy. They have been involved with medical teams, disaster relief and training projects for urban poor. Their four oldest children have graduated from Union University and their two youngest, Joshua and Grace, are current students. The two oldest boys married Union alumni. Dwight and Gloria are the proud grandparents of: Kaley Ann (4), Joshua Davie (21 months), Lila Elizabeth (4 months), and Taylor Grace (4 months).

There is a second family participating in Union University's Missionary-in-Residence program this year. Due to the high security risks associated with where they serve, their information cannot be included in any Missionary-in-Residence printed or online materials. They are, however, excited to share what the Lord is doing and are available to come speak at churches. You may contact Elizabeth Ward, 731-661-5062, for more information.

Upcoming Events

Annual Fall Luncheon

Noon, Wednesday, October 17, 2012 Carl Grant Events Center

> Speaker: Dr. Charles Fowler Tickets \$14 each

Lunch and door prizes included. Contact Cindy Meredith at 661-5202 for more information.

Annual Spring Luncheon

Noon, Tuesday, April 23, 2013 Carl Grant Events Center

Speaker to be announced Lunch and door prizes will be provided.

Scholarship Committee Meeting

10:00 am, Wednesday, May 8, 2013 Craig Conference Room

Congratulations

Total Giving to the Union University Auxiliary: \$419.381.55

Attention

If you have a specific MK/ International student you want to adopt, please contact Cindy Meredith at 731-661-5202 in advance of the luncheon. All remaining students will be open for adoption at the luncheon.

The Union Auxiliary acknowledges with the deepest sympathy the deaths of the following members since our inception:

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