

## Lanese Dockery recounts Union Auxiliary history during 20th anniversary luncheon

Former Union University First Lady Lanese Dockery said the Union Auxiliary was founded more than 20 years ago with the twofold purpose of scholarships and service.

Dockery was the guest speaker at the Union Auxiliary's 20th anniversary luncheon Sept. 25 in the Carl Grant Events Center. She recounted the history of the Union Auxiliary that launched in April 1998 with a small luncheon in the President's Dining Room.

Since then, the Union Auxiliary has provided almost \$200,000 in scholarships to 195 Union students. The organization has held regular luncheon meetings over the past 20 years, with speakers such as Denise George, Carolyn Tomlin, Maggie Nell Brewer, Louise Bentley, Karen Moy and others. For the past three years, the Union Auxiliary has held an annual banquet, featuring Olympic gold medalist David Boudia and bestselling authors Bob Goff and Karen Kingsbury.

"We give thanks to God for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith, your labor of love and your steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ," Dockery said, quoting from 1 Thessalonians. "So through the power of the Holy Spirit, each of you here today helped the Union Auxiliary to do little things in a great way, and we praise God for you."



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## Kingsbury speaks on living a good story at Union Auxiliary event

Bestselling author and storyteller Karen Kingsbury gave advice for living the best story at the Union University Auxiliary's April 16 event, "An Evening with Karen Kingsbury." Kingsbury has written almost 100 books and has nearly 13 million copies of her novels in print, but she said at the end of her life, she doesn't want her friends and family to remember her for what she wrote. "I want them to talk about the story I wrote with the days of my life," she said. Kingsbury shared several things she has found are required for writing a good life story. She said the first important thing is to love well because, as the Bible teaches, Jesus loved first. "He gave his life for us, and he's calling us to do that for the characters in the story of our lives," she said. Kingsbury said good life storytellers should also laugh often and look for the

miraculous. She shared many stories of the miracles she has seen in her life, even in seemingly small things. She said if people will look for it, there is much more going on than what they can touch or see. "What you can touch and see isn't even the realest thing," she said. "The realest thing is going on in the other world, in the spiritual world around us." Kingsbury said this is why the most important thing in living a good story is to live for Jesus Christ. She said that is the only thing that can guarantee a good conclusion. "I don't care what the chapter is right now in your life," Kingsbury said. "If it's the most tragic, most desperate chapter or the most beautiful one, the pages are going to turn. But with Jesus Christ as the hero of your story, you are headed for a guaranteed happy ending."



# DIFFERENCE

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### An Evening with Abby Johnson



Abby Johnson has always had a fierce determination to help women in need. It was this desire that both led Abby to a career with Planned Parenthood, our nation's largest abortion provider, and caused her to flee the organization and become an outspoken advocate for the pro-life movement. During her eight years with Planned Parenthood, Abby quickly rose in the organization's ranks and became a clinic director.

She was increasingly disturbed by what she witnessed. Abortion was a product Planned Parenthood was selling, not an unfortunate necessity that they fought to decrease. All of that changed on Sept. 26, 2009, when Abby was asked to assist with an ultrasound-guided abortion. She watched in horror as a 13-week baby fought, and ultimately lost, its life at the hand of the abortionist. At that moment, the full realization of what abortion was and what she had dedicated her life to washed over Abby and a dramatic transformation took place.

Desperate and confused, Abby sought help from a local pro-life group. She swore that she would begin to advocate for life in the womb and expose abortion for what it truly is.

The media continues to be intensely interested in Abby's story as well as her continued efforts to advocate for the unborn and help clinic workers escape the abortion industry. She is a frequently requested guest on Fox News and a variety of other shows. She is also the author of the nationally best-selling book and movie adaptation, Unplanned, which chronicles both her experiences within Planned Parenthood and her dramatic exit.

### Upcoming Union Events

McAfee Organ Concert  
September 17

Union Family Weekend  
September 27-28

Scholarship Banquet  
with Chris Tomlin  
October 15

Carls-Schwerdfeger History  
Lecture: Joan Waugh  
October 21

Homecoming  
November 1-2

For more information and  
other upcoming events, visit  
[uu.edu/events](http://uu.edu/events).

### Save the Date

Fall Luncheon with  
Mark Campbell

Tuesday, September 24, 2019  
Carl Grant Events Center

An Evening with  
Abby Johnson

Tuesday, April 14, 2020  
Carl Grant Events Center



# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2019–2020



## Christian Ross Brown

During Christian's visit to Union for Scholars' Weekend, he was impressed by how seriously the members of the University took their Christian faith. He chose a double major of physics and math. Christian has enjoyed Dr. Bill Nettles' class and learned that he genuinely cares about

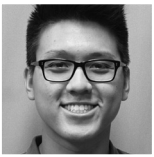
his students and about their performance in class. He enjoyed being able to present at the Baylor Institute for Faith and Learning Conference his freshman year, and the sense of community that grew as a result of the trip.



## Mason O'Brian Cagle

Mason chose Union because of the opportunity to connect with his hometown, and the ability to be involved with volunteer work. He is an accounting major who has a passion for business. Dr. Greg Jordan has been a role model of how to be a Christian in the business world.

His favorite memories of Union involve the relationships he has built within his fraternity.



## Raymond Chahyadi

Raymond chose Union after looking at many national and international colleges. He was impressed with Union's rigorous academic program along with opportunities to grow in his faith. Dr. Phillip Ryan has had a significant impact on Raymond's life and has mentored him in academics

and his personal life so that he has grown as a student, man, and most importantly, a Christian.



## Danielle Lauren Chalker

Danielle chose Union because it combines dedication to academic inquiry with a strong foundation of biblical faith and discipleship. She chose her major, English with an emphasis in creative writing, because she has always loved fictional stories and the unique ways they reflect the most

beautiful and true story of all, the gospel. One of her favorite things about Union is the many professors who truly take time for their students. She enjoyed her freshman Honors class trip to Chicago. The few days there were an overwhelming experience of impressive architecture, beautiful and thought-provoking art, and fun adventures in bookstores and pizza places.



## Cara Alexandria Dennis

Cara feels that her decision to attend Union is one of the best decisions she has made. She decided to serve God and others through nursing after experiencing the kind and professional care of nurses during her life. Professor Sandra Brown, who is Cara's adviser, has encouraged her

with a "you can do it" attitude toward her goals. One of her favorite memories of Union is Family Weekend and being able to share her Union experience with her family.



## Emily Christine Ebert

Emily chose Union because of the integration of faith and learning. She wanted a Christ-centered education without sacrificing quality. While her goal is to attend medical school, she chose to major in psychology to understand

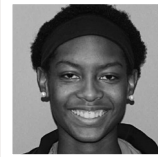
people and increase her compassion for God's creation. Dr. Scott Huelin and Dr. Sally Henrie have been a blessing to Emily this year, and their advice and guidance in many different areas have given her the support and tools she needs to succeed. Her favorite memory at Union has been building her network of friends; she has already met many and looks forward to meeting more.



## Christopher Allen Hearn

Christopher's older sister attended Union while he was in high school, so he had many opportunities to visit before becoming a student himself. He has loved history since childhood and is a voracious reader of history books. Christopher wants to teach

history and make a difference in the lives of students by showing them how an understanding of history can make us wise and help us empathize with others. Dr. Harry Lee Poe has offered tremendous encouragement this year in many areas of Christopher's life. He was privileged to take Dr. Poe's class on C.S. Lewis and saw firsthand the blessing of Dr. Poe's academic excellence. One of his favorite experiences at Union was helping to form a creative writing group, Penmoot.



## Daisha Q. Jiles

Daisha chose her major, sport management, so she could serve others in sports. Dr. Matt Brunet helped her choose her major, and his classes convinced her that she was on the right path. One of her favorite memories at Union is her time with the women's

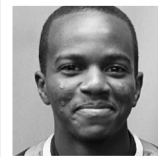
basketball team as the student assistant. Winning is great, but the experiences she shared with the people in the basketball program have been something much greater. Also, last year she was able to attend the baptism of two of the basketball team's members.



## Ethan David Judge

Ethan grew up in Scotland in a missionary family and was not familiar with Christian universities. During his gap year in Georgia at Impact 360, he learned about Christian universities and later visited Union. The Union students were welcoming, invited him to events,

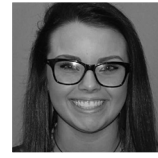
shared what they enjoyed doing, and were excited to get to know him. He really enjoys learning about different cultures and how they interact and relate, so he chose intercultural studies as his major. He contacted Dr. Scott Huelin before coming to Union, and Dr. Huelin helped him with his transition to the University.



## David Kagaruki

Union is a dear institution to David and has been a catalyst in his maturity and discipleship. He chose his major of Christian studies after being called to full-time missions and ministry during his freshman year. Dr. Paul Jackson's desire to connect with

students on a personal level both inside and outside the classroom has been a big influence on David. A favorite memory is his first retreat as a resident adviser. The retreat was a great opportunity to see how the Lord can unite a team of individuals from different backgrounds and upbringings and connect them to a specific mission.



## Kellie Ashlynn Marrow

By choosing Union, Kellie is learning to understand God's promises in the past, his work in the present, and his promise of a future. She found peace and greater academic success after she decided to major in education and to prepare to teach children. Mrs. Mandy Cates has been an example

of how to strive to show Christ's love to students. One of her favorite memories was preparing and performing in the campus variety show.



## Mary Madelyn Melton

Mary chose Union after thinking for most of her life that she would attend Ole Miss. After visiting Union's campus, however, she knew it was God's place for her. Mary is majoring in public relations with a minor in management because she loves to work with people and solve problems.

Mrs. Sherry Tignor has been an inspiring teacher and adviser to Mary. She has been involved in SGA and was elected sophomore class president. She is a member of Chi Omega and has thoroughly enjoyed building lifelong friendships with her sorority sisters.



## Emma Joy Otto

Emma has wanted to teach music since she was 11 years old. She is a music major who also teaches private violin lessons. While she doesn't want to teach in a school setting, she would love to continue teaching private students and investing in others. Dr. Dan Musselman had a great impact

on her life in ways that she didn't truly realize until he was gone. She has learned to reflect on her own circumstances and find joy in the God she serves, rather than focusing on her circumstances. Her favorite memory at Union also involves Dr. Musselman and the personal investment of having students to his home and playing silly games.



## Hannah Beth Ratliff

Hannah chose Union because it is an institution that is consistent with, and encouraging of, God's Word. Hannah is a marketing major in the McAfee School of Business and has had the pleasure of learning that she does not have to compromise her morals or dedication to God's

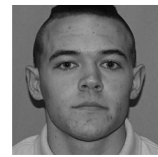
Word because of her pursuits. Professor Greg Jordan has been a great example of how a lawyer and law professor should act, being respectful and informed. His business law class has proven helpful in many practical ways. Her favorite memory of her time at Union is participating in the Hub City Innovation Cup, which challenged her and her teammates to develop ways to attract tourists to Jackson.



## Joya Christine Schrock

Joya chose Union because of the Christ-centered atmosphere. She wanted a place where her belief in Jesus would be built up, rather than torn down. After changing her major from nursing to accounting, she has found a desire to partner with non-profit organizations and aid in

their success. Her adviser, Dr. Karen Miller, has been knowledgeable and patient with her in her search for the best major.



## Levi G. Shaw

Levi chose Union because of the community that was evident from the very first time he stepped onto the campus. He was a freshman in high school and the family was bringing his brother to Union. He chose his major, sport management with an emphasis in missions and

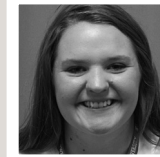
ministry, before entering Union. Dr. Matt Brunet has fashioned the way Levi thinks about sports and how to properly connect sports with the gospel by challenging him to answer the question, "How does the Bible and your belief in Jesus change how you approach a situation on the sports field?" One of his favorite memories at Union was the NCAA Division II regional tournament last year when the Lady Bulldogs played against Valdosta State. The women won on a last second shot that will forever be stamped on his mind.



## Dakota Christopher Stedman

Dakota chose Union because he believes a strong Christian education is very valuable. He chose his major because of his high school science teacher's passion for learning more about God's creation.

Another mentor, who is an electrical engineer and who has worked across the country and shared his faith through his work, encouraged him to choose electrical engineering as his major. Dr. Jacob Shatzer has become a friend and mentor to Dakota and his fiancée this year. The friendships he made through competing in Ultimate Frisbee are some of his favorite memories at Union.



## Hattie Jane Thomasson

Hattie chose Union because during her tour she recognized that Union is not only a Christian school, but a community of believers, actively working to incorporate their Christian beliefs into the learning environment. While she had a hard

time choosing her major, she landed on accounting and has found something that she enjoys doing and is very good at. Dr. Web Drake, Union's former debate coach, has made a large impact on her life. She has learned many valuable lessons from him, not only for success in debate, but in dealing with others that have differing views from hers. Her favorite memory from Union was searching for the Union Cup. While she and her roommate did not win, they made many lasting memories during the search.



## Andrew Thomas Waddey

Andrew chose Union because of the ways that he could grow in his faith and be academically challenged. His parents also attended Union and he feels that it is a homecoming of sorts to be at Union. Andrew is majoring in accounting, a passion

that began at Chick-Fil-A at 16 years old. After attending Jackson State Community College, he set his sights on acquiring as many scholarships as possible. With the help of Robbie Graves, who also helped his father on his journey to Union, the finances fell into place. One of his favorite memories at Union is being part of a LifeGroup. As a LifeGroup leader he has grown in his leadership skills and really planted his roots at Union.



## Callie Dana Wright

Callie chose Union after hearing Dr. Dub Oliver speak on the integration of faith and learning. She loved that "Bible learning" and "academic learning" are not separate, but can be joined together with the Bible as our foundation. She

chose her major of social work because she is passionate about helping children reach their full potential. In her minor, studio art, Mr. Lee Benson has shown her a new depth to the world: that all of life is about loving God in a personal way which should consume your heart, mind, soul, and strength. One of her favorite memories at Union has come with being a co-coordinator of the Room in the Inn program at Union. She has been blessed by the opportunity to minister to local homeless men and offer a hand of fellowship.

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