

College of Education and Allied Professions
Honors and Awards

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Ceremony

Spring 2015

Presiding Dale Carpenter
Dean, College of Education and Allied Professions

PEAK PERFORMERS

A graduate of the College of Education and Allied Professions may be selected for induction into the Honor Roll of Peak Performers because of his/her professional achievements and because the professors associated with his/her discipline believe that he/she is an inspirational role model to our students who are currently pursuing a degree in the program in which he/she was enrolled as a Western Carolina University student. Individuals selected for the Honor Roll of Peak Performers are truly *“An Inspiration to Those in Preparation.”*

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Psychology Jamie Tate
School of Teaching and Learning Holly Henderson Pinter

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Rosemary Cameron Scholarship. Kristan Buchanan

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University Participant Program Employer
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HUMAN SERVICES

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Scholarship Sheryl Williams-Patterson

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Parks & Recreation Management MajorJordan Davis

Don Chalker Award for Excellence
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 Loryn Morrison
 Lena Robertson
 Bebe Tarleton

R.M. Ainsley Scholarship. Jeremy Gibbs

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Ed & Bertha Henson Reed Scholarship Caleb Parham

Gurney & Ann Chambers Scholarship Chandler Addertion

John & Anna McFadden Scholarship Cody Mead

Katharine R. Reich & Emma H. Russ Scholarship Emily Green

Mary Alice Gambill Shuford and
 Dr. David F. Shuford Endowed Scholarship Danielle Phillips

Michael Dougherty Family Scholarship Danielle Phillips

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 Makenzi McAteer

Teaching Fellows Award for Excellence Jasmin Tockes

William A. & Patricia L. Ledford Scholarship Brittany Timpson

Dr. Janice H. Holt Scholarship Morgan Grooms

Dr. Janice Holt Freshman WHEE Teach
 Leader of the Year Esther Rivas

WHEE Teach Outstanding Mentor
 of the Year Award Cora Weeks

FACULTY / STAFF AWARDS

*Will be presented at the State of the College Meeting
on Friday, April 24, 2015*

Taft B. Botner for Superior Teaching	Lori A. Caudle
Legislative Award for Superior Teaching	Kia Asberg Holly Henderson Pinter
Dean's Research Award	Kia Asberg
Exemplary Service Award	Bob Beaudet
Good News Award	Chená Flood Todd Murdock Belinda Petricek Eleanor Petrone Jenny Stewart Kim Winter
University Participant Program Faculty of the Year Award.	Cynthia Wray

STUDENT NEWS RELEASES

WCU's Office of Public Relations and Communications routinely sends news releases about student activities and honors to the hometown/local newspapers of the students involved. Students being recognized at the College of Education & Allied Professions awards ceremony who wish to take advantage of that service should visit the website <http://studentawards.wcu.edu> to complete an online form and submit it via email to the Public Relations and Communications Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

ALEX HALL

Alex Hall is a program manager for Talent Management at Liberty Mutual Insurance, a *Fortune 100* company. He received his BSBA from Appalachian State University having worked in Information Technology and Healthcare during his time as an undergraduate. In 2011, Alex began working as a coordinator at the manufacturing company focusing on process improvement and service design for employees. In 2012, Alex managed the contingent worker program designing and supervising the performance management, compensation, and training for temporary workers. During this time, Alex began graduate studies at WCU, quickly becoming heavily involved with the MSHR *pro bono* consulting for nonprofits. During his graduate studies, Alex accepted a role in Liberty Mutual's competitive HR Development Program and completed three rotations over two years including an HR service center, Learning & Development, and International business unit.

Graduating in the fall of 2014 from WCU, Alex accepted his current role on the selection & assessment team in Liberty's Talent Management Practice. Additionally, in November 2014, Alex assumed a leadership role with Liberty Mutual's first employee resource group, leading operations and systems design. Alex has always focused on service that drives him to continue his involvement with WCU's HR *pro bono* consulting for nonprofits led by the MSHR team, volunteering his time as an alumni. This semester, he volunteered to lead a MSHR graduate student team to do a citywide compensation analysis study for the town of Canton, NC. Alex has been responsible for both simple and complex consulting projects that have delivered significant value to many WCU partners across a broad variety of HR subject areas. Alex's research interests include lean management, competency models, and organizational development. He currently resides in Boston, MA.

Alex Hall, a graduate of WCU's Master of Science in Human Resources program, is an excellent example of an outstanding Catamount who has worked hard to accomplish his goals while making a difference in the lives of others.

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PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

JAMIE TATE

Jamie Tate received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Western Carolina University, graduating Summa Cum Laude as the University Scholar. Jamie always excelled in the classroom and also completed an independent research project that was presented at the American Psychology – Law Society conference. After receiving her degree, she obtained a Juris Doctorate from Campbell University, with a focus on entertainment law.

Now residing in Nashville, Jamie has been able to successfully establish a career in the music industry. Her unique and soulful sound can range from traditional country to sultry blues. She plans to release her first full-length album in 2015. Like many of today's artists, she grew up singing in church and community choirs at home in North Carolina.

Jamie first broke onto the Country charts in 2009 with her debut single, "One Beer Away From Loving You," which spawned a custom "12 Ounces" line dance in the dance clubs and a Top 15 single on the European charts. She also continues her "I'll Give My All" campaign which aims to distribute one million free music downloads to current and former service members around the world. Her 2012 acoustic EP, *Strummin' the Heartstrings*, gave listeners an introduction to Jamie's voice with its "unplugged", casual feel. She is teaming up with race teams and sponsors in NASCAR – her "Live Fast Tour" will be filled with rockin' performances at multiple races throughout the 2015 season. Jamie also continues to team up with the USO, Fisher House and other military organizations to provide entertainment for military families. She visits locations around the country while on tour, playing private acoustic shows and meeting with soldiers and their families.

Jamie's accomplishments as a student and her dedication to her professional career has provided our students with an incredible role model and message to never give up on your dreams. To continue following Jamie's success, please visit her website at www.JamieTateMusic.com

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SCHOOL OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

DR. HOLLY HENDERSON PINTER

As a '05 & '09 graduate, Holly has made an exceptional difference within the education profession and the lives of those around her. As a dedicated professional, she continued her education by earning a Ph.D. in Mathematics Education from the University of Virginia in 2013.

As an undergraduate, Holly majored in Middle Grades Education with concentrations in Mathematics and Language Arts. She was awarded the 2002 WCU Valedictorian Scholarship, the Capps Family Memorial Scholarship in 2005, and the Outstanding Prospective Teaching Award in 2005. As a classroom teacher at Owen Middle School, Holly was a 2008 nominee for the Buncombe County Schools Teacher of the Year and served on the Mathematics Leadership Team and as the Literacy Team Leader. In 2009 Holly completed her M.A.Ed. at WCU in Middle Grades Education: Mathematics and Language Arts.

Holly continues to make a difference as an Assistant Professor in the School of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education and Allied Professions. As an engaged teacher-scholar, she works closely with practicing teachers helping them to implement best practices in their instruction, which gives her practical applications to bring back to her pre-service teacher candidates. For her outstanding work and dedication to the profession, Holly has been awarded the 2014-2015 Legislative Award for Superior Teaching.

College of Education and Allied Professions Student Biographies

Chandler Addertion

Gurney & Ann Chambers Scholarship

Chandler is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education. He aspires to teach and coach at the high school level. During his spare time, Chandler enjoys playing football and basketball, and hiking. He hopes to become the type of role model that his previous coaches were to him.

Jamie Adams

Betty Jo & Mark A. Knott Scholarship

Jamie is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Inclusive Education. She aspires to become a leader in the schools showing others that we all have individual and personal strengths. During her spare time, Jamie enjoys reading, crafting, and learning. She hopes to one day participate in missionary and educational work around the world.

Cecilia Anderson

Linda Reep Lankford Scholarship

Cecilia is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to be an engaged, thoughtful, and reflective teacher who inspires and motivates her students to become lifelong learners. In her spare time, Cecilia enjoys baking, reading, running, and playing with her daughter, August. In the future, she hopes to earn a doctoral degree and ignite the passion for learning and teaching in future educators.

Beth Arney

Alice Benton Award Outstanding Physical Education Major

Beth is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education. She aspires to show her students the benefits of lifelong well-being. During her free time, Beth enjoys hiking, being active, reading, and making crafts. She hopes to inspire her students to become lifelong healthy individuals, through mental, spiritual, emotional, social, and physical health.

Jessica Bane

Teach for Tomorrow Scholarship

Jessica is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education in Mathematics. She aspires to become a middle school teacher who is passionate about her students and their education. During her free time, Jessica enjoys knitting, reading, and photography. She hopes to travel internationally to teach students in developing countries.

Georgia Battles

Jane B. Schulz Scholarship

Georgia is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Inclusive Education. She aspires to earn a doctorate degree and obtain a position at a major university teaching American Sign Language. During her spare time, Georgia enjoys camping, advocacy, American Sign Language mentoring, and acting. She hopes to make an impact and become the bridge for the two cultures in which she lives.

Jonathon Benken

Women in Physical Education Scholarship

Jonathon is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education. He aspires to become a high school principal, if his career in umpiring does not work out. During his spare time, Jonathon enjoys weight lifting and helping his little brother with his baseball career. He hopes to attend professional umpire school and secure a contract to umpire minor league baseball and eventually major league baseball.

Natasha Berry

Outstanding Courageous Leadership Award

Natasha is currently working towards a Master's degree in School Administration. She aspires to serve her local district as a secondary school assistant principal committed to improving educational experience for everyone. During her spare time, Natasha enjoys spending time with her husband and their dogs, bowling with her friends, and DIY projects. In the future, she would like to advance her leadership responsibilities to a level that will maximize her ability to positively influence the educators and youth in the public school system.

Amy Boyette

Outstanding Courageous Leadership Award

Amy is currently pursuing a Post Masters Certificate in Public School Leadership. She aspires to lead a team of instructional coaches to support new teachers in NC Schools. During her spare time, Amy enjoys spending time with her children, being outdoors, reading, and listening to music. She hopes to open a professional development school to train new teachers, while serving students in the community.

Katie Bradley

Outstanding Courageous Leadership Award

Katie is currently pursuing a Post Master's Certificate in Public School Leadership. She aspires to become a principal in the coming years and positively affect the lives of teachers and students at a greater level. During her spare time, Katie enjoys playing basketball, mountain biking, backpacking/camping, and playing tennis. In the future, she would like to earn a doctorate

degree and may consider pursuing a career at the district office or state level administration.

Misty Brooks

Myrtle Olivia Whitmire Scholarship

Misty is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She hopes to help her students discover their own love of learning and inspire them to become global citizens who create a positive change in the world. During her spare time, Misty enjoys spending time with family, kayaking, hiking, and reading. She plans to pursue a Master's degree at Western Carolina University in the future.

Michelle Brown

Pamela M. Sekulow Scholarship

Michelle is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Art Education. She aspires to complete all of her classes in high standing and feel competent in her abilities to teach. In her spare time, Michelle enjoys drawing, crafting, reading, and gaming. She hopes to obtain a teaching position at a great school and have fun!

Kristan Buchanan

Little E.J. Scholarship, Rosemary Cameron Scholarship

Kristan is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Inclusive Education. She aspires to become an elementary or special education teacher to give children a happy and safe place to share the joys of learning. In her spare time, Kristan enjoys working with the University Participant program, horseback riding, volunteering to help animals, and being involved with campus church. In the future, she would like to earn a Master's degree and begin a career in her hometown.

Meredith Byers

Beta Lambda Sorority Teaching Scholarship

Women in Physical Education Scholarship

Meredith is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education. She aspires to teach at a high school level while pursuing her master's degree. During her spare time, Meredith enjoys being active, art, and spending time with friends and family. She plans to pursue a Master's degree and eventually use her experience to aid her role as being a college health professor.

Kayla Byrd

Cecil W. Mann Award, Linda Elaine Glenn Scholarship

Kayla is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She aspires to become a clinical psychologist with a concentration in adolescence. During her free time, Kayla enjoys playing sports, traveling, spending time on the lake, and reading. She plans to attend graduate school to earn a doctorate degree.

Zebulun Capps

Stephanie Stow Scholarship

Zebulun is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. He aspires to become a role model for his students and to be someone they can always count on. During his spare time, Zebulun enjoys coaching, spending time outdoors, and hanging out with family and friends. He hopes to obtain a teaching position in Haywood County after graduation and eventually become a principal after teaching for a significant amount of time.

Madelynn Cox

Barbara H. Capps Outstanding Junior in Middle Grades Education Award

Madelynn is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education with a concentration in Mathematics and Social Studies. She aspires to become a teacher where her students see the value of their education and develop their unique talents and abilities. During her free time, Madelynn enjoys playing volleyball, swimming, outdoor activities, and playing the piano. In the future she hopes to obtain a master's degree and become a guidance counselor.

Rachel Cox

University Participant Program Supporter of the Year

Rachel is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She aspires to attend graduate school for Speech-Language Pathology and provide therapy for underprivileged children. During her spare time, Rachel enjoys spending time with family, volunteering at her church and with the UP program, and swinging in her hammock with a good book. She hopes to make a difference in the lives of children and give back to her community.

Rayna Crisp

Soaring High Scholarship

Rayna is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to become an elementary teacher in a rural area of western North Carolina. During her spare time, Rayna enjoys hiking, camping, and traveling. In the future she would like to work with fellow colleagues and parents in an effort to obtain technology related resources for K-12 students.

Jordan Davis

Ralph J. Andrews Award Outstanding Parks & Recreation Management Major

Jordan is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Parks and Recreation Management. He aspires to become an experiential educator in the outdoors. During his free time, Jordan enjoys rock climbing, skiing/National Ski Patrol, mountain biking, and multi-day backpacking. In the future, he hopes to teach a wide range of students in a way that they are able to discover abilities and find self-confidence.

Morgan Drye***Malvery Botner Outstanding Junior in Elementary Education Award***

Morgan is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to become an elementary teacher where she can make a difference in the lives of her students. During her free time, Morgan enjoys singing, reading, exploring new places, and crafting. She hopes to make the most of everyday and find absolute happiness within her career.

Hayley Durham***Daniel L. Saddler Scholarship***

Hayley is currently pursuing a Master's degree in School Counseling. She aspires to be a school counselor where she can maximize her communication, interpersonal, and motivational skills. In her spare time, Hayley likes to spend time outside, kayaking, reading, and listening to music. She hopes to give back to her community and to encourage people to dig deep and realize their true potential.

Alexandria Elgin***Little E.J. Scholarship, Steven C. Jones Scholarship***

Alexandria is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Inclusive Education. She hopes to make a difference in her students' lives and inspire them to make a difference in other lives as well. During her spare time, Alexandria enjoys watching TV & movies, working with the University Participant program, attending church and going on mission trips. She plans to obtain a master's degree and begin teaching.

Samantha Evanoff***Carole Hearn Curtis Scholarship***

Samantha is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She aspires to practice counseling in community mental health agencies throughout the region to have a broad base of experiences and knowledge. During her spare time, Samantha enjoys hiking, journal making, playing the piano, and trying new things. In the future, she hopes to return to school to earn a doctorate degree in counselor education and supervision.

Jason Forrister***Outstanding Courageous Leadership Award***

Jason is currently pursuing a Post Master's Certificate in Public School Leadership. He aspires to continue doing his best to invest meaningfully in students either as a teacher or educational leader. During his spare time, Jason enjoys adding new stamps to his passport, spending time with family and friends, and living an active life. His future goals include working in education internationally and helping others realize the promise of their own intellectual curiosity, natural talents, and potential.

Allyson Frick***Mary Deck Break by the Lake Scholarship***

Allyson is currently working towards a Master's degree in School Counseling. She aspires to obtain a position as an elementary or intermediate school counselor. In her spare time, Allyson enjoys cooking, practicing yoga, spending time with family, and pets. She hopes to give back to her community by dedicating her time and energy to others in need.

Echo Fritch***Dwight E. & Jessie D. Ryland Scholarship******Genevieve & E.J. Whitmire Scholarship***

Echo is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Mathematics Education. She aspires to teach and lead a mathematics club for students. During her spare time, Echo enjoys playing with her dog, running, and cooking. Her ultimate dream is to teach in a secondary setting in Queensland, Australia.

William Gaither***District 1 North Carolina Retired School Personnel Senior Scholarship******Myrtle Olivia Whitmire Scholarship***

William is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. He aspires to begin teaching after graduation in December. During his spare time, William spends his time with his son Mason; they enjoy going to WCU sporting events, the library, and hiking. He plans to teach while working towards a master's degree.

Monica Gatti***Morrill Family Fund for Research in Education Scholarship***

Monica is currently working towards a Master's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to be an excellent teacher that engages students using research-based strategies, music, and technology. During her free time, Monica enjoys clogging, and Morris and Contra dancing. She would like to eventually pursue a doctorate degree and become a professor to make a difference in preparing future teachers to be great educators.

Jeremy Gibbs***Guy and Jo Edith Burchfiel Scholarship, R.M. Ainsley Scholarship***

Jeremy is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Leadership K-12 Administration. He aspires to influence a positive change in public schools while helping to shape a bright future for an entire generation of students. During his spare time, Jeremy enjoys listening to music, reading, hiking, and spending time with family. He is able to implement what he is currently learning into his present leadership role at the school district and aspires to serve as a public school system superintendent in the future.

Quincy Goode***Rachel R. Williams Sweet Scholarship***

Quincy is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. He aspires to graduate and teach. During his spare time, Quincy enjoys watching sports, playing basketball, and cooking. He hopes to become a successful teacher and plans to pursue a Master's degree.

Garrett Goodwin***John H. Wakeley Scholarship***

Garrett is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. He aspires to obtain a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. During his spare time, Garrett enjoys reading, socializing with friends, and conducting research. In the future, he would like to work with underprivileged communities in a clinical psychologist capacity.

Ashton Green***Kevin J. Bradshaw Scholarship***

Ashton is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Inclusive Education. She aspires to finish school and seek employment as an elementary or special education teacher in her home county. During her spare time, Ashton enjoys singing, spending time with her nieces and nephew, and reading. She hopes that all of her students will be fully prepared to further their education.

Emily Green***Katharine R. Reich & Emma H. Russ Scholarship***

Emily is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to create a fun, enjoyable, and creative learning environment for students. During her spare time, Emily enjoys photography, sewing, crafting, and being outdoors. After graduation she hopes to work at an elementary school in her local community of Haywood County.

Morgan Grooms***Dr. Janice H. Holt Scholarship***

Morgan is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to acquire a teaching position in her hometown, Asheville. During her spare time, Morgan enjoys swimming, photography, learning about computers, and technology. She hopes to earn a Master's degree and become a Nationally Board Certified Teacher.

Stephanie Gwynn***Milner/Psi Chi Research Award***

Stephanie is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She aspires to earn a Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling and hopes to become a therapist for a wilderness camp for adolescents. During her free time, she enjoys hiking, camping, and backpacking. She plans to continue being an excellent role model for her daughter and to find a job working with troubled youth.

Kenzie Heard***Duane & Wanda Reid Scholarship***

Kenzie is currently working towards Bachelor's degree in Art Education. She aspires to be a high school art teacher who can promote creativity in the classroom and encourage students to be active in their community. During her spare time, Kenzie enjoys painting, ceramics, reading, and traveling. She hopes to study abroad and make a difference in the lives of her students and those within her community.

Austin Hedden***Robert Lee & Ella Richards Madison Scholarship***

Austin is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education with a concentration in Math and Science. He aspires to show his students the importance of mathematics and educate them in a way that they leave the classroom everyday with an appreciation for math. During his spare time, Austin enjoys mountain biking, hiking, trout fishing, and bowling. He hopes to travel the world and use his adventures to help inspire his students to travel and seek adventure.

Sara Hunter***Carole Hearn Curtis Scholarship***

Sara is currently working towards a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She aspires to become a community mental health counselor in Western North Carolina. During her spare time, Sara enjoys rock climbing, mountain and road biking, trail running, and fly fishing. She hopes to incorporate outdoor experiential programs into her counseling program.

Rebecca Hussey***Carolyn West Scholarship***

Rebecca is currently working towards her Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education with a concentration in Science and Social Studies. She plans to obtain a teaching position after graduation. In her spare time, Rebecca enjoys an equestrian lifestyle, cooking, camping, and exploring the mountains. She hopes to lead her students in making responsible decisions that will guide them throughout their life.

Bradley King***Senior Mathematics Education Award***

Bradley is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Mathematics Education. He aspires to obtain a teaching position in the Western North Carolina region. During his spare time, Bradley enjoys playing video games and tennis. In the future, he would like to return to WCU and earn a Master's degree in School Administration and eventually teach internationally.

Madison King***Dixie L. & Miles S. McGinty Scholarship***

Madison is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in English. She aspires to

be an English teacher in Japan. During her spare time, Madison enjoys writing and drawing. She hopes to move to Japan and perhaps become an author.

Tori Landolf

Outstanding Student Teacher in English Education Award

Tori is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in English Education. She aspires to become a high school English teacher in Western North Carolina. During her free time, Tori enjoys playing video games, reading/writing literature, and playing tennis. She hopes to continue her education to obtain a Master's degree in Psychology and teach English to underprivileged children in the U.S. and abroad.

Matthew Long

Outstanding Scholar Award in Mathematics Education

Matthew is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Mathematics Education. He aspires to return to Haywood County to teach and to transfer his love of mathematics to students. During his spare time, Matthew enjoys working out, hanging out with friends, and playing video games. He plans to teach and eventually become a Nationally Board Certified Teacher.

Allie Marlow

Little E.J. Scholarship

Allie is currently working towards her Bachelor's degree in Inclusive Education. She aspires to teach in a fully inclusive 1st or 2nd grade classroom. In her spare time, Allie enjoys reading, cooking, and playing with her dog, Gryff. She plans to provide the best education possible to all students within an inclusive and multicultural classroom.

Kayleigh McAlister

Beth Tyson Lofquist Scholarship, Capps Family Memorial Scholarship, Collier Family Scholarship

Kayleigh is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education with a concentration in Social Studies and Science. As a teacher, she aspires to impact the lives of her students and encourage them to believe in themselves the way her teachers believed in her. During her free time, Kayleigh enjoys traveling and writing. She plans on teaching along with traveling and inspiring others.

Makenzi McAteer

Stephanie Stow Scholarship

Makenzi is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. As a teacher she aspires to inspire and motivate her students to love and appreciate learning and life itself. During her spare time, Makenzi enjoys hiking and athletic races for fun. Her goal is to always be a positive influence in the life of a child.

Cody Mead

John & Anna McFadden Scholarship

Cody is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education in Earth Science. He aspires to teach earth science in a high school setting. During his spare time, Cody enjoys swimming and canoeing. In the future, he plans to obtain a Master's degree in Education Administration and become a high school principal.

Joseph Melnyk

Morrill Family Fund for Research in Education Scholarship

Joseph is currently working towards a Master's degree in Experimental Psychology. He aspires to become a professor known for quality teaching and research. During his spare time, Joseph enjoys playing the guitar, staying fit, and cooking. He plans to continue his education and pursue a Ph.D. in Psychology.

Brenda Millett

Hoyt & Lora Ponder Scholarship

Brenda is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Birth-Kindergarten. She aspires to become an Early Childhood teacher and advocate for society's most precious gift: the children. During her spare time, Brenda enjoys reading, crafts, camping, and volunteer work. She plans on pursuing a Master's degree in Early Childhood while teaching and hopes to become an instructor in the Early Childhood field.

Erin Millspaugh

Outstanding Courageous Leadership Award

Erin is currently pursuing a Post Master's Certificate in Public School Leadership. She aspires to become a principal and a leader of change at a school in her district. During her spare time, Erin enjoys spending time with family, traveling, reading, and making memories. In the future she hopes to use her leadership skills to motivate not only the staff but also the students to rise above the ordinary and see their full potential.

Julie Minnick

Outstanding Student Teacher in Mathematics Education Award

Julie is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Mathematics Education. She aspires to become a middle school teacher where she can make a positive impact on the lives of her students. During her spare time, Julie enjoys singing, painting, and crocheting. She hopes to be a strong Christ-like role model to her family, students, and everyone she meets.

Alyssa Moore***Morrill Family Fund for Research in Education Scholarship***

Alyssa is currently working towards a Master's degree in Special Education with a concentration in Adapted Curriculum. She aspires to involve her students with severe disabilities into all aspects of the regular education setting. During her spare time, Alyssa enjoys relaxing at home, playing trivia, and spending time with friends and family. She hopes to inspire regular education teachers to receive training to successfully include students with severe disabilities into their classrooms.

Loryn Morrison***Outstanding Courageous Leadership Award***

Loryn is currently pursuing a Master's in School Administration. She aspires to positively shape the lives of students to become lifelong learners. During her spare time, Loryn enjoys cooking, shopping, serving in her church and volunteering with the children's program. After becoming a principal, she hopes to work with her staff to develop a shared vision, positive culture, with an active community involvement to maximize opportunities for students and staff.

Ashley Morton***Outstanding Senior in Middle Grades Education Award***

Ashley is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education. She aspires to become a middle school teacher in her hometown of Statesville, NC. During her spare time, Ashley enjoys spending time with family, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors. She plans to become a teacher leader so that she may positively impact the lives of all students, and not just those within her class.

Amber Moss***Myrtle Olivia Whitmire Scholarship***

Amber is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to become a teacher that will instill a love of learning within her students. During her free time, Amber enjoys reading, painting, pottery, and camping with family. She hopes to obtain a Master's degree to further her knowledge in the education field.

Sarah Orr***Jessie Lindsay & John Donovan Hales Scholarship***

Sarah is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Birth-Kindergarten. She aspires to become a Pre-K or Kindergarten teacher and to help children and families grow within the community. During her spare time, Sarah enjoys being an active member and youth leader at Victory Baptist Church as well volunteering at the local elementary school. In the future she hopes to open a childcare center at her church.

Tiffany Allen Padgett***F. T. Siewert Award Outstanding Physical Education Graduate Student***

Tiffany is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Health and Physical Education. She aspires to become a health and physical education teacher and continue coaching. During her spare time, Tiffany enjoys running, traveling with her husband, and spending time with her nephew. In the future, she would like to earn a doctorate degree in health.

Caleb Parham***Ed & Bertha Henson Reed Scholarship***

Caleb is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. He aspires to become a teacher that creates a positive environment for students inside and outside of the classroom. During his spare time, Caleb enjoys spending time with loved ones, creating furniture designs, watching movies, and cooking. He hopes to one day establish a community-based support system for youth in his community.

Danielle Phillips***Mary Alice Gambill Shuford and Dr. David F. Shuford Endowed Scholarship, Michael Dougherty Family Scholarship***

Danielle is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to become a kindergarten teacher after graduation, helping to mold young minds. During her spare time, Danielle enjoys reading, painting, and working with children. In the future she plans to return to Western Carolina University to earn a master's degree in administration to become an elementary school principal.

Esther Rivas***Dr. Janice Holt Freshmen WHEE Teach Leader of the Year***

Esther is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Inclusive Education. She aspires to initially become an elementary teacher in North Carolina. During her spare time, Esther enjoys painting, going on adventures, spending time outdoors, and watching movies. In the future, she plans to move out of state and teach in a new environment and travel.

Lena Robertson***Outstanding Courageous Leadership Award***

Lena is currently working towards a Master's degree in School Administration. She aspires to become a leader in her school by teaching, coaching, and collaborating with teachers. During her spare time, Lena enjoys running, reading, cooking, and writing. She hopes to make an impact in her community by creating a change within the students.

Shannon Shuler***Taft B. & Malvery Botner Scholarship***

Shannon is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to become a teacher who can show her students the joys of learning and teach in a way that they become culturally diverse independent citizens. During her spare time, Shannon enjoys helping animals, running, serving Life Kids at Life Church, and spending time with loved ones. She plans to earn her Master's degree in Elementary Education and School Administration.

Melanie Simons***Morrill Family Fund for Research in Education Scholarship***

Melanie is currently working towards an advanced Specialist in School Psychology degree. She aspires to be a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. During her spare time, Melanie enjoys drawing, swimming, and spending time with her pets. She hopes to work collaboratively with other educators to enhance academic and mental health services through prevention and early intervention.

Blair Spangenberg***Outstanding Senior in Elementary Education Award***

Blair is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to teach in a small school system that has a strong sense of community. During her spare time, Blair enjoys reading, watching videos of soldiers being reunited with family, and spending time with family. She hopes to repay her father for all of his love and support and would be satisfied if she became half the teacher and person her late mother was.

Andrea Stoppenhagen***Taft B. & Malvery Botner Scholarship***

Andrea is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to become a teacher who inspires, changes lives, and touches the future through her students. During her spare time, Andrea enjoys hiking, yoga, and painting. She plans to earn a doctorate degree in education and pursue a career teaching at the collegiate level.

Bebe Tarleton***Outstanding Courageous Leadership Award***

Bebe is currently working towards a Master's degree in Educational Leadership. She aspires to learn as much as possible about her new role as an Assistant Principal and how she can best support learning in her school. During her spare time, Bebe enjoys reading, organic gardening, and traveling. Her future goals include being a lifelong learner and a leader of learning.

Brittany Timpson***William A. & Patricia L. Ledford Scholarship***

Brittany is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to become an elementary teacher who creates lifelong learners. During her spare time, Brittany enjoys playing basketball and volleyball, fishing with her grandfather, and hanging out with friends. In the future, she plans to obtain a Master's degree in psychology and be the best role model for her students.

Jasmin Tockes***Teaching Fellows Award for Excellence***

Jasmin is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Music Education. She aspires to become an incredible and inspiring elementary music teacher providing music as a release to all the children out there who are waiting for an outlet. During her spare time, Jasmin enjoys traveling, working with children, making others happy, and music. She hopes to continue pursuing things that bring her happiness including traveling the world.

Tristan Wagoner***Hedy and Vanessa White Scholarship***

Tristan is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. He aspires to help others by always providing encouragement even during difficult times. During his spare time, Tristan enjoys biking, running, exercising, and listening to relaxing music. He hopes to influence others to never give up on reaching their goals and remember that everyone is important.

Sarah Walters***Betty Jo & Mark A. Knott Scholarship, Little E.J. Scholarship***

Sarah is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Inclusive Education. She aspires to make a difference in the lives of her students with disabilities and help guide them through even the smallest of challenges. During her spare time, Sarah enjoys reading, playing tennis, hiking, and spending time with family. In the future she hopes to obtain a Master's degree and become a teacher of students with severe and profound disabilities.

Megan Ward***Taft B. & Malvery Botner Scholarship***

Megan is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to be a teacher where she encourages students to enjoy learning and become lifelong learners. During her spare time, Megan enjoys reading and exercising. She hopes to make a difference in the life of a child, move to the coast of North Carolina, and earn a Master's degree in education.

Elizabeth Webster***Collier Family Scholarship***

Elizabeth is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education with a concentration in Math and Science. She aspires to introduce young adolescents to the amazing world of science through hands-on engagement infused with the principle concepts of mathematics. During her spare time, Elizabeth enjoys crocheting, watching movies, hiking, and spending time with family. She plans to earn a Master's degree in either middle school mathematics or education administration.

Cora Weeks***WHEE Teach Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award***

Cora is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She aspires to be an inspirational and positive role model for her future students. During her spare time, Cora enjoys hiking, traveling, and participating in intramural sports and WHEE Teach events. She hopes to travel the world and teach students who have a thirst for knowledge but have no one to teach them.

Charles R. Williams Jr.***Don Chalker Award for Excellence in Educational Leadership***

Charles is currently pursuing a Master's of School Administration degree and is serving as an assistant principal. Charles aspires to become a lead school administrator serving a school in his community. During his spare time, Charles enjoys spending time with family, attending ball games, painting, and serving as the VBS Director at his church. In the future, he would like to obtain an Ed.S. and eventually an Ed.D. in School Leadership.

Sheryl Williams-Patterson***Mary and Charles Wayte Graduate Scholarship***

Sheryl is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Special Education. She aspires to help create policies in the education system that will benefit children with disabilities. During her spare time, Sheryl enjoys reading, writing, graphic designing, and experimenting with new technologies. In the future, she hopes to become an education officer which will allow her to effect changes in the schools.

Jessy Wilkins***Otto Spilker Scholarship***

Jessy is currently working towards a Bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education. He aspires to educate his students about the benefits and joys of living a healthy life. During his spare time, Jessy enjoys reading, watching TV, playing basketball, and hanging out with friends. He hopes to make a difference and be a positive role model for his students and players.

College of Education and Allied Professions Scholarship and Award Descriptions

Alice Benton Award Outstanding Physical Education Major

The Alice Benton Award for Outstanding Physical Education Major is awarded annually to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and involvement in activities related to the major both on and off campus.

Barbara H. Capps Outstanding Junior in Middle Grades Education Award

The Barbara H. Capps Outstanding Junior in Middle Grades Education Award is presented annually to the student recognized by the faculty in the Department of Elementary and Middle Grades Education as the most outstanding junior in middle grades education. The faculty in the Department of Elementary and Middle Grades Education selects one recipient for the Outstanding Junior Award each year. The award is based on the teacher candidate's potential to have an influence in middle grades education and is selected based on academic performance, collegiality, and commitment to the profession.

Beta Lambda Sorority Teaching Scholarship

In 2014 members of the Beta Lambda Sorority established this scholarship to provide support for education majors at Western Carolina University. Preference is given to undergraduate students from Jackson County and to the student of a parent who is/was a teacher.

Beth Tyson Lofquist Scholarship

Dr. Elizabeth "Beth" Tyson Lofquist created this fund to reflect gratitude for scholarship support she received as a student and to support her passion for middle grades education. Dr. Lofquist graduated with her undergraduate (1978), Masters (1979), and Education Specialist (1988) degrees in education from WCU, and served as a tenured faculty member, Department Chair, Associate Provost, and Interim Provost before retiring from WCU in 2012.

Betty Jo and Mark A. Knott Scholarship

In 2013 Betty Jo and Mark A. Knott established this scholarship for students obtaining a degree in inclusive education. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to read *Wake Up Rhonda*, written by Betty Jo Knott, which can be accessed through the Hunter Library and provides a perspective of the Knott family and importance of special needs children.

Capps Family Memorial Scholarship

Capps Family Memorial Scholarship is presented annually to the student recognized by the faculty in the Department of Elementary and Middle Grades Education as the most outstanding junior in middle grades education. The award is named for Professor Emeritus, Barbara H. Capps. Dr. Capps' influence in middle grades education is felt across Western North Carolina and beyond.

Carole Hearn Curtis Scholarship

The Carole Hearn Curtis Scholarship was established in memory of the late Ms. Carole Hearn Curtis. Ms. Curtis's son, Dr. Russ Curtis, is an associate professor in the clinical counseling program at WCU where he has served since 2000. The Carole Hearn Curtis Scholarship provides financial support to graduate students enrolled in the WCU counseling program.

Carolyn West Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in honor of Carolyn West's retirement as a public school teacher by her husband Norman West. Her dedication as a teacher has touched the lives of so many and with this scholarship her legacy will continue. Recipients of this scholarship must be a full-time junior or senior majoring in Middle Grades Education.

Cecil W. Mann Award

This award is presented annually to the outstanding senior psychology major. Recipients of this award have demonstrated: (a) excellence in classroom scholarship, (b) scholarly activities: outside the classroom such as involvement in research, conference participation, or other creative endeavors, (c) other psychology-related activities such as internship or volunteer work, participation in the Psychology Club and/or Psi Chi, committee service, or other contributions to the department and university.

Collier Family Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bowers and Ms. Barbara Manke have donated funds to support two students enrolled in a teacher licensure program for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Daniel L. Saddler Scholarship

The family of Daniel L. Saddler offers this scholarship in honor of his life and the extraordinary contributions he made to students enrolled in Western Carolina University's Counseling Program from 1972 until his untimely death in 1989. Dan taught his students to trust themselves, accept others, listen, and keep an open mind. Candidates for this scholarship must have completed a minimum of 18 hours of graduate work in the Counseling Program and have demonstrated an interest in program activities outside the course curriculum, a commitment to professional development,

and an involvement in community and civic activities. Preference is given to students enrolled part-time.

District 1 North Carolina Retired School Personnel Senior Scholarship

This scholarship is designed for outstanding seniors in any field of education and is awarded annually to a rising senior in the College of Education and Allied Professions who is a resident of one of the thirteen Western North Carolina counties. The scholarship amount varies (up to \$500) per year.

Dixie L. and Miles S. McGinty Scholarship

Dixie L. McGinty, Ph.D., was an Associate Professor of Research in Educational Leadership and Foundations. She was involved in the doctorate program in Educational Leadership from its inception and provided strong leadership and support for the research required in doctoral level work. Dixie was also an accomplished pianist and artist who shared her many talents in a quiet, unassuming way. She was fluent in German, having studied abroad in her early educational career. She shared this passion for language with her husband, Miles S. McGinty, Ed.D., who was an instructor in German in the Modern Foreign Languages Department. He was a strong teacher and mentor to his students and was a lover of all living things. In over ten years at WCU, they had a positive and lasting influence on students, colleagues, and the community. This scholarship was established in 2009 by Dixie's parents in memory of both Dixie and Miles. It is awarded, in alternating years, to a doctoral student to support research, then to a student proficient in a foreign language for study abroad.

Don Chalker Award for Excellence in Educational Leadership

The Don Chalker Award for Excellence in Educational Leadership is given to an outstanding student in the Master's of School Administration Program who excels in scholarship and demonstrates promise in the field of school administration. The recipient's name will be placed on a plaque, which is on permanent display.

Dr. Janice H. Holt Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2012 by Janice's family. Janice H. Holt ('76, '77, '87, 2012) was a National Board Certified teacher who taught in Jackson County for more than 20 years, and was a WCU faculty member since 2000. She was instrumental in developing the university's program to support pre-service, beginning, and career teachers throughout their journey; she established the Teacher Recruitment Advising and Career Support (TRACS) office and led the development of the WHEE Teach Living Learning Community. This scholarship continues Dr. Janice H. Holt's legacy as a "champion for all teachers" and is awarded to a rising senior in the WHEE Teach Program.

Dr. Janice Holt Freshman WHEE Teach Leader of the Year Award

This award recognizes the freshman WHEE Teach Living and Learning Community student who exemplifies the qualities that Dr. Janice Holt embodied as a consummate leader and champion for pre-service and professional educators across the western region of North Carolina. These qualities include dedication to the field of education, being a creative visionary, demonstrating positive leadership and team building skills, a tireless work ethic, and the desire to make a significant difference in the lives of others.

Duane and Wanda Reid Scholarship

The Duane and Wanda Reid Scholarship is presented annually to a junior or senior majoring in education. Preference is given to students who are the first in their family to go to college and who are involved in community activities.

Dwight E. and Jessie D. Ryland Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dwight E. and Jessie D. Ryland to support scholarship for deserving students pursuing degrees in either math or science education. Mrs. Jessie Duncan Ryland is a WCU alumna. She graduated in 1959 with a B.S. in Education. In 1961 she received a Master's degree in Education from WCU and spent most of her working career as a high school counselor. Her husband, Mr. Dwight E. Ryland, is an alumnus of the University of Colorado, where he received his B.S. in Secondary Education in 1964. He taught social studies for several years and later worked in several businesses. Mr. and Mrs. Ryland are now retired and live in Colorado.

Ed and Bertha Henson Reed Scholarship

This fund was established in memory of Ed and Bertha Henson Reed, who were lifelong residents of Jackson County, North Carolina. The purpose of the fund is to provide support for WCU students from Jackson County who are majoring in education or business and who have proven themselves to be financially and academically deserving.

F. T. Siewert Award Outstanding Physical Education Graduate Student

The F. T. Siewert Award is given annually to the outstanding graduate student based on academic performance and involvement in activities related to graduate studies in the major both on and off campus.

Genevieve and E. J. Whitmire Scholarship

The children and grandchildren of Genevieve and E.J. Whitmire established an annual scholarship to carry forward the philosophy and contributions of Genevieve and E. J. Whitmire, to foster and advance other lifelong learners who plan to touch the lives of young people through teaching.

The scholarship supports deserving students attending Western Carolina University who are either math education or science education majors.

Gurney and Ann Chambers Scholarship

In 2012 Gurney, '61 and Ann Chambers established this scholarship to support student athletes who are enrolled in a teacher licensing program. This scholarship is in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Chambers' dedication to public education and service to the Western Carolina University. Dr. Gurney Chambers served as Dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions from 1981-1998.

Guy and Jo Edith Burchfiel Scholarship

In 2013 this scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Guy Burchfiel, '49 & '53, a life-long educator and supporter of Western Carolina University, by his wife Mrs. Jo Edith Burchfiel, '51 & '53. Scholarship recipients should have a declared major in the Educational Leadership Ed.D. program with a concentration in P-12 and demonstrate commitment to the field of teaching, professional education and leadership.

Hedy and Vanessa White Scholarship

The Hedy and Vanessa White Scholarship Fund has been established by Ms. Carol Taylor in honor and in memory of Dr. Hedy White, and her daughter Vanessa. Dr. White was an outstanding professor in the Department of Psychology at Western Carolina University for more than two decades. This scholarship provides support for undergraduate or graduate students studying psychology.

Hoyt and Lora Ponder Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1999 upon Hoyt and Lora Ponder's retirement and was created to encourage competent, well-qualified individuals to enter the field of early childhood special education. Each year, this scholarship is given to a full-time undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree and/or licensure in the Birth-Kindergarten program.

Jane B. Schulz Scholarship

This scholarship program was established by Jane B. Schulz, Professor Emeritus of Special Education, who served as a faculty member in the Special Education program on both a full and part-time basis for over 25 years. Dr. Schulz was a pioneer in the inclusion of children with disabilities in schools. Her scholarship supports non-traditional, full-time students who have elected special education as their major course of study at Western Carolina University and have demonstrated academic excellence in their program.

Jessie Lindsay and John Donovan Hales Scholarship

This fund was established by Jessie Lindsay Hales in memory of her husband, John Donovan Hales. Awards are made to students who have a declared major in education. Preference is given to residents of Swain County.

John and Anna McFadden Scholarship

Drs. John McFadden, WCU professor Emeritus of Education, and Anna McFadden, WCU director of academic engagement and IT governance, established this scholarship to provide support for a rising junior or senior who is pursuing a major in secondary education with the intention to teach science at the high-school level. The McFaddens worked in prekindergarten through 12th grade education and higher education. Their strong dedication and commitment in preparing quality educators is evident throughout their service and establishment of this scholarship.

John H. Wakeley Scholarship

In honor of her husband John "Jack" Wakeley, Mrs. Sue Wakeley established this scholarship to support students majoring in psychology. Wakeley served as WCU's vice chancellor for academic affairs from 1987 to 1996; he then returned to teaching as a full professor of psychology until he retired in 1999. He shall be remembered as a gentleman, a brilliant scholar, and a significant part of WCU's history.

Katharine R. Reich and Emma H. Russ Scholarship

Established in 2007, the Katharine R. Reich and Emma H. Russ Scholarship provides support for students majoring in education and is open to both in-state and out-of-state students.

Kevin J. Bradshaw Scholarship

In 2015, Brad, '76, and Eileen Bradshaw established the Kevin J. Bradshaw Scholarship to support students pursuing a teaching degree in the field of Inclusive Education. Two scholarships will be awarded annually, one to a rising junior and one to a rising senior. A 3.0 GPA or better must be maintained.

Linda Elaine Glenn Scholarship

This award has been established to honor the memory of Ms. Glenn, who had been a student at Western at the time of her death. The award is to provide recognition to female undergraduate or graduate students in psychology or education at Western. Recipients are selected on the basis of overall ability, past achievement, potential for development in the field of psychology, and other criteria that ensure selection of recipients who possess traits of character like those of Ms. Glenn.

Linda Reep Lankford Scholarship

Established in 1995 by Jesse R. Lankford in memory of his wife, Linda Reep Lankford, this scholarship is designed to reward outstanding juniors in elementary or middle grades education. The award varies (up to \$1,000) per academic year.

Little E.J. Scholarship

The Little E.J. Scholarship was created by Blanton J. and E.J. Whitmire, long time friends and benefactors of Western Carolina University, in honor of their son "Little E.J.". The scholarship supports full-time, special education majors in their last two years at Western Carolina University. Scholarship recipients are academically deserving students who have strong career potential in the field of special education.

Malvery Botner Outstanding Junior in Elementary Education Award

The Malvery Botner Outstanding Junior in Elementary Education is presented annually to the student recognized by the faculty in the Elementary and Middle Grades Education program as the most outstanding junior in elementary and reading education. One recipient for the Outstanding Junior Award is selected each year. The award is based on the teacher candidate's potential to have an influence in elementary education and is selected based on academic performance, collegiality, and commitment to the profession.

Mary Alice Gambill Shuford and Dr. David F. Shuford Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2013, the Mary Alice Gambill Shuford and Dr. David F. Shuford Endowed Scholarship is awarded to a deserving student majoring in education.

Mary and Charles Wayte Graduate Scholarship

The Mary and Charles Wayte Graduate Scholarship was created to support graduate students in business and education. Funds are available for a graduate student to cover out-of-state tuition, fees, and room and board. This scholarship is for an international student studying in a Human Services field, preferably in counseling or behavior disorders.

Mary Deck Break by the Lake Scholarship

This scholarship honors Dr. Mary Deck's instrumental role in rejuvenating a regional conference for student services personnel dedicated to providing education, renewal, and opportunities for collegiality in the western North Carolina region. This scholarship is made possible through Break by the Lake conference registration fees and private donations and is awarded annually to a graduate student in the counseling program who has demonstrated commitment to professional development, service, and an involvement in community and civic activities.

Michael Dougherty Family Scholarship

The Michael Dougherty Family Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by faculty and friends of the College of Education and Allied Professions in honor of over 30 years of service by Dean Michael Dougherty. The purpose of this scholarship shall be to provide support for a student with a declared major within the College of Education and Allied Professions. The scholarship shall be awarded on the basis of academic merit with preference given to those meritorious students who are from Western North Carolina and who are first generation college students.

Milner/Psi Chi Research Award

This award is presented in some years to a psychology major who has shown excellence in the area of research. This student also receives a monetary award and his or her name on a plaque. All faculty members are asked to submit names of eligible recipients in February using the following criteria: (a) involvement in research: active involvement in research projects with one or more faculty members over at least a year's period, and (b) recognition: recognition of the student's research activities through publication or presentation of research findings at professional meetings.

Morrill Family Fund for Research in Education Scholarship

Established in 1992 by Dr. Maurice B. and Anna C. Morrill as a memorial to honor Nell Jane Morrill and other members of the Morrill family who were associated with Western Carolina University. This scholarship is designed to provide and promote desirable research relating to the improvement of teaching at any educational level. It is also intended to enhance the abilities of graduate students in education to produce and use quality research.

Myrtle Olivia Whitmire Scholarship

Established October 2003, this scholarship is awarded to North Carolina residents majoring in early childhood/elementary education and based on academic performance.

Otto Spilker Scholarship

The Otto Spilker Scholarship is awarded to a graduate student who is in the Health and Physical Education program. Selection is based on career interest in the teaching of physical education and demonstrated academic excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

Outstanding Courageous Leadership Award

The Outstanding Courageous Leadership Award is given to candidates in the Master's in School Administration or the Post-Master's Certificate in Public School Leadership programs. Candidates are nominated and select-

ed by faculty in these two programs based on the following criteria: *leads by example, is highly reflective learner, is action oriented (applies learning), and supports learning of others.*

Outstanding Senior in Elementary Education Award

The faculty in the Department of Elementary and Middle Grades Education selects one recipient for the Outstanding Senior Award each year. The award is based on scholarship, collegiality, and commitment to the profession and quality of work in public schools at the elementary level.

Outstanding Senior in Middle Grades Education Award

The faculty in the Department of Elementary and Middle Grades Education selects one recipient for the Outstanding Senior Award each year. The award is based on scholarship, collegiality, and commitment to the profession and quality of work in public schools at the middle grades level.

Outstanding Student Teacher in English Education Award

The award for the Outstanding Student Teacher in English Education honors the person who has demonstrated exemplary teaching ability in English. This person brings creativity and innovation to the classroom as well as evidence of superior teaching, and showing excellence in the broad field of English education.

Outstanding Student Teacher in Mathematics Education Award

The Outstanding Student Teacher or Intern Award was established in 2007. The recipients receive a letter of recognition and their name placed on a plaque which is on permanent display in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. The recipients are invited to the annual awards dinner of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science where they are recognized and presented with their award.

Outstanding Scholar Award in Mathematics Education

The College of Arts and Science Dean's Outstanding Scholar award program recognizes the top student in each program represented in their College. The two criteria are advanced standing in the program and clear demonstration of scholarly achievement. The College of Education and Allied Professions recognizes this achievement.

Pamela M. Sekulow Scholarship

The Pamela M. Sekulow Scholarship is presented annually to an academically deserving junior or senior pursuing a degree in elementary education in the College of Education and Allied Professions. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide support for a student who shows potential and promise.

R. M. Ainsley Scholarship

This scholarship was established to continually recognize the contributions of Dr. R.M. Ainsley to Western Carolina University and to provide assistance to a graduate student enrolled in Educational Administration.

Rachel R. Williams Sweet Scholarship

This fund was established for the purpose of honoring Rachel R. Williams Sweet, a 1935 graduate of WCU, and to provide financial support to undergraduate students who have expressed an intention to pursue elementary education as their major course of study.

Ralph J. Andrews Award Outstanding Parks and Recreation Management Major

The Ralph J. Andrews Award is given annually to the outstanding Parks and Recreational Management major based on academic performance and involvement in activities related to the major both on and off campus.

Robert Lee and Ella Richards Madison Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Robert Lee and Ella Richards Madison, Western Carolina University's founder and his wife. The scholarship was created to provide financial support for WCU students who graduated from high schools in Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Transylvania and Swain counties in Western North Carolina. Scholarship recipients are full-time students pursuing graduate or undergraduate degrees in the field of education and who have proven themselves to be academically deserving.

Rosemary Cameron Scholarship

In 2014 John Reid '66, '68 & Joanne Reid '68, established this scholarship in memory and honor of Joanne's sister, Rosemary Cameron, '66, '69 who was a dedicated special education teacher. This scholarship provides support to an undergraduate student majoring in Inclusive Education with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Senior Mathematics Education Award

The Senior Mathematics Education Award is presented to the student who exhibits high achievement in the mathematics undergraduate courses and who also demonstrates exceptional performance in the classroom during internship/student teaching. The recipient is given a certificate and a book at the annual Awards Dinner of the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science and is recognized at the CEAP Awards Ceremony

Soaring High Scholarship

Established by Dr. Jacqueline Jacobs in recognition of the receipt of the

Christa McAuliffe Award in the College of Education and Allied Professions at Western Carolina University in 2007 and in celebration of the grandchildren of Dr. Jacobs and her late husband, Dr. John Franklyn Jacobs. It is the intent of the Soaring High Fund to provide a monetary award to recognize current students (in good standing), faculty or staff in the College of Education and Allied Professions who exemplify the personal characteristics for which Christa McAuliffe was known: proficiency, commitment, creativity, and enthusiasm.

Stephanie Stow Scholarship

Stephanie Stow graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in marketing. Later, she decided to become a classroom teacher and pursued her teaching license at WCU. During her student teaching semester at Asheville High School, she was killed in an automobile accident on April 17, 1997, her last day of student teaching. Family and friends have established this scholarship in her memory. It is awarded to WCU student teachers who have proven themselves to be deserving.

Steven C. Jones Scholarship

Established by family and friends, this scholarship reflects the memory of Steven C. Jones, a well-known Jackson County educator and associate superintendent who passed away in 2012. Steven, a two time graduate of WCU, had a lifelong interest in helping children with disabilities. The Steven C. Jones Scholarship is designated for outstanding students who demonstrate distinguished service to the inclusive education community.

Taft B. and Malvery Botner Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1979 through a generous gift from Dr. and Mrs. Botner in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Dr. Taft Botner served in the Department of Education and the College of Education and Psychology at WCU for 25 years. Mrs. Botner was an elementary school teacher for 30 years, including 12 years at Camp Laboratory School on the WCU campus. The scholarship is awarded to students majoring in elementary education and reading. Dr. Botner requested that \$5,000 be made available each year for scholarships.

Teach for Tomorrow Scholarship

In 2014 the Teach for Tomorrow Scholarship was established by David and Brenda Warlick. The Warlicks and their daughter Ryann are graduates of Western Carolina University. This scholarship is awarded to a Western Carolina University student pursuing a degree in middle grades education and celebrates the lifelong commitment of the Warlick family to the advancement of learning. David Warlick was recognized as a 2011 Peak Performer of the College of Education and Allied Professions.

Teaching Fellows Award for Excellence

The Teaching Fellows Award for Excellence recognizes a Teaching Fellow who has demonstrated through leadership activities that he/she has excelled in the Teaching Fellows Program.

University Participant Program Employer, and Supporter of the Year Awards

The WCU UP Program provides an inclusive, two-year, on-campus living and learning experience for college-aged persons with intellectual disabilities. The goal of the program is to facilitate transition of participants from secondary school to adult life with education, employment and independent living. Our students, employers, and faculty recognized this year have provided dedication, leadership, and a strong commitment to the success of our participants and the program.

WHEE Teach Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award

The WHEE Teach Mentor of the Year is presented to the student mentor who best demonstrates the distinguishing traits of a successful, loyal mentor: trustworthiness, empathy, willingness to devote time to others, a positive attitude, dependability, availability, honesty, and effective communication skills.

William A. and Patricia L. Ledford Scholarship

Endowed by William A. Ledford Jr. and Christine B. Ledford, this scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student majoring in education at Western Carolina University. This scholarship honors William A. and Patricia L. Ledford, parents of William A. Ledford Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Ledford taught school and later became school principals where they served North Carolina public schools for forty years.

Women In Physical Education Scholarship

Established in honor of the commitment and dedication of Alice Benton, Helen Hartshorn, June Benson, Sue Persons, Chris Friesner, Betty Westmoreland Suhre and Betty Peele, these women represent more than 238 years of service to Western Carolina University. Through their work on campus and throughout North Carolina, they have touched the lives of thousands of students and physical education professionals. This scholarship provides on-going support to outstanding students in the Health and Physical Education program who will follow in the footsteps of these leaders.

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