

poteat NEWS

The newsletter of the Poteat Scholarship Program at Wake Forest University

POTEAT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO THE CLASS OF 2009

Twenty-three freshmen accepted Poteat Scholarships this year (see list, page 3). In all, 121 students applied for the scholarship, and 68 were invited to interview. Seven of the freshmen awards were funded by endowed Poteat Scholarships including:

- ◆ the inaugural Roy and Doris Smith Endowed Scholarship, awarded to James Daniel Thomason ('09);
- ◆ the second H. Max Craig, Jr. Endowed Scholarship, awarded to Rachel Faith Adams ('09);
- ◆ the eighth Nathan D. Dail Endowed Scholarship, awarded to Eric Gordon Davis ('09);
- ◆ the second Evans Family Endowed Scholarship, awarded to Kara Michelle Fowler ('09);
- ◆ the ninth Benjamin S. Beach Endowed Scholarship, awarded to Mary Virginia Little ('09);
- ◆ and the eighth and ninth W.D. and Alberta Holleman Endowed Scholarships, awarded to Sayani Thomas Mukombe ('09) and Sara Elisabeth Smith ('09).

Poteat Scholarships currently provide \$11,200 per student in financial support each year. A total of \$728,000 was awarded to 65 scholars this academic year.

POTEAT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING 2004-2005

The Poteat Scholarship is funded by the University and by gifts to the Poteat Scholarship Fund. During the 2004–2005 fiscal year, which ended on June 30, \$149,372 was raised for scholarships. Of this total, \$31,877 came from 30 donors and is available for the current year; the remaining \$116,793 was given by 233 donors for specific Poteat endowments. In addition to the general Poteat Scholarship endowment, specifically named endowments include:

- ◆ the Edgar Douglas ('50, JD '53) and Jean Sholar ('51) Christman Endowment;
- ◆ the Ivey L. Cockman, Jr. and Claudia G. Cockman and Daniel L. Gore ('37) and Roberta Clyde Edwards Gore Scholarship;
- ◆ the H. Max Craig, Jr. ('52) Endowment;
- ◆ the Nathan D. Dail ('32) Endowment;
- ◆ the Davis Poteat Scholarship Endowment;
- ◆ the Evans Family Endowment;
- ◆ the E. Glen ('54) and Joyce Smith Holt Endowment;
- ◆ the Roy ('53) and Doris ('55) Smith Endowment;
- ◆ and the Fred and Minnie Stone Scholarship.

Funding is also provided through the Benjamin Beach Endowment and the W.D. and Alberta Holleman Poteat Scholarship. In addition, a major gift was received from the Hobby Family Foundation of Houston, Texas, for the Poteat Scholarship Endowment Fund.

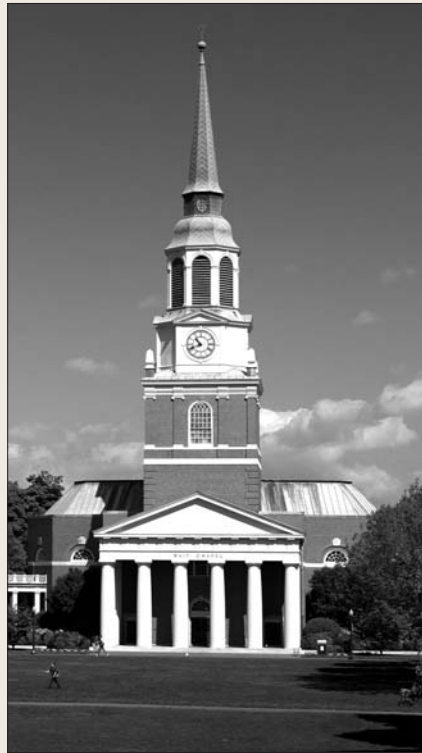


Poteat Scholars, Class of '05

2005 SENIOR DINNER

The annual Poteat Scholar Senior Dinner was held on April 15, during which the Class of 2005 was honored and the Class of 2009 was recognized. Guests included the parents of the Classes of 2005 and 2009, donors and honorees.

The program was emceed by Elizabeth Jones Edwards ('93), a longtime Poteat interviewing committee member who is associate pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church in Rocky Mount. Barbara Dail Whiteman ('58), a generous supporter of the Poteat Scholarships through the Nathan D. Dail Poteat Scholarship honoring her father, presented each of the graduates a copy of the book *Youth and Culture*, a collection of William Louis Poteat's baccalaureate addresses.



Thanks to all who support the Poteat Scholarship! If you would like to make a gift to support the Poteat Scholarship, please contact Lynn Parker, Poteat Program Officer, at 336.758.5225.

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AN ENLIGHTENING JOURNEY

This past June, I had the privilege of being part of the first annual Amani Scholars trip to Kenya, along with 15 other students and five adults from around the country. The purpose of the trip was to learn more about the terrible HIV/AIDS epidemic on a grassroots level, maintaining a special focus on AIDS orphans.

The Amani Children's Foundation is based in Winston-Salem, but its broad "family" throughout the United States and Kenya works together in many ways to promote the health and happiness of AIDS orphans at New Life Home in Kenya. There are currently two New Life Homes, and the Winston-Salem community is partnering with Kenyans Geoffrey and Elizabeth Maina to start a third home in Nakuru, Kenya.

Personally, this trip was the experience of a lifetime, so I am thankful to the biology department at Wake Forest, as well as other folks, for supporting me. Some of the highlights on this enlightening journey included establishing friendships with university students in Nairobi, discussing key political and religious issues with internationally



Bart Steen ('07) in Kenya

known Kenyans, playing with babies and doing research at New Life Home, and discovering the truth behind the African stereotypes that elementary school teaches us.

In Kenya, we met many fascinating people and heard many profound things from them. One quote that stands out in my mind is from a pastor we met in Nairobi, who said that "the world is becoming like a giant village." We certainly witnessed evidence of this globalization throughout most of the country, from the prevalent American media to the availability of e-mail that is constantly increasing everywhere. And now, in this time of African crisis, we have the opportunity to take advantage of today's technology and our abundant resources to aid a nation in need.

—Bart Steen ('07)



Poteat Scholars, Fall 2005

INVALUABLE GIFTS

When I moved to New York City in 1999, I knew that I was headed for a career in social work.

That knowledge had been solidified for me during three crucial summers in college, when I participated in the N.C. Baptist State Convention's Summer Missions program.

Through this program, I worked as an intern with a drug treatment program in Winston-Salem and at an HIV/AIDS service agency in Charlotte. These experiences led me to my first New York job, working as a case manager for men and women living with HIV who were struggling to maintain their first apartments or still cycling through the city's nightmarish shelter system. I spent most of my time in Public Assistance offices, Housing Court and doctors' offices, or visiting my clients' often substandard apartments.

One of the many invaluable gifts those experiences gave to me was a glimpse of what my clients' daily experiences were like. Rather than hearing about their lives from the air-conditioned comfort of a Midtown office building, I witnessed and experienced first hand the frustration of dealing with impermeable bureaucratic barriers and uncaring and disdainful public agency employees. I could better empathize with my clients' feelings of disempowerment when attempting to navigate the various city court systems. And I could see for myself the vast differences between the resources, security and opportunities that my clients found in their marginalized and impoverished communities, and what was available to me when I went home to my own neighborhood, just a few miles away.

Two years ago, I took a new job in a supportive Single Room Occupancy hotel that contains 416 studio apartments for people who are formerly homeless, mentally ill, HIV+, disabled and/or have a substance abuse problem. We provide supportive social services on-site, with the goal of helping our tenants stay off the streets and out of shelters and hospitals, maintain consistent medical and mental health care, build stable social and community relationships, and sometimes gain education or employment.

The most rewarding aspect of my job is building relationships with my clients. I have the unique and sometimes challenging situation of working on my clients' turf in their own home. As a result, I feel invested in their successes and disappointments, in the goals they set, and the challenges they face. Their stories of struggle are inspiring, and I am enriched by getting to know them as individuals.

While I enjoy my work in one-to-one relationships, I also have an interest in the systems and policies that impact the people with whom I work. As I continue in my career, I hope to begin moving toward the macro-level of social work, specifically the development and implementation of social policy.

—Holly Jarrell-Marcinelli ('98)



Holly Jarrell-Marcinelli ('98)



Poteat Scholars, Class of 2009

CLASS OF 2009

- Rachel Faith Adams** | Charlotte, Eastway Baptist Church
- Chrystelle Kikelola Boko** | Winston-Salem, First Baptist Church Highland Ave.
- Velvet Elizabeth Bryant** | Greensboro, First Baptist Church (Reidsville)
- Katherine Hope Corpening** | Wilmington, First Baptist Church
- Eric Gordon Davis** | Wilson, Raleigh Road Baptist Church
- Ronald Tyler Davis** | Newland, First Baptist Church (Crossnore)
- Meghan Elizabeth Dawson** | Fayetteville, Friendship Baptist Church
- Amelia Marie DelGrosso** | Raleigh, Providence Baptist Church
- Michael David Burnside Ferretti** | Fayetteville, Snyder Memorial Baptist Church
- Kara Michelle Fowler** | Greenville, Unity Freewell Baptist Church
- Austin Grayce Hester** | Cary, Hayes Barton Baptist Church
- Roman GianArthur Irvin** | Lewisville, Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Winston-Salem)
- William Terry Johnson Jr.** | N. Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro Baptist Church
- Rebecca Jill Kirkley** | Hamlet, Calvary Baptist Church
- Mary Virginia Little** | Marion, First Baptist Church
- Joshua Pruitt Martin** | Mebane, Riverside Baptist Church
- Anna Katherine McLeod** | Waxhaw, St. John's Baptist Church (Charlotte)
- Saiyani Thomas Mukombe** | Graham, Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church
- Kristin Elaine Olson** | Fayetteville, Snyder Memorial Baptist Church
- Sara Elisabeth Smith** | High Point, First Baptist Church (Jamestown)
- James Daniel Thomason** | Cary, Greenwood Forest Baptist Church
- Matthew Ryan Triplett** | Wilkesboro, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
- Megan Renee Wright** | Kings Mountain, David Baptist Church

CULTURAL IMMERSION

Being an undergraduate in the sciences can present a wealth of opportunities for travel, since various scholarship and grant foundations aim to introduce students to scientific research all over the world. One such organization is the National Science Foundation, which offers undergraduate students paid internships for the summer in many different locations inside and outside the United States through the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program. For three months last summer, I was fortunate enough to conduct physical oceanography research in Qingdao, China, under a REU grant from the NSF.

Qingdao is a medium-sized city (by Chinese standards) of about 6 million people on the central east coast. It is located on a small peninsula that juts out into the South China Sea (Qingdao means green island in Chinese), so it stays a little cooler and less humid than most of the other major cities in the country. The western part of the city features new, glassy skyscrapers and high-end shopping, while the eastern part is where most of the older buildings are—small, densely packed stucco buildings. This area is also where the Ocean University of China is located, where I lived and conducted research.

Although my research was in physical oceanography, I never went to the ocean for research. I was writing computer programs to analyze data already gathered from a specific location in the South China Sea, so I stayed in a room with about five other Chinese graduate students doing similar research—and numerous computers. The thrust of my project was to obtain results that indicate a source for internal waves in the ocean. Internal waves are like surface waves, only they're inside the ocean and much bigger, so I spent most of my time analyzing wind and water current data. My results pointed to large wind anomalies with certain frequencies as the source for internal waves.

The Chinese work day was a bit more relaxed than the American day. Although the

work ethic was very reliable, there wasn't as much stress with timetables and deadlines. If I came to the lab at nine o'clock, I was the first one there. My colleagues wandered in an hour or so later. After lunch was the mandatory one-to-two hour nap, which I usually skipped so I wouldn't feel bad about leaving the lab around four or five o'clock while the others stayed until about seven.

While in Qingdao, I spent most of my free time with the few other American students exploring the city, going to the different parks and temples, and just hanging out in the downtown square. The people in Qingdao were very friendly, helpful and always interested to see Americans. I spoke almost no Chinese when I got there, but I was able to get around pretty well because most of the students at the university and the businessmen in Qingdao could speak enough English for basic conversation, and many were fluent.

Since my only obligation to the grant was to maintain good progress toward finishing a sizeable research paper, I was able to manage my time well enough to have plenty of time to travel. I went to Beijing twice, Shanghai once, and some of the other islands close to the city. Beijing and Shanghai were much more fast-paced than Qingdao (after all, they were about three times as big), and there were always throngs of Chinese tourists in the main parts of the cities. However, I was still able to experience the individual cultures of each city.

As most Wake Forest students will attest, my experience abroad was one of the highlights of my college career. Not only was my research a success, but my immersion in a culture in a completely different part of the world left me with general insight about life and people.



Ben Martin ('05)

—Ben Martin ('05)

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Age	LIFE GIFT	
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65	6.0%	8.0%

* Effective rate assumes a cash gift and a 28 percent marginal income tax bracket. Higher brackets produce an even higher effective rate.

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Poteat Scholarship History

The William Louis Poteat Scholarship Fund was established in the early 1980s to reflect the University's Baptist heritage, particularly at a time when Wake Forest was redefining its ties with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The scholarship fund is named for Dr. Poteat, an 1877 alumnus who served as president of the College from 1905 to 1927 and as president of the Baptist State Convention in 1937. A widely respected biologist who believed in the teaching of evolution, Poteat exemplified Wake Forest's identity as a school where faith and reason could co-exist. This outlook formed the foundation for much of Wake Forest's educational heritage, and Poteat Scholars are chosen to reflect that tradition.

The University's inaugural Poteat Scholarship was awarded in 1982. Twenty-two years later, the William Louis Poteat Scholarship for North Carolina Baptist students has grown into one of the University's largest and most important scholarship programs. To date, 245 students have received scholarships valued at more than \$2 million.

Originally, the scholarship was intended for students who were members of Baptist churches affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, but that left out Baptists who belonged to churches associated with the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, as well as students of other Baptist groups. In 1992, the criterion was changed to include students from the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., and 24 Poteat Scholarships amounting to \$674,100 have been awarded since that date. The scholarship has since been opened to include students of other Baptist groups.

Poteat Scholars come to Wake Forest from across North Carolina, from different backgrounds, and with differing dreams and aspirations. But they share two characteristics: their Baptist heritage and a belief that they can realize fully their intellectual and spiritual potential at Wake Forest.

THE CERTAINTY OF UNCERTAINTY

I never imagined that I would have learned so much during a semester studying at home. In fall of last year, I came across the North Carolina Legislative Internship Program. The program consists of a six credit-hour classroom component coupled with a six credit-hour internship at the North Carolina General Assembly in Raleigh, my hometown. After successfully completing an application and interview process, I was accepted into the program, which began in early January.

Initially, I worked with Fiscal Research Staff at the General Assembly. During six weeks with Fiscal Research, I spent much of the time constructing appropriation formulas and researching public policy alternatives that have the potential to help reduce domestic violence. Following this, I was assigned to work with Representative Julia Howard, who represents Davie County and part of Iredell County. She serves as a chair of the House Finance Committee.

Working with Representative Howard, I often met with constituents and stakeholders, assisted the clerk of the Finance Committee meetings, wrote speeches, conducted research and attended meetings "behind closed doors." To survive as an intern, a person must be willing and ready for just about anything. Flexibility is a necessity at the General Assembly, and I have somehow been able to develop a knack for multi-tasking.

As an intern at the General Assembly, I have noticed that the only matter of certainty is uncertainty. Uncertainty describes the very nature of politics. Bills that do not seem to be divisive can explode over controversy in committee, while some seemingly contentious bills receive little opposition. Predicting politics is often like forecasting the weather. I have found that this ambiguity that pervades the system is what brings intrigue to the political process.

Another interesting aspect of politics in North Carolina is what defines the membership of the General Assembly. Many people would suggest that the membership is defined and divided by political party. While this notion has some truth, I would suggest that there are many other factors that divide the membership, such as the location of members' constituency, whether the member represents an urban or rural region, personality differences, race and countless other factors. The presence of these other factors is evidenced by the rarity of party-line votes at the General Assembly.

Overall, I am grateful to Wake Forest for allowing me to participate in the internship program. I am also appreciative of Representative Howard and her staff for giving me the opportunity to become truly involved in the political process, which has yielded to me an extraordinary learning experience.

—Jonathan Beam ('07)



Jonathan Beam ('07) with N.C. Representative Julia Howard.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2005

Elizabeth Rose Currin | Laurinburg,
First Baptist Church | *summa cum laude*

Stephanie Diane Hill | Ronda,
Mountain View Baptist Church |
magna cum laude

Sally Page Taylor | Carthage, Fresh
Start Baptist Church | *magna cum laude*

John Joseph Brewington III | Mount
Airy, First Baptist Church | *cum laude*

Natalie Nicole Freeland | Charlotte,
Providence Baptist Church | *cum laude*

Cristina Louise Kazleman |
Jacksonville, First Baptist Church |
cum laude

Julia Michelle Koch | Raleigh,
Macedonia Baptist Church | *cum laude*

Rena Catherine Keen | Four Oaks, First
Baptist Church | *cum laude*,
honors in music

George Benjamin Martin |
Lattimore, Pleasant Ridge Baptist
Church | honors in physics

Lauren Elizabeth Pressley |
Greensboro, First Baptist Church |
honors in English

Jennifer Leigh Holland | Huntersville,
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Tyler Ryan Jordan | Newton,
Trinity Baptist Church

Kyle Robert Layman | Burlington,
First Baptist Church

Tracey Marie McKinzie | Wilmington,
Whispering Pines Baptist Church

Katie Cameron Miller | Charlotte,
Providence Baptist Church

Tara Ashley Pardue | Harrisburg,
Providence Baptist Church

Edward Lindell Perry II |
Wake Forest, Macedonia Baptist Church

Philip Gregory Rogers |
Greenville, Oakmont Baptist Church

Whitney Meredith Loyd | Raleigh,
Trinity Baptist Church (in 5-year pro-
gram, Calloway School of business and
Accountancy, to graduate May 2006)

Poteat Scholar alumni receiving graduate
degrees:

Solomon Newton Cole ('04) | Graham,
First Baptist Church on Apple Street |
Bachelor of Science and Master of
Science, Accountancy, the Wayne
Calloway School of Business and
Accountancy, *cum laude*

Bradley Nichols Stephenson ('00) |
Raleigh, Temple Baptist Church |
Master of Divinity, Wake Forest University
Divinity School

Suzanne Denise Steele ('01) |
Morven, Deep Creek Baptist Church |
Doctor of Medicine with distinction,
Wake Forest University School of Medicine

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 14

Poteat Scholarship Donor Dinner and
University Alumni and Friends Dinner
Comments by President Nathan O. Hatch
Bridger Field House, Groves Stadium,
5 p.m.

February 13

Poteat Scholarship Interviews
Wake Forest University

March 31

Poteat Scholarship Senior Dinner and
Presentation of New Recipients
Benson University Center, Room 401,
6 p.m.

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