

SCHOLAR stories

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY NATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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SOGGY CELEBRATION

Intermittent showers did not dampen the spirits of the Scholars, alumni, parents and friends of the National Scholars Program



THE 2009 'NATTY GIVING CUP'

who gathered for a tailgate on September 26 to celebrate the Program's 10th anniversary. More than 200 guests attended the tailgate and a reception the night before.

Current Scholars, alumni and parents donated **\$22,313** to the Clemson University Foundation on behalf of the NSP between September 1, 2008, and August 31, 2009. At the tailgate, the first-ever "Natty Giving Cup" was presented to the alumni cohort with the highest percentage of giving (the Scholars of 2000, giving at 63%) and the current cohort (the Scholars of 2009, giving at 50%). The cup will be presented annually.

FOR DOZENS OF PHOTOS FROM THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND, join the "Clemson National Scholars Program" Facebook Fan Page.



NSP tradition honors mentors

The sixth graduating cohort of National Scholars continued the tradition of honoring professors and advisors who have had an impact on their intellectual, professional, and personal development. Those honored at an April 21 dinner event were:

Paul Anderson | History
Scott Baier | Economics
A.B. "Budd" Bodine | Animal & Veterinary Sciences
Bruce Clark | Obama for America
Caye Drapcho | Biosystems Engineering
William Dougan | Economics

Karyn Ogata Jones, Communication Studies
Martine LaBerge | Bioengineering
Melissa Smith | Electrical & Computer Engineering
Zeynep Taydas | Political Science
Charles Thomas | Economics
John Ziegert | Mechanical Engineering

In memoriam

The NSP lost two members of the family in recent months.

PROFESSOR JERRY WALDVOGEL passed away on May 30, at the age of 55. Jerry served at every stage of NSP selection, from initial application and file review to final interviews and selection. He became synonymous with the hallmark Maymester study-travel experiences, teaching more than 60 Scholars in six courses.



SENIOR NATIONAL SCHOLAR DONOVAN JONES passed away on August 23, at the age of 21. A financial management major from Sumter, SC, Donovan was a leader across Clemson, in student government, in student media, and in Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity. His passion for languages led him to a study abroad in Spain in spring 2009, and he had returned to his senior year at Clemson with his eye on law school. Donovan was made an honorary member of Blue Key, and will receive a posthumous bachelor's degree from Clemson.



Welcome the
new Scholars

Meet the
2009 cohort

The 10th cohort of National Scholars entered the Program with the highest average SAT score since 2002 (1513), the highest percentage ranked number one in their high school classes since 2005, and the first-ever Scholars from Connecticut and Maryland.

CHRIS COVEY | Old Saybrook, CT
BROWN FARINHOLT | Richmond, VA
LIZ JOHNSON | Galena, OH
MATT KOFOED | Simpsonville, SC
NADINE LUEDICKE | Columbia, SC
ANNA MERRYMAN | Myrtle Beach, SC
EDWARD SULLIVAN | North Potomac, MD
TAYLOR WELLS | Columbia, SC

A very "marry" summer for alumni

Several NSP alumni married in the summer of 2009, including **Clarice Seifert** (NSP of '05) and **Matt Clemmens** ('07) on May 2, with several fellow alumni at the wedding (right). Other alumni weddings in the summer of 2009 were:

- Laura Kulikowski** ('09) to Chris Pollock, July 11
- Colby Mistovich** ('08) to Drew Brooks, July 11
- Suzanne Sawicki** ('09) to Matthew Parks, May 30
- Chris Welch** ('04) to Erin Ferguson, July 11



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New Scholars Retreat | August 12-14

A team of older Scholars planned and led a three-day retreat welcoming the new Scholars into the NSP family. The retreat included high ropes, a climbing tower, book and news discussions, and several NSP traditions.



BELIZE & GERMANY | 2009 Maymester Educational Enrichment Expeditions

Two groups of Scholars travelled across the globe in May. One visited Belize to explore the rainforests and islands, ideal locations to study biodiversity and species preservation. The other visited Berlin (with a brief stop in Brussels) to learn about the role of modern Germany in European and world affairs.



STUDY ABROAD IN THE UK & IRELAND The 11 rising second-year Scholars studied abroad at the University of Sussex in Brighton, England, followed by a week of study-travel in Ireland. In 2010, the next group of Scholars will study at Cambridge.

