



SCHOLAR STORIES

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Scholar SUMMER PLANS

The first-year Scholars will spend several weeks in England, and 13 second- and third-years will travel to Yellowstone National Park in May. The rest of the summer, the National Scholars will be travelling and working around the globe. Below is a partial list of what the Scholars will be up to.

Clarice Seifert will volunteer at Let the Little Children Come, a home for abused and abandoned children in Mexico.

One step closer to medical school, **Ashley Neal** and **Chris Welch** will complete internships at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Mike Stadnisky will study ethnobotany and biomedicine in Belize and tropical dendrology in Costa Rica before interning with the Amazon Conservation Team in Washington, D.C.

Matthew Kerr will spend two months in Geneva, Switzerland, working with the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), the world's largest particle physics center.

After **Joe Ziska** completes a short internship with the Department of Transportation, he and **Jacob Hicks** will spend nine weeks in Slovakia teaching English.

Jenny Alley will spend five weeks in Oaxaca, Mexico, studying Spanish and living with a Mexican family. When she returns, she will translate for a migrant health program that provides free health care for migrant workers in Walhalla, S.C.

Katherine Chisholm and **Elizabeth Ward** will attend the LeaderShape Institute at the University of Indiana. LeaderShape is the most prestigious leadership development program for college students.

2 Scholars win Goldwater

Kerr, Ziska tapped for prestigious math, science and engineering award

The Monday after spring break is typically a tough day to get back in the swing of things, but for two National Scholars, the day brought good news.

Third-year Scholar Matt Kerr and second-year Scholar Joseph Ziska learned they won Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships.

A third Clemson student, Meredith Russell, also received a 2003 Goldwater. Clemson received as many 2003 Goldwaters as Yale and the U. of Virginia, and exceeded the number awarded to Georgia Tech

and Stanford.

Kerr, a native of Orangeburg, S.C., was recognized for his work in using certain alloys as thermoelectric materials that can be used as alternative energy sources.

Ziska, a native of Dover, Del., won for a collaborative effort to design and build experiments for a NASA-provided rocket.

More than 1,000 U.S. college students applied for the 2003 Goldwater, a scholarship awarded to students in science, math and engineering.

Kerr and Ziska join third-year Scholar Chris Welch as Goldwater recipients. Welch won the award in 2002.

"The fact that three of the five Clemson students who have won the Goldwater in the last two years have been National Scholars shows that our investment in recruiting top students from around the country is paying off even before they graduate," said Dr. William Lasser, director of the National Scholars Program.

9 students, 7 days, 2 houses built in Guatemala

While many Clemson students spent Spring Break on a beach, Scholars **Katherine Chisholm** and **Mike Stadnisky**, along with 7 other Clemson students, travelled to Guatemala to build two houses with Habitat for Humanity. Chisholm coordinated the alternative break trip after spending two weeks in Guatemala during the summer of 2002 with another Habitat build. Below are some photos of the students at work -- and play -- with the children who will move into the new homes.



NS events in purple

APRIL

22 High Tea for 2002 Scholars with Pres. and Mrs. Barker
President's House
5 - 6:30 pm

25 Year-End Cook-Out
Harris Terrace
Madren Center
5 - 7 pm

MAY

13 Yellowstone Trip
to Yellowstone National Park
19

JUNE

28 2002 Scholars depart for study at University of Sussex at Brighton

AUGUST

15 Early move-in for returning National Scholars

16 Residence Halls open for new students

17 National Scholars Retreat
CU Outdoors Lab

18 Calhoun Honors College Meeting for Freshmen
Brackett Hall Auditorium
9 - 10 am

NS Schedule Swap
12 - 1 pm



SPRING DINNER/DISCUSSION: Exploring the Final Frontier

The future of NASA, the history of space exploration and the policy of government-sponsored research were the topics at the Spring 2003 Dinner/Discussion on April 10. Bioengineering professor Ted Bateman, History professor Pamela Mack (below with Scholars **Casey Hancock** and **Joseph Godsey**) and Dr. Tom Potts (left), a director at the Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs, shared their experience and expertise on all things aeronautical. The National Scholars Program coordinates a Dinner/Discussion each Fall and



Spring, and the topics that are examined by campus and community experts come from the suggestions of the National Scholars themselves. Past topics have included civil liberties in a post-9/11 America and the Enron collapse.

Planning for 2004 study abroad already underway

Before the 2002 Scholars depart for their study and travel in the United Kingdom, plans are already underway to take the 2003 Scholars to one of the pivotal sites of World War II: Normandy.

After the students complete four weeks of study at the University of Sussex in Brighton, they will then spend a week exploring Normandy and Brittany. In addition to visiting the site of the 1944 D-Day invasion, the students will explore the roos of English history in such historic cities as Caen and Bayeux.

This visit to Normandy continues the NS tradition of exploring Europe after the Sussex study. The 2002 study abroad experience included a tour of Scotland, and the 2003 experi-

ence will provide an opportunity to explore Ireland.



National Scholars Program settles into new office

By the end of the Spring 2003 semester, the National Scholars Program will have new office space to call home in 320 Brackett Hall. The office currently features a conference room that includes a sitting area and meeting space for up to 10 people and offices for the Director and Assistant Director.

The current Scholars met to design the open space in the main office, with an eye toward making it a space where they feel comfortable studying, working, meeting or just hanging out.



Scholars spend 'Day at the Diamond'

By the time you read this, sec-

ond-year Scholar Will Spink will have thrown the first pitch at the April 16 Clemson baseball game versus Coastal Carolina. Check the web site for photos and to find out how Spink did.

This "Day at the Diamond" is the second time the National Scholars have been hosted at a Clemson baseball game. Special thanks to Caryne Mesquita in the Office of Financial Aid for working with the Athletics Department to make it happen.



Learning to Lead

Two of Clemson's top professors are collaborating on a course for National Scholars that will focus on developing and using the leadership skills needed to be successful during and after Clemson.

Economics professors Dan Benjamin and Bobby McCormick have taken the lead on a National Scholar-specific section of ELE 301, Executive Leadership and Entrepreneurship, a course that explores the theory and practice of leadership in business, social, political and other settings.

During the three-credit course, the students will work on a semester-long group project, meet Clemson alumni and community leaders who have been successful in their fields, and read several books from a "Great Books" list.

DONOR PROFILE: Richard and Mary McMahan

Without the generosity of Richard "Dick" and Mary "Dinky" McMahan, the National Scholars Program might never have existed. In 1998, the McMahans made a \$1 million endowment gift to launch the new program.

Mr. McMahan, a 1954 Clemson architecture graduate, is the retired president and CEO of RAM Group Inc., a land development and investment company based in Florida. He also served in the Florida House of Representatives and was named a State Legislator of the Year.



"There's no better use of money than to help provide an education for young people," Mr. McMahan said at the time of their 1998 gift. "I hope that our commitment to education will encourage others to do the same."

The McMahans' son Michael is a 1977 alumnus in civil engineering, and Mr. McMahan's father and brother both graduated from Clemson.

For information on how you can support the Clemson National Scholars Program, contact Betty McClellan in the Clemson Department of Development at 864 656-5892 or betty@m@clermson.edu.