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## The Foundation's 4th Annual Scholarship Reception



On Sunday, May 22nd, the chapel of the Virginia Baptist Resource Center in Richmond was filled to overflowing by the Virginia Baptist Foundation's trustees, donors, and friends. They gathered to celebrate the academic achievement and service orientation of our scholarship recipients. A total of \$93,000 was awarded to 43 of our 47 scholarship recipients and their families. The culmination of the afternoon was the naming of 15 recipients as Legacy Scholars, so-named by the honorees family members or the Foundation's Board of Trustees. It was indeed a great day for our Virginia Baptist family.

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The seeds of this annual celebration were sewn during the first 3 months of 2011 when the Foundation's scholarship application was downloaded nearly 700 times from our website. Of these 132 individuals from 76 Baptist General Association of Virginia churches representing 35 BGAV associations, 38 educational institutions, and 45 academic majors submitted applications for review by the Foundation's Scholarship Committee. The 2011 – 2012 recipients maintained an average grade point average of 3.8 (in fact 15 or 32% of the recipients have a 4.0 GPA or better!), included 5 sets of siblings, a parent and their child, and 15 recipients from the previous year.



Ashley McHaney (3rd from left), recipient of the Perry Edward Gallaher Legacy Scholarship, is congratulated by members of the Gallaher and Andrews family



Rev. Rob Brown, Pastor of Blackstone Baptist Church, and his wife Karen with Victoria Cox, recipient of the H. H. Seay Legacy Scholarship

In addition to their stellar academic records, Stuart Crow, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, stated that "The recipients have sound academic records but more importantly have expressed their passion to prepare themselves for the future."



Mary Beth Foust, one of the six Jesse & Irma Owen Legacy Scholars, expresses her thanks

## The Foundation's 4th Annual Scholarship Reception

Ron Hall, President, CEO of the Foundation, said, "These recipients are tireless and inspirational in their efforts. They are involved in a myriad of church and school activities including vacation bible school, mission groups, choirs, mission trips, Impact VA, national honor society, student government, athletic teams, cheer leading, and the marching band. They have fed the homeless in our communities, worked with Habitat for Humanity to provide adequate housing, participated in Relay for Life and Stop Hunger Now efforts, cared for sheltered animals, and volunteered in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. Some faithfully serve or have served as campus ministers, hospital chaplains, ministers to students & youth, interim pastors, church planters, and pastors. We are humbled by what God is doing through yet another generation of Virginia Baptists!



Helen Wood congratulates Warren Eldridge, recipient of the Rudolph M. Wood Legacy Scholarship



Scholarship recipient Brennan Scott is congratulated by Bob Smythers as VBF Board members Stu Crow, Janet Garrett, and Ron Rash look on



Amy Scott, recipient of the Floyd Talmage Joyner, Jr. Legacy Scholarship, addresses the crowd



John Rayhill and Sarah Maxey, recipient of the Doris H. Rayhill Legacy Scholarship

David Olive, President of Bluefield College, delivered a charge to the recipients during the recognition service. A reception to honor the recipients and their families was held in the foyer of the VBRC. Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for scholarships for the 2012 – 2013 academic year. Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply for scholarships beginning January 1, 2012.



David Olive, President of Bluefield College, was the keynote speaker for the annual reception

# Congratulations to Our 2011-2012 Scholarship Recipients



**Marlee K. Baucom**  
McLean  
Columbia Baptist Church  
University of Richmond



**Anne P. Cox**  
Danville  
First Baptist Church  
University of Virginia



**Victoria M. Cox**  
Chatham  
Hollywood Baptist Church  
Virginia Tech



**Tyler R. Daniels**  
Chesapeake  
Indian River Baptist Church  
Baptist Theological Seminary  
at Richmond



**Sarah N. Maxey**  
Brookneal  
Childrey Baptist Church  
Liberty University



**Benjamin G. McAnelly**  
Petersburg  
Ironbridge Baptist Church  
Belmont University



**Ashley S. McHaney**  
Gladys  
Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Lynchburg College



**Samantha G. Moran**  
Henrico  
Poplar Springs Baptist Church  
Liberty University



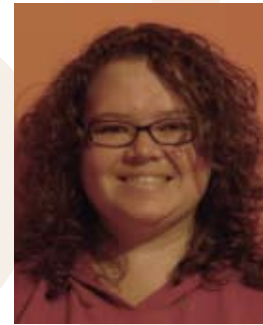
**Amy B. Scott**  
Mechanicsville  
Northside Baptist Church  
Lynchburg College



**Brennan M. Scott**  
Mechanicsville  
Northside Baptist Church  
Drury University



**Lauren A. Simpkins**  
St. Stephens Church  
St. Stephens Baptist Church  
Virginia Commonwealth  
University



**Tiffany D. Slaughter**  
Sandston  
Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Baptist Theological Seminary  
at Richmond



**Warren C. Eldridge**  
Glen Allen  
Staples Mill Road Baptist  
Christopher Newport University



**Mary E. Foust**  
Richmond  
Biltmore Baptist Church  
Baptist Theological Seminary  
at Richmond



**Eric B. Fulcher**  
Richmond  
Imago Dei Community Church  
Baptist Theological Seminary  
at Richmond



**Julie E. Gaines**  
Farmville  
Farmville Baptist Church  
Baptist Theological Seminary  
at Richmond



**Anna M. Moxley**  
Bluefield  
First Baptist Church  
Ouachita Baptist University



**Minh H. Nguyen**  
Richmond  
Bon Air Baptist Church  
John Leland Center for  
Theological Studies



**Amelia B. Pagans**  
Rocky Mount  
Glade Hill Baptist Church  
Ferrum College



**Ian J. Pegram**  
Glen Allen  
First Baptist Church Ashland  
Randolph-Macon College



**Laura E. Stanley**  
Berryville  
Berryville Baptist Church  
James Madison University



**Jonathan D. Taylor**  
Bluefield  
Bundy's Chapel Baptist Church  
Bluefield College



**Chasity N. Toms**  
Brookneal  
Falling River Baptist Church  
Shenandoah University



**Caleb A. Vass**  
Floyd  
Little River Baptist Church  
University of Virginia at Wise



**Sara K. Garber**  
Waynesboro  
First Baptist Church  
University of Virginia



**Amber N. Hare**  
Victoria  
Victoria Baptist Church  
Longwood University



**Ryan S. Hare**  
Victoria  
Victoria Baptist Church  
Danville Community College



**Kristofer F. Hutchinson**  
Richmond  
Mount Gilead Baptist Church  
Wake Forest School of Divinity



**Kevin T. Phelps**  
Virginia Beach  
Thalia Lynn Baptist Church  
University of Virginia



**Diana C. Pierce**  
Chase City  
First Baptist Church  
Old Dominion University



**Kathryn E. Pierce**  
Chase City  
First Baptist Church  
University of Mary Washington



**Matthew R. Robinson**  
Yorktown  
Immanuel Baptist Church  
Virginia Tech



**Hannah M. Vass**  
Floyd  
Little River Baptist Church  
University of Virginia at Wise



**Jeffery M. Walton**  
Richmond  
Imago Dei Community Church  
Baptist Theological Seminary  
at Richmond



**Rebecca J. Warren**  
Suffolk  
Holland Baptist Church  
Virginia Tech



**Dennis E. Wingate**  
Ridgeway  
Grace Baptist Church  
Southern Baptist Theological  
Seminary



**Linsey E. Jenkins**  
Kenbridge  
Dundas Baptist Church  
Virginia Tech



**Baillie N. Jones**  
Chesterfield  
Second Branch Baptist Church  
Virginia Commonwealth University



**Ian G. Laing**  
Chesapeake  
Churchland Baptist Church  
George Mason University



**Veronica E. Manuel**  
Hurt  
New Prospect Baptist Church  
Liberty University



**Dianna L. Robison**  
Richmond  
Central Baptist Church  
James Madison University



**Olivia R. Robison**  
Richmond  
Central Baptist Church  
University of Virginia



**John P. Schubel**  
Fredericksburg  
Chancellor Baptist Church  
George Mason University



**Leah C. Schubel**  
Fredericksburg  
Chancellor Baptist Church  
Virginia Military Institute



**Jennifer L. Woodruff**  
Glen Allen  
Biltmore Baptist Church  
Shenandoah University



**Ashley N. Wroton**  
Norfolk  
First Baptist Church  
Old Dominion University



**Hanna J. Zhu**  
Richmond  
First Baptist Church  
Baptist Theological Seminary

*We Thank God  
In All Our  
Remembrances  
Of You!*

# Congratulations to the 2011-2012 Legacy Scholars



## The Starkey A. & Edna C. Evans Legacy Scholarship Award

Alex and Edna were faithful members of the Skipwith Baptist Church in Richmond. Because of their great passion for theological education, the Evans gave a significant portion of their estate for the purpose of a perpetual scholarship fund at the Foundation.

**Recipients: Kristofer F. Hutchinson, Minh H. Nguyen and Dennis E. Wingate**



## The Perronneau Edward Gallaher Legacy Scholarship Award

Perry served as Trustee and Chairman of the Foundation's Board (1971-1991). He retired from Bank of America as a Vice President. Perry was a faithful member of Walnut Hills Baptist Church and served as Treasurer for the Petersburg Baptist Association. His widow Ethel, children, and grandchildren are proud of his legacy, and so are we.

**Recipient: Ashley S. McHaney**



## The Floyd Talmage Joyner, Jr. Legacy Scholarship Award

Floyd was the Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of the Fidelity Bankers Life Insurance Company, and a charter member of Derbyshire Baptist Church in Richmond. The Foundation is especially thankful for his legacy, which will always live in and through the dedication of his family.

**Recipient: Amy B. Scott**



## The Jesse G. & Irma T. Owen Legacy Scholarship Award

Jesse Owen served 13 years on the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Jesse and Irma gave their cumulative estate through their Last Will and Testament to loved ones and to several cherished Baptist causes. Their legacy will bring many blessings to others through the ministry of the Foundation.

**Recipients: Tyler G. Daniels, Mary E. Foust, Eric B. Fulcher, Tiffany D. Slaughter, Jeffery M. Walton and Hanna J. Zhu**



## The Aubrey Ray Pentecost, Jr. Legacy Scholarship Award

Ray was a member of Talbot Park Baptist Church in Norfolk, where he retired as President of Pentecost, Deal, & Associates. He served 41 years as a Board member of the Foundation, two terms as Chairman, and many years as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. The Foundation is indebted to Ray's passion for our Scholarship Ministry.

**Recipient: Dianna L. Robison**



## The Doris H. Rayhill Legacy Scholarship Award

Doris was employed by the "ChapStick Company" and part time at H & R Block. She was a member of several charitable-fraternal organizations, and an active member of the Beulah Baptist Church near Lynchburg. Her legacy is honored through the support of those preparing for vocations in children's education.

**Recipient: Sarah N. Maxey**



## The Haynie Hatchet Seay Legacy Scholarship Award

H. H. Seay served the Foundation's Board (1923-1936) as Trustee, Vice President, and President. He was also Chairman of the Board of the Citizens Bank & Trust in Blackstone. H. H. was a faithful member of Blackstone Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon, Clerk, Sunday School Teacher, and Choir Leader. We are thankful for his leadership in our founding years.

**Recipient: Victoria M. Cox**



## The Rudolph M. Wood Legacy Scholarship Award

Rudy was a faithful Pastor and Missionary for fifty years. He served over a dozen pastorates, and was a missionary to Jamaica and Western Europe. His family, along with Berea Baptist Church in Rockville, honors his legacy through a special scholarship gift for a Virginia Baptist student.

**Recipient: Warren C. Eldridge**

# An Investment Virginia Baptist FOUNDATION for the Future


**V**irginia Baptist Students are the future leaders of our churches, schools, and ministries. To look into the faces of these young men and women is to look into the future! God is doing something amazing in the lives of young people who have a sense of call and purpose.

To affirm such dedication, the Foundation offers scholarships on an annual basis to qualifying Virginia Baptist students, for both undergraduate and graduate studies. We invite students to begin the application process by visiting our website and downloading an application after January 1, 2012 ([www.vbfinc.org](http://www.vbfinc.org)).

Our hope is that every year more scholarships will be awarded, and you can make that possible! We invite you to invest in the future of Virginia Baptists by making a special gift to the Foundation's Scholarship Ministry Fund.

We will accept individual or church gifts to the Scholarship Ministry Fund and we will honor a special gift on behalf of a loved one for an Endowed Scholarship. Please contact us for more information concerning how you may participate (804.672.8862 or 800.868.2464).

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