

Trinity Fellows Class of 2015 – Our 12th Class

Marketplace Fellows



Parker Bleam, Charlottesville, VA
University of Virginia: Systems & Information Engineering
Host Family: Kathy & David Mika
Job Host: Elder Research
Mentor: Corey McLellan

Parker has worked as an engineering intern at various firms in Charlottesville such as Relay Foods and Staengl Engineering. His engineering degree has equipped him to solve broad and complex problems across a diverse set of industries. While at UVa Parker worked with high school students and their parents to hone test-taking ability and improve scores in both SAT and ACT math. Parker was also involved in the student faith-based organization Reformed University Fellowship, which gave him

opportunities to grow theologically and in leadership.



Ashley Crank, Whitehouse, TX
Baylor University: Environmental Studies
Host Family: Lisa & Craig Wood
Job Host: RKG, a Merkle company
Mentor: Katherine Edwards

Ashley has a background in project management, visual merchandising, and product placement marketing. While at Baylor, she was appointed by faculty to a leadership position within the student organization Chamber of Commerce, where she planned and executed university-wide events such as Homecoming and Family Weekend. Additionally, she traveled to Costa Rica with the GREEN Program to lead an interdisciplinary project that was focused on

renewable energy technologies, sustainable community development, and social media.



Lucy Edick, Knoxville, TN
University of Alabama: Fine Arts; Art History minor
Host Family: Sheila & Bill Porter
Job Host: ID Company
Mentor: Elisa Bricker

Lucy has a background in marketing, creative branding, design, administration, and non-profit fundraising. While at Alabama, she was involved in Kappa Delta Sorority and also worked with a student-led organization called Cru, which encourages and empowers college students to lead and live flourishing lives of faith. For three summers Lucy was a counselor at Kanakuk Kamp in Missouri, which focuses on

enriching the lives of high schoolers and developing dynamic leaders. During her senior year, she worked with a non-profit organization to orchestrate a campus-wide community-building event. She has spent time in Florence, Italy, studying and practicing Renaissance painting.



Waters Faulkner, Chattanooga, TN
University of Mississippi: English; Southern Studies minor
Host Family: Martha & Brian Cullaty
Job Host: Northwestern Mutual
Mentor: Michael Martin

Waters has a background in entrepreneurial work, urban restoration, and poverty alleviation. During college, he was committed to relational volunteer work, leading activities for the elderly and disabled at a nursing home and tutoring in an after-school program. He participated in a business school competition that ultimately became a business partnership with a local CrossFit gym. After graduation he

worked in Chattanooga overseeing projects for residential restoration in low-income urban neighborhoods. He has served communities in South America and hopes to continue in this work in the future. Waters has a passion for reading, learning, and discussing, physical wellness, and traveling.



Peter Frank, Yorktown Heights, NY
University of Maryland: Biophysics
Host Family: Carole & David Phillips
Job Host: UVa Biomedical Engineering
Mentor: Dick Pearson

As an undergraduate, Peter participated in research regarding the motility of T-cells and the voltage-dependent properties of channel proteins in mitochondria. He was involved in several student organizations including InterVarsity, Ballroom at Maryland, and Maryland Gospel Choir. Peter spent a semester studying in Cork, Ireland, and traveling in Europe. During the year following graduation,

he spent eight months studying Spanish at a language school in Oaxaca, Mexico, and volunteering at a walk-in medical clinic. From Mexico, he moved to Houston, TX, where he worked as a medical assistant in a pediatric clinic.



Tyler Hood, Cary, NC
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill: Global Studies & Spanish; Geography minor
Host Family: Rebecca & Graham Scharf
Job Host: Institute of Law, Psychiatry & Public Policy
Mentor: Laura Merricks

While studying abroad in Quito, Ecuador, Tyler worked on a proposal to alleviate food insecurity among Colombian immigrants in border towns. When she returned to Chapel Hill, she joined the staff of a nonprofit that seeks to increase access to fresh, local food in food deserts and low-income communities by developing and supporting food

and farm social enterprises. This work combined her passion for people, food, international affairs, and justice. Tyler is considering a career in law.



Lauren Hooper, Greensboro, NC
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill: Exercise and Sport Science; Psychology
Host Family: Heather & Brian Uthlaut
Job Host: Virginia Cancer Network
Mentor: Betsy Dunkerton

Lauren is passionate about eliminating health disparities among low-income, rural communities by providing them with access to high-quality healthcare. While at UNC, she volunteered at UNC Children's Hospital, worked as a nurse aide, and participated in a food-service program for underprivileged children in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. She also interned with Get REAL & HEEL, an exercise therapy program for cancer survivors. She hopes to continue working toward reducing cancer risks and

enhancing cancer survivorship by encouraging exercise and nutrition.



Rebecca Lee, Annandale, VA
James Madison University: Social Work; Family Studies minor
Host Family: Lauren & Bob Byrne
Job Host: Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries
Mentor: Jenny Oliver

Throughout her JMU experience, Rebecca invested much of her time volunteering in the community. She tutored at the Boys and Girls Club, ran activities at a nursing home, coordinated volunteer opportunities at a homeless shelter, and interned at the Department of Social Services, helping teenagers in foster care develop goals and life skills. She has also been involved with humanitarian aid work abroad,

working in orphanages and schools in Kenya, Pakistan, and the Dominican Republic. Rebecca has mentored teenage girls at SB2W, an athletic camp; helped supervise a dance camp for elementary school children; and coordinated service opportunities for an inner-city summer youth program in Savannah, GA.



Luke McCann, Memphis, TN
Mississippi State University: History
Host Family: Kristin Baltes family
Job Host: Jenkins & Jenkins, Attorneys at Law
Mentor: Jack Taggart

Luke has a background in international service, youth mentoring, and historical research. He has spent time serving and mentoring middle school students, including at-risk youth, in the city of Memphis. He has traveled extensively and has a passion for international relations: from partnering with an NGO in the Ukraine where he worked with orphanages and orphans to partnerships with governmental entities

in Belize, Luke is eager to make the world a smaller place. As a history major, Luke wrote a capstone research paper examining the occurrence of psychological patterns in soldiers and POWs in the second World War.



Conner McCarthy, Charlottesville, VA
University of Virginia: Music; East Asian Studies minor
Host Family: Michele & David Patterson
Job Host: China Institute
Mentor: Clint Cowan

Conner and his family lived in New Zealand for a time and he studied abroad there. While in New Zealand he was selected as a finalist for the Bay of Plenty Symphonia Youth Concerto Competition and received an award of highest excellence from the music department at Tauranga Boys College. At UVa, Conner performed with the Charlottesville University Symphony Orchestra and the UVa Trom-

bone Choir, composed music for chamber ensembles, and was involved with leadership at Cru. He interned at the Sound Recording Studio in Charlottesville, assisting in sound engineering. Conner is proficient in Mandarin Chinese and has an affinity for Chinese culture and a passion for pursuing friendships with ethnic Chinese.

Marketplace Fellows cont'd



Katie Randazzo, Arlington, VA
Christopher Newport University: Communications; Religious Studies minor
Host Family: Dawn & Bobby Jenkins
Job Host: Para LLC
Mentor: Jen Paterno

While in college, Katie spent summers coordinating business operations for Saranac Village, a large youth camp and conference center in upstate New York. Through her involvement with Young Life, a youth mentoring organization, Katie developed a passion for mentoring high school-aged girls and training future leaders. She is contemplating the

convergence between a career in entrepreneurship, communications, and leadership development. Katie dreams of owning and launching her own brand of coffee houses throughout the country (and maybe even around the world) that are committed to fostering a deep sense of community involvement and civic leadership.



Mary Kathryn Sawyer, Greenville, NC
University of North Carolina-Wilmington: Exercise Science; Psychology minor
Host Family: Janice & Kurt Pfund
Job Host: Love INC
Mentor: Pamela McLellan

Mary Kathryn is passionate about making an impact on the overall health and well-being of her community. During college, she worked at a corporate bank where she helped manage a wellness system for bank employees and associates. She also administered the launch of Young Life, a youth mentoring program, at a local high school in the greater Wilmington area. Mary Kathryn is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and a local

member of Alpha Epsilon Delta—the pre-health honor society. After traveling to Europe and the Dominican Republic, she has developed an eagerness to experience other cultures and see more of the world. Her ambition is to continue her education and obtain her doctorate of physical therapy degree.

Ecclesial Fellows



Kathy Giese, Bethesda, MD
Clemson University: Marketing; Social Sciences minor
Host Family: Linda & Guy Webster
Job Host: Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM) & Trinity Student Ministry
Mentor: Nancy Muir

Kathy has a background in search engine optimization, social network marketing, and non-profit fundraising and is a licensed commercial real estate agent. While at Clemson, she worked with a youth mentoring organization, specifically working with middle school students. Kathy was also heavily involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Delta Zeta Sorority Panhellenic Recruitment, and Freshman Orientation. For the past two years, Kathy has

continued to volunteer with teenagers while working full time for a commercial real estate firm in Washington DC. She has a passion for learning about new cultures and traveling the globe and in recent years has spent time in Europe and South America. Additionally, she has done community development work in low income cities of the United States. Kathy will work with Trinity's Student Ministry year round for the next two years while focusing on high school programming and development.



Mac Meador, Fort Worth, TX
College of William and Mary: Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Host Family: Carey & Rives Bailey
Job Host: Trinity Worship Ministry/Bifrost Arts
Mentor: Clark Walker

Mac has a background in youth development and music composition. While at William and Mary, he worked with high school and middle school youth helping them to flourish and mature during their adolescent years. He has also taught English and life skills to students in Eastern Europe, coached

youth basketball and baseball leagues, was a residence assistant for college freshmen, and led multiple summer camps. Mac developed a heart for the needy in Washington DC, and worked to get students connected to the lives of the homeless in an effort to bring together two seemingly disparate communities. Mac loves to travel and experience other cultures and has led and presented a study on the changing dynamic of Chinese families in urbanizing China. He has composed songs for multiple organizations and has taught youth seminars on music in the church and song writing.



Sam Speers, McLean, VA
University of Virginia: Economics, Religious Studies
Host Family: Jorie & Mark DeBoer
Job Host: In Medias Res
Mentor: Wendall Winn

While at UVa, Sam served as president of InterVarsity, one of the largest student organizations, and co-founded and managed an incorporated business specializing in swimming instruction. He is the coauthor of a book called *Kingdom Politics*, funded by research grants from UVa and scheduled for publication by Cascade Books in early 2015. During college, Sam coached and mentored youth as a swim coach and volunteered as a tutor for youth

from low-income neighborhoods in Charlottesville and spent time working at a school and feeding center in Nicaragua through ORPHANetwork. Sam has traveled widely in Europe and Central America, and is interested in pursuing higher education.

Residential Fellow



Ben Melchers, Lexington, SC
Clemson University: Biomedical Engineering; Materials Science and Engineering minor
Host Family: Brooke & Jay Reid
Job Host: Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM) & Trinity Student Ministry
Mentor: Bryan Verbrugge

Ben pursued a wide range of interests at Clemson including athletics, music, and academics, and serving with RUF. He spent several semesters researching optimal materials for human heart valve replacements, as well as working with a team of students to design, create, and market a novel ankle brace. It was during college that Ben realized the Lord was calling him not to medicine, but to speak into the lives

of middle and high school students. Ben came to Charlottesville in 2013 with a two-fold purpose: to make a difference in the lives of students through the building of intentional and lasting relationships and to pursue pastoral training and theological development. Ben is entering his second year of working with our Student Ministry and is also working on earning his Master's of Divinity through Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis where he intends to move to complete his degree after his time at Trinity.

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