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elcome back to our
returning Baumberger



Scholars and welcome aboard to our new Scholars! You are one of 261 Baumberger Scholars who received stipends aggregating \$652,500 to attend 23 institutions in Texas this fall. UT-Austin is the college of choice for 89 students, with 64 at Texas A&M, 45 at UTSA, 9 at Texas State University, 9 at Trinity, 8 at Texas Tech, and the remainder of students scattered over the state in clusters of five down to single entries. Whichever school you are at, you would make "Uncle" Baumberger proud!

In May 2017, you will receive an email requesting you to begin your renewal process and it will enable you to log in at any time to update your information.

Make sure we have your current email address and that baumendow@sbcglobal.net is in your email contact list so it doesn't get sent to your spam folder. This will allow you to complete your renewal and upload the necessary forms required by the **June 1, 2017 deadline.**

We would like to express our sympathy and support to all Scholars who have experienced loss of loved ones or faced personal hardships during the past year.

Please call or email me if you have any questions or special needs.

Sincerely,
Cynde Zietlow
Executive Director



Greetings to Our New Scholars

Sixty-three new scholars accepted the Baumberger Scholarship this fall. Of those selected, 46 are female and 17 are male, they are graduates of 34 high schools, and they have SAT scores ranging from 1000 to 1510 with a mean score of 1211. We are proud to have you as part of our Baumberger family!



Baumberger Endowment Scholarship Funds



★ Important Information

- Scholars with continuing eligibility can look forward to their spring semester 2017 stipends arriving at universities in January. **Due to the time constraints between semesters, students may need to consider taking out an emergency loan for the spring semester until Baumberger funds are deposited into your school account.**
- **IRS Reminder:** Don't forget scholarship amounts over the cost of tuition, course-related fees, books, supplies, and equipment will be considered taxable income when completing your 1040 forms for calendar year 2016. No IRS Forms W-2 or 1099 are being issued by Baumberger. Seek assistance from your financial aid office or a tax advisor, if necessary.
- Scholars planning mid-academic year transfers should advise the Baumberger staff by December 1 of acceptance by another eligible institution or face delay in spring checks.
- You will receive an email in early December requesting you to upload your fall 2016 semester grades into our online portal.
- If you will graduate or otherwise leave the Baumberger program after the fall 2016, please notify the Endowment in writing or email of your degree, career plans, etc.
- Several students have inquired about **study abroad** programs. If you are contemplating studying abroad during a traditional fall or spring semester, you **MUST** discuss this with the Executive Director before participating or risk losing your scholarship.





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How Are We Doing?

Congratulations are due the 43 Baumberger Scholars who received bachelor degrees in May/August 2016. At the September meeting Baumberger Trustees took special note that many students graduated with honors and the degree fields were broadly represented. Five other Scholars left the program after completing their eight semesters with Baumberger.

Unfortunately, six students were dismissed from the scholarship program after evaluation of scholastic records for 2015-16 in terms of Baumberger's minimum achievement standards. The fortunate news is that more scholars are striving to make good grades to keep their scholarships during these tough economic times. We are pulling for each of you to do your very best!

Keep in Touch

The Baumberger Endowment is interested in keeping in touch with previous Baumberger Scholars so as you complete your time with Baumberger please inform us of your physical address or your email address so we can communicate with you in the future. If you know any Baumberger Alumni, please ask them to send us an email at baumendow@sbcglobal.net to let us know how they are doing and to update us on their accomplishments. **We will be incorporating an alumni section into our new online portal in the near future.**

Hang in There!

If you are one of 18 students on various Baumberger probations during the fall 2016, your scholastic record will be evaluated by staff upon receipt of the upload of your grade report. Students will be notified of status. We know you can do it!

All students should strive to pass at least the minimum credit hours and meet minimum grade expectations. (Please refer to "Conditions" Item 3 in your portal account of the 2016-17 Terms and Conditions.) If you do not complete at least 12 undergraduate hours this fall, you must make up credit hours during the next spring semester. Summer school attendance (2016 or 2017) will not be considered in evaluations of progress for the 9-month academic year 2016-17. Also, the review committee does not consider your credits by advanced placement or exam in evaluating progress.

Pass It On...

A few students over the years have inquired as to the possibility of "giving something back" to the Endowment to be spread among new scholars as they embark on the trail you have blazed. After you have graduated and become established in your career, we welcome any donation, whether it be a one-time, annual, or estate gift. Please contact us if you are interested in helping to keep the funding going...



Trustees and staff wish you meaningful holidays in keeping with the seasons ahead!

The Baumberger Endowment

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