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**G**reetings! It was so nice to see all those who were able to attend the 2022 Baumberger Scholar Summer Send-off in July! It was a great opportunity to get caught up, meet each other, complete a service project for the children at Haven for Hope, win great door prizes, and end the evening with free video games!

Welcome back to our returning scholars and welcome aboard to our new scholars! We take pride in your accomplishments that you are one of 256 Baumberger Scholars who received stipends aggregating \$747,500 to attend 21 institutions in Texas this fall.

Congratulations to all the Baumberger Scholars who graduated this past year! Did you know, the national average of students graduating from college is 60%? The average for Baumberger Scholars graduating from college is 85%! This just goes to show that we have exceptional students who have worked hard and paved their way to turning their dream into a reality. We are proud of all of you!

**In May 2023, 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 in the online portal.** Please make sure we have your current email address and that [baumendow@gmail.com](mailto:baumendow@gmail.com) and [noreply@mail.smapply.net](mailto:noreply@mail.smapply.net) is in your email contact list so it does not get sent to your spam folder. This will allow you to complete your renewal and upload the necessary forms required by the **June 1, 2023 deadline.**

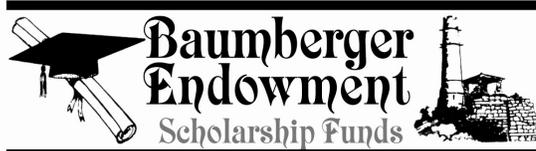
We would like to express our sympathy and support to all scholars who have experienced loss of loved ones or faced personal hardships during the past year.

Please call or email me if you have any questions or special needs. We are here to support you.

Sincerely,  
Cynde Zietlow  
Executive Director

## ★ Important Information ★

- Scholars with continuing eligibility can look forward to their spring semester 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 2022. 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. **Please see the following two pages for more information on financial aid during the pandemic.**
- 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 Semester 2022 grades into our online portal. Please watch for this email!
- If you will graduate or otherwise leave the Baumberger program following the Fall Semester 2022, please notify the Endowment in writing or email of your degree, career plans, etc. You will receive a notice to complete an exit survey.
- 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.



The Fall 2022 *Baumberger Bulletin* is dedicated to the memory of **Caleb Joseph Keller** (2000-22). Caleb was a 2018 Baumberger Scholar who graduated from Harlandale High School and attended Texas State University, where he was currently studying Music Education and Performance. Caleb fought a rare form of leukemia but never gave up his faith. He exuded confidence and gratitude during every phone call we had. Caleb Keller left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered; he will be deeply missed.

### Our Newest Scholars

There were 75 new scholars who accepted the Baumberger Scholarship this fall. Of those selected, 43 are female and 32 are male, they are graduates of 39 high schools. We are proud to have you as part of our Baumberger family!

### Student Status

Congratulations are due the 46 Baumberger Scholars who received bachelor degrees in May/August 2022. At the September meeting Baumberger Trustees took special note that many students graduated with honors and the degree fields were broadly represented.

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 2022-23 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 (2022 or 2023) will not be considered in evaluations of progress for the 9-month academic year 2022-23. The review committee does not consider your credits by exam or advanced placement in evaluating progress.

*Wishing you peace and joy!* 

### The Baumberger Endowment

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### Graduates/Alumni

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 email address so we can communicate with you in the future. Scholars who have an account through our online portal will always be able to update their contact details using their current log-in information. If you know any Baumberger Alumni, please ask them to send us an email at [baumendow@gmail.com](mailto:baumendow@gmail.com) to let us know how they are doing and to update us on their accomplishments.



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