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Greetings! We know during this time of health crisis you may be feeling anxious and fearful. Please know the Baumberger Endowment is here to support you in any way we can. This pandemic is new territory for all of us and we will respond as best we can as it unfolds. Please refer to page 2 for our *Stay Healthy* section.

Congratulations to the Scholars who achieved all A's during the Fall semester. Also, we commend those of you who graduated early, made the Dean's List, the Honor Roll, or took honors-level courses during the semester. We are proud of you!

At Baumberger, we know that sometimes things don't go as planned and some classes are more difficult than others; this is why we have a policy of paying regular stipends to scholars on probation with the sincere hope that things, both personal and scholastic, will improve in the months ahead.

This semester we have 237 students attending 19 universities, with total funding of \$617,700. We are proud of each one of you and wish you the best of luck on your final exams.

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 semester.

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







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 2019. 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.

Scholarship Renewal

As we prepare for the next academic year, an email will be sent in May 2020 with information regarding the 2020-21 renewal process to Scholars who are making satisfactory progress under the "Terms and Conditions" and have remaining eligibility under the Baumberger Scholarship program.

Please ensure that we have your current email address and that baumendow@gmail.com and "Baumberger Endowment" <noreply@mail.smapply.io> is in your email contact list so it doesn't get sent to your spam folder.

You will notice the online portal has a slightly different look to it as we have changed platforms recently. If you have any questions please contact our office.

Updating your Baumberger Agreement, along with necessary uploads, must be completed online on or before June 1, 2020. FAILURE TO COMPLY CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP! <u>Fall</u> 2020 checks will be mailed to your school around <u>August 1</u>.



Scholar Summer Send-Off

Monday, July 27, 2020, 6 to 9 p.m. San Antonio, Texas



Baumberger's annual networking event for new, current and graduating Baumberger Scholars.

It's OK not to be OK!

Take care of your brain's health. If you feel overwhelmed at any point in life, please seek professional help. All campuses have professional staff to turn to and some additional resources are:

Crisis Text Line (741741) National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK)

Study Abroad

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.

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 to let us know how they are doing and to update us on their accomplishments.

Keeping in Touch With Our Scholars

In order to communicate with our scholars, it is extremely important that we have your most current email address. Please keep your portal account updated or notify us at baumendow@gmail.com if any of your information changes.

Stay Healthy!

We encourage everyone to take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, flu and other viruses. Here is a list of steps to protect yourself and others provided by the Center for Disease Control:

- -Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- -If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- -Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- -Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.
- -Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue. Throw used tissues in the trash. Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- -Wear a facemask if your are sick and around other people. If you are NOT sick, you do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask).
- -Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

For more information, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/index.html

We wish good health to everyone!

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