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Welcome back to our returning Baumberger Scholars and welcome aboard to our new Scholars! You are one of 238 Baumberger Scholars who received stipends aggregating \$595,000 to attend 18 institutions in Texas this fall. UT-Austin is the college of choice for 85 students, with 54 at Texas A&M, 35 at UTSA, 17 at Texas State University, 14 at Trinity, and the remainder of students scattered over the state in clusters of eight down to single entries. Whichever school you are at, you would make "Uncle" Baumberger proud!

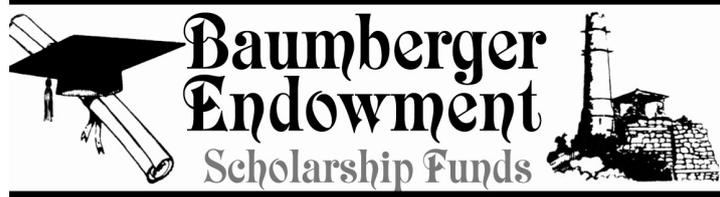
Congratulations are due the 36 Baumberger Scholars who received bachelor degrees in May/August 2013. At the September meeting Baumberger Trustees took special note that many students graduated with honors and the degree fields were broadly represented. Eleven other Scholars left the program after completing their eight semesters with Baumberger.

Unfortunately, twelve students were dismissed from the scholarship program after evaluation of scholastic records for 2012-13 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!

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 e-mail me if you have any questions or special needs.

Sincerely,
Cynde Zietlow



Important Information

- Scholars with continuing eligibility can look forward to their spring semester 2014 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 get to the university.**
- **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 2013. 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.
- Proper notification should be made now if you have received additional awards or made other changes in your financial aid packages.
- If you will graduate or otherwise leave the Baumberger program after the fall 2013, please notify the Endowment in writing of your degree, career plans, etc.
- Several students have inquired about **study abroad** programs. If you are contemplating studying abroad, you **MUST** discuss this with the Executive Director before participating or risk losing your scholarship.

Greetings to Our New Scholars

Seventy-seven new scholars accepted the Baumberger Scholarship this fall. Of the those selected, 51 are female and 26 are male, they are graduates of 31 high schools, and they have SAT scores ranging from 1000 to 1380 with a mean score of 1163. We are proud to have you as part of our Baumberger family!

Potpourri...

Scholarship Renewals

The renewal of your Baumberger Scholarship is easy! Your Renewal Agreement is all that is necessary. Renewal Agreements for 2013-14 will be sent in May 2014 to Scholars who are making satisfactory progress under the "Conditions of Agreement" and have remaining eligibility under the Baumberger Scholarship program. The Renewal Agreement, along with necessary authorization forms, must be **received** by Baumberger on or before **June 1, 2014**.



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 e-mail address so we can communicate with you in the future. If you know any Baumberger Alumni, please ask them to send us an e-mail at baumendow@sbcglobal.net to let us know how they are doing and to update us on their accomplishments.

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

Hang in There!

If you are one of 14 students on various Baumberger probationations during the fall 2013, your scholastic record will be evaluated by staff upon receipt of the special grade report certified by you. (We have requested official transcripts, but often these grade reports are received in mid-January or later.) 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" Items 1 and 2 in your file copy of the 2013-14 Agreement.) 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 (2013 or 2014) will not be considered in evaluations of progress for the 9-month academic year 2013-14. Also, the review committee does not consider your credits by advanced placement or exam in evaluating progress.

Pass It On

The Baumberger Endowment has never sought donations from its Scholars, believing that it is tough enough for a student to survive financially--while devoting major time to academics--in colleges and universities. After graduation, it takes even more time to settle into a job or pursue graduate degrees and get one's head above water.

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. We welcome donations if you would like to help keep the funding going...

The Baumberger Endowment

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