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elcome back to our
returning Baumberger



Scholars and welcome aboard to our new Scholars! You are one of 263 Baumberger Scholars who received stipends aggregating \$657,500 to attend 23 institutions in Texas this fall. UT-Austin is the college of choice for 90 students, with 64 at Texas A&M, 42 at UTSA, 15 at Texas State University, 12 at Trinity, and the remainder of students scattered over the state in clusters of six down to single entries. Whichever school you are at, you would make "Uncle" Baumberger proud!

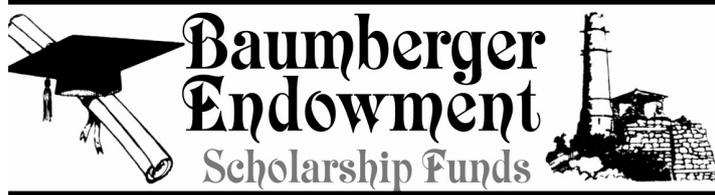
We have some exciting news here at the Endowment! The renewal of your Baumberger Scholarship will be even easier! In May 2016, you will receive an e-mail requesting you to set up a password on our new online portal. Make sure we have your current e-mail address and that baumendow@sbcglobal.net is in your e-mail contact list so it doesn't get sent to your spam folder. Once you have created a log-in account you will begin your renewal process and it will enable you to log in at any time to update your information. This will streamline your renewal and allow you to upload the necessary forms required by the **June 1, 2016 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 e-mail me if you have any questions or special needs.

Sincerely,
Cynde Zietlow
Executive Director

Trustees and staff wish you meaningful



★ Important Information

- Scholars with continuing eligibility can look forward to their spring semester 2016 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 2015. 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 2015, 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-eight new scholars accepted the Baumberger Scholarship this fall. Of the those selected, 49 are female and 29 are male, they are graduates of 36 high schools, and they have SAT scores ranging from 1000 to 1360 with a mean score of 1158. We are proud to have you as part of our Baumberger family!

Potpourri...

How Are We Doing?

Congratulations are due the 35 Baumberger Scholars who received bachelor degrees in May/August 2015. At the September meeting Baumberger Trustees took special note that many students graduated with honors and the degree fields were broadly represented. Eight other Scholars left the program after completing their eight semesters with Baumberger.

Unfortunately, three students were dismissed from the scholarship program after evaluation of scholastic records for 2014-15 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!

Hang in There!

If you are one of 23 students on various Baumberger probationations during the fall 2015, 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 2015-16 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 (2015 or 2016) will not be considered in evaluations of progress for the 9-month academic year 2015-16. Also, the review committee does not consider your credits by advanced placement or exam in evaluating progress.

ATTENTION Artists & Scientists — Call for Submissions

The Monte Vista Historical Association will be holding its annual membership drive at 325 W. Lynwood on February 14, 2016, from 2-4pm. As this was the original Charles Baumberger homestead, the current owners would like to honor the Baumberger Endowment and feature Baumberger Scholarship recipients who have gone on to produce work in their chosen fields. Both artists' and scientists' work will be shown throughout the house and biographies will be written and distributed to all those in attendance. The membership drive in 2015 had roughly 125 people in attendance. This is a nice way to honor and remember Charles Baumberger and his legacy in San Antonio and to give back to the Baumberger Foundation as well as feature recipients of the scholarships.

Please submit an entry by **January 14, 2016**. Five submissions will be chosen. Entries consist of a typed paragraph stating how the Baumberger Endowment influenced your life and current work. Artists are asked to show and display one to two pieces of artwork. Scientists will provide an appropriate written document of current or past work. All entries can be sent to Leith Negley at petitefluer@yahoo.com

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...

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. **We will be incorporating an alumni section into our new online portal in the near future.**

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