

Investing in the Education of Young Christian Scientists

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Your investment in me will continue

Where The Mother Church meets the community, you'll find Katie Cunningham, 2021 college graduate and Albert Baker Fund (ABF) scholarship recipient. Katie serves as operations and communications coordinator for outreach activities on the Church Plaza.

Says Katie, "I'm like a stage manager behind the scenes managing every detail so that visitors have the best possible experience."

Katie credits her degree in political science from Principia College for enabling her to step into such a demanding job. "My poli sci major taught me how to work with people from diverse backgrounds. I'm so grateful to have this job right out of college and to be working in a place that presents Christian Science in such a great light!"

Katie attributes where she is today to the love and support she received from her church family growing up. "When you're four years old and you feel all the love and hugs from the members when you walk into a room, that's enough!"

"Later when I was in middle school and I was creative and spunky, they encouraged me and loved that part of me too! And when I was in college,

I would go to Sunday School on campus and then FaceTime with my Sunday School teacher back home. I didn't want to miss anything!

"My church members have led such amazing lives. It's inspiring to see their trust in God—it really encourages me to continue on the same path!"

Katie had this to say to the donors who made it possible for her to receive an Albert Baker Scholarship all four years of college:

"Along with my gratitude, I hope they know that their investment in me will continue. Through my work at The Mother Church, sharing Christian Science and praying every day, it is my way of moving our movement into this next generation."

We thank you for investing in the education of the next generation of Christian Scientists!



Katie Cunningham

Albert Baker Scholarship Recipient

Meet an Albert Baker Scholarship recipient

Your church is invited to meet via Zoom to learn how ABF is supporting young Christian Scientists.

Visit albertbakerfund.org for details.

You helped educate more than 500 students in 2021



Dear Friends,

Your gift made an extraordinary difference to more than 500 young Christian Scientists, who relied on an Albert Baker Scholarship to attend college or train as a Christian Science nurse in 2021.

By investing in their education, you have helped prepare them to be better thinkers and fulfill their God-given purpose in the world.

Students attending college gain the education that prepares them to serve in decision- and policy-making roles. Some, like Katie Cunningham, go on to work at The Mother Church to support our global healing mission. Those, like Josh, participating in Christian Science nurses training are preparing for the healing ministry of Christian Science nursing.

Thank you for investing in the education of these deserving students.

With deep appreciation,

Dr. Joseph M. Ritter, CEO

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509 students blessed, \$1,600,000 awarded

US & Canada Colleges and Universities

236

US and Canadian students, attending more than 100 colleges, each received a \$4,500 scholarship.

Africa, Europe, and the Philippines

174

Over 93% of our international students live in Africa. These students received an average scholarship of \$900.

Christian Science Nurses and Chaplains

99

Over 90 Christian Science nurses each received a \$1,500 scholarship. Two chaplain candidates each received an \$8,000 scholarship.

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Your gift for my Christian Science nurses training is much more than financial

What is it that propels a professional drummer and budding journalist to change careers and become a Christian Science nurse?



For Josh Kenworthy, it was a deep spiritual hunger and desire to understand God.

As he explains, **“I felt like God had more for me to do. I started to cherish this feeling of being in a place of service and humility, because I knew I needed it**

Josh Kenworthy

Albert Baker Scholarship Recipient

so much. When the dust cleared, Christian Science nursing stood out to me like a mountain peak.”

Thanks to the generosity of ABF donors, Josh has received scholarships for all four years of his training at Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association. He will be graduating in October 2022.

Says Josh, “A gift in support of Christian Science nursing is much more than financial. It’s a wonderful offering in support of the healing ministry. We feel the love that comes with it, and that love is reciprocated.”

Scan to hear Net Effect interview with Josh



I’m gaining the career skills I need because of your generosity

Rosalie Abena would be the first to tell you the importance of an Albert Baker Scholarship. Being one of 10 children, Rosalie needed financial support to attend the master’s program in translation and interpretation at the Protestant University of Central Africa in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Thanks to your generosity, ABF was there to help pay her tuition for all five years.

This remarkable young woman graduated top of her class and is now pursuing a PhD in trilingual translation. These degrees will provide her with the skills needed to succeed in the competitive Cameroon job market.

While in school, Rosalie has had many opportunities to apply her study of Christian Science.

She shares, **“Christian Science has brought me many blessings. I strive to put the truths that I understand into practice every day.”**

Today, Rosalie is blessing others through her membership at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Cameroon, and The Mother Church.



Rosalie Abena

Albert Baker Scholarship Recipient