

Embracing a New Generation of Healers

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My time in college has been deeply meaningful, transformative, and joyful

“I love to learn,” says Samantha Friborg, Albert Baker Scholarship recipient, “and I’m so grateful to be learning as a student at Yale University, thanks to my parents and The Albert Baker Fund (ABF).”

Samantha is an Environmental Studies major, with a concentration in Politics, Economics, Law, and Ethics. She explains her choice of major this way:

“While at Yale, I’ve developed a deep passion for the environment and sustainability. My major is solutions oriented and has a lot of action steps—that really appeals to me. It is a cutting-edge field, and I love the idea of being on the front lines of important change.”

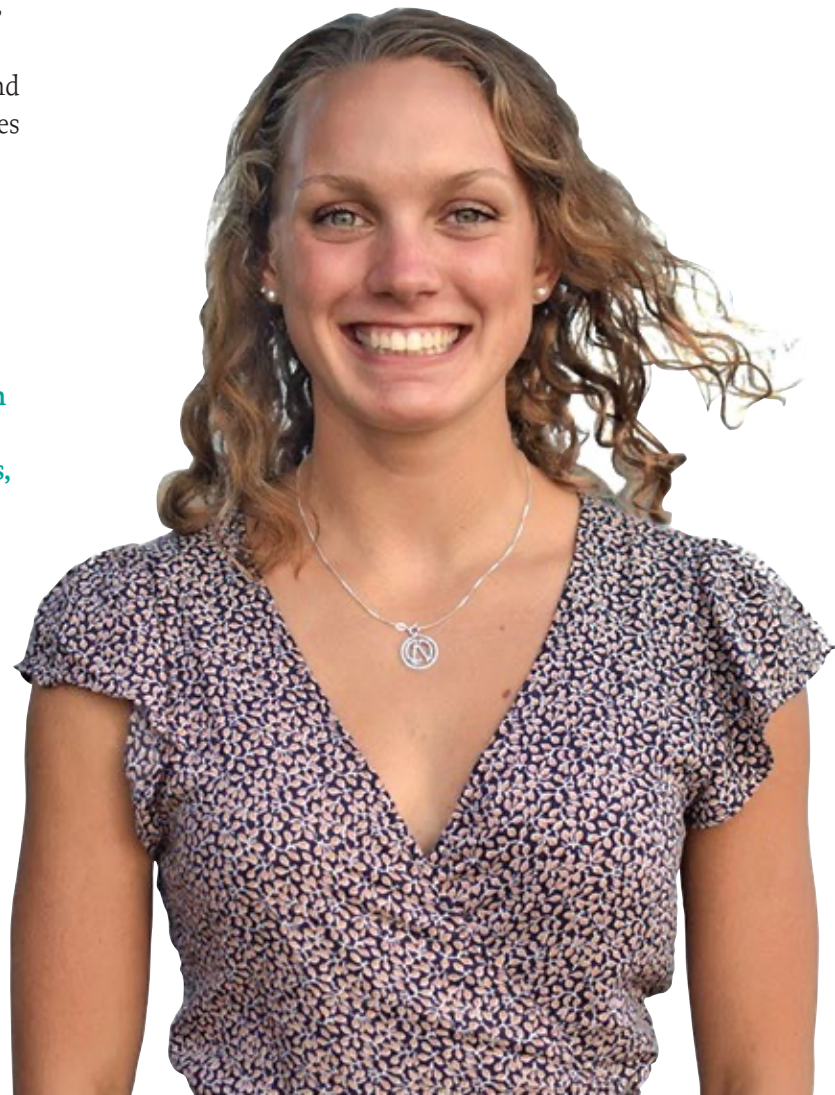
Samantha is still exploring where her education will land her in terms of specific careers—from helping businesses green their practices to helping governments develop environmentally just policies.

When thinking deeply about answers to climate challenges, Samantha regularly turns to Christian Science. “**Christian Science,” she says, “provides an important lens through which we can think about the environment. I’ve spent a lot of time working with the idea of one Mind when concerned about policy challenges. Regardless of what material sense suggests, all we are destroying is a belief that there is more than one God, more than one Mind. Christian Science treatment can reveal solutions to the crisis that have always been present.”**

As she enters her senior year at Yale, Samantha sums up her college education in these few short words, “deeply meaningful, transformative, and joyful!”

“I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to study at Yale and learn from incredible professors and peers alike. My education here would not be possible without the support of ABF.

I hope to one day pay forward the blessings of an education to future ABF scholars.”



Samantha Friborg

Recipient of Albert Baker and
Pass Your Blessings Forward Scholarships

Bless a Young Christian Scientist Today by Funding a Pass Your Blessings Forward Scholarship



Dear Friend,

Many years ago, The Albert Baker Fund helped me pay for college. My family was struggling financially, and the loans I received from ABF were just what I needed to pay for my first year of college. I had an overwhelming sense of gratitude to the Christian Scientists I had never met who made this possible.

Just knowing that there were people out there who were supporting me and believing in me reminded me to think more about my purpose in life and my practice of Christian Science. I felt like I was part of a community that was looking out for me.

Over the years, I've looked for ways to pass forward the blessings I received from ABF to the next generation of young Christian Scientists. So, when I was asked to fund a Pass Your Blessings Forward Scholarship for a current student, I eagerly accepted.

What I love about the new Pass Your Blessings Forward Scholarship is that it is not about writing a check to pay back what we received but thinking about the blessings of your education, the love and support you received from your community, and how you can pass these on to a student today.

I hope you will join me in passing your blessings forward. You can give in one of these two ways:

You can fund (or pledge) a scholarship for one year with a gift of \$1,500 or with a monthly gift of \$125 for 12 months. You will be matched to a student and notified when your scholarship is awarded.

You can make a gift to help fund a scholarship. Although you won't be matched to a specific student, we will combine your gift with other gifts to fund a scholarship.

If you have any questions, please contact Janee Shaw at janeeshaw@albertbakerfund.org or (916) 594-9513 (option 3).

Students are applying for fall scholarships, so we hope to hear from you soon.

Gratefully,

David Westphal, Trustee
The Albert Baker Fund

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When you ask Anna Opaye-Robertson about her path to Christian Science nursing, her face lights up with pure joy.

"I love to help people, and when I see the smiles on the faces of the patients, I become so happy," she says, beaming. "I enjoy the work so much and thank God for bringing me here."

Anna is training at Glenmont, a Christian Science nursing facility in Hilliard, Ohio, and loves what she is learning.

"My classes have strengthened me in how to care for the patients. We are being taught to listen and discern what is the right thing to do for the patient and then to follow that direction. When we listen to God's guidance and obey, it is really a wonderful thing!"

Currently Anna is receiving side-by-side mentoring from experienced Christian Science nurses at Glenmont, until her next course begins.

Eventually she wants to help enable others to become Christian Science nurses by supporting The Albert Baker Fund's scholarship program for Christian Science Nursing Education.



Anna Opaye-Robertson

Albert Baker Scholarship Recipient
Christian Science Nurse

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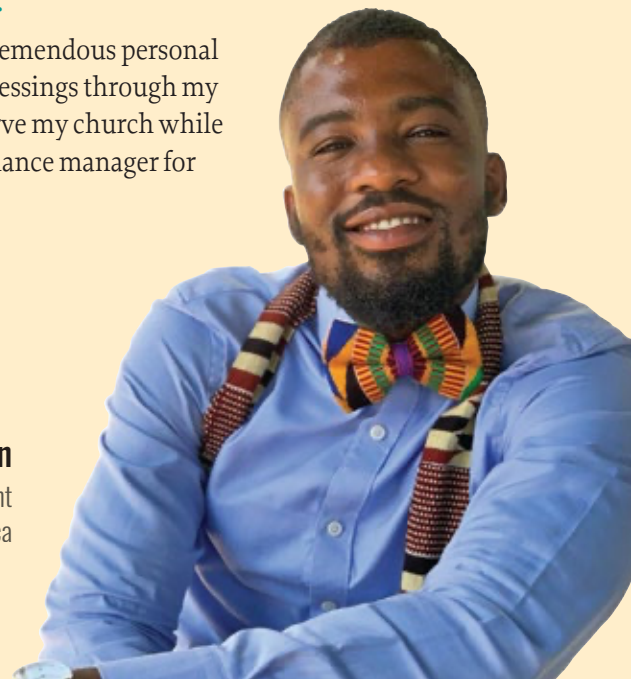
When George Sognon graduated from University of Capetown Graduate School of Business in 2019 with a Master of Commerce in Development Finance, he shared his dream with us to use his education to improve the lives of Africans.

Today, only three years later, George is making that dream a reality as finance and strategy manager for the largest urban developer on the African continent. Says George, "We are currently building seven new cities in five African countries. In addition, we are employing local youth and training and supporting them to start their own businesses. This is helping young people find decent jobs and build better lives."

George credits Christian Science with the continuous unfoldment of his career.

"My study and practice of Science has always been my key to unlocking important life decisions, including my education, relationships, and my career. One such decision was to serve as Second Reader for my branch church, Second Church of Christ Scientist, Accra, Ghana."

"I have seen tremendous personal growth and blessings through my decision to serve my church while working as finance manager for my firm."



George Sognon

Albert Baker Scholarship Recipient
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