

Advancing the Legacy of Albert Baker

# Embracing a New Generation of Healers

## Announcing Three New Initiatives to Support Student Success

“There's an excitement here at The Albert Baker Fund (ABF). We are heading down new paths and celebrating many successes,” says Joe Ritter, ABF's Chief Executive Officer. “This year we are implementing three initiatives to support career development: one-on-one mentoring

with an experienced mentor, peer-to-peer student learning communities, and ABF professional LinkedIn groups. Each of these initiatives will provide a network for current students and recent college graduates to help them realize success in their careers and life.”

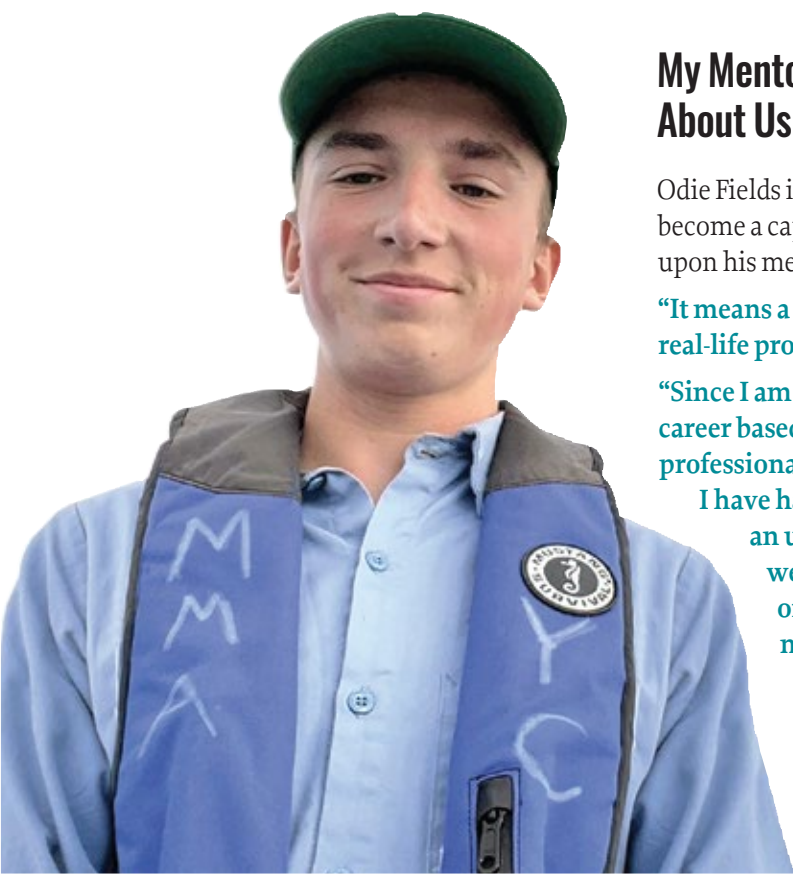
### FIRST INITIATIVE

## Mentors with a Christian Science Perspective

Currently, 44 students are participating in the mentoring program and have been matched with an experienced mentor. The program will be available to nearly 200 students living in the US and Canada beginning this fall. “Our mentoring program is designed to help students explore, develop, and expand their educational, professional, and spiritual growth,” says Libby Scheiern, ABF's Scholarship and Student Success Manager.

“We meet with interested students and match them with an experienced mentor who can provide a Christian Science perspective. This allows our students to understand and learn how a Christian Scientist practices in their profession.”

Two students, **Odie Fields** and **Georgia Rather**, are participating in the program and have found the experience invaluable.



## My Mentor and I Have Had Long Conversations About Using Christian Science as an Uplifting Tool

Odie Fields is a freshman at Maine Maritime Academy and is training to become a captain in the maritime industry. As a freshman, he has called upon his mentor for guidance on navigating his college experience.

**“It means a lot to me to have a mentor with whom I can discuss real-life problems through the lens of Christian Science,”** Odie says.

**“Since I am a freshman, discussions with my ABF mentor are not career based. I have found it very comforting to have a friend and professional to discuss choices and college dynamics. My mentor and I have had long conversations about using Christian Science as an uplifting tool rather than feeling secluded because of how we see the world. He has helped me walk through the paces of how to use something super precious in a world, like my world, which seems to feel it's undervalued.”**

### Odie Fields

Maine Maritime Academy, Class of 2026

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### I Was Nervous Before My First Call with My ABF Mentor

Georgia Rather is graduating from Principia College with a degree in economics. She has been thinking about what comes next and called upon her mentor for guidance.

“I was nervous before my first call with my ABF mentor,” says Georgia, “because I have no idea what I want to do after graduation. When I told this to my mentor, she allayed my fears because she also had not known what she wanted to do when she graduated. But she knew that she didn’t need to stress about it and that everything would fall into place. And it did for her. My mentor made me realize that, while I had spent a lot of time preparing practically for my career, I had Christian Science as a tool to help me. It is reassuring to know there is more than one way to go about finding my next step and God is in control.”

**Georgia Rather**  
Principia College, Class of 2023



#### Interested in learning more:

- Visit [albertbakerfund.org](http://albertbakerfund.org) to watch a replay of the January 24, 2023, Special Zoom Presentation on ABF’s New Student Initiatives presented by Joe Ritter, Libby Scheiern, Odie Fields, and Georgia Rather
- Contact Libby Scheiern at [libby.scheiern@albertbakerfund.org](mailto:libby.scheiern@albertbakerfund.org) to learn about serving as a mentor

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#### SECOND INITIATIVE

### Peer-to-Peer Student Learning Communities

Many students have desired to connect with other students in their areas of discipline so they can talk with each other about college life, their studies and career plans, and their practice of Christian Science. Peer-to-peer student learning communities provide these connections and offer a forum for students to connect and interact as a group with mentors from different professions. This program will begin in fall 2023.

#### THIRD INITIATIVE

### ABF Professional LinkedIn Groups

These groups will provide a platform for our students, graduates, mentors, and professionals to talk, get together, network, ask questions, and help support each other. These groups will begin in fall 2023.

# Bless a Young Christian Scientist Today

## Fund a Pass Your Blessings Forward Scholarship



### What is a Pass Your Blessings Forward Scholarship?

The Pass Your Blessings Forward Scholarship is a \$1,500 scholarship funded by donors who want to pass forward their blessings to a young Christian Scientist attending college. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has excelled in their studies and is actively practicing Christian Science. The student also receives a \$3,500 Albert Baker Scholarship for a total award of \$5,000.

When you fund a scholarship, you are matched to a student and connect with the student twice during the academic year. In the fall, the student will send you an email sharing their activities. In the spring, you will have an opportunity to meet your scholarship recipient at a virtual “meet and greet.”

To learn more about funding a scholarship, please contact Janee Shaw, Chief Development Officer, at (916)594-9513 or [janee.shaw@albertbakerfund.org](mailto:janee.shaw@albertbakerfund.org). Information is also available at [albertbakerfund.org](http://albertbakerfund.org).

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### Meet Delaney Gatine, Pass Your Blessings Forward Scholarship Recipient

Delaney is one of 33 students who received a \$1,500 Pass Your Blessings Forward Scholarship this year. She was selected as a recipient of this special scholarship because of her demonstration of academic excellence and dedication to Christian Science. **“I am grateful to have received a Pass Your Blessings Forward Scholarship,” says Delaney.**

**“First and foremost, I would like to thank the donor for funding my scholarship, which I am putting toward tuition at The George Washington University Law School.”**

Delaney is committed to using her education to change the criminal-justice system. **She shared, “We need to look at criminals as people and account for people's humanity. I hope to begin my career in criminal litigation and, ultimately, to become a judge and concurrently work on criminal-justice reform.”**

Delaney attends Sunday Services at a local Christian Science church and studies the Christian Science Bible Lesson regularly. Delaney loves reading the Sermon on the Mount. It reminds her of her duties as a follower of Christ and encourages her to hold herself to a high, moral standard.



**Delaney Gatine**

Juris Doctor (Criminal Justice), Class of 2025  
The George Washington University Law School

# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

**477 Scholarship Recipients**  
**\$1,722,209\* Awarded**

**United States/Canada**  
**\$1,340,364 Awarded**  
  
231 Students  
**\$4,638 Average Scholarship\*\***

**Africa, Europe, and the Philippines**  
**\$197,100 Awarded**  
  
194 Students  
**\$904 Average Scholarship\*\***

**Christian Science Nurses**  
**\$103,745 Awarded**  
  
52 Christian Science Nurses  
**\$1,820 Average Scholarship\*\***

\* Includes \$81,000 for Youth Leadership Development \*\* Some students received multiple scholarships

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