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2025 IMPACT REPORT

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Christian Science students annually



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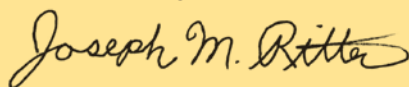
We are so grateful to our Albert Baker Fund supporters! We appreciate every dollar donated that allows us to help hundreds of Christian Science students around the world with financial scholarships, bringing them closer to their educational and vocational goals.

You might wonder what kind of impact your giving provides. Like the proverbial pebble thrown into a still pond, it can ripple out in all directions, as these dedicated students not only grow as individuals, but share their light with the communities around them.

In this year's report, you'll hear from a couple of African students, a US student studying in London, as well as see the broad array of countries where an Albert Baker scholarship is making a difference in the academic or vocational education of Christian Science students.

I hope you will take the time to read our 2025 Impact Report and to feel a closer connection with just a handful of the students who have received ABF scholarships — thanks to your thoughtful contributions.

With deep gratitude,



Dr. Joseph M. Ritter
Chief Executive Officer



*ABF students and staff gather outside
Longyear Museum in Chestnut Hill,
Massachusetts last summer.
Photo: Rafael Ramirez*

2025 IMPACT

411

STUDENTS IMPACTED

\$1,232,000

AWARDED

PROGRAMS

- COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
 - UNITED STATES AND CANADA
 - AFRICA, EUROPE, AND THE PHILIPPINES
- TRAINING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES WORLDWIDE
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHAPLAINS IN THE U.S. MILITARY

CARSON OLEKSY

James Madison University
Harrisonburg, Virginia
Media Arts and Design major

“...there was a clear idea that my direction had one driver at the helm, and that was God. Christian Science encourages me to choose Love and express my highest sense of right through every difficult situation.”



JAMES MADISON
UNIVERSITY.



US AND CANADA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Our largest program supports students living in the United States and Canada. In 2025, 72% of these students pursued an undergraduate degree, and 28% pursued a graduate degree. In addition:

- The second highest number of scholarships ever were awarded to graduate students
- Students attended 100 different schools from 33 states
- 100% of student applicants who met ABF qualifications received funding

“Last fall I began my junior year of college. I was entering a transformative year that would deepen my sense of self and place in the world. I knew this to be true and that, if I wanted to have a successful year, I could not rely on a sense of self to push through. Instead, there was a clear idea that my direction had one driver at the helm, and that was God.

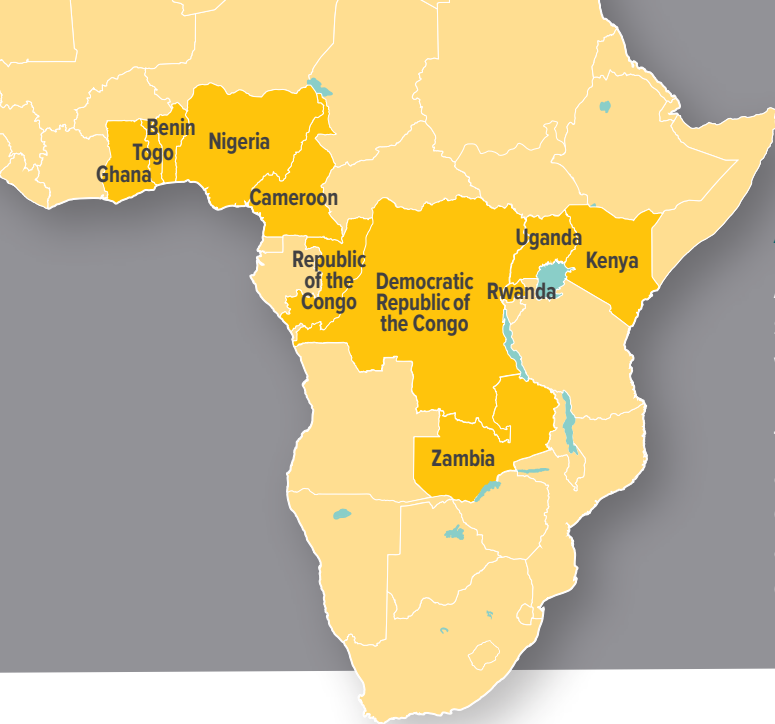
Difficult situations are never fun; challenges can make or break an experience. Christian Science encourages me to choose Love and express my highest sense of right through every difficult situation.

This past spring I participated in a study abroad experience in London which was full of amazing highs and its own array of challenges. Along the entire trip, the ever-present love for God and life influenced me to make the most of every day and try to be as selfless as I could be. I regularly attended 11th Church of Christ Scientist, London. I loved finding out how, even through different cultures, one thing remains: Christian Scientists are wonderful and so warm and welcoming.

“This past summer I won the lottery, as I got to spend my summer in New York City working as an intern for *SLAM* magazine. It was an experience I will never forget, and I am so grateful to God for putting me right in that spot.”

— Carson Oleksy

165 STUDENTS
\$967,000 AWARDED
\$5,500 TYPICAL
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



AFRICA

ABF provides life-changing scholarships to Christian Scientists who use their education and knowledge to bless themselves, their communities, their churches, and, sometimes, even their country. Their stories are inspiring and clearly illuminate why ABF offers these scholarship programs.

GEORGE SERMADOR SOGNON

Ashesi University

Accra, Ghana

Business Administration, bachelor's and master's degree

"It is with a sincere heart that I write to thank you for your continuous support toward my education and development. Thank you to the team at ABF, donors and supporters for giving and sharing the love as expressed by Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy."



AFRICA, EUROPE, AND THE PHILIPPINES

Almost half of this year's ABF scholarship recipients are attending a college, university, or vocational school in Africa, Europe, or the Philippines. Most of these students are pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree. Scholarships are available to students living in:

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| ■ Benin | ■ Ghana | ■ Rwanda |
| ■ Cameroon | ■ Kenya | ■ Scotland |
| ■ Democratic Republic of the Congo | ■ Nigeria | ■ Switzerland |
| ■ England | ■ Northern Ireland | ■ Togo |
| ■ France | ■ Philippines | ■ Uganda |
| ■ Germany | ■ Republic of the Congo | ■ Wales |
| | | ■ Zambia |

We're so pleased to hear about our scholarship recipients continuing to grow and succeed in their communities!

After receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration at Ashesi University, **George Sognon** went on to obtain his master's degree in business administration as well. He now works as an investment professional for a West African-focused private equity firm in Accra, Ghana.

And George is making a significant impact there. The firm invests in large businesses looking for capital to grow their operations. He served on a team that invested in a paint company in Ghana that exports across 12 West African countries. Since his firm's investment, the company has created over 50 jobs and increased the number of female employees in the company.

He has also recently set up a property management company that is creating jobs for unemployed youth in Accra, a company he hopes to expand in 2026.

George attends the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Lartebiokorshie, Accra, Ghana.

193 STUDENTS
\$178,000 AWARDED
\$920 AVERAGE AWARD

HELENE DE LEON

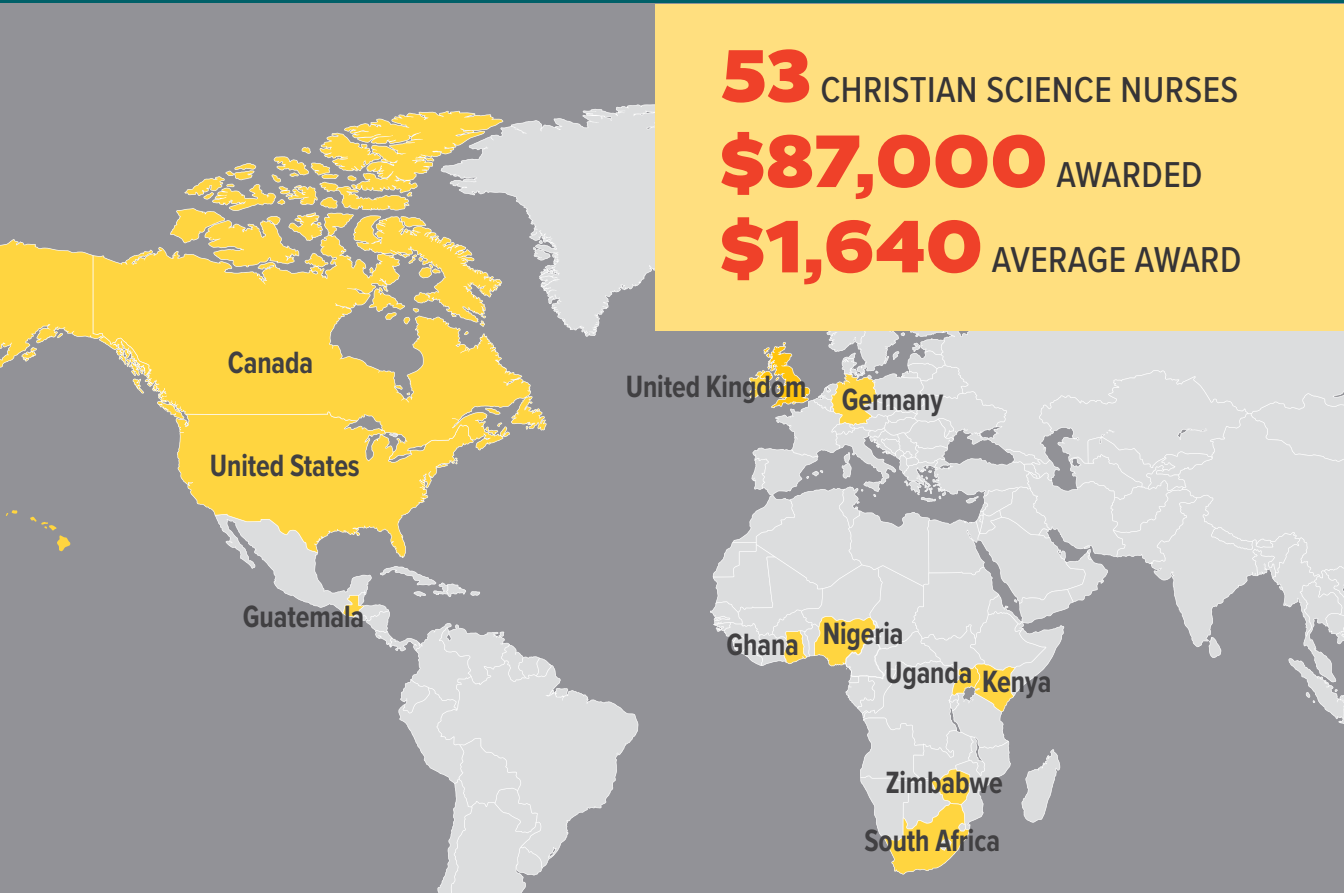
Le Verger Christian Science Care Facility
Bursins, Switzerland
Christian Science Nurses education

“[Christian Science Nurses] training has been an inspiring time to delve deeply into the Scriptures and Mrs. Eddy’s writings to understand the metaphysical basis of concepts, such as mobility, nourishment, and personal care...It has been a revelation to me to see that all of these concepts have a firm, spiritual foundation in the Bible.”



TRAINING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES WORLDWIDE

ABF provides scholarships to Christian Science nurses who are enrolled in an education program offered by an accredited Christian Science nursing facility. Our scholarships are available for the classroom portion of the training.



Through Le Verger Christian Science Care Facility in Switzerland, Helene is able to take nursing classes from a *Christian Science Journal*–listed nurse in her home country of England.

Helene reports, “When I’ve been ready to put new spiritual insights into practice in the UK Christian Science field, Love has unfolded the way and taken care of every detail, including providing mentoring and presenting cases appropriate to my training level, and taking care of personal family needs while I attend to Christian Science nursing cases. I continue to praise God for this and stay expectant of more blessings as I continue to establish my healing ministry.”

— **Helene de Leon**

JORDAN McCLAIN

King's College, London, England, and
Renmin University, Beijing, China (joint program)

Dual master's degree in
International Affairs and Asian Studies

"I'll always be grateful for the opportunities and benefits The Albert Baker Fund has provided for me and how it has helped me on this journey of self-discovery and continues to lead me to my perfect place."



AMERICANS ABROAD

ABF has given scholarships to a number of US students in the last few years who have chosen to broaden their study to the United Kingdom and Europe. We currently have two such students who are studying at The American University of Rome in Italy and at King's College in London (read about Jordan's story below). Previous scholarship recipients have received their master's degree or doctorate at the University of Amsterdam, Oxford University, University of Essex, and University of St. Andrews in Scotland. With these advanced degrees, ABF's reach broadens even further.

Total ABF scholarships awarded in 2025

\$967,000 US AND CANADA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

\$178,000 AFRICA, EUROPE, AND THE PHILIPPINES

\$87,000 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES TRAINING

Jordan's journey has been wide-ranging and continues to be.

She graduated with honors from California State University, Long Beach, with a bachelor's degree in international studies and a minor in art history. Her interest in diplomacy led to her studying abroad in both Costa Rica and China, experiences that have "deeply expanded my understanding of international relations through my academics and personal experience."

Living in London through a program with King's College has posed some significant challenges, but she states that, "even though I feel far from home, [Christian Science] reminds me that I am cared for, supported, and never truly alone."

Her long-term goal for the future is to work in diplomacy, public policy, or international research, helping bridge the understanding between regions and contributing to effective, inclusive global cooperation.

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