

# Albert Baker Fund Spring 2026 Newsletter

## Enlarging Our Community

### Exciting Changes to ABF Scholarships for Fall 2026



At The Albert Baker Fund (ABF), we are constantly listening for better ways to support your educational journeys. That is why we are thrilled to announce two significant updates to our **North American Post-Secondary (NAPS) scholarship requirements**, effective for the Fall 2026 term.

#### What's Changing?

We are shifting to a **tiered scholarship model** designed to ensure that every qualified student can be part of the ABF community. Our goals for this new structure are twofold:

- Giving more generously to students with the greatest financial need
- Providing scholarships to all students who meet our academic and Christian Science requirements — including those who may not have qualified for ABF “need-based” aid in the past

ABF Scholarships will range between \$1,000 and \$7,500 dependent on SAI (Student Aid Index) as reported from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

#### Who Should Apply?

Whether you are a current recipient, new applicant, NLC graduate, or a student who didn't qualify in the past due to ABF financial need requirements, ***this invitation is for you.*** If you are a student of Christian Science pursuing postsecondary education, we want to support your growth and your contribution to the world.

**Please apply when applications open on May 15, 2026.**

Mark your calendars! We want to see your application in the system so we can partner with you in your upcoming academic year.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community. We look forward to supporting your excellence and your future.

Much warmth,  
Dr. Libby Scheiern  
*Scholarship Manager*



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ABF Scholarship Manager

# Advancing the Legacy of Albert Baker

## Building Community

### Valentine's Day Care Packages

We love our ABF scholarship recipients! In addition to the funds sent to their respective educational and vocational institutions, we also provide support and care for our students' overall experience. Our Student Leadership Community's monthly Zoom calls (led by Libby Scheiern, Scholarship Manager) have been a popular addition to our program. These monthly calls allow our recipients to connect and engage with other students as they progress through their educational and spiritual goals.

Also popular are our annual Valentine's Day care packages, which let our students know how much we appreciate their efforts and that we continue to think about them beyond their application process. This year's Albert Baker signature YETI water bottles were a big hit!

Many thanks to Leslie Greenman and Powell Crown Foundation for sponsoring these gifts.



Thank you so much for your help funding my education! I'm finishing up my last year of law school, and thanks to you, I'm able to avoid a lot of financial stress! I'm so grateful for your support.

Best,  
**Luke Nutwell**



Hi! I just got my lovely Valentine's gift!! I'm so very proud to be an Albert Baker Fund recipient and be a part of this wonderful community! I recently just accepted my position at SLU Law and can't wait to use my water bottle on campus!

Thank you so much!!  
**Kate Rosa**



Thank you so much for the YETI! It is a beautiful feeling to feel appreciated and thought about, especially around Valentine's Day. My semester here at Principia College has been very harmonious, despite the intensity of the sports and academics. It has all been very fun, especially when running indoor track. Thank you so much again for everything that The Albert Baker Fund has done, as well as to the donors, and on top of the support and love that is constantly being shared.

Sincerely,  
**Amos Ostler**



The YETI is such a generous gift! I've enjoyed making tea that stays hot for hours while I write papers and study. I can't thank The Albert Baker Fund enough for supporting my education. I have been wanting to invest in furthering my education for quite some time so that I can serve humanity, and because of ABF, I'm doing it! Thank you, ABF!!! You are making a difference!

In gratitude,  
**Sukie Berberich**



# Board Member Scholarships

## Two ABF Trustee Awards Announced

The Albert Baker Fund Board of Trustees is delighted to announce two new Trustee Awards: the Lisa Mietchen Marketing Scholarship and the David Westphal Finance Scholarship. Both Lisa and David served nine years; thus, these awards recognize and honor their inspired service on our board and the ABF community.

### Lisa Mietchen Marketing Scholarship recipient

“These special scholarships in Lisa’s and David’s names are a fitting tribute to their deep commitment to our students and ABF’s mission to serve Christian Scientists,” said Alistair Savides, Chair of the Board. “We are excited to name **Matthew Consiglio**, a sophomore in marketing at Carroll University, as the recipient of the Lisa Mietchen Marketing Scholarship.” Matthew is a dedicated Christian Scientist, an accomplished student, and plans a career in marketing, where he will focus on “helping people market their businesses, products, and services, whether it be social media posts, website design, or creative advertising.”

Matthew recently shared with us his gratitude for the support of ABF and his Christian Science community. He wrote, “**Christian Science has really helped me in my life...if I ever come across anything that may seem challenging in my life, I know I can conquer that challenge with ease.**”



**Matthew Consiglio**  
Marketing  
Carroll University  
Waukesha, Wisconsin

### David Westphal Finance Scholarship recipient

Congratulations also to **Ashley Packard**, a junior studying finance with a minor in energy and market resources at the University of California, Berkeley. She is the recipient of the David Westphal Finance Scholarship. Ultimately, she would like to have a career in investment banking.

Ashley loves being active in the CSO (Christian Science Organization) at Berkeley because it has given her a sense of community and inspiration throughout the academic term. Having a CSO has allowed her to talk to others and to find metaphysical support during challenging times, including midterms and finals. Using Christian Science throughout her daily life has helped her overcome having a sense of anxiety and fear. “**I’ve been working closely with the idea: ‘Not my will, but Thy will be done,’** which has reshaped how I approach my future. I hope to pursue investment banking internships and summer positions in the years ahead, but above all, I trust in God’s direction.”

Alistair added, “**Congratulations to both Ashley and Matthew! These scholarships are well deserved, and I’m sure you both will do great things for humankind.**”

If you would like to consider funding a special scholarship for Christian Scientists, please contact Sue Ellen Coughtry, Chief Advancement Officer, at [sueellen.coughtry@albertbakerfund.org](mailto:sueellen.coughtry@albertbakerfund.org).

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## ABF Events in the Field

Our ABF staff had a busy February attending three events where they shared our mission and updates to donors and friends on both coasts.



Our ABF team joined Third Church, Sarasota, Florida, in February for their monthly potluck.



Susie Ledbetter (right; seen here with CEO Joe Ritter and CAO Sue Ellen Coughtry) arranged the church event, along with a Valentine's Day get-together at her home.



Joe and Sue Ellen also joined a special group of donors at The Willows in Southern California for a delightful lunch in their Garden Room.