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The Spirit Makes the Master



WKU Spirit Masters Class of 2016 ~ 2017

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Ellen Linder
Chair

Ellen Linder, a senior from Louisville, KY, is a third year Spirit Master majoring in International Affairs with a double minor in Legal Studies and Spanish. As a WKU Honors College student, she is also entering her fourth year of the Chinese Flagship program. Over the summer she was a counselor for the Honors camp, H4. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority where she has served as the Alumnae Relations Chair. She is a current tour guide with the Office of Admissions, and a new member to the International Justice Mission on campus. She has traveled abroad with WKU to China and London for a month, and lived in Taiwan for three months. She serves as the current Spirit Master Chair.

Favorite Quote: "But the Hebrew word, the word timshel—'Thou mayest'— that gives a choice. It might be the most important word in the world. That says the way is open. That throws it right back on a man. For if 'Thou mayest'—it is also true that 'Thou mayest not.'" – John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*

Jordan Webb
Vice Chair

Jordan Webb, a senior from Shelbyville, KY is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Health Sciences with a minor in Spanish. A student in the Honors College at WKU, she is the recipient of the Regents Scholarship and has been recognized on the President's List, the Dean's List and the Greek Academic Hall of Fame. Currently she is serving her second term as President of Kappa Delta sorority, where she was previously Historian and Vice President of Community Service. She serves as Vice President of Order of Omega, volunteers with Hospice of Southern Kentucky, and is a student employee in the Student Athlete Success Center. She is currently serving as the 2016-2017 Spirit Master Vice Chair.

Favorite Quote: "Do everything with a good heart, and expect nothing in return and you will never be disappointed."





Kapri Beck

Spirit Master

Kapri Beck, a sophomore from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Advertising with a minor in Marketing. She enjoys singing with the university's gospel choir, Amazing Tones of Joy, and is a student worker at Garrett Conference Center. In the future, her goals are to join the ROTC program on campus and to serve in the US Army once she graduates.

Favorite Quote: "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

Madison Bonzo

Spirit Master

Madison Bonzo, a sophomore from Lebanon, KY is a first-year Spirit Master double-majoring in Broadcast News and Sport Management, with a minor in Criminal Justice. She is a recipient of the Alumni Leadership Scholarship. Madison is involved in various organizations on campus including, Alpha Omicron Pi fraternity where she serves as the 2016-2017 Vice President of Education, the Junior PanHellenic Council where she serves as President, and also is an associate producer for WWHR radio station. She currently serves as a student employee for the WKU PBS Developmental Office.

Favorite Quote: "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." – Proverbs 31:25





Matthew Bunnell

Spirit Master

Matthew Bunnell, a senior from Glasgow, KY, is a third-year Spirit Master pursuing a major in Accounting and with minors in Finance and Economics. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is a recipient of the Regents Scholarship and is recognized on the President's List. Matthew is a member of CRU, Phi Delta Theta, DLI, Red Wave, Up Til Dawn, Beta Gamma Sigma, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Matthew is currently interning at Kerrick and Bachert Attorneys at Law in the hopes to one day become an attorney in the South Central Kentucky area. He currently serves the as the Parliamentarian for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "You do not have to be great to get started, but you have to get started to be great."

Johnny Bush

Spirit Master

Johnny Bush, a senior from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Marketing. He is very involved in Greek Life at WKU. A member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Johnny serves on its executive board ; and, for the fourth year, he serves on the St. Jude Up Til' Dawn Executive Board. During the 2014-2015 academic year, he was the secretary for the Interfraternity Council. Currently, he serves on the IFC as Vice President of Judicial Affairs. He is a member of the Order of Omega and has participated as a Greek Week chair for the past two years.

Favorite Quote: "The only thing we fear is fear itself."
– Franklin D. Roosevelt





Michaela Carter

Spirit Master

Michaela Carter, a sophomore from Lexington, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biology and minoring in Psychological Sciences with a Pre-Medicine Concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, she has been recognized on the President's List and is a recipient of the Howard K. Bailey Leadership Scholarship. Michaela is also involved in various clubs and activities on campus including WKU's Pre-Health Professional Honors Society, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Intramural sports, Black Women of Western, Project C.L.A.S.S. She has served as an H4 counselor for the Honors College pre-college camp for incoming honors freshmen.

Favorite Quote: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

– Mahatma Gandhi

Hayden DeLozier

Spirit Master

Hayden DeLozier, a junior from Louisville, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master pursuing a major in Mechanical Engineering. A student in the Honors College at WKU, he is a recipient of the Cherry Presidential Scholarship and has been recognized on the Dean's List. Hayden is a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity and is a proud Eagle Scout. He is a graduate of LeaderShape and has participated in philanthropic events such as Big Red's Blitz, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, and Dance Big Red. While spending a semester at Harlaxton College, in Grantham, England, Hayden was able to experience a variety of European cultures through travel to ten different countries. This increased world-view has enriched his collegiate experience and will continue to impact his current and future goals.

Favorite Quote: "You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

– Christopher Columbus





Sherah Devore

Spirit Master

Sherah Devore, a senior from Lexington, KY, is a second year Spirit Master majoring in Biology with a minor in Biochemistry following a Pre-Med concentration. A student in the Honors College at WKU, she is consistently recognized on the President's List and is a recipient of the Regents Scholarship. Sherah spent the spring 2016 semester studying abroad at Harlaxton College where she participated in the WKU Biology in Harlaxton program. For her first two years on the Hill, she was a member of the WKU All-Girl cheerleading team. Her involvement on campus is also recognized through her membership in Alpha Delta Pi sorority, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Global Brigades, and Golden Key Honor Society. She currently serves as the Public Relations chair for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "Eat ice cream for breakfast"

Cathryn Ellis

Spirit Master

Cathryn Ellis, a junior from Danville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master pursuing degrees in Communication Studies and Spanish, and she is a participant of the Communication Department's Joint Undergraduate-Master's Program. A student in the WKU Honors College, Cathryn is a recipient of the Regents Scholarship and is recognized on the President's List. Through her studies, Cathryn has had the opportunity to study abroad in both southern and central Spain, and she hopes to continue traveling with the university. She was an active participant of the WKU Chorale and the WKU Treblemakers for her first two years on the Hill, and some of her favorite college memories have come from singing with these groups. Cathryn is a member of Omega Phi Alpha National Service Sorority, currently serving as the Alumni Relations Chair, and she also serves as the Public Relations Chair for the Southern Kentucky Choral Society. She is involved with the Open Bible Ministries, as well as the WKU Best Buddies program.

Favorite Quote: "Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody." – Kid President





Sierra Fields

Spirit Master

Sierra Fields, a senior from Morgantown, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master. As a student in the WKU Honors College, she is majoring in Communication Disorders with a minor in American Sign Language Studies. She is consistently recognized on the President's List and is a recipient of the KY Governor's Scholar Scholarship. Sierra is an active member of various organizations on campus, such as the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association, American Sign Language Organization, Intramural Sports, Best Buddies, and Baptist Campus Ministry. Sierra is also a substitute teacher and a tele-counselor in the WKU Office of Admissions.

Favorite Quote: "Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care." – Theodore Roosevelt

Katherine Gaiko

Spirit Master

Kathrine Gaiko, a sophomore from Bowling Green, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master. As a student in the Honors College, she is majoring in Biochemistry with a Pre-Med concentration. She is recognized on the President's List and is a recipient of the 1906 Founders Scholarship. She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and serves as their 2015-2016 Vice President of Community Service. In addition, she is an active member at Broadway United Methodist Church, an Ogden Research Scholar, and a student worker at the Clinical Education Complex.

Favorite Quote: "Always be joyful, never stop praying, and be thankful in all circumstances." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18





Molli Guelde

Spirit Master

Molli Guelde, a junior from Bowling Green, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master double majoring in Political Science and Public Relations. Molli is a member of Best Buddies, the Red Wave, and currently serves as philanthropy chair for Alpha Delta Pi. She also works in the Admissions office as a Top Guide for the Topper Orientation Program. Molli has been consistently recognized on the Dean's List and at the Greek Academic Banquet.

Favorite Quote: "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."
– Malcolm X

Katherine "KJ" Hall

Spirit Master

KJ Hall, a senior from Elizabethtown, KY, is a third-year Spirit Master double majoring in Public Relations and Asian Religions and Cultures. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is also a member of the Alumni Leadership Scholar program and the Public Relations Student Society of America. KJ is very active in the WKU Baptist Campus Ministries, where she serves as the Worship Leader on the Executive Board, and is involved with the International Ministry. She is also a member of the Chinese Club, where she has volunteered with both the Confucius Institute and the Department of Modern Languages.

Favorite Quote: "All we can do is decide what to do with the time that is given to us." – Gandalf, J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*





Dalton Harshbarger

Spirit Master

Dalton Harshbarger, a junior from Burlington, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in International Business with a specialization in the Chinese Flagship Program. Through the Chinese Flagship he has had the opportunity to study abroad in both Taiwan and China, with hopes of more trips abroad in the future. Dalton has been recognized on the Dean's List every semester on The Hill thus far, and currently serves as the Academic Director for the Interfraternity Council. He is a member of the WKU Honors College, Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Order of Omega, and HOLAS. During breaks from school, he works at Perfect North Slopes as a snowboard instructor.

Favorite Quote: "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." – Dr. Seuss

Daniel Hillenmeyer

Spirit Master

Daniel Hillenmeyer, a senior from Villa Hills KY, is a second-year Spirit Master with a major in Marketing and a minor in Economics. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is a recipient of the Red Towel Scholarship and has been recognized as a Presidential Scholar. Daniel is very involved in Greek life at WKU where he has served President of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Vice President of recruitment for IFC, President of Order of Omega, and is a member of the Greek Academic Hall of Fame. He is also involved in Up Til Dawn where he serves as a member of the recruitment staff.

Favorite Quote: "If it comes down to a pure guts race I am the only one that can win it." – Steve Prefontaine





Haley Jones

Spirit Master

Haley Jones, a junior from Elizabethtown, Kentucky, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Communication Disorders. A student in the Honors College at WKU, she is a recipient of the 1906 Founders Scholarship and has consistently been recognized on the President's List. Haley is a proud member of Kappa Delta Sorority and is a teacher in the Primetime after school program at the Kelly Autism Program. She is a member of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association and the Golden Key Honor Society, and has previously served as a senator in the Student Government Association. She is excited to be back on the Hill after spending the spring 2016 semester studying abroad at Harlaxton College.

Favorite Quote: "Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day."

Devin Layne

Spirit Master

Devyn Layne, a senior from Wilmore, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master studying fashion merchandising. She served as the president for her major's affiliate club, Fashion Inc. She is recognized on the Dean's List for the College of Health and Human Services and is a member of her CHHS's honors fraternity, Phi Upsilon Omicron. She is also a member of the leadership team for Inclusive Ministries, which is a campus club that seeks to promote inclusion for students with disabilities. She has also been to Haiti several times where she worked in an orphanage caring for children and she hopes to incorporate this type of service into her career plans after graduation.

Favorite Quote: "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." – Mother Teresa





Haley Lord

Spirit Master

Haley Lord, a sophomore from Bowling Green, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Accounting. She is a student in the Honors College at WKU and is a recipient of the WKU Regents Scholarship. Haley has been recognized on the President's List and included in the Greek Academic Hall of Fame. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, where she currently serves as the Leadership Chair and Historian. She also participates in Red Wave, College Republicans, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Haley is also a student employee at the WKU Foundation office.

Favorite Quote: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."
– Martin Luther King Jr.

Sam Marcum

Spirit Master

Sam Marcum, a senior from London, Kentucky, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biochemistry following a pre-med concentration. A member of the WKU Honors College, he is the recipient of the Regents Scholarship and has been recognized on the President's List. Sam is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-professional honors society and is employed as a laboratory assistant for undergraduate chemistry labs. Sam conducts research in Dr. Kevin Williams' lab synthesizing molecules that have potential anticancer properties.

Favorite Quote: "To be surprised, to wonder, is to begin to understand" – Jose Ortega y Gasset





Mallory Mize

Spirit Master

Mallory Mize, a sophomore from Cerulean, Kentucky, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry following a Pre-Veterinarian concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, Mallory is a recipient of the Regents, College Heights, and Euen Compton scholarships and is recognized on the President's list. Mallory is a member of Kappa Delta sorority, the Pre-Veterinary Club, and works part time as a veterinary technician.

Favorite Quote: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." – 1 Timothy 4:12

Chelsea Murray

Spirit Master

Chelsea Murray, a junior from Louisville, KY is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Economics with a minor in Business Administration. A student in the Honors College, she is a recipient of the 1906 Founder's Scholarship and has been consistently recognized on the President's Life. Chelsea is a proud member of Omega Phi Alpha National Service Sorority and has served as a committee head. She also serves on the Leadership Team at Christian Student Fellowship as a Worship Coordinator. Chelsea spent the spring 2016 semester as an exchange student at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea. She is currently serving her second term as Spirit Masters Corresponding Secretary.

Favorite Quote: "You don't have to know a lot of things in order for your life to make a big difference. You just have to know a few massively important things and be willing to die for them." – John Piper





Emily Anne Pride

Spirit Master

Emily Anne Pride, a junior from Bowling Green, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Corporate & Organizational Communication and minoring in Digital Advertising. She is also pursuing certification in Political Communication. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity and currently serves as 1st Vice President of WKU Panhellenic Association. Emily was recognized as the 2014-2015 Order of Omega Outstanding Greek New Member of the Year by the WKU Greek Community. She was also the 2016 recipient of the Mary Louise Roller Award which honors a collegiate member who has provided outstanding service and leadership to her local Panhellenic, campus, and/or community. She serves as the Recruitment & Cultivation Director for WKU Up 'til Dawn. Emily currently works as a student staff member in the Potter College of Arts & Letters Dean's Office.

Favorite Quote: "A charming woman doesn't follow the crowd. She is herself." – Loretta Young

Nikil Ravishankar

Spirit Master

Nikil Ravishankar, a sophomore from Bowling Green, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master pursuing a major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry following a Pre-Medicine concentration. He aspires to become a surgeon. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is the recipient of the Distinct Scholars Scholarship and is recognized on the President's List. Nikil recently worked as a Biomedical research student at the Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network in Lexington, KY. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta where he serves as Big Brother coordinator. In addition, Nikil is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He will be studying abroad in the spring semester at Harlaxton College in England.

Favorite Quote: "Stay hungry, stay foolish." – Steve Jobs





Logan Reynolds

Spirit Master

Logan Reynolds, a junior from Murfreesboro, TN, is a first-year Spirit Master double majoring in Chemistry and Biology with a Pre-Medical concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is a recipient of the Cherry Presidential Scholarship and has been recognized on the President's List. During the summer following his freshman year, he conducted chemical research in South Korea and has also studied medicine in Kenya. He works as a tutor and teaching assistant in the WKU Department of Chemistry. He serves as new-member educator for Phi Gamma Delta, and, is also a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta.

Favorite Quote: "The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." – Michelangelo

LaRosa Shelton

Spirit Master

LaRosa Shelton, a junior from Louisville, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Broadcasting and a minor in Marketing. She currently serves on the College Heights Herald Marketing Team and in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She has also studied abroad in London, UK through CCSA and Buenos Aires, Argentina through Sol Education. She has also participated in Miss Black Western 2015 and Dynamic Leadership Institute Phase I. Her honors include Dean's List and the Miss Black Western Scholastic Award.

Favorite Quote: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." – Philippians 4:13





Kyle Smith
Spirit Master

Kyle Smith, a junior from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master pursuing a major in Nursing. Kyle is a recipient of the Spirit Makes the Master Scholarship, a member of the WKU Honors College, and has been recognized on the Dean's List. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Student United Way, and Red Wave. Kyle is also a student worker at the Distance Learning Testing Center.

Favorite Place on Campus: The Berm in Houchens Industries- L.T. Smith Stadium, where he enjoys cheering on the 'Tops.'

Favorite Quote: "Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can't Lose."
- Coach Eric Taylor

Destiny Starks
Spirit Master

Destiny Starks, a junior from Providence, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Broadcast News and a minor in Organizational Leadership. With her degree, she plans to become a news anchor. She is a recipient of the Joseph A. Dear scholarship, and is a member Kappa Delta Sorority. Destiny currently serves as the social media manager for the Talisman, WKU's yearbook

Favorite Quote: "Build all your roads today because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for plans."





Sarah Suggs

Spirit Master

Sarah Suggs, a junior from Bowling Green, is a second-year Spirit Master double majoring in Psychology and Biology with a Pre-Physician Assistant concentration. She is a student in the Honors College at WKU and is a recipient of the Cherry Presidential Scholarship. Sarah is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, where she serves as the Music Chair. In addition, Sarah serves on the planning committee for Dance Big Red, an annual dance marathon event designed to raise money for Kosair Children's Hospital. In the spring of 2016, Sarah had the privilege of studying abroad with Semester at Sea. She currently serves the Spirit Master organization as Recording Secretary.

Favorite Quote: "For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone."

– Audrey Hepburn

Ali Thompson

Spirit Master

Ali Thompson, a junior from Liberty, KY, is a third year Spirit Master majoring in Biochemistry with a concentration in pre-pharmacy. She is a student in the WKU Honors College and has been recognized consistently on the President's List and included in the Greek Academic Hall of Fame. She attended Semester at Sea Spring 2015 and completed AHEC's Rural Health Scholars Program that following summer. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi, where she has served her chapter as Webmaster and Formal Recruitment Chair. Ali is involved in the \$100 Solution International Non-profit, Chem Club, Genome Discovery and Exploration Program 2013-2014, Greek Impact, and is the secretary of the Pre-Pharmacy Club. She also completed a 5-week healthcare practicum in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania this past summer while studying Maternal and Child Health. She now serves the Spirit Masters as Treasurer.

Favorite Quote: "While some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who think they are crazy enough to change the world, are the ones who do."

– Steve Jobs





Mallory Vaughn

Spirit Master

Mallory Vaughn, a senior from Bowling Green, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biochemistry with a pre-medicine concentration. A WKU Honors College Student, she is a recipient of the 1906 Founders Scholarship, a College Heights Foundation Scholarship, and has been recognized consistently on the President's List and included in the Greek Academic Hall of Fame. A former member of WKU's Women's Golf Team, Mallory was awarded the Commissioner's Academic Medal by both Conference USA and the Sunbelt Conference. Mallory is a member of Chi Omega, where she has served her chapter as Correspondence Chair and Director of Friendship and Social. She works as a tutor for the WKU Dept. of Chemistry, is a member of Order of Omega, the Golden Key Honor Society, and is an active member in WKU's Panhellenic community where she serves as the Director of Scholarship.

Favorite Quote: "Purpose is the reason you journey. Passion is the fire that lights your way." – Anonymous

McKenzie Wilson

Spirit Master

McKenzie Wilson, a junior from Franklin, KY, is a second year Spirit Master with a double major in Healthcare Administration and Communication Studies. She is recognized on the Dean's List, and is a recipient of the Gilbertine Moore Memorial Scholarship and the Jimmy and Dorothy Dowell Scholarship. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi fraternity where she previously served as 2015-2016 Vice President of Education, and currently serves as the 2016-2017 New Member Educator. She is also a member of WKUHCA.

Favorite Quote: "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure." – Marianne Williamson





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Be All In
- Gary Ransdell



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