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The Spirit Makes the Master



WKU Spirit Masters Class of 2014 ~ 2015

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Catherine Havel

Chair

Catherine Havel, a senior from Louisville, KY, is a third-year Spirit Master. A student in the WKU Honors College, she will be graduating in May 2015 with a major in Public Relations and a minor in Sales Marketing. Catherine will also graduate with the iMedia certificate. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority where she serves on the Executive Board as Panhellenic Delegate. Catherine's honors include: Kentucky PR Student of the Year 2014, Sara Thompson Scholarship recipient, President's Scholar recipient, Canadian Parliamentary Summer Internship 2012 and Greek Academic Hall of Fame. Catherine serves as chair for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "Whether you think you can, or you can't — you're right." – Henry Ford

Meghan McGuirk

Vice Chair

Meghan McGuirk, a senior from Smiths Grove, KY, is a third-year Spirit Master majoring in Political Science with a minor in History. A student in the WKU Honors College, she was awarded a Fulbright Summer Institute in Scotland in 2013. Meghan has also spent the fall 2013 semester studying abroad at the University of Reading in England. She is the recipient of the Regents Scholarship, College Heights Golf Scramble Scholarship, and the Julian Potter Scholarship. Meghan is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta. She spent the 2012-2013 school year as a Public Achievement Coach with the Institute of Citizenship and Social Responsibility (ICSR). She serves as vice chair for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "I must learn to be content with being happier than I deserve." – Jane Austen





Alexis Baker

Spirit Master

Lexie Baker, a junior from Bowling Green, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biochemistry with a minor in Biology and is a WKU Honors College student. She plans to attend medical school after graduating from WKU. She serves as the Vice President of Recruitment for Panhellenic Council and is a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. Lexie is a Study Abroad and Global Learning alum and hopes to travel abroad again while at WKU. She is currently a student worker at the Center for Career and Professional Development. She has been involved in Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Professional Honor Society, St. Jude Up 'til Dawn Executive Board, and Student Government Association.

Favorite Quote: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." – John Quincy Adams

Taylor Bowling

Spirit Master

Taylor Bowling, a junior from London, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Civil Engineering with a minor in Political Science. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is the recipient of the Regents Scholarship and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Scholarship and has been recognized on the President's List. Taylor recently interned in the summer of 2014 with Messer Construction as a Project Engineer in Nashville, TN. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta and is the liaison between Independence Bank and the Bowling Green Housing Authority where working together to renovate houses for families in need. Taylor is a member of the leadership team for Campus Crusade for Christ, Bridges Ministry, Golden Key International Honor Society, WKU College Republicans Club, and has completed Stage I of the Dynamic Leadership Institute. He serves as social co-chair for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God through him." – Colossians 3:17





Lizzie Brand

Spirit Master

Lizzie Brand, a junior from Bowling Green, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Hospitality Management with a concentration in Nutrition and Dietetics. A WKU Honors College student, she is a recipient of the Cherry Presidential Scholarship and has been recognized on the Greek Academic Hall of Fame and the President's List. Lizzie is a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, the Family and Consumer Science Society and Phi Upsilon Omicron. She is a student employee in the WKU Office of Public Affairs..

Favorite Quote: "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C. S. Lewis

Kelvin Brown

Spirit Master

Kelvin Brown, a sophomore from Atlanta, GA is a first- year Spirit Master double majoring in Biology and Biochemistry and double minoring in Chemistry and Psychology with a concentration in Pre-Medicine. He aspires to become a surgeon. A student in the WKU Honors College, Kelvin is a participant in the Psychology Club, the Chemistry Club and has been recognized on the Dean's List. Kelvin was a participant this summer 2014 at the Duke University S.M.D.E.P program for students aspiring to pursue a profession in the medical field.. Also recently Kelvin managed a weight loss clinic overseeing his own staff during the 2014 summer.

Favorite Quote: "Through Hard work , perseverance, and faith in God, you can live your dreams." – Ben Carson





McGavinn Brown

Spirit Master

McGavinn Brown, a sophomore from Franklin, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master with a double major in History and Political Science and a minor in Legal Studies. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is a member of the National History Honor's Society and Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. McGavinn is a student worker in the WKU History Department. McGavinn is an avid golfer. He enjoys hunting, reading, watching sappy love movies, and training in martial arts.

Favorite Quote: "I won't be wronged. I won't be insulted. I won't be laid a hand upon. I do not do these things to others, nor shall I have them done unto me." – John Wayne

Matt Bunnell

Spirit Master

Matthew Bunnell, a sophomore from Glasgow, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master with a double major in Accounting and Finance with a minor in 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, club tennis, and Red Wave.

Favorite Quote: "You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give." – Winston Churchill





Kam Champion

Spirit Master

Kamilah Champion, a senior from Evansville, IN, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Mass Communications with minors in broadcasting and facility & event management. She has been recognized on both the President's List and the Dean's List. She has been heavily involved with campus organizations through the years, such as Minority Women at Western and Black Student Alliance. Kamilah has served as the President of Campus Activities Board for two years and is active in National Pan-Hellenic Council and her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She has also enjoyed volunteering with M.A.S.T.E.R Plan and the Early Start Program. Currently, she is a student worker in the Downing Student Union. Upon graduation in May 2015, she plans to attend graduate school to study higher education to achieve her goal in becoming a student affairs professional.

Favorite Quote: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

– Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Haley Doose

Spirit Master

Haley Doose, a junior from Bowling Green, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry with a Pre-Dentistry concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is the recipient of the Regents Scholarship. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi where she serves as the Philanthropic Chairman and serves as co-executive director for WKU Up 'til Dawn. Haley currently works as a student staff member in the Office of Student Activities.

Favorite Quote: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." – Theodore Roosevelt





Natalie Gilliam

Spirit Master

Natalie Gilliam, a senior from Lexington, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Corporate and Organizational Communication with minors in Meeting, Convention, and Exposition Planning and Sales. A student in the WKU Honors College, she has been recognized on the President's List each semester at WKU. She has held several leadership roles in Kappa Delta Sorority, including Vice President of Operations and Leadership Excellence. She serves the Department of Communication as a Communication Ambassador and President of Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society. Natalie is also an alumnus of the Disney College Program Internship. She is currently a student worker for WKU's Office of Alumni Relations and she has been involved with the Student Alumni Association for several years. She was the 2013 recipient of several WKU scholarships toward her study abroad program in Italy. Natalie strives to create the best experience possible for those she meets on the Hill and she will carry this into her future career in hospitality.

Favorite quote: "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." – Walt Disney

Ian Greer

Spirit Master

Ian Greer, a junior from Franklin, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biology with a pre-physical therapy focus and a minor in Spanish. A student in the WKU Honors College, he studied abroad in Segovia, Spain during the spring of 2014, and has been recognized on the President's List and the Dean's List. Ian is a member of Phi Gamma Delta, Golden Key International Honor Society, WKU Pre-Physical Therapy Club, and the pre-health honor society Alpha Epsilon Delta. Ian serves Spirit Masters as the retreat coordinator.

Favorite Quote: "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline."

– 2 Timothy 1:7





Katherine "KJ" Hall

Spirit Master

KJ Hall, a sophomore from Elizabethtown, KY., is a first-year Spirit Master double majoring in Public Relations and Chinese. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is a member of the Alumni Leadership Scholar program. Serving as the Director of Public Relations for the WKU Student Government Association, KJ is also a member of the national College Youth in Government program and helped establish a local chapter here at WKU. KJ is also very active in the WKU Baptist Campus Ministries and is a member of the Chinese Club, where she has worked with both the Confucius Institute and the Department of Modern Languages. She also volunteers with the WKU ALIVE Center at various community organizations, such as the Center for Courageous Kids and HOTEL Inc. Currently, she is a volunteer at the Buddy House for Down Syndrome, where she helps coach the 'Jammerz' junior dance team.

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*

Ellie Jolly

Spirit Master

Ellie Jolly, a senior from Cadiz, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Biology and minoring in Broadcasting with a Pre-Medicine concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is a recipient of the WKU Regents Scholarship and recognized on the President's List. She is a member of Golden Key International Honour Society, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). Currently serving as President for Chi Omega sorority, she also served as Secretary and a New Member Board member. She also serves as President of Order of Omega and Secretary for Alpha Epsilon Delta (pre-professional fraternity). Ellie serves as recording secretary for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "Believe you can and you're halfway there."

– Theodore Roosevelt





Ellen Linder

Spirit Master

Ellen Linder, a sophomore from Louisville, KY, is a first year Spirit Master with an International Affairs double major and a minor in legal studies with a concentration in Chinese Flagship. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Favorite Quote: "Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." – T.S. Elliot

Kayla Lofton

Spirit Master

Kayla Lofton, a senior from Lexington, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Psychology with a minor in Family Studies. She serves on the C.A.B. Executive Board. She also serves as a peer mentor for University Experience students, and is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Kayla's honors include Dean's List recognition and the Campus Activities Board Outstanding Leadership Team member of the year. She serves as a regular volunteer at the Parker Bennett Community Center.

Favorite Quote(s): "Let history repeat itself until it grows weary of its offspring." – Anonymous

"History is written by the victors." – Winston Churchill





Alyson Manley

Spirit Master

Alyson Manley, a senior from Morganfield, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Public Relations with minors in Marketing and Digital Advertising. Alyson has been involved with the Dynamic Leadership Institute, Student Government Association, and Phi Mu Fraternity. She has been recognized on the President's and Dean's Lists and has been inducted into the Greek Hall of Fame. She also studied abroad at Harlaxton in the Spring of 2013 where she was a recipient of the World Topper and SGA scholarships. Alyson is an intern at the WKU Study Away Office.

Favorite Quote: "Laughter is timeless. Imagination has no age. And dreams are forever." – Walt Disney Company

Ashlee Manley

Spirit Master

Ashlee Manley, a senior from Morganfield, KY, is a third-year Spirit Master majoring in Public Relations with a minor in tourism. She serves as the President of Phi Mu Sorority, a member of the Dynamic Leadership Institute, and a graduate of Leadershape. She has also been a Senator and Legislative Research Chair for the Student Government Association. Ashlee has been recognized on the President's List multiple times and has been inducted into the Greek Hall of Fame. During the spring 2013, she studied abroad at the University of Sunderland in England. She is currently a student worker in the Admissions Office and the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building. She serves as corresponding secretary for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "I hope you live a life you're proud of, and if you're not, I hope you have the courage to start all over again." – The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (film)





Eric Marr
Spirit Master

Eric Marr, a senior from Glasgow, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Chemistry and minoring in Business Administration with a pre-pharmacy concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, Eric is also a Governor's Scholar and a member of the WKU Track and Field team. He has been listed on the President's and Dean's List as well as being named the recipient of the Gordon Wilson Jr. Scholarship. Eric works as a Certified Pharmacy Technician and enjoys kayaking, camping, and being outdoors. He serves as the co-social chair for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."
– Milton Berle

Grace McCullough
Spirit Master

Grace McCullough, a senior from Louisville, KY, is a second year Spirit Master majoring in Psychological Sciences with a minor in Business Administration. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is a recipient of the Alumni Leadership Scholarship and College Heights Foundation Scholarship. She has served in many leadership roles during her years on the hill, including President of Sigma Kappa Sorority and First-Vice President of the Panhellenic Council. Grace has also been awarded a FUSE grant to continue her work as a research assistant in WKU's Industrial-Organizational Psychology Lab, and currently serves as a Conference Coordinator for the 2015 Southeastern Panhellenic Conference.

Favorite Quote: "Out of clutter, find simplicity. From discord, find harmony. In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."
– Albert Einstein





Rebecca McPhearson

Spirit Master

Rebecca McPhearson, a senior from Richmond, KY, is a first year Spirit Master pursuing three degrees: General Mathematics, Secondary Mathematics and Science Education, and Mathematical Economics. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta International Sorority where she currently serves as Vice President of Operations, a member of the WKU Model United Nations Team, Sky Teach Student Organization, and Golden Key International Honour Society. She has been recognized on the Dean's List and President's List multiple times and during summer 2014 she was a member of the Toppers At Sea program.

Favorite Quote(s): "There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, believe, and do mostly, live." – Dalai Lama

"Attitude is Everything" – Coach Tim Cahill

Nolan Miles

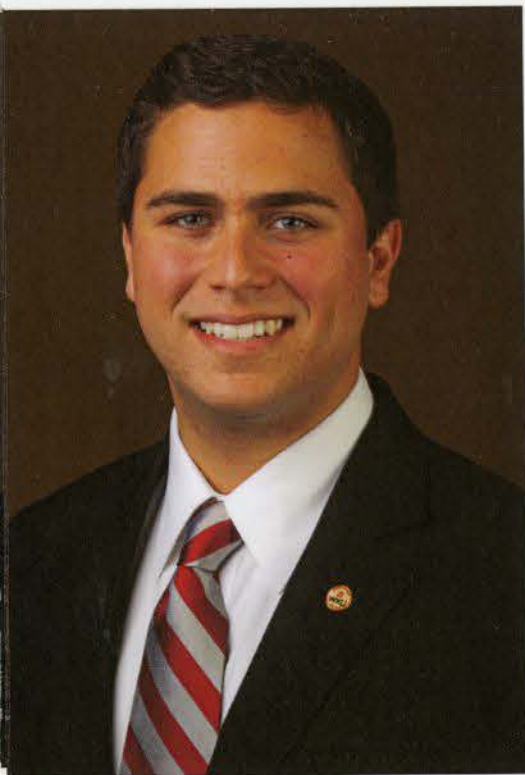
Spirit Master

Nolan Miles, a senior from Bardstown, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Public Relations with a double minor in Marketing and International Business. A student in the WKU Honors College, Nolan is a Governor's Scholar Program alum and a graduate from Nelson County High School. He is the Student Government Association Executive Vice President, a Fusion Journalist for Western iMedia, and a member of Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA.)

Favorite Quote: "Optimism is a catalyst that can stir persistence, steady us during challenges, and stroke the confidence that we can influence our surroundings."

– Daniel Pink





David Miller

Spirit Master

David Miller, a junior from Louisville, KY, is a first – year Spirit Master majoring in Civil Engineering. He is an executive committee member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, a Greek Impact student leader, a member of ASCE, and an executive committee member of the Inter-Fraternity Council. David has also been involved in the WKU Redshirts and the WKU Men's Chorus within his time on 'the Hill'.

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

Meredith Murrell

Spirit Master

Meredith Murrell, a junior from Columbia, Ky, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biology with a minor in Psychology and a Pre-Physical Therapy concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is consistently recognized on the President's List and she is a recipient of the Regents Scholarship. Meredith is an active member of various organizations on campus, such as Campus Crusade for Christ, Pre-Physical Therapy Club, Golden Key, WKU Inclusive Ministries, and Alpha Epsilon Delta, WKU's Pre Health-Professional Honor Society. During the Spring 2014 semester, she studied abroad at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England. She is currently a student worker at Raymond B. Preston Health and Activities Center as a Fitness Center Attendant.

Favorite Quote: "For I know I have the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11





Bennett Peck

Spirit Master

Bennett Peck, a junior from Hopkinsville, KY, is a third-year Spirit Master double-majoring in Finance and Economics. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is the recipient of the WKU Regents Scholarship, the Ed Moseley Scholarship and the C. Keith Davis Economics Scholarship. She is a member Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, serving as Philanthropy Chair, Membership Education Vice President and currently as Chapter President. Bennett is the Vice President of Finance and Fundraising for the WKU Student United Way and is involved in Dynamic Leadership Institute as well as the "Lean In" Women's Economic Club. She is recognized on the President's List. Bennett serves as treasurer for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." – Winston Churchill

Charlie Rhea

Spirit Master

Charlie Rhea, a senior from Louisville, KY is a second year Spirit Master majoring in Public Health with a concentration in Environmental Health Science. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is a recipient of the Dr. James H Stuteville and WKU Louisville Area Alumni scholarships as well as the Louisville Male High School Pierce Butler Atwood award and scholarship. On campus, Charlie is a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity as well as a student worker and tour guide for the WKU Office of Admissions. His honors include being named the 2014 Outstanding Student of Public Health within Environmental Science and has been recognized on the President's list, the Dean's list and the Greek Academic Hall of Fame.

Favorite Quote: "Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than you". – Dr. Suess





Jay Todd Richey

Spirit Master

Jay Todd Richey, a sophomore from Glasgow, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Political Science, Economics, and Asian Religions and Cultures and is a member of the Chinese Language Flagship Program. A student in the WKU Honors College, Jay Todd currently serves as the WKU Student Government Association's Speaker of the Senate, Treasurer of College Democrats, a brother in Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity, and Chair of the WKU Student Coalition for Renters' Rights, an organization dedicated to educating about and advocating for renters' rights in the Bowling Green community and South Central Kentucky area. Currently, Jay Todd is interested in a career with in either law or the U.S. Department of State working with U.S.-China relations, due to being selected as an intern in the Public Affairs Section at the United States Embassy in Beijing, China for the 2015 Department of State Internship Program. He hopes to someday dedicate his life to public service.

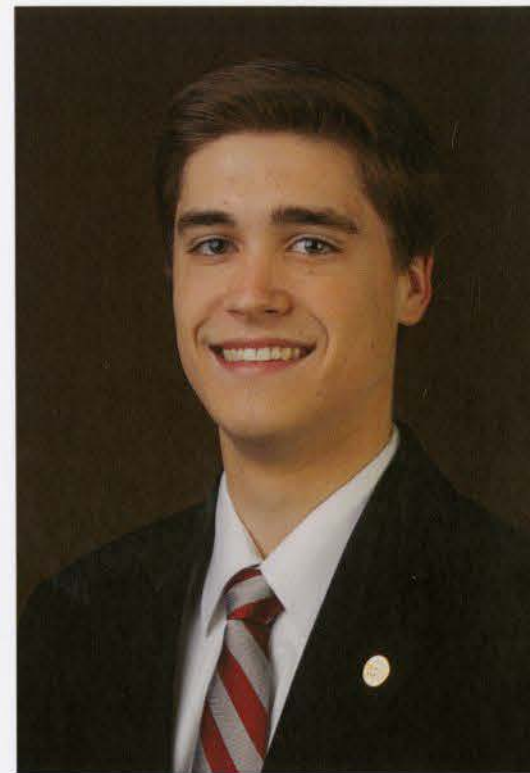
Favorite Quote: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."
- The Once-ler, The Lorax

Taylor Ruby

Spirit Master

Taylor Ruby, a junior from Somerset, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry with a Pre-Dentistry concentration. A student in the WKU Honors college, he is the recipient of the Governor's Scholar Scholarship and is recognized on the President's List. Taylor is a tutor in the Chemistry Department and is also a member of Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and the Pre-Dental Society.

Favorite Quote: "Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." - Lou Holtz





Kaitlyn Snyder

Spirit Master

Kaitlyn Snyder, a junior from Bowling Green, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Psychology with a minor in Biology and a pre-med concentration. She is a recipient of the WKU Presidential Scholarship and a student in the WKU Honors College. Kaitlyn is president of WKU's Chapter of Golden Key International Honor Society and junior vice president of Alpha Epsilon Delta, WKU's Pre Health-Professional Honor Society.

Favorite Quote: "For I know I have the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

Catherine Stone

Spirit Master

Catherine Stone is a junior from Scottsville, Kentucky and a first-year Spirit Master. She is an Economics major with a minor in agriculture and is a student in the WKU Honors College. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi and currently serving as her chapter's corresponding secretary. She is a member of both the Golden Key Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Catherine's honors include being a Regents Scholarship recipient, inclusion in the Greek Academic Hall of Fame, the President's List and a recipient of the Jennie O. and N.O. Taff Scholarship.

Favorite Quote: "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." – Mother Teresa





Ali Thompson

Spirit Master

Ali Thompson, a sophomore from Liberty, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry with a pre-pharmacy concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is a recipient of the WKU Regents Scholarship and the Dr. James H. Stuteville Scholarships. Ali has been recognized consistently on the President's List and included in the Greek Academic Hall of Fame. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi, where she serves her chapter as Webmaster. Ali is involved in the Chem Club, Genome Discovery and Exploration Program 2013-2014, Campus Crusaders for Christ, Greek Impact, and Pre-Pharmacy Club.

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

Mckinze Willard

Spirit Master

Mckinze Willard, a junior from Mt. Washington, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Psychology with a minor in Gerontology. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is the recipient of a FUSE Grant and a Lifetime Experience Grant for her research in intergenerational service-learning. Mckinze is a proud member of Alpha Gamma Delta, and has served as Property Coordinator and Vice President of Finance. She is also involved in the Psychology Club, Student Ambassadors of Service, and is a student worker at the WKU ALIVE Center.

Favorite Quote: "She knew that she was formed by God's hands, dreamed up in His heart, and placed in this world for a Purpose."





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Spirit Masters Class of 2014-2015 Our Goals

Authenticity – a genuine spirit and sincerity exhibited at all times.

Commitment – a dedication to serving each other, this organization and WKU.

Opportunistic – seeking out and creating 'Spirit Moments.'



"Meet Me on the Hill"



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