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The Spirit Makes the Master



WKU Spirit Masters Class of 2013 ~ 2014

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Trip Carpenter

Chair

Trip Carpenter, a senior from Owensboro, KY, is a third-year Spirit Master with a double major in History and Film Studies and a minor in Legal Studies. In the spring of 2012, the Regents Scholar studied abroad at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England. Trip participates in Bike4alz, an organization with a mission to raise money and awareness for Alzheimer's research and is a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. He is also a student in the WKU Honors College. Although his future is still somewhat unclear, Trip is excited to discover how his passions will manifest after graduating from WKU.

Favorite Quote: "Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice."

- William Shakespeare

Mary Boothe

Vice Chair

Mary Boothe, a senior from Georgetown, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master double majoring in English with a concentration in Professional Writing and Advertising with a concentration in Branding with a minor in Marketing. A student in the WKU Honors College, she has received the Karen Pelz and the Caskey, Jefferson and Louise scholarship. She participated in the 2010 Fall Study Abroad Program at Harlaxton College and the 2011 Summer Switzerland Study Abroad Program. Mary has previously served as a senator in the Student Government Association, as the Vice-President of Marketing for the Ecology Club, and as a PowerSave Campus intern. Last year she served as historian for Spirit Masters and was elected to Vice-Chair for this school year.

Favorite Quote: "Shoot for the moon. If you miss, you'll still land among the stars"

- Unknown





Taylor Bowling

Spirit Master

Taylor Bowling, a sophomore from London, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Civil Engineering with a minor in Legal Studies. 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 is a member of Campus Crusade for Christ, Phi Gamma Delta, Bridges Ministry, Golden Key International Honor Society, WKU College Republicans Club, and has completed Stage I of the Dynamic Leadership Institute.

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

Derek Daniel

Spirit Master

Derek Daniel, a senior from Somerset, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Political Science and Communication Studies with a minor in Criminology. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is a recipient of the Award of Excellence Scholarship and has been recognized on the President's List and the Dean's List. He is an Intramural Supervisor for Intramural Recreational Sports and is a representative for the Student Employee Board. Derek is a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, Campus Crusade for Christ, College Republicans Club, and Student Government Association.

Favorite Quote: "The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire."

- Ferdinand Foch





Allison Feikes

Spirit Master

Allison Marie Feikes, a senior from La Porte, IN, is a third-year Spirit Master majoring in International Affairs and Political Science. She works for the nonprofit organization CISV International, which is a UNESCO partner and NGO that “educates and inspires action for a more just and peaceful world.” For the Fall 2013 semester, Allison is interning in the Public Affairs Office at the U.S. Mission to the European Union. She previously interned with U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell and the United States Peace Corps. Allison has received numerous honors in the Political Science Department including the Evans Scholarship for Outstanding Student in Political Science. She has studied abroad in the Czech Republic and volunteered abroad at an orphanage in Tanzania. She is also a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority.

Favorite Quote: “If you think you are too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in the room.”

– Anita Roddick

Paige Freeman

Spirit Master

Paige Freeman, a Senior from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Communication Studies with a minor in Meeting, Convention, and Exposition Planning. She serves as the Public Relations chair for the Black Student Alliance and Minority Women at Western. She also serves on the Western Leader Advisory Board for WKU’s M.A.S.T.E.R. Plan. Her honors include recognition on the Dean’s List, Project C.L.A.S.S. scholarship recipient, Student Support Service Scholarship recipient, Gamma Theta Scholarship Pageant recipient, and Miss Omega 2011. She is a student worker in the WKU Office of Housing and Residence Life. She has an unwavering desire for assisting others and giving back to WKU and the community is her ultimate objective.

Favorite Quote: “Give a girl the right shoes, and she can conquer the world.”

– Marilyn Monroe





Stephanie Gaiko

Spirit Master

Stephanie Gaiko, a Senior from Bowling Green, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Health Sciences with concentrations in General Wellness and Pre-Physical Therapy. She is a student in the WKU Honors College and a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority. A student ambassador for the College of Health and Human Services, Stephanie is also a student worker at the Clinical Education Complex and is featured on the President's List. She also serves as a Hospice volunteer and a mentor at TC Cherry Elementary school in Bowling Green.

Favorite Quote: When I stand before God at the end of my life, I hope I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything you gave me."

- Erma Bombeck

Jana Harrison

Spirit Master

Jana Harrison, a junior from Owensboro, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in English Literature with a minor in Professional Writing. In the fall of 2012, the KY Governor's Scholarship recipient studied abroad at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England. A student in the WKU Honors College, she serves as recording secretary for the Honors Club Student Planning Board and treasurer for the National Honors Society, Phi Eta Sigma. Also, Jana is currently a student worker in the WKU Athletic Ticket Office

Favorite Quote: "Live the full life of the mind, exhilarated by new ideas, intoxicated by the romance of the unusual."

- Ernest Hemingway





Catherine Havel

Spirit Master

Catherine Havel, a sophomore from Louisville, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is majoring in Public Relations and plans to obtain minors in Sales and News/Editorial Journalism. Catherine will also graduate with the iMedia certificate. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority where she serves as Guard. Catherine's honors include: President's Scholar Recipient, summer 2012 Canadian Parliamentary Internship, Alpha Delta Pi Outstanding Sister award and Greek Academic Hall of Fame.

Favorite Quote: "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."
- 1 Timothy 4:12

Ellie Jolly

Spirit Master

Ellie Jolly, a junior from Cadiz, KY, is a first-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. She is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta (pre-professional fraternity), The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). Currently serving as Secretary for Chi Omega sorority, she also served as a New Member Board member. Ellie is recognized on the President's List.

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





Kelsey Kaetzel

Spirit Master

Kelsey Kaetzel, a junior from Santa Claus, IN, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Biology and Chemistry with a pre-med concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is a recipient of the Tuition Incentive Program Scholarship, LY Lancaster, and McElwain, Brooke Scholarships and is featured on the President's List. Kelsey is a member of Alpha Delta Pi and the WKU pre-med society Alpha Epsilon Delta. She is also the Deli Manager of WKU FeelGood. She enjoys volunteering at the Center for Courageous Kids in Scottsville, KY.

Favorite Quote: "The Lord is my light, whom shall I fear?"

- Psalm 27:1

Sydney Lutsch

Spirit Master

Sydney Lutsch, a senior from Edgewood, KY., is a third-year Spirit Master majoring in Entrepreneurship with a minor in Hospitality focusing in Food Service Management. Serving as the Spirit Chair of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Sydney is also the Public Relations Chair and a Pi Chi (liaison between potential new members and the Greek community) for the PanHellenic Council. She is a member of Dynamic Leadership Institute and an ambassador for the Gordon Ford College of Business. She is currently a student worker in the Career Service Center.

Favorite Quote: "Find life experiences and swallow them whole. Travel. Meet many people. Go down some dead ends and explore dark alleys. Try everything. Exhaust yourself in the glorious pursuit of life."

- Lawrence K. Fish





Alyson Manley
Spirit Master

Alyson Manley, a senior from Morganfield, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Public Relations with a minor in Marketing. She is a member of Phi Mu and serves as a Student Government Association Senator. Alyson has also been involved with the Dynamic Leadership Institute and has been recognized on the President's and Dean's Lists. 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 a student worker in the Office of Admissions.

Favorite Quote: "Never forget what you are, for surely the world will not. Make it your strength. Then it can never be your weakness. Armour yourself in it, and it will never be used to hurt you."

- George R.R. Martin

Ashlee Manley
Spirit Master

Ashlee Manley, a senior from Morganfield, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Public Relations with a minor in tourism. She is a member of Phi Mu Sorority, a Student Government Association Senator, a member of the Dynamic Leadership Institute, and a graduate of Leadershape. Ashlee has been recognized on the President's List multiple times. 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.

Favorite quote: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

- Eleanor Roosevelt





Eric Marr

Spirit Master

Eric Marr, a junior from Glasgow, KY, is a first-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 returning Sun Belt Conference Champion WKU Track and Field team. He is also in the process of initiating WKU Dosomething, an organization powered by Dosomething.org which facilitates young adults' involvement and impact in their local community.

Favorite Quote: "Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life."

- Immanuel Kant

Grace McCullough

Spirit Master

Grace McCullough, a sophomore from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Psychology 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 currently serves as the Executive Vice President of Sigma Kappa Sorority and First-Vice President of the PanHellenic Council. Grace also serves as a research assistant in WKU's Industrial-Organizational Psychology Lab, and is a Chair on the 2013 Greek Week Committee.

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

- Albert Einstein





Meghan McGuirk
Spirit Master

Meghan McGuirk, a junior from Smiths Grove, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Political Science with a minor in History. She was awarded a Fulbright Summer Institute in Scotland in 2013. Meghan is currently studying abroad at the University of Reading in England. She is also the recipient of the Regents Scholarship, College Heights Golf Scramble Scholarship, and the Julian Potter Scholarship. Meghan is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta and the Honors College. She is also involved in Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) and spent the 2012-2013 school year as a Public Achievement Coach with the Institute of Citizenship and Social Responsibility (ICSR). Her favorite spot on campus is Centennial Mall when the trees are blooming.

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

Sarah Newton
Spirit Master

Sarah Newton, a senior from Bowling Green, is a third-year Spirit Master and a student in the WKU Honors College majoring in Healthcare Administration. She is the scholarship recipient of the Award of Excellence, World Topper Scholarship, National Pipe Liners Association Scholarship, and was named a Fiat Scholar. She serves as the Formal Recruitment Chair and Public Relations Chair for her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi. Sarah, who has been recognized on the President's List multiple times, is also an alumnae of Semester at Sea. Other campus activities she has participated in include Student Government Association, Student Healthcare Association, Study Abroad Ambassadors, and Dynamic Leadership Institute. She has served Spirit Masters as the 2012 Retreat Coordinator and 2013 Public Relations Chair and is currently the Parliamentarian.

Favorite Quote: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
- Eleanor Roosevelt





Bennett Peck
Spirit Master

Bennett Peck, a junior from Hopkinsville, KY, is a second-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 and the Ed Moseley Scholarship. She is a member Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, serving as both Philanthropy Chair and Membership Education Vice President. Bennett is a Peer Intrusive Advisor at the Academic Advising and Retention Center and is involved in Dynamic Leadership Institute. She is recognized on the President's List. Bennett serves as Treasurer for Spirit Masters.

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

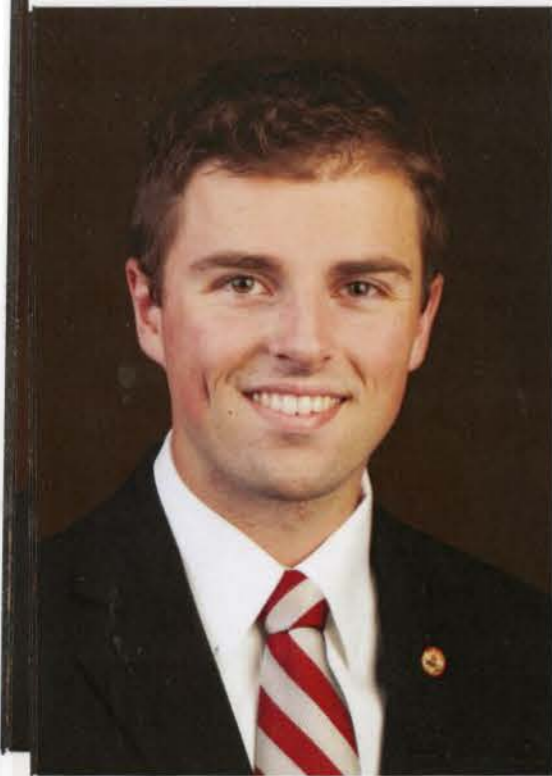
Matthew Purdom
Spirit Master

Matthew Purdom, a senior from Shelbyville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master with a major in Political Science and minor in Marketing. After transferring to WKU from Hanover College after his freshman academic year, Matthew found home here on 'the Hill' in the fall of 2011. Matthew is a student worker in the Fitness Center at the Raymond B. Preston Center. He is also a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, serving as judicial chair.

Favorite Quotes: "All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them."
- Walt Disney

"Don't give up, don't ever give up."
- Jim Valvano





Charlie Rhea

Spirit Master

Charlie Rhea, a sophomore from Louisville, KY, is a first-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 Pierce Butler Atwood scholarships. Charlie is also a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Campus Crusade for Christ and is a student worker at the WKU Office of Admissions. He is also recognized on the President'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. Seuss

Mattie Russell

Spirit Master

Mattie Russell, a senior from Madisonville, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Corporate and Organizational Communication. She is a member of the International Association of Business Communicators, is an ambassador for the Communication Department, has worked with the WKU ALIVE Center, serves as President of Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society, and is a tutor at The Learning Center. She has been recognized on the President's List every semester while at WKU.

Favorite Quote: "Luck favors the prepared mind."





Olivia Sharp

Spirit Master

Olivia Sharp, a junior from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Corporate and Organizational Communication. She is minoring in Marketing. Olivia works as a monitor for the Student Athlete Success Center, and an intern for the Young Professionals Association of Louisville. She is involved in Kappa Delta Sorority, Communication Ambassadors, and Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society. She participated in the Spring 2013 Harlaxton study abroad program.

Favorite Quote: "Travel is the only thing you can buy that makes you richer"

- Unknown

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

Kirsten Tarter

Spirit Master

Kirsten Tarter, a junior from Casey County, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Psychology. A Sigma Kappa member in the Epsilon Zeta Chapter with a focus on their three philanthropies; Inherit the Earth, Main Sea Cost Mission and Gerontology Research with a focus on Alzheimer. She is studied abroad during the summer of 2013 in Florence and Rome, Italy focusing on the study of the Italian language. She works at Wal-Mart as a sales associate. She volunteers at the Humane Society because she believes every animal deserves a home.

Favorite Quote: "For faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen"

- Hebrews 11:1





Ryan Vennell

Spirit Master

Ryan Vennell, a senior from Chatham, IL, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Broadcasting with a TV/Film Production concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is the recipient of the National/International Academic Scholarship, the Kentucky Broadcaster's Association-Harry Barfield Scholarship, and the Charles. M. Anderson Scholarship. Ryan works on campus at WKYU-PBS and runs camera for Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network (HSSN) productions. He has also worked as a freelance utility for ESPN's Monday Night Football. Ryan studied abroad at Harlaxton College during the spring 2012 semester, travelled to London, UK for a journalism class in the fall semester of 2012, and studied abroad in Costa Rica in May 2013. A student in the WKU Honors College, Ryan is a member of the Honors Club Student Planning Board, Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society, and Kappa Tau Alpha Honors Society for Journalism and Mass Communication. In 2011, 2012, and 2013, he has served as a counselor for H4, the Honors College freshmen orientation retreat.

Favorite Quote: "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

- Abraham Lincoln

Justin Wellum

Spirit Master

Justin Wellum, a senior from Louisville, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Biochemistry with a pre-med concentration and with a minor in Leadership Studies. A student in the WKU Honors College, he was a 2009 Governor's Scholar and served as a Resident Advisor for GSP during the summer of 2013. He is a recipient of the Regents Scholarship and is an Ogden Research Scholar. He is on the Leadership Team for Campus Crusade for Christ and is the Membership Chair for Alpha Epsilon Delta. He has served as a counselor for H4, the Honors College Freshman Orientation Retreat, for three years, studied abroad at Harlaxton College in the spring of 2012, performed biochemistry research at the National Chung Hsing University in Taiwan in the summer of 2012, and will finish his CE/T project in Kenya over the Winter of 2013-2014.

Favorite Quote: "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is therefore not an act, but a habit."

- Aristotle





Spencer Wright

Spirit Master

Spencer Wright, a senior from Liberty, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Biology with minors in American Sign Language and Chemistry with a pre-dental concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is the recipient of the Governor's Scholar Scholarship, Claude Lee and Dollie Beatrice Denton Scholarship, and he is an Ogden Research Scholar. Spencer is also a member of Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Campus Crusade for Christ, and the Pre-Dental Society. He recently studied abroad at Harlaxton College during the spring 2012 semester. During the 2013 winter term he studied abroad in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. This past summer, he served as a Directional Leader for H4, the Honors College freshmen retreat.

Favorite Quote: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

- Philippians 4:13

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"A buddy will laugh with you.
A friend will cry with you.
A Spirit Master will do both and ask
what they can do for you."

Taylor Bowling

*Wednesday, November 6, 2013
Spirit Masters' meeting on the eve of
his grandfather's funeral.*

“Meet Me on the Hill”



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