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# WKU Spirit Masters Class of 2012 ~ 2013

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## Alex Fahnders

*Chair*

Alex Fahnders, a senior from Chatham, IL, is a second-year Spirit Master and is serving as the chair of the organization. He is majoring in Sport Management with a minor in Athletic Coaching. A recipient of the Tuition Incentive Program Scholarship, Alex was a resident assistant at Douglas Keen Hall for two years. He is a current member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and was elected as a Senator for Student Government Association. He has also worked with the Bowling Green Hot Rods, a minor league baseball team. His honors include: Big RA on Campus, Hall of the Year, and RA's Choice Award.

**Favorite Quotes:** "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Don't give up, don't ever give up"

- Coach Jimmy Valvano

## Sarah Lowe

*Vice Chair*

Sarah Lowe, a senior from Bowling Green, is a second-year Spirit Master serving as vice-chair of the organization. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is majoring in Biochemistry with a minor in Dance and a pre-med concentration. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi and has served as Philanthropy Chair, Vice President of Administration, and Vice President of Membership Recruitment. She is also serving on the WKU Panhellenic Council as the Activities Director. Sarah is also a member of Campus Crusade for Christ, American Sign Language Organization, Dynamic Leadership Institute, and Order of Omega. She is a student worker in the Student Activities Office.

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

- Philippians 4:13





## Melanie Anderson

*Spirit Master*

Melanie Anderson, a junior from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Exercise Science with a Pre-Physical Therapy concentration. She serves as the Vice President of Membership Recruitment Assistant and Magazine Reporter for her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi. She is a member of the Up 'til Dawn Executive Board, Dynamic Leadership Institute, and Exercise Science Club.

**Favorite Quote:** "If your dreams do not scare you, they are not big enough."

- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

## Alicia Beach

*Spirit Master*

Alicia Beach, a junior from Taylor Mill, KY, is a first year Spirit Master majoring in Elementary Education. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is a recipient of the Award of Excellence Scholarship and a member of the Honor's College. Alicia serves as the Executive Vice President for Alpha Delta Pi. As a volunteer for Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, she is also involved in Kappa Delta Pi, serving as their New Membership Chair, and the Dynamic Leadership Institute, where she is a member and coordinator. Alicia serves as recording secretary for the Spirit Masters.

**Favorite Quote:** "A ship in port is safe, but that's not what ships were built for."







## Hannah Blair

### *Spirit Master*

Hannah Blair, a junior from Owensboro, is a first-year Spirit Master double majoring in Mathematics and Science and Math Education in the SKyTeach program. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is a recipient of the Regents Scholarship and the Ogden College Foundation Scholarship. She is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon Honorary National Mathematics Society, the SKyTeach Student Organization, and is in the Honors College. Hannah currently serves as the Keeper of Ritual and At-Large Standards Committee Representative of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority. She is also on the Entertainment Committee for the Up 'Til Dawn Executive Board. Honors include President's List and induction into the Greek Academic Hall of Fame.

**Favorite Quote:** "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

- Oscar Wilde

## Mary Boothe

### *Spirit Master*

Mary Boothe, a junior from Georgetown, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master double majoring in English with a concentration in Professional Writing and Advertising with a concentration in Branding. She is minoring in Marketing. Mary works as a Green Campus Network Intern, and a Student Government Association Senator. She participated in the 2010 Fall Study Abroad Program at Harlaxton College and the 2011 Summer Switzerland Study Abroad Program. She is the Co-Founder, Co-President and the Co-CEO for Two Wings, LLC, a graphic design company, with her sister. Mary serves as historian for the Spirit Masters.

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

- Unknown





## Brian Campbell

*Spirit Master*

Brian Campbell, a senior from Louisville, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Social Studies and History with a certificate in Secondary Education. He is a 2008 Kentucky Governor's Scholar and a recipient of the Award of Excellence Scholarship. Brian is also a Founding Father of the Chi Eta chapter of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at WKU where he has served as chair of the Graduate Relations and Cups & Awards committees. He also works in the WKU Office of Admissions as a tour guide and office assistant and is a part-time photographer.

**Favorite Quote:** "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

- Edmund Burke

## Trip Carpenter

*Spirit Master*

George "Trip" Carpenter, a junior from Owensboro, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master with a double major in History and Film 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.

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

- William Shakespeare







## Derek Daniel

### *Spirit Master*

Derek Daniel, a senior from Somerset, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Political Science 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 Sports and Recreation 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. Derek serves as social chair for the Spirit Masters.

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

- Ferdinand Foch

## Allison Feikes

### *Spirit Master*

Allison Marie Feikes, a junior from La Porte, IN, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in International Affairs and Political Science. She works for the nonprofit organization CISV International. She also volunteers with Volunteer Global which helps connect people to travel and volunteer abroad experiences. She is an intern with U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell at his Bowling Green field office. She previously interned with 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.

**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





## Stephanie Gahafer

### *Spirit Master*

Stephanie Gahafer, a junior from Sturgis, KY, is a first year Spirit Master majoring in Elementary Education. She is a recipient of the Kentucky Scholars Scholarship, Virginia Schneider Education Scholarship, Mr. D. & Mrs. H.R. Matthews Scholarship, and College Heights Foundation Scholarship. She has been named to the President's List on four occasions. She is a Kentucky Colonel and an advocate and volunteer for the Veteran's Walk of Honor in Blackford, KY. She is a Centennial Liaison of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education. Currently serving as Vice-President for the Chi Omega sorority, she also served as Treasurer, Webmaster, and New Member Board member. She is currently a student worker in the School of Teacher Education. Stephanie serves as Parliamentarian for the Spirit Masters.

**Favorite Quote:** "The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy."

- Kalu Kalu

## Michelle Gilstrap

### *Spirit Master*

Michelle Gilstrap, a senior from Atlanta, GA, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Broadcasting-TV/Film Production with a minor in Sales. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is the recipient of the School of Journalism & Broadcasting Joseph A. Dear Memorial Scholarship and the Cascade United Methodist Church Scholarship. Representing WKU as a queen candidate at the 2012 Mt. Laurel Festival, she was elected Miss Congeniality among her peers. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Student Publications Committee, the Minority Communications, a diplomat for the School of Journalism & Broadcasting, and served as a judge for the 2011 WKU Homecoming Queen panel. Her honors include recognition on the Dean's List and President's List, Golden Key International Honor Society member, National Society for Collegiate Scholars member, Office of Diversity Programs Scholastic Achievement Award for High Academic Performance, and the Cascade UMC Legacy Award for Service.

**Favorite Quote:** "Smiles are contagious."

- Steve Briggs







## Nicholas Gilyard

*Spirit Master*

Nicholas Gilyard, a junior from Miami, FL, is a first-year Spirit Master with a double major in Public Relations and Popular Culture Studies. He is the recipient of a Full Forensics Scholarship, Deans Council of Students for Potter College of Arts & Letters, Campus Activities Board, Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity, PRSSA.

**Favorite Quote:** "People won't remember what you said or what you did. What they will remember is how you made them feel."

– Maya Angelou

## Catherine Havel

*Spirit Master*

Catherine Havel, a sophomore from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is double majoring in Political Science and Social Studies. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority where she serves as Chaplain. Catherine is serving her second term as a Student Government Association Senator while also serving on the Recruitment Committee for the Up Til Dawn Executive Board. In addition, she is involved in FeelGood and Reformed University Fellowship. Catherine's honors include: President's Scholar, summer 2012 Canadian Parliament 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







## **Kelsey Kaetzel**

*Spirit Master*

Kelsey Kaetzel, a sophomore from Santa Claus, IN, is a first-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 the recording secretary for her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi. She is a member of WKU FeelGood and WKU pre-med society Alpha Epsilon Delta. 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 junior from Edgewood, KY, is a second-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. Sydney serves as corresponding secretary for the Spirit Masters.

**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





## Ashlee Manley

### *Spirit Master*

Ashlee Manley, a junior from Morganfield, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Public Relations with a minor in Health Care Administration. She is a member of Phi Mu Sorority and serves as the sorority's New Member Director. She is also an SGA Senator and a member of the Dynamic Leadership Institute. She is currently a student worker in the Admissions Office and the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building.

**Favorite Quote:** "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

## Chad McGarvie

### *Spirit Master*

Chad McGarvie, a senior from Owensboro, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Nursing with a minor in Biology. He plans to obtain his BSN becoming a registered nurse with future endeavors towards a nurse practitioner. He is Candidate Marshall for Sigma Nu Fraternity and President for the Order of Omega. Chad is an Eagle Scout. He serves as treasurer for the Spirit Masters.

**Favorite Quote:** "All men dream, but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds, wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act on their dreams with open eyes, to make them possible."

- T. E. Lawrence







## Meghan McGuirk

*Spirit Master*

Meghan McGuirk, a sophomore from Smiths Grove, KY, is a first year Spirit Master majoring in Political Science with a minor in Non-Profit Organization Administration. Meghan is the recipient of the Regents Scholarship, College Heights Golf Scramble Scholarship, and the Julian Potter Scholarship. She is the Vice President of Finance in Alpha Gamma Delta and currently is a student worker at the WKU Store.

**Favorite Quote:** "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

– Robert Frost

## Christian Morton

*Spirit Master*

Christian Morton, a senior from Louisville, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master double majoring in Accounting and Financial Planning. He is a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity, the founder of the 2LOUD entertainment group and the Lead Accounting Intern for the Kentucky Institute for International Studies.

**Favorite Quote:** "The man who knows how, will always have a job. The man who knows why, will always be the boss."

– Lucinda Anderson







**Sarah Newton**  
*Spirit Master*

Sarah Newton, a junior from Bowling Green, is a second-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 recently named a Fiat Scholar. She serves as the Membership Education Vice President and delegate to the Panhellenic Judiciary Board for her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi. Sarah, who has been recognized on the President's List multiple times, was elected as a Senator for the Student Government Association for the 2012-2013 school year. She has also completed two phases of the Dynamic Leadership Institute. She has served Spirit Masters as the 2012 Retreat Coordinator and currently is the Public Relations Chair.

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

- Eleanor Roosevelt

**Jessie Nichols**  
*Spirit Master*

Jessie Nichols, a senior from Potomac, MD, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Broadcast Journalism with a concentration on news accompanied with a minor in Marketing. She is President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Event Coordinator for the Black Student Alliance, and is the anchor/reporter for WKU's News Channel 12. She has a passion for being the voice of the people and the leading eye into the community, and hopes one day to grace the screens as an anchor for Good Morning America. As she tackles her dreams and aspirations she lives by the motto "carpe diem" (seize the day). During her final year of college, she hopes to meet new people and grasp the true meaning of the Spirit Makes the Master. You only live once, and Jessie Nichols is determined to make her last year on the hill worthwhile. Go TOPS!

**Favorite Quote:** "Live as if you were to die tomorrow, learn as if you were to live forever."

- Gandhi





## Poorvie Patel

### *Spirit Master*

Poorvie Patel, a senior from Bowling Green, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Political Science with a minor in Entrepreneurship and a focus in citizenship and social responsibility with a pre-law concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, she has been recognized on the President's List multiple times. She has been inducted into the Order of Omega Honors Society, is an SGA Senator, is a Dynamic Leadership Institute 4 graduate, and is the current Vice President of Education for Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Her involvement with the \$100 Solution has allowed her to be a Teacher's Assistant for cultural diversity and become a \$100 Solution trainer, as well. She is a former intern for U.S. House of Representative Brett Guthrie in Washington, D.C. and was recently selected as a student lobbyist by Patton Boggs LLP to advocate for the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act to make housing safer and college more affordable for students.

**Favorite Quote:** "An eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind."

– Gandhi

## Bennett Peck

### *Spirit Master*

Bennett Peck, a sophomore from Hopkinsville, KY, is a first year Spirit Master majoring in Business Management. A student in the Honors College, she is the recipient of the WKU Regents Scholarship. She is a member of FeelGood, Campus Crusade for Christ, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and is involved in Dynamic Leadership Institute. Bennett is recognized on the President's List.

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

– Winston Churchill







## **Brittany Prather**

*Spirit Master*

Brittany Prather a senior from Henderson, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Strategic Marketing. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Black Student Alliance, and S.I.S.T.E.R.S. Also currently serving as Vice President of Programs for American Marketing Association, Co-Social Chair for the M.A.S.T.E.R Plan advisory board, she is also a Coordinator for Dynamic Leadership Institute. Brittany is a student worker in the Dean's Office for College of Health and Human Services, as well as a sales associate for Bath and Body Works.

**Favorite Quote:** "EVERYTHING happens for a reason."

- Quoted by many

## **Drews Royse**

*Spirit Master*

Drews Royse, a senior from Glasgow, KY is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Communication Disorders. The Alumni Leadership Scholar is a member of Chi Omega Fraternity, local chapter president of the National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association (NSSHLA), and works on campus in the WKU Alumni Center.

**Favorite Quote:** "The real secret to the fabulous life is to live imperfectly with great delight."







**Mattie Russell**  
*Spirit Master*

Mattie Russell, a sophomore from Madisonville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Corporate and Organizational Communication. She is a member of the International Association of Business Communicators, Christian Student Fellowship, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, has worked with the WKU ALIVE Center, and is a student employee at The Learning Center as well as the Communication Success Center. She has been recognized on the President's List every semester while at WKU.

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

**Kaitlyn Snyder**  
*Spirit Master*

Kaitlyn Snyder, a sophomore from Bowling Green, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Psychology with a minor in Biology and a pre-med concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is a recipient of the WKU Presidential Scholarship and is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society. Kaitlyn is the current Vice President of the Psychology Club and is the Honorary Member and Campus Officials Liaison Co-Chair for WKU's chapter of Golden Key International 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





## Dylan Ward

*Spirit Master*

Dylan Ward, a senior from Hartford, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Civil Engineering. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is a recipient of the Regents Scholarship and the Ogden College Foundation Scholarship. He serves at the treasurer of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and the vice president of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society. He is involved in the Bowling Green community as a big brother in the 'Big Brothers, Big Sisters' Program and plays soccer through the Bowling Green Parks and Recreation. He spent the 2012 summer riding his bike across America to raise money for Alzheimer's Research through Bike4Alz. He has been named to the President's List for five consecutive semesters and was recognized as having the highest GPA amongst all Male Greek sophomores.

**Favorite Quote:** "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."  
- Wayne Gretzky

## Justin Wellum

*Spirit Master*

Justin Wellum, a junior from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biochemistry with a pre-med concentration. A student in the WKU Honors College, he is a Governor's Scholar and a recipient of the Regents Scholarship and the Ogden Research Scholar. He is involved in the Honors Club Student Planning Board, Campus Crusade for Christ, and Alpha Epsilon Delta. He is the treasurer for the Chemistry Club and has studied abroad at Harlaxton College in the Spring of 2012 and will perform biochemistry research at the National Chung Hsing University in Taiwan in the Summer of 2012.

**Favorite Quote:** "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."  
- Acts 20:24







## Teal Wigginton

*Spirit Master*

Teal Wigginton, a junior from Louisville, is a second-year Spirit Master, majoring in Elementary Education. A student in the WKU Honors College, she is the recipient of the Regents Scholarship, the Vogt Scholarship, and the Jay Lowe Scholarship. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi, FeelGood, Campus Crusade for Christ, and Dynamic Leadership Institute. Teal is recognized on the President's List. She is the Scholarship Chair for Alpha Delta Pi and served as the historian for Spirit Masters.

**Favorite Quote:** "Why do you try so hard to fit in when you were born to stand out?"

## Spencer Wright

*Spirit Master*

Spencer Wright, a junior from Liberty, KY, is a first 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, the Pre-Dental Society, and a Golden Key member. He recently studied abroad at Harlaxton College during the Spring 2012 semester. During the 2012 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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