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The Spirit Makes the Master



WKU Spirit Masters Class of 2011 ~ 2012

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Alvin Farmer

Chair

Alvin Farmer, a senior from Memphis, TN, is a second-year Spirit Master serving as the chair of the organization. Majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on Sustainable Communities and Nonprofit Leadership, Alvin is the Inter-Chapter Relations Chair for Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Fraternity and a Peer Intrusive Advisor for the Academic Advising and Retention Center. He is actively involved with the Center for Courageous Kids, a medical camping facility. His honors include: Dean's List and President's List.

Favorite Quote: "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

- Leo Buscaglia

Zack Ryle

Vice Chair

Zack Ryle, a senior from Burlington, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master serving as vice-chair of the organization, with a double major in Broadcast News and Sports Management. He is a recipient of the Charles Anderson Scholarship and the Regents Scholarship. He is the membership development chairman for his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, an anchor for News Channel 12, the Extra Point Anchor, and was chosen the "Sprit Master for the Summer of 2010." Recently, Zack was selected as a 'Face of WKU.'

Favorite Quote: "Attitude reflects leadership, Captain."

- Julius Campbell in *Remember the Titans*





Emma Adkins

Spirit Master

Emma Adkins, a senior from Villa Hills, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Biology and Chemistry with a concentration in pre-dentistry. She is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-med/pre-dental society.

Favorite Quote: "Never look back unless you are planning to go that way."

- Henry David Thoreau

Kelley Boothe

Spirit Master

Kelley Boothe, a senior from Georgetown, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Advertising with a concentration in Print Design. She is minoring in Graphic Design. She serves as the recording secretary for her sorority, Phi Mu, a Student Government Association Senator, and a Big Sister of America. Kelley participated in the 2009 Study Abroad Program at Harlaxton College and the 2011 Imagewest Study Abroad Summer Program in Paris, France. She is the Co-Founder, Co-President and the Co-CEO for Two Wings, LLC, a graphic design company, with her sister. She was recognized as the 2012 NSAC Creative Director and was a 2011 WKU Homecoming Queen candidate. Kelley serves as the parliamentarian for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "Find your purpose and fling your life out to it. Find a way or make one. Try with all your might. Self-made or never-made."

- Orison Swett Marden





Robert Nicholas "Nick" Burnett

Spirit Master

Robert Nicholas "Nick" Burnett, a junior from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Marketing with a focus in Social Media. He is the President of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

Favorite Quote: "Never be a second-rate version of someone else, be a first-rate version of yourself."

- Judy Garland

George "Trip" Carpenter

Spirit Master

George "Trip" Carpenter, a sophomore from Owensboro, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master with a double major in History and Film Studies. In the spring of 2011, the Regents Scholar was named to the President's List and was recognized as having the highest GPA of all Male Greek freshmen. Trip participates in the Bowling Green community Big Brothers Big Sisters Program and is a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

Favorite Quotes: "Go to your bosom: knock there, and ask your heart what it doth know."

"Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice."

- William Shakespeare





Barrett Dennison

Spirit Master

Barrett Dennison, a senior from Glasgow, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Broadcasting and TV/Film Production with a minor in Political Science.

The Governor's Scholar is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and the treasurer for the College Republicans.

Favorite Quote: "Everyone puts his pants on, one leg at a time."

- Harold Boucher, Barrett's maternal grandfather

Kaylee Egerer

Spirit Master

Kaylee Egerer, a senior from Rochester, MI, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Marketing Sales with a minor in Entrepreneurship. She is a recipient of the College Heights Scholarship, the World Topper Scholarship and the WKU SGA Study Abroad Scholarship. The SGA Speaker of the Senate is also the Vice President of Communications and Public Relations for Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority. She is a marketing assistant for WKU Athletic Marketing, a Big Red Mascot and a volunteer for WKU FeelGood (a non-profit campus group founded by Spirit Master Alex Kimura).

Kaylee's honors include Dean's List, President's List, 2011 SGA Outstanding Senator of the Year, 2011 AOII Outstanding Junior, 2011 Greek Hall of Fame Induction, and a 2011 WKU Homecoming Queen candidate. Kaylee serves as the corresponding secretary for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go."

- Dr. Seuss





Alex Fahnders

Spirit Master

Alex Fahnders, a junior from Chatham, IL, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Sport Management with a minor in Athletic Coaching. A recipient of the Tuition Incentive Program Scholarship, Alex is a resident assistant at Douglas Keen Hall, a member of the Resident Staff Association and a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity. He is the co-host of "The RedZone" a WKU sports talk show on WWHR. His honors include: Big RA on Campus, Hall of the Year, and RA's Choice Award.

Favorite Quote: "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Allison Marie Feikes

Spirit Master

Allison Marie Feikes, a sophomore from La Porte, IN, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in International Affairs and Political Science. She works for the nonprofit organization CISV International and previously worked as an intern for the U.S. Peace Corps in Washington, D.C. She has received such honors as Political Science Freshman of the Year and International Affairs Freshman of the Year. She has studied abroad in Eastern Europe and will volunteer in Tanzania during the Summer of 2012.

Favorite Quote: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead





Michelle Gilstrap

Spirit Master

Michelle Gilstrap, a junior from Atlanta, GA, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Broadcasting-TV/Film Production with a minor in Sales. She is the recipient of the School of Journalism & Broadcasting Joseph A. Dear Memorial Scholarship and the Cascade United Methodist Church Scholarship. The Minton Hall Resident Assistant is a member of the Student Publications Committee, Minority Communications, Campus Activities Board, Golden Key International Honour Society, National Society for Collegiate Scholars, and is a Diplomat for the School of Journalism & Broadcasting. Michelle's honors include: Dean's List, President's List, Office of Diversity Programs Scholastic Achievement Award for High Academic Performance, and Cascade UMC Legacy Award for Service.

Favorite Quote: "Smiles are contagious."

- Steve Briggs

Rachel Gumble

Spirit Master

Rachel Gumble, a junior from Ft. Wright, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Sociology with a minor in Criminology. The Governor's Scholar is a member of Chi Omega, Up 'til Dawn Executive Board, Panhellenic Council, and Alpha Sigma Alpha. Her honors include Order of Omega Honors and the 2011 Sociology Undergraduate Student of the Year. She was a 2011 WKU Homecoming Queen candidate.

Favorite Quote: "Every evening I turn my worries over to God. He's going to be up all night anyway."

- Mary C. Crowley





Katie Beth Harmon

Spirit Master

Katie Beth Harmon, a senior from Bowling Green, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Corporate and Organizational Communications with a minor in Marketing. She is a recipient of the College Heights Foundation Scholarship, the Trace Die Cast Scholarship and the College Heights Foundation Golf Classic Scholarship. Katie Beth is a member of Lambda Pi Eta.

Favorite Quote: "To learn to succeed, you must learn to learn to fail."

- Anonymous

Tyler Jury

Spirit Master

Tyler Jury, a senior from Elizabethtown, KY, is a third-year Spirit Master with a double major in Chemistry and Biology and a minor in mathematics. The Presidential Scholarship recipient is a member and past-president of Phi Gamma Delta. He is the co-founder of WKU Share-A-Swipe, a member of the WKU Club Dodgeball Team and the 2010 Greek Hall of Fame. Tyler serves as the treasurer for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race,"

- Calvin Coolidge





Alex Kimura
Spirit Master

Alex Kimura, a senior from Louisville, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis on Social Justice and Equity Emphasis. The founder and president of FeelGood (a non-profit campus group) is also the recipient of the inaugural President's Award for Service. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi and Greek Hall of Fame and was a 2011 WKU Homecoming Queen candidate. Alex serves as the social chair for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "Not all those who wander are lost."
- J.R.R. Tolkien

Paige Levy
Spirit Master

Paige Levy, a senior from Vernon Hills, IL, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Public Relations with minors in Marketing and Event Planning. She has appeared on the President's List and the Dean's List and has received a honor scholarship to attend Semester at Sea in Spring 2011. While studying abroad on the voyage, Paige worked as a communications assistant through the Study Abroad's work-study grant program. Paige is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and served as the sorority's Vice President of Community Service and Secretary. She is also a member of the Dynamic Leadership Institute, as well as the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Favorite Quote: "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams and live the life you have imagined."
- Henry David Thoreau





Sarah Lowe
Spirit Master

Sarah Lowe, a junior from Bowling Green, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Biochemistry with a pre-med concentration. She is a recipient of the Governor's Scholar Scholarship and is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, the American Sign Language Organization, Up 'til Dawn, and Order of Omega. Sarah is the recording secretary for the Spirit Masters.

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

Sydney Lutsch
Spirit Master

Sydney Lutsch, a sophomore from Edgewood, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Entrepreneurship with a minor in Hospitality focusing in Food Service Management. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi, FeelGood, Dynamic Leadership Institute, and is a Gordon Ford College of Business Ambassador. 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





Chad McGarvie

Spirit Master

Chad McGarvie, a junior from Owensboro, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Nursing. The Eagle Scout is a member of Sigma Nu and Alpha Epsilon Delta. He is pursuing a bachelor in science and nursing in order to become a nurse practitioner.

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

Ashleigh Miller

Spirit Master

Ashleigh Miller, a senior from Bedford, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Communications Studies with a minor in American Humanities (Non-Profit). She is a member of Lambda Pi Eta, WKU Non-Profit Association and Dynamic Leadership Institute/Phase IV. Ashleigh was chosen the 2011 WKU Homecoming Queen representing the WKU Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "The two most important days of your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."

- Mark Twain





Jordan Minton

Spirit Master

Jordan Minton, a senior from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Marketing Sales. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

Favorite Quote: "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."

- Theodore Roosevelt

Christian Morton

Spirit Master

Christian Morton, a junior from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Accounting and Financial Planning. Recently chosen as a member of 'The Face of WKU,' Christian is the president of Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity - Zeta Tau Chapter, a graduate of the Dynamic Leadership Institute, the Lead Accounting Intern for the Kentucky Institute for International Studies and the founder of 2LOUDcrew Entertainment .

Favorite Quote: "All or Nothing."

- Anonymous





Sarah Newton

Spirit Master

Sarah Newton, a sophomore from Bowling Green, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Communications Disorders. She is the scholarship recipient of the Award of Excellence, National Pipe Liners Association, and the Fiat Scholar. She is the membership education vice-president for her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi. The Governor's Scholar is a member of the Honors College, the WKU Honors Club, the WKU Symphonic Band, and is included on the WKU President's List.

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

– Eleanor Roosevelt

Hunter Stevens

Spirit Master

Hunter Stevens, a senior from Greensburg, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master with a double major in History and Political Science and a minor in Legal Studies. She is the recipient of a Governor's Scholarship and the KFRW Scholarship. She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, the Pre-law Club, the College Republicans, ASLO, NSCS, Veterans/Students Alliance, Campus Crusade for Christ, and the Government and Political Society. Honors include the 2009 White Rose Bud Award; 2011 Greek Hall of Fame; Leadership Excellence Hall of Fame; Kentucky Colonel; and Dean's List. She was a 2011 WKU Homecoming Queen candidate.

Favorite Quote: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

– Ronald Reagan





Kristin Studle

Spirit Master

Kristin Studle, a senior from Smiths Grove, KY, is a second-year Spirit Master majoring in Advertising and Sociology. She is a member and past president of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity. She is also a past president of Order of Omega Honor Fraternity and founder of the United in Sisterhood Scholarship for Greek Women. She served the Spirit Masters as a past historian and retreat chair. She received scholarships to study abroad through the Semester at Sea program in fall 2011 during which she served as Sea Council Chair and founder/leader of Operation World (a prayer group formed around the mission of the Operation World organization). Kristin's honors include Dean's List, President's List, 2010 Theta Iota Member of the Year, 2011 Semester at Sea Ubuntu Award, 2010 Greek Hall of Fame induction, Order of Omega Anniversary scholarship, and she represented WKU as a 2010 Homecoming Queen candidate.

Favorite Quote: "Find out who you are and do it on purpose."

- Dolly Parton

Laura Brittany "L.B." Wathen

Spirit Master

Laura Brittany "L.B." Wathen, a senior from Bardstown, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in chemistry and biology with an emphasis on pre-dentistry. She is a recipient of the Award of Excellence Scholarship, a member of the Honors College, past-president and current member of Alpha Omicron Pi, and the Morale Captain for the Up 'til Dawn Executive Board. Her awards include: Highest Sorority GPA of the 2011 Junior Class, Highest Sorority GPA of the 2010 Sophomore Class, and the Alpha Omicron Pi's Rudy 'A' Award recipient for the 2008 Pledge Class.

Favorite Quote: "Without the dark, we'd never see the stars."

- Stephanie Meyer





Teal Wigginton

Spirit Master

Teal Wigginton, a sophomore from Louisville, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Exercise Science. 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, Honors College, and Dynamic Leadership Institute. Teal is recognized on the President's List. She serves as the historian for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

- Colossians 3:23

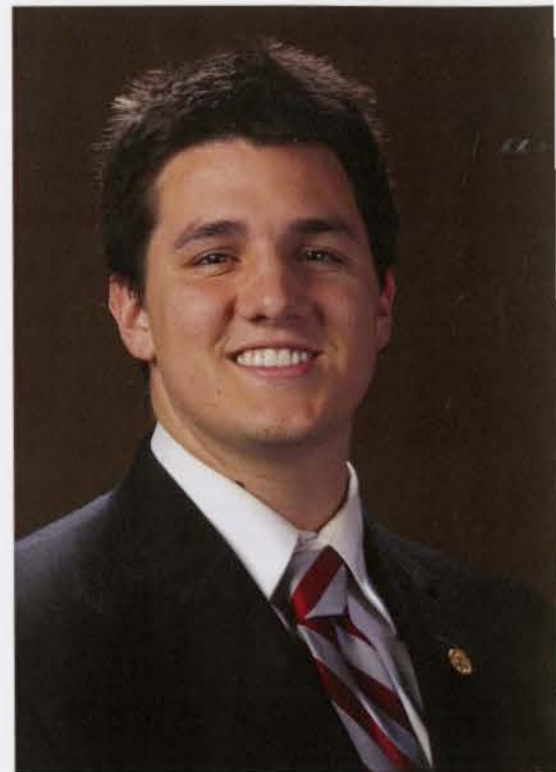
Daniel Williams

Spirit Master

Daniel Williams, a senior from Nairobi, Kenya, is a third-year Spirit Master majoring in Financial Planning. He is a recipient of the Award of Excellence Scholarship and the Semester at Sea Scholarship and he is recognized on the Dean's List and the President's List. He was a global ambassador for the 2011 Spring Semester at Sea Program, a member of the Honors College, Baptist Christian Ministry, Club Dodgeball, Dynamic Leadership Institute, and Beta Gamma Sigma. His studies abroad include Harlaxton College and Semester at Sea. Daniel was recently selected as a "Face of WKU." He serves as the public relations chair for the Spirit Masters.

Favorite Quote: "The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page."

- Saint Augustine





Kristopher Williams

Spirit Master

Kristopher Williams, a senior from Louisville, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Business Management with a concentration in Human Resources Management. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated and Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity.

Favorite Quote: "Success is not measured by what you accomplish but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds."

– Orison Swett Marden

Amy Winkler

Spirit Master

Amy Winkler, a junior from Murray, KY, is a first-year Spirit Master majoring in Accounting. She is the recipient of the Regents Scholarship and the Gordon Ford College of Business Individual Scholarship. The General Motors Accounting intern is also an ambassador for the Gordon Ford College of Business and a member of the Accounting Advisory Council. She is a coordinator for the Dynamic Leadership Institute and a member of the Honors College. Her honors include Governor's Scholar, Dean's List and the President's List. Amy's writing has been recognized at the Annual English Conference at WKU.

Favorite Quote: "Our lives are not determined by what happens to us, but how we act to what happens; not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst, a spark that creates extraordinary results."

– Anonymous





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