A powerful and important future awaits us.
THE 2016-17 YEAR HAS been extraordinary in almost every way for the Jefferson Scholars Foundation, and it is indeed a privilege to share some of the highlights of the year with you. We hope and trust you will be inspired by, and take pride in, the success achieved.

In April at our annual black tie dinner in honor of the 4th Year Class, we celebrated the unprecedented record of accomplishment made by our 33rd graduating class. In the class of 2017 were two Rhodes Scholars, three Marshall Scholars, a Fulbright Scholar, a Rotary Global Grant Scholar, and a Coro Fellowship recipient.

Members of the class served as president of the Student Council, as president of the Asian Student Union, and as president of the Black Student Alliance. Two members served on the Honor Committee, and two received Shannon Awards at Final Exercises. Ten members were selected to live on the Lawn. The cumulative GPA for the class was 3.76.

While the record made by the Class of 2017 will be difficult to surpass, the Scholars returning to Grounds will most assuredly build upon the legacy of excellence to which they are heirs. Among the returning Scholars will be a Harry S. Truman Scholar, a Mock Trial All-American, the Minority Rights Scholarship recipient, and a Rotary Ambassador Scholar.

We also recognized the tenth graduating class of Jefferson Fellows in April. Their record of publications in scholarly journals and presentations at scholarly conferences, along with the recognitions they receive for teaching excellence, continue to impress. Equally impressive are their devotion to the intellectual enterprise and their eagerness to share their knowledge with a wide audience. They are in the Academy’s vanguard.

Just as we were bidding farewell and good luck to the graduating classes, we were preparing to welcome the newest Scholars and Fellows. The Jefferson Scholars Class of 2021 will be composed of 36 outstanding students from 21 states and one foreign country. Our Graduate Fellowship ranks now will include 12 new and very talented individuals who are pursuing a Ph.D. or M.B.A. at the University. Our new Scholars and Fellows have exemplary records and will make positive impacts on the University.

In July the Foundation assumed responsibility for the well-established
National Fellowship Program created 16 years ago by Brian Balogh, the Dorothy Danforth Compton Professor of History at the University, and designed to support the dissertation year of some of the most outstanding Ph.D. candidates in the country. Recipients are attending leading universities, including the University of Virginia, and will present their work at an annual academic conference held at the Jefferson Scholars Foundation. Next year we will welcome eight National Fellows to our Jefferson Scholars community.

The Foundation reached another milestone when the search for the first holder of a Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professorship was successfully completed in February. Jianhua ‘JC’ Cang will hold the Paul T. Jones Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professorship. A renowned neurobiologist, Mr. Cang and his spouse, Xiaorong Liu, also a star neurobiologist, will be departing Northwestern University to join the University this fall.

The Foundation could not enjoy this record of achievement without the extraordinary generosity of our many loyal benefactors. This past year we received new commitments totaling $33.6 million, an amount that shatters our prior development high watermark of $19.4 million. Included in the new

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN

“Self-reliance is a virtue; it is empowering. Independence and self-reliance have meant that we and we alone determine our aspirations and limitations.”

—JIMMY WRIGHT
Benefactors Event, May 6, 2017
commitments were over $10 million in Darden Fellowship gifts made in part to celebrate Professor John Colley’s 50 years of service to Darden. Also included were over $12 million in new commitments that establish three new Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professorships, as well as a generous estate gift totaling more than $9 million from longtime friend and supporter of the Foundation Dr. Randolph Pillow. Powered by these development results and a positive investment return of 11.7%, the Foundation ended the fiscal year with total assets of $415 million.

The weekend of May 5, we celebrated the year and the Foundation’s history with events in honor of our benefactors who have named a Scholarship, Fellowship, or Professorship. Those in attendance recognized the Foundation’s unyielding commitment to excellence and learned about its future aspirations. They also heard from an inspirational panel of four of the Foundation’s longtime benefactors and founders: Bill Blue, Landon Hilliard, Buford Scott, and Eli Tullis.

Visitors to the Foundation this spring saw significant construction activity on Clarke Court. Ground was broken for Cochran House, and this major new addition to the Foundation is scheduled to be
completed next May.

Throughout its history the Foundation has benefited immeasurably from the exceptional talent of its Board of Directors. This year the terms of service for Debby Hirtle, Rick Kellogg, Greg McCrickard, and Lavinia Touchton ended. All four served the Foundation tirelessly and selflessly; Rick Kellogg also served as Board Chairman with grace and distinction. We will miss their wise counsel. Robert Byron, Frank Edmonds, Lonnie Howell, and Anna Nekoranec will join the Board, and we look forward to their active participation.

Each year the Foundation experiences the loss of loyal friends and benefactors. This past year we lost Jane Brockenbrough, Austin Buck, Stapleton Gooch, and Frances Heiner, all of whom supported and served the Foundation in meaningful ways. We also lost an alumna, Eliza Evans, and a current Scholar, Rose Randolph. Their too early departures leave us with an abiding void.

The past year also saw the retirement of Carmen Warner after nearly 18 years of devoted service. Carmen was often the first person any visitor to the Foundation met, and her welcoming smile and eagerness to help always made everyone, and especially Scholars, feel immediately right at home. Her deft planning hand was also present at most of our events during the course of her tenure.

The 37th year of the Foundation’s history witnessed unprecedented success. The coming years offer unprecedented opportunity that we eagerly embrace. To all who have helped make this past year so successful and who share in our future aspirations, we are deeply and forever grateful.
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The mission of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation is to serve the University of Virginia by identifying, attracting, and nurturing individuals of extraordinary intellectual range and depth who possess the highest concomitant qualities of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.
IN A TYPICAL YEAR, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation has a fundraising goal of $12 million. In 2016-17, that goal was not merely exceeded but nearly tripled, bringing in $33.6 million—by far the most received by the Foundation in any year.

“We do a pretty good job of blocking and tackling at the development level,” says Foundation president Jimmy Wright, who added that successful fundraising emerges as the result of patience and persistence. “When you do that, you occasionally break a 90-yard touchdown run. We had a couple of those this year.”

The biggest single factor in the development record was a bequest by Dr. Randolph Pillow, who graduated from the University of Virginia and the U.Va. School of Medicine in the 1940s. Dr. Pillow passed away at age 94 in 2015, leaving over $9 million to the Foundation as part of a larger bequest to U.Va.

“His love for the University was spectacular,” says Pat Ingram, director of development for the Foundation. “Dr. Pillow was involved with Jefferson Scholars early on as a volunteer. He believed in the mission, in the idea that if you bring in the best students, you are going to have a great university.”

In addition to the bequest from Dr. Pillow, the Foundation received two commitments to fund chaired professorships, one at $5 million and the other at $6 million.

Such big gifts are often the result of years of cultivation by Foundation staff, Wright said, which would not be possible without the continuing success of the program.
“When you adhere to your mission and you have the good fortune of dealing with people who share the vision,” Wright says, “good things happen.”

Indeed, the success of the Foundation relies on the shared vision of not only donors but also volunteers. Ingram notes that each year about 800 volunteers around the world serve on committees to find and recruit the best possible Scholar class.

“Everybody has a great pride in the University, and they want to recruit great students from their hometown to go to U.Va.,” Ingram adds. “Some of the committees have been together for years.”

Donor or volunteer, the motivation is the same.

“People invest in the Jefferson Scholars knowing they are not going to get a monetary reward, but they are still going to see tangible results,” Wright says. “People like to invest in success, so we strive to be uncompromising in the students we recruit.”

The circle begun by donors and volunteers is made complete by a third party: the Jefferson Scholars themselves.

“I saw my scholarship as a two-way deal. If they were going to give me this extraordinary opportunity, I was going to work as hard as I could to improve the University while I was here,” says Abraham Axler, one of five Jefferson Scholars awarded prestigious Marshall and Rhodes scholarships to study in the U.K. (see story on page 30).

“These people didn’t invest in you so much as they invested in the University through you.”

Like so many other committed alumni, Randolph Pillow’s love for U.Va. rang through his whole life. Thousands of Foundation volunteers add to the chorus every year. Through lives and careers shaped by their time on Grounds, the character of today’s Jefferson Scholars will echo forward for many decades to come.

In April, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation broke ground on a new construction project, Cochran House, named in honor of former Chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Directors G. Moffett Cochran, who lost a decade-long battle with cancer in 2013. Cochran House, made possible through the extraordinary generosity of Moffett’s family, friends, and former colleagues, will be located on the property adjacent to the Foundation’s administrative headquarters, and will serve as a well-appointed residence for distinguished visiting scholars and noted guests of the University.

With more than 80 years of experience designing a variety of architectural styles and building types, including several monuments in Washington D.C. and at Monticello, Dalgliesh Gilpin Paxton Architects was selected to design Cochran House. Charlottesville-based builder Alexander Nicholson, known for custom craftsmanship, was hired to construct the House.

The Foundation envisions Cochran House will be a welcoming destination for years to come, and expects to complete construction in 2018.
Over the course of nearly 40 years, philanthropy and selfless service have helped the Foundation make a lasting and significant impact on the life of Mr. Jefferson’s University.

TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE that milestone, the Foundation hosted the first-ever Benefactors Event on May 6, 2017.

Individuals and families who have contributed a named Jefferson Scholarship, Fellowship, or Professorship came together for a full day of activities to celebrate both the Foundation’s history and its future success.

Several of the Foundation’s founders, including Bill Blue (Com ’56, Law ’60), Landon Hilliard (Col ’62), Buford Scott (Col ’55), and Eli Tullis (Col ’51) (pictured above), led a discussion on how the idea for the Jefferson Scholars Program took root at the University in the late-’70s. Over dinner, Jimmy Wright, president of the Foundation, shared the Board of Directors’ vision for the coming years and how the Foundation plans to continue to have a lasting and positive impact on the University.
“The Jefferson Scholars Foundation attracts highly competent students to the University who may otherwise have attended other schools. U.Va. deserves the best talent.”

—RANDOLPH P. PILLOW
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The Jefferson Scholars Foundation offers its benefactors the opportunity to name Scholarships, Fellowships, and Professorships. A named Scholarship or Fellowship may be created with a gift of $500,000. Darden Fellowships have a naming level of $1 million. Professorships have a naming level of $5 million.

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Financial Review

The Foundation is very pleased to report it experienced both strong financial returns and exceptional philanthropic support during fiscal year 2016-17. As a result, the Foundation is now in the strongest financial position of its existence with an endowment total reaching almost $415 million.

Endowment Return

The Foundation’s endowment portfolio contains several investments, but its largest investment, by far, is held with the University of Virginia Investment Management Company (UVIMCO). Because of its outsized weighting, UVIMCO’s return drives the Foundation’s overall investment return. During fiscal year 2016-17, UVIMCO reported a strong 12.4% investment return and enabled the Foundation to conclude the year with a weighted-average investment return of 11.7%.

This level of investment return easily covered the endowment income needed to fund the annual operational expenses and added to the Foundation’s financial cushion for years when investment returns falter. The effect of philanthropic support and investment return, net of fees and operational spending, added over $52 million to the Foundation’s endowment total.

Operational Budget

For the 2017-18 fiscal year, the approved operating budget totals $17.5 million. This budget exceeds the previous operating budget by over $865 thousand, or 5.2%. About $771 thousand of the growth is attributable to financial support paid in the form of stipends and other awards to Scholars, Fellows, and faculty.

Actual spending during fiscal year 2016-17 was $16.2 million, approximately $400 thousand or 2% under the approved budget of $16.6 million. This budget savings resulted in an endowment spend rate of 4.75%. Functionally, the Foundation ended the fiscal year with expense allocations of $12.9 million, or 80%, spent on direct and indirect programmatic support; $1.3 million, or 8%, for administrative expenses; and the remaining $2.0 million, or 12%, to cover fundraising costs.
CONCLUSION

While enjoying the benefit of the recent financial gains, the Foundation understands that each year begins anew and there are no guarantees of investment success going forward. The Foundation continues to play the long game and remains focused on careful investment and spending, with the goal of providing program resources both near-term and far into the future.

The Foundation is grateful to the Board of Directors and the members of the other advisory groups for their gifts of time, guidance, and financial resources. As always, the Foundation is appreciative of the many benefactors who have supported it for almost four decades and will strive to remain a good steward of the trust they have placed in its philanthropic mission.

“Every major decision is filtered through the prism of the mission.”

— JIMMY WRIGHT
Benefactors Event, May 6, 2017
A powerful & important future awaits us
The Foundation underscores its commitment to attracting outstanding talent to the University with the appointment of its first chaired professor.
Attracting Outstanding Faculty

Making connections

Foundation’s first endowed chair will further U.Va.’s understanding of the brain

The Human Brain is the ultimate network. Each of us possesses 86 billion brain cells, yet no neuron ever works alone. Every moment of our lives is governed in the brain by a synaptic symphony of astonishing collaboration. To further our understanding of the brain, neuroscientists at the University of Virginia are committing to the same collaboration. “Neurons don’t work in isolation, so our work as neuroscientists must be interdisciplinary,” says Jianhua ‘JC’ Cang, who recently joined U.Va.’s faculty as the Paul T. Jones Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professor.

“Historically, the Foundation has focused on finding and recruiting students with exceptional talent in leadership, scholarship, and citizenship,” says Jimmy Wright, president of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation. “The new effort extends that same approach to the faculty at a time when turnover among professors is
expected to start increasing rapidly due to impending faculty retirements.”

This endowed chair allowed Cang to be recruited as a joint appointment for the departments of biology and psychology in the College of Arts & Sciences—a first for a U.Va. endowed chair—and also fits within a recruiting strategy to expand the University’s strength in neuroscience. That effort also brought Cang’s wife, Xiaorong Liu, to U.Va. as an assistant professor of biology and psychology.

“Our chair had a multiplier effect” Wright says, “and the fact that it’s cross-disciplinary makes this a home run for every hope we have for this program.”

The Foundation has already raised $45 million to endow nine chaired positions for professors, and recruitment is actively underway for three more.

“We are committed to doing for faculty what we have done for students all along: attract really talented people who might not otherwise have come here,” Wright says.

Cang’s research explores the neurological foundations for vision in mammals, specifically how neurons respond to different stimuli, and how experiences can shape visual functions at critical periods of early development.

Such insights contribute to those from other disciplines, he says, to shape our growing understanding of how the brain operates.

“My colleagues at Virginia are all working on different aspects of neuroscience,” Cang says. “I want to be in a diverse group like that, so I can collaborate with all this expertise. I’m sure I can make my own contribution, but I am also sure I can learn from all these professors in different areas.”

In similar fashion, Cang says he was struck by the talent and diversity of the Jefferson Scholars he met during his recruitment.

“The students at the Jefferson Scholars Foundation blew me away,” he says. “They are smart, engaged, and socially conscious. They are the kind of students you want to interact with a lot more.”

— JIANHUA ‘JC’ CANG

“Professor Cang will be joined at U.Va. by his wife Xiaorong Liu, assistant professor of ophthalmology and neurobiology at Northwestern University. Cang and Liu will be joint members of U.Va.’s psychology and biology departments.

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— JIANHUA ‘JC’ CANG
RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING FACULTY

These faculty members have demonstrated exceptional commitment to teaching and are instilling in their students the virtues of scholarship and love of learning.

2017 Award for Excellence in Teaching

AMANDA KIBLER
Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education in the Curry School of Education

CASSANDRA FRASER
Department of Chemistry in the College of Arts & Science

ANNEKE SCHROÉN
Department of Surgery in the School of Medicine

IN ITS ONGOING efforts to recognize outstanding teaching at the University, the Foundation invited department chairs to nominate a full-time faculty member for the 2017 Award for Excellence in Teaching. Three recipients were selected, each receiving $5,000 and an open invitation to take part in the Foundation’s various programs and events. These faculty members have demonstrated exceptional commitment to teaching and are instilling in their students the virtues of scholarship and love of learning.
OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, the Foundation has distributed more than $450,000 in awards to approximately 50 faculty members in the College of Arts & Sciences, the Curry School of Education, the Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy, the McIntire School of Commerce, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and the School of Medicine.

THE HARTFIELD TEACHING PRIZE celebrates and recognizes excellent undergraduate teaching and curriculum development in engineering. Recipients are nominated by both students and peers, and exemplify the highest standards and practices of teaching.

MARK FLORYAN
Department of Computer Science in the School of Engineering and Applied Science
In 2016, the world noticed the Jefferson Scholars community through two of the most prestigious post-graduate scholarship programs.
A little higher, a little further

Five scholarship winners demonstrate the Jefferson Scholar difference
Each new class of Jefferson Scholars joins a community of inspiration, spurring one another to work a little harder, reach a little higher, and push themselves a little further. That process happens all the time, but in 2016, the world noticed through two of the most prestigious post-graduate scholarship programs.

**THREE JEFFERSON SCHOLARS** were awarded Marshall Scholarships and two were chosen for Rhodes Scholarships—a total unprecedented for U.Va. or any public university in any year.

“Having two Rhodes Scholars and three Marshall Scholars in a class of 33 is so beyond anyone’s expectation that it defies description,” says Foundation president Jimmy Wright. “The five Scholars came from different backgrounds and pursued different areas of study,” Wright adds, “but they all had a few important things in common.”

“The secret to our selection process is not just scholarship. It’s not hard to find smart people,” he says. “What’s really important is to find people who are eager to use their talents not out of selfish ambition but who want to help others. When you have really talented people who are good hearted, you end up with a pretty special community of scholars.”

Finding the right people is the first step—and for many scholarship programs, the only step. The Jefferson Scholars Foundation goes beyond financial support to provide scholars both with excellent academics and with a culture of excellent stewardship of the opportunities that have been offered. That culture redounds to every Jefferson Scholar, including the five...
recognized with scholarships in the United Kingdom, producing citizens committed to the greater good.

“Being a Jefferson Scholar surrounded me with people who care deeply about things that affect the world and care about other people,” says Rhodes recipient Aryn Frazier. “They encourage you and want you to do better.”

“What they don’t tell you about the Jefferson Scholarship is that you are going to work much harder as a Jefferson Scholar than if you went to college anywhere else,” says William Henagan, who was awarded a Marshall Scholarship.

“You are going to be pushed to be the best version of yourself because someone is literally investing in you. Their return on investment is your success.”

For ROTC Cadet Sarah Koch, training commitments to the Army might have created barriers to her participation with the Jefferson Scholarship. Yet Koch found the opposite. “I can’t emphasize enough how great the University of Virginia and the Jefferson Scholarship program have been to me,” says Koch, who was awarded a Marshall Scholarship. “The people from the Foundation have been really accommodating to my military service.”

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“People ought to recognize the results,” he says. “The University of Virginia and the Jefferson Scholars program are doing something good no Ivy League school or Stanford is doing. They are taking a group of people—admittedly an academically elite group—and taking them to the next level in proportions that are unexplainably fantastic.”

“The key to the ongoing success of the program lies in the effect Jefferson Scholars have on one another,” says Rhodes recipient Lauren Jackson, “unlocking each Scholar’s own potential.”

“Being a Jefferson Scholar humbles you, but it inspires you even more to be more than you ever thought you could be,” she adds. “It was definitely the greatest honor of my college experience.”

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— JIMMY WRIGHT

NURTURING EXTRAORDINARY SCHOLARS

“Very Full Circle”

JACKSON SAYS THAT her experience as a Jefferson Scholar definitely prepared her for the Rhodes Scholarship process. But nothing can really prepare one for the wait.

Similar to the Marshall, regional finalists are invited to a one-day selection event, consisting of a 30-minute interview for each candidate, after which the candidates wait as a group as the selection committee picks two who will become Rhodes Scholars.

“For those five hours, it was pretty nerve-wracking,” Jackson recalls. “We had exhausted small talk and people were getting antsy.”

Jackson was the only candidate invited to a follow-up interview. Shortly after, she was named as a Rhodes Scholar selection.

For Jackson, the inspirational process began four years earlier, during her visit to U.Va. for the Jefferson Scholarship finalist weekend. As a part of that event, fourth-year Jefferson Scholars staged a “Lawn progressive,” hosting candidates in their rooms along U.Va.’s prestigious Lawn, which are reserved for exceptional students. One of the hosts was Joseph Riley, a fourth-year who had just been given a Rhodes Scholarship.

“That moment was the first time I internalized the idea of pursuing something like a Rhodes Scholarship,” she recalls.

In her fourth year at U.Va., Jackson was assigned the same room as Riley. In fact, when she received the news...
that she was a Rhodes finalist, she was sitting in the same place as she had when visiting with Joseph Riley four years earlier. “In a weird way, it was very full circle.” Between inspiration and fulfillment, Jackson kept busy, writing as a columnist for *The Cavalier Daily* as well as internships for CNN and *The New Yorker*. She also served as a policy intern at the United Nations Office of Humanitarian Affairs and the International Rescue Committee.

While at Oxford, Jackson plans to pursue a master’s degree in global governance and diplomacy and possibly a second degree in public policy in her second year.

**‘ANYTHING FOR A BOX OF BERRIES’**

**DURING HIS FIRST** year at U.Va., William Henagan was not a fan of food selection at the dining hall. “I would have done anything for a box of berries,” he recalls.

Long interested in the farm-to-table movement, he worked under the auspices of the social entrepreneurship policy center at the Batten School to address the problem. He founded Greens to Grounds, a nonprofit, student-run network to bring low-cost fresh produce to the U.Va. community while supporting local farmers in the process.

After completing his bachelor’s degree in history in two-and-a-half years, Henagan went to D.C. to work as a policy intern in the office of First Lady Michelle Obama, where he helped manage the White House mentorship program. Following that, he served as a fellow at the Economic Development Administration, helping communities impacted by closing paper mills.
Henagan returned to U.Va. to complete his scholarship, earning a master’s degree in commerce at the McIntire School during his fourth year. “The Jefferson Scholars program gave me my closest group of friends,” he says. “We all push one another to become better students, informed thinkers, and better citizens.”

Henagan will pursue a master’s degree at the Institute for Global Prosperity at the University College London, followed by perhaps a Ph.D. at another university in the U.K. Following that time he looks forward to pursuing policy work, helping find bipartisan or private investment solutions to address the stubborn effects of globalization and automation on the U.S. economy.

“She told me, ‘I thought you were smart because you’ve gotten into a lot of really good schools,’” Frazier recalls. “‘But you are 17 years old and your brain is not fully developed. You are about to make the wrong decision, so I’m going to make it for you. You are going to U.Va.’” And so Aryn Frazier went to U.Va.

Frazier’s years on Grounds formed a whirlwind of activity, ranging from recording music on a local label to debating society to serving as a dorm resident advisor to holding leadership positions with the Black Student Alliance. Her time as political action chair and later president of the group coincided with the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement. More locally, Frazier was a leading voice calling for accountability following the controversial arrest of U.Va. student Martese Johnson in 2015 by agents with the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

“The Jefferson Scholars Foundation builds a community that can prepare you for anything,” she says. “Taking that Scholarship was the best decision I could have made—or rather, could have been made for me.”

While attending Oxford, Frazier plans to pursue a master’s degree in comparative government. Later, she plans go to law school to prepare for a career in law, public policy, and politics.

‘WARRIOR DIPLOMATS’

LIKE MANY UNDERGRADUATES, Sarah Koch found herself studying one field—in her case, biochemistry—but decided to make a big change.

Her original study of biochemistry served her goal of working for the Army in counter-bioterrorism. When Koch spent the summer after her first year on an Army-sponsored trip to Jordan to study Arabic, her perspective began to change. During that trip she became intrigued with a kind of research outside of the hard sciences.

“I realized that I would much rather study people than live in a laboratory,” she says. By her third year, Koch
switched her major to Middle Eastern language and literature. “Without the Jefferson Scholars program, I would not have felt as comfortable abandoning my original path,” says Koch. “Being with a group of incredibly accomplished people helped me have the courage to take that step and totally change my path I was on.”

Koch plans to pursue a master’s in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies at the University of Edinburgh after commissioning as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps. During her service years that follow, she hopes to transition to civil affairs under the Special Operations command—referred to as “warrior diplomats.” Working in civil affairs, she would serve as a link between field commanders and civil authorities. “I think it is really important on two levels. Not only are you helping accomplish the mission for the U.S. Army, you are also able to provide aid and help protect civilians in your area of operation. That’s exactly what I want to do.”

‘THERE IS NO LEASH’

ABRAHAM AXLER WANTED to contribute as soon as he arrived on Grounds at U.Va., so he ran for and was elected class president during his first and second years. His term of service as Student Council president during his third year was tumultuous on the heels of the disappearance of Hannah Graham and the controversial Rolling Stone article alleging rape at a U.Va. fraternity. “While it was really difficult at the time, the crucible of that experience was the best education I could have received,” Axler says. “At U.Va., there is no leash,” he adds.

“The University of Virginia is a place where you can really learn at a young age what it is to be someone who makes consequential decisions.”

His time as a Jefferson Scholar fed his interest in using public policy to address intractable problems, especially at the city level, such as his native New York City. Following his schooling, he would like to serve within a government bureaucracy. “Bureaucrats get a bad name,” he says. “Bureaucracy simply implies specialization of roles. You get to waste no time with pageantry if you are bureaucrat. You can just work on the issues, which is really appealing to me.”

Axler plans to pursue two one-year master’s degrees at the London School of Economics, first in policy communications and then in social policy. Each class of Jefferson Scholars brings a rich mix of backgrounds, talents, and passions, unified by a search for excellence and a commitment to serve. All would achieve much on their own, yet the culture enabled by the Foundation empowers every Scholar to reach a little higher, a little further. “The Jefferson Scholars program is an amazing incubator for young people who want to be leaders,” Axler says. “I do not believe for a second that I would be a Marshall Scholar if I was not a Jefferson Scholar first.”
A Powerful and Important Future Awaits Us

Undergraduate Scholars Class of 2017
Adam Thomas Antoszewski  
**KATHERINE B. AND WILLIAM F. BLUE SCHOLAR**  
Catonsville High School  
Catonsville, Maryland

Confibus Journal, managing editor; Undergraduate Researcher under Dr. Kateri DuBay; Search Committee for the Senior Vice President for Research, student member; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society; Sigma Pi Sigma, vice president; The Flying Virginians, treasurer; The Cavalier Weather Service, film editor; Madison House, volunteer; The Undergraduate Research Network; The Oculus, The Virginia Journal of Undergraduate Research, executive editor, editor-in-chief, editorial board; Undergraduate Physics Researcher under Dr. Blaine Norum; Department of Chemistry, teaching assistant; College Jeopardy! Quarterfinalist; Mitchell Scholar in Physics Department; Astronaut Scholar; Most Outstanding Undergraduate Physics Major Award; The Z Society’s Edgar F. Shannon Award for CLAS; Department of Chemistry Undergraduate Teaching Award; Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Excellence; Raven Society

**DEGREE:** B.S. Chemical Physics with Highest Distinction and Physics Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction

**FUTURE PLANS:** To attend the University of Chicago to obtain his Ph.D. in Chemistry

Abraham Graver Axler  
**WILLIAM H.P. YOUNG SCHOLAR**  
Brooklyn Friends School  
Brooklyn, New York

Student Council, president, CLAS representative, Representative Body chair; President of the Class of 2017; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, Appropriations Committee; Sustained Dialogue, moderator; Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Law Enforcement Review Panel; Harrison Undergraduate Research Grant; Intermediate Honors; Lawn Resident; Raven Society; Echols Scholar; Marshall Scholar

**DEGREE:** B.A. Government and Foreign Affairs Honors with Honors

**FUTURE PLANS:** To begin a Master of Science in politics and communication at the London School of Economics as a Marshall Scholar

Marc Isaac Blatt  
**HOLTON-ARMS SCHOOL/LANDON SCHOOL SCHOLAR**  
The Landon School  
Bethesda, Maryland

Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, Ways & Means Committee and Public Service Committee; The Oculus Undergraduate Research Journal, editorial board; University Peer Advising Link, College of Arts & Sciences, head advisor; U.Va. School of Medicine, Center for Advanced Medical Analytics research group, research assistant; Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad, advanced emergency medical technician, Thursday night crew captain, committee for review and training member, advanced life support preceptor; Medical Spanish Course for EMS Providers and Nurses, course creator, instructor; Echols Scholars Program, peer mentor; Madison House, Latino and Migrant Aid; Undergraduate Research Network, Symposium Committee; Days on the Lawn, panelist, volunteer; Intermediate Honors; Dean’s List; Phi Beta Kappa; Raven Society

**DEGREE:** B.A. Economics with Distinction and Spanish with Distinction

**FUTURE PLANS:** To attend Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee where he will pursue a M.D./M.B.A dual degree
Kevin Quoc Khoa Cao

**JAMES EARLE SARGEANT - SEVEN SOCIETY SCHOLAR**
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, Virginia

Asian Student Union, president; Minority Rights Coalition, board of directors; Engineering Students Without Borders, researcher; University Guide Service: Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development, project leader; Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, core group leader; Madison House, Latino and Migrant Aid volunteer; Sustained Dialogue; Vietnamese Student Association, officer; Future of School Challenge, finalist; Jefferson Public Service Fellow; Harrison Grant (two-time recipient); Intermediate Honors; Raven Society; Phi Beta Kappa; Truman Scholarship, finalist; Lawn Resident; Dean’s List; Echols Scholar

**DEGREE:** B.A. Global Development Studies with Distinction; Social Entrepreneurship Minor with Distinction

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join Teach for America in New Orleans

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John Eldridge Connolly

**FARISH FAMILY SCHOLAR**
The Charter School of Wilmington, Wilmington, Delaware

Alternative Spring Break, president, development chair, site leader (San Juan); Student Council, Community Affairs Committee, co-chair; Public Service Committee, co-chair; Madison House: Big Siblings Program, project director; Latino and Migrant Aid; University Judiciary Committee; Sexual Misconduct Subcommittee, co-chair; First Year Judiciary Committee, chair; Phi Delta Theta, vice president, warden; Cavalier Daily, opinion columnist; Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development; Politics research assistant for Dr. Steven Rhoads; Jefferson Public Service Fellow; Harrison Grant (two-time recipient); Intermediate Honors; Raven Society; Phi Beta Kappa; Truman Scholarship, finalist; Lawn Resident; Dean’s List; Echols Scholar

**DEGREE:** B.A. Government and Foreign Affairs Honors with High Honors and History with Distinction

**FUTURE PLANS:** To complete the “post-bac pre-med” program at Goucher College before matriculating to medical school

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Claire Enderle Councill

**PAUL B. BARRINGER FAMILY SCHOLAR**
Westchester Country Day School, High Point, North Carolina

U.Va. Fralin Museum of Art, Student Advisory Board vice president and student docent; Kappa Kappa Gamma, chapter president; Greens to Grounds, co-founder and Jefferson Trust grant recipient; Jefferson Public Citizens Grant to Kigali, Rwanda; Second Street Gallery, operations and outreach team; published in The Oculus undergraduate research journal; VISAS English Language Program, tutor; TEDxUVA, logistics committee member; Madison House volunteer; Cavalier Daily, business staff; Mary and Elliot Wood Foundation Scholarship; Dean’s List; Echols Scholar

**DEGREE:** B.A. Art History with Distinction; Economics Minor with Distinction; M.S. Commerce

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join Goldman Sachs as an investment banking analyst in New York
Kathryn Elizabeth Deal

WILLIAM G. PANNILL SCHOLAR
Science Hill High School
Johnson City, Tennessee

Honor Committee, College of Arts and Sciences Representative, Honor Audit Committee Member, Policies and Procedures Subcommittee Member, Senior Support Officer and Trainer, Education Coordinator; President’s Response Working Group on Sexual Assault; TEDxU.Va., Branding Committee Chair; Sustained Dialogue, moderator, vice chair for public relations; Thriving Cities Group, Research Assistant; Instructor, student-led course through the University of Virginia Department of Interdisciplinary Studies; PULSE, moderator; WTX Student Radio, DJ; Grounds on Grounds; EngageUVA; Pi Beta Phi; Club Tennis; Jefferson Scholars Public Service Fellows, chair; Berkeley IN CITIES Institute, summer fellow; Dean’s List; Lawn Resident; Raven Society; Echols Scholar

DEGREE: B.A. Political and Social Thought Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction; Spanish Minor

FUTURE PLANS: To serve as a federal policy analyst for T. Rowe Price in Baltimore, Maryland before pursuing a dual J.D. and Masters in Urban Planning

Sumedha Suhas Deshmukh

ROBIN ASHLEY MORGAN SCHOLAR
Princess Anne High School
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Charlottesville Leadership Workshop, president, secretary, logistics chair; Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition (SVPC), external chair, major events chair; Take Back the Night, benefit committee chair; Graduate Teaching Assistant, Research Methods & Data Analysis, Economics of Public Policy; Innovations for Poverty Action, Research Assistant; Resident Advisor; U.Va. Di Shaan, dancer; Cavalier Daily, life columnist; Sustained Dialogue; First Year Judiciary Council, vice chair; Pi Beta Phi; Madison House, ESOL volunteer, Cancer Center volunteer; University Guide Service; University Women’s Forum; Jefferson Public Citizens, team leader; Center for Global Health, University Scholar; Agrain Fund Grant Recipient; Intermediate Honors; Dean’s List, All-University Teaching Award; Echols Scholar

DEGREE: B.A. Economics with Distinction; Women, Gender and Sexuality Minor; Master of Public Policy

FUTURE PLANS: To pursue a career in the nonprofit sector working on evidence-based policy and programs

Anna Harper Claybrooke Dodd

BROCKENBROUGH FAMILY SCHOLAR
Norfolk Academy
Norfolk, Virginia

Cavalier Daily, senior copy associate; Madison House, tutor; Days on the Lawn, volunteer; Feminist, Feminist!, co-founder and co-editor-in-chief, freelance editor; Cars and Cars, copy editor; Sustained Dialogue; Garden Club; Echols Mentor; EngageUVA; Flash Seminars; Dean’s List; Echols Scholar

DEGREE: B.A. English and Computer Science

FUTURE PLANS: To pursue a career as a software engineer at Accenture
Macy Lauren Early
PARADIS FAMILY SCHOLAR
Henry Clay High School
Lexington, Kentucky

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, core group leader; Sustained Dialogue, vice chair of external events, moderator; Charlottesville Free Clinic, volunteer nurse and administrative aid; Southern Albemarle Family Practice, volunteer nurse and administrative aid; Charlottesville Community Church, member, volunteer, and community feast liaison; Youth Inspire, pediatric oncology volunteer; Mission of Hope Bolivia, office and medical clinic volunteer; Madison House: PBJ Fund, volunteer; Jefferson Public Service Fellows, TEDxUVA, Speaker’s Committee; State Farm Youth Advisory Board, Communications and Community Safety Committees, chair; Women’s Health Virginia, research volunteer; Pregnancy Center of Central Virginia and HOPE on Grounds, volunteer and counselor-in-training; Duncan Clark Hyde Award for Academic Achievement in Economics; Phi Beta Kappa; Dean’s List; Echols Scholar

DEGREE: B.A. Economics with Distinction; Religious Studies Minor with Distinction

FUTURE PLANS: To work at a Christian hospital in Bolivia and at the University of Kentucky Hospital before matriculating to medical school

Nicholas Paul Favaloro
JOHN H. AND MARY H. OWENS SCHOLAR
Belmont Hill School
Belmont, Massachusetts

One in Four, president, training coordinator; O Records; Madison House, Cavs in the Classroom, volunteer; Sensim; Academical Village People; Echols Council; Phi Delta Theta, president; Fenton Band; Kendall Street Community Band; Jefferson Public Service Fellows; Minerva Award; Ingrassia Award; Quandt Fund Award; Dean’s List; Echols Scholar

DEGREE: B.A. Political and Social Thought Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction

FUTURE PLANS: To teach math and coach wrestling at the Baltimore Collegiate School for Boys in Baltimore, Maryland

Nicholas Budd Fenton
GEORGE G. GUTHRIE SCHOLAR
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Engage@UVA, executive editor; The Jefferson Literary and Debating Society; Honor Committee, support officer pool; Madison House, Latino and Migrant Aid Program; German Marshall Fund’s Foreign and Security Policy Program, intern; Shakespeare on the Lawn; Spectrum Theatre; Phi Delta Theta; IMP Society, Queen; Slavic Languages and Literatures Department Pertzoff Prize; Hammond Award for Excellence in Russian Area Studies; Dean’s List; Fulbright U.S. Student Award; Raven Society; Echols Scholar

DEGREE: B.A. Political and Social Thought Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction and Russian and East European Studies; Slavic Languages and Literature Minor

FUTURE PLANS: To teach English at a Russian university as a recipient of a Fulbright U.S. Student Award
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THOMAS J. AND HILLARY D. BALTIMORE SCHOLAR
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Rose Marie Philomena Randolph of Front Royal, Virginia passed away on April 6, 2017. Rosie was nominated for the Jefferson Scholarship by Portsmouth Abbey School in Rhode Island, where she excelled academically and in a wide range of extracurricular activities. While her time at the University and as a member of the Jefferson Scholars community ended much too soon, her classmates will cherish their memories of her.
A POWERFUL AND IMPORTANT FUTURE AWAITS US

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By assuming responsibility for the National Fellowship Program, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation invites leading scholars, researchers, and faculty into the Foundation community.
THE JEFFERSON SCHOLARS FOUNDATION announced this year that it has assumed responsibility for the well-established National Fellowship Program, created 16 years ago by Brian Balogh, Dorothy Danforth Compton Professor of History at U.Va. Designed to support the dissertation year of some of the most outstanding Ph.D. candidates in the country, National Fellowships support outstanding scholars at top institutions, including U.Va., who are completing dissertations in American history, politics, public policy, and foreign relations.

In the 2017-18 academic year, National Fellows will begin convening at the Foundation twice a year for a spring and fall conference, and will be joined by leading scholars, researchers, and faculty in their fields. Grounding this group of world-class scholars in the Jefferson Scholars Foundation community will directly aid the mission of the Foundation, enhancing the interdisciplinary vibrancy of its existing programs by providing new opportunities for Jefferson Scholars and Fellows to engage with scholars at other top institutions. The Foundation looks forward to welcoming this dynamic group of scholars into its community in fall 2017.
By The Numbers

124
Darden Applicants

268
Total applicants for Jefferson Scholars Foundation Fellowships

47
GSAS Applicants

12
SEAS NOMINATIONS

85
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

$2,031,350
Awarded in support of graduate Fellows in fiscal year 2017.

20
Incoming Fellows will join us in 2017.

87
Fellows will be in residence during the 2017-18 academic year.

30
Universities represented by the incoming 2017 Jefferson Fellows.

“Graduate studies vary drastically from one program to the next, so the Foundation tailors not only the Fellowship package for each school, but also the selection process. Ultimately this approach helps meet the needs of the individual schools and produces a successful cohort of Jefferson Fellows who are vital members of both the University and the Foundation communities.”

—Ben Skipper, Director of the Graduate and Undergraduate Programs
A Powerful and Important Future Awaits Us

Graduate Fellows Departing the Program
William Steele Becker
MACFARLANE FAMILY FELLOW
Darden School of Business
University of Oklahoma (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.B.A.)
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Buzz served as Student Council Vice President and spearheaded the initiative to debut Darden’s first all-gender restroom. Buzz is an entrepreneurship instructor at the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women and also serves as an infantry platoon leader in the Virginia National Guard. He received the Samuel Forrest Hyde Memorial Fellowship, Darden’s highest honor for a second-year student, and was recognized by Poets and Quants as a 2017 Best and Brightest MBA across the nation.

Next year, Buzz will continue his professional transition from Big Oil to Renewables by joining Hexagon Energy in a Business Development role. He is excited to start his new career in Charlottesville and continue much of his community involvement.

Christopher Eugene Blankenship
JOHN L. COLLEY JR. FELLOW
Darden School of Business
Dartmouth College (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.B.A.)
Brentwood, Tennessee

Chris served on the Student Admissions Committee, as Vice President of Careers & Education for the Finance Club, and as the Section E Review Coordinator. He was also a Tri-Sector Leadership Fellow, a Second Year Coach, received the First Year Faculty Achievement Award, and was inducted into the Raven Society.

After graduation, Chris will join Goldman Sachs full time in the Investment Banking Division.

Charles Edsel Cotherman
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Grove City College (B.A.)
Purdue University Theological Seminary (M.Div.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)
University of Virginia (Ph.D.)
Oil City, Pennsylvania


Charlie plans to continue to work bi-vocationally as a church planter in Oil City, PA while pursuing opportunities to teach and write. He has been approved as an adjunct professor in Fuller Theological Seminary’s School of Theology, and he will be partnering with church planters from across the United States to co-author Fuller Seminary’s handbook on church planting.

Adam James Fallon
LAURA S. BAILEY FELLOW
Department of Physics
University of Oklahoma (B.A.)
University of Oklahoma (B.S.)
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Adam recently led a seminar at the Joint Quantum Institute, a partnership between National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg and the University of Maryland, and was inducted into the Raven Society at U.Va. this past fall. Last spring, as Academic Chair for the Graduate Physics Students Association, of which he is a founding member, Adam organized an interdisciplinary colloquium given by renowned climate-scientist Michael E. Mann, director of the Earth System Science Center and Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science at Penn State.

Adam is in the final stages of preparing for an upcoming precision measurement using ultra-cold atoms which will make up the bulk of his dissertation, and expects to complete his Ph.D. in the spring of 2018, following which he plans to pursue a post-doctorate fellowship in atomic physics.
Robert Benjamin Gorham

EDGAR SHANNON FELLOW
McIntire Department of Art
University of North Carolina (B.A.)
University of Arizona at Tucson (M.A.)
Durham, North Carolina

Ben is completing his dissertation on the archaeology and urbanism of the non-elite in Pompeii, integrating novel GIS tools and analysis to interrogate long-held assumptions about the character of one of the world’s most renowned ancient cities. He oversees the creation of mapping data for ongoing archaeological investigations, creates 3D models of artifacts and extant archaeological remains, and pilots drones to acquire aerial imagery and topographic information for Geospatial Studies for the American Excavations at Morgantina: Contra Agnese Project. Ben recently joined the ranks of Archimedes Digital as a geospatial and archaeological specialist, and is working with the Harvard Yard Archaeological Project to study 17th-century Harvard and its overlooked histories through excavation and 3D modeling. He is a founding member of the Ostia Connectivity Project. Ben will complete his Ph.D. in the coming months and continue to pursue his work in excavations, laboratories, and research consortia both in the United States and Italy.

Charles Emile McAnany

JEFFERSON ARTS AND SCIENCES DISSERTATION YEAR FELLOW
Department of Chemistry
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (B.S.)
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (B.S.)
Shawnee, Kansas

Charles is concluding his Ph.D. research on protein oligomerization and dynamics, and plans to graduate in August. His research touches on many fields, including high-performance computing, the origin of life, heart disease, and biomaterials. Charles has published papers in *Molecular Simulation*, *PLoS Computational Biology*, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry B*, and *Biomacromolecules*, and he plans to publish two more before he graduates. Charles has also presented three posters on his research at the Biophysical Society Meeting.

Upon graduation, Charles will teach a course on computational biology, and then pursue a faculty position at a primarily-undergraduate institution. Charles plans to continue his research on protein oligomerization well into the future.

Alicia Lynn Nobles

OLIVE B. AND FRANKLIN C. MAC KRELL FELLOW
Department of Systems and Information Engineering
Georgia Institute of Technology (B.S.)
University of Virginia (M.S.)
Macon, Georgia

During the course of her dissertation research, Alicia examined health insurance literacy among college students and developed novel techniques using natural language processing and machine learning to identify individuals at heightened risk of suicide based on communication patterns. She recently presented her work on health insurance literacy at the American College Health Association and at a conference on human factors in computing (CHI). She has received multiple grants including the NIH Transdisciplinary Big Data Science Training Grant, two Double Hoo Grants, and a Presidential Fellowship in Data Science. She served on the U.Va. Student Health Insurance Committee for five years, advocating on behalf of the students for benefit alterations.

Alicia plans to complete her Ph.D. in 2018, following which she will pursue a faculty position in a public health department.

Matthew Paul Julius Oreska

KENNETH L. BAZZLE FELLOW
Department of Environmental Sciences
College of William and Mary (B.A.)
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University of Cambridge (M.Phil.)
Richmond, Virginia

Matthew is completing his dissertation on the blue carbon benefits of seagrass restoration. His research aims to link seagrass restoration efforts with financing through the sale of carbon offset-credits. He has authored several peer-reviewed papers, including recent papers in *PLoS ONE*, *Marine Policy*, and *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*, and presented at multiple conferences since coming to U.Va., including Ecological Society of America and Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Annual Meetings and at the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation Biennial Conference, among others.

Matthew is a member of the Blue Carbon National Working Group and wrote the seagrass sections for the two international protocols that allow Verified Carbon Standard to allocate offset-credits to coastal conservation and restoration projects. He helped create U.Va.’s Sustainability Plan as the graduate student representative to the U.Va. Committee on Sustainability. Matthew is also a Virginia Sea Grant Graduate Research Fellow and maintains a researcher appointment at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. He plans to pursue a science-policy fellowship in Washington, DC, after graduating in December.
Aaron Michael Reedy  
**JAMES H. AND ELIZABETH W. WRIGHT FELLOW**  
Department of Biology  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale (B.A.)  
National-Louis University (M.A.)  
Villa Park, Illinois

Aaron co-founded Evolution Education with his academic advisor, Robert Cox. Evolution Education engages some of the best middle and high school teachers from across the country in two-year fellowships. These teachers conduct large-scale experiments with the help of their students to push the limits of classroom science. Additionally, Aaron recently submitted a 6th paper for publication, co-authored with two high school teachers who are in their second year as Evolution Education Teacher Fellows. In 2016, Aaron was awarded a Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant from the National Science Foundation. Aaron will graduate in the spring of 2018 and continue to pursue research at the highest level through a postdoctoral fellowship. He also has plans to launch an educational technology company to produce DataClassroom, the world's first data analysis platform designed for the middle and high school students.

Jason Scott Remer  
**PETER AND CRISLER QUICK FELLOW**  
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George Mason University (B.S.)  
George Mason University (M.S.)  
University of Virginia (Ph.D.)  
Fairfax, Virginia

Scott completed his doctorate in the fall of 2016 and recently has accepted a position as a renewable energy development manager with Hexagon Energy, a firm based in Charlottesville, VA. While continuing to be involved in academic conferences and proceedings, notably in the space of human development and infrastructure, the majority of Scott's time is now spent on the high-level development of large-scale wind and solar projects across the nation and the globe.
A powerful and important future awaits us

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In 2016-17, the Foundation once again offered a comprehensive package of Enrichment Programs as a way of supplementing the University student experience.

**OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP**  
First-year Scholars participate in a series of team-building exercises, including both high- and low-rope challenges and a night hike that puts sensory skills to the test.

**INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP**  
Rising second-year Scholars spend two weeks refining their leadership experience through service projects and community-based activities.

**MODERNGUILD**  
Scholars are introduced to ModernGuild’s career exploration program during the Institute for Leadership and Citizenship. A personal coach guides them through career exploration and readiness.

**SUMMER TRAVEL STUDY**  
Rising third-year Scholars participate in a foreign travel/study experience through one of the many opportunities provided by the University’s International Studies Office. Scholars then have the opportunity to undertake an independent travel experience based on a topic of personal interest.

**ALUMNI CONNECTIONS**  
The Foundation matches current Jefferson Scholars with alumni who provide career advice, shadowing opportunities, and summer internships.

**Jefferson Scholars Foundation Exploratory Fund**

**NEW**

**THIS YEAR** the Foundation launched a new initiative to help support the creativity and innovation of Scholars and Fellows. All members of the Foundation community were invited to apply for merit-based venture funding to implement cutting-edge ideas that create sustainable social, cultural, or economic change. New commercial or philanthropic enterprises within or outside the University were eligible for funding consideration. The Foundation approved more than $75,000 in funding to support a variety of student-led, start-up projects.
In October, the Foundation invited students, faculty, and members of the broader Charlottesville community to hear from and engage in discussions with an award-winning journalist and a world-renowned historian.

**The Shadwell Speaker Series**

**On October 14, 2016,** Evan Osnos, chief Washington correspondent for *The New Yorker,* addressed a packed auditorium at the Darden School of Business as part of the Foundation’s Shadwell Speaker Series. Osnos writes extensively about foreign affairs and politics, and is the author of *Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China,* which won the 2014 National Book award. His talk, entitled “Bridging the Divide: Passions, Parties and America Beyond 2016,” addressed the presidential campaign and the political landscape of the 2016 election.

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**Warren Fulton Chauncey Lecture Series in American History**

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY of longtime benefactor and friend of the Foundation Warren F. Chauncey, this year the Foundation established a new lecture series on American History. On October 27, 2016, Ed Ayers, president emeritus of the University of Richmond and former Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Virginia, presented the inaugural lecture at the Foundation entitled “The Mystery of Emancipation and Reconstruction.” Ayers is a distinguished scholar of the American South and is co-host of *BackStory with the American History Guys,* a nationally syndicated radio show and podcast.
IN OCTOBER, the Foundation welcomed back many alumni and their families for the 2016 Alumni Reunion. The festivities started on Friday with a family-friendly outdoor barbecue and live bluegrass music. On Saturday the celebration continued with breakfast, a state of the Foundation address by president Jimmy Wright, and presentations from three alumni—an entrepreneur, the chairman of the JSF Board of Directors, and an Olympian. Raynelle Deans Grace (JS ‘03), Tim Ingrassia (JS ‘86), and Meghan O’Leary (JS ‘07) shared their unique worldviews and demonstrated the truly remarkable breadth of the alumni community as the featured speakers of JeffTalks. The weekend culminated in a dance party led by a 12-piece band, and was a celebration for the memory books.
ALUMNI OF THE JEFFERSON SCHOLARS FOUNDATION ARE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTORS TO THE COMMUNITY. THIS YEAR:

252 served as interviewers on selection committees or as advisors on the Foundation’s various boards.

402 have volunteered to provide internship opportunities and/or mentor current Scholars or Fellows.

Raynelle Deans Grace (JS ’03), senior strategy manager at The Vanguard Group, Meghan O’Leary (JS ’07), professional athlete and 2016 Olympian, and Tim Ingrassia (JS ’86), chairman of the JSF Board of Directors, presented as the 2016 JeffTalks speakers.

Three members of the JSF alumni community delivered a 15-minute talk on the topic of their choosing, sparking a lively discussion with their peers.
“We celebrate good fortune, not good luck, and are filled with gratitude for those who make our success possible.”

— JIMMY WRIGHT
Benefactors Event, May 8, 2017
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