

Munderloh Foundation Scholarships

Forty two LSTC students received Munderloh Foundation Scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year. The \$2,500 scholarships are awarded “above and beyond” the financial assistance LSTC provides. David Fleener, a middler, was awarded an additional \$2,500 scholarship based on academic achievement and financial need.

Alfred Munderloh, a sales manager for Investors Diversified Services Company and a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., established a foundation in 1959 to provide scholarships to people studying for parish ministry in the Lutheran Church. Since then, the foundation has assisted hundreds of seminarians at LSTC;

Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio; and the two Lutheran Church Missouri Synod seminaries in Fort Wayne, Ind., and St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Munderloh believed in the power of “replacing yourself” and brought that idea into the scholarships he endowed. Although the awards do not need to be repaid, the Munderloh Foundation challenges each recipient to find one more person to enter the ministry.

On October 2, members of the Munderloh Foundation board of trustees visited LSTC, attended classes and worship, and had lunch with the students who received Munderloh grants.

For more information about the Munderloh Scholarship Foundation, visit www.munderloh.org/



Munderloh Foundation board of trustees and the 2006-07 scholars with President Echols

Clay and Parris are named Fund for Theological Education Fellows

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago students Elonda Clay and Zachary Parris each received fellowships from the Fund for Theological Education (FTE) to support their studies. Clay, a Th.M./Ph.D. student pursuing a degree in science and religion, is one of 19 students across the country to receive the FTE

Doctoral Fellowship for rising African-American scholars. Parris is one of 40 students from across the country named a Congregational Fellow, which required that he have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and demonstrate leadership skills for ministry.

Clay is studying the use of technology in

social activism and in the church. She came to LSTC because of the Zygon Center of Religion and Science. Antje Jackelen, the director of the Zygon Center is her advisor.

Parris began his studies in the master of divinity program in early September. He is from South Carolina and holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Clemson University. Encouraged by his campus pastor to attend seminary and apply for the FTE Fellowship, Parris decided to come to LSTC to expand his experience of the church. He intends to enter parish ministry.



Elonda Clay



Zachary Parris

Siebert Lutheran Foundation

LSTC students from Wisconsin are eligible to apply for grants from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation. For the 2006-07 year, 21 students have received grants of \$1,878 each.

Albert F. Siebert, who owned the Milwaukee Electric Tool Company in the 1930s, prayed that if his company survived the Great Depression, he would dedicate a large part of it to the work of the church.

The company prospered far beyond Mr. Siebert's expectations and he decided to give his entire interest in his company to God through the Siebert Lutheran Foundation. Grants toward seminary

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tuition is only one way the foundation supports the work of the church.

For more information about the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, visit www.siebertfoundation.org/

Lutheran Community Foundation

Nicholas Slater (M.Div., middler) received the Lutheran Community Foundation scholarship from The George Hall Family Scholarship Fund in spring 2006. Slater is from Ames, Iowa, where he is a member of Bethesda Lutheran Church.

Lutheran Community Foundation, based in Minneapolis, Minn., was founded in 1995 to connect donors with charitable causes that reflect their interests and values. Individuals, families, and organiza-

tions may create funds to benefit a variety of causes. The mission of the organization is "to serve our donors with integrity as together we change lives and spread joy by sharing our blessings with the world."

Almost 25% of the grants from Lutheran Community Foundation are to educational institutions, including seminaries.

For more information about Lutheran Community Foundation, visit www.TheLCF.org/

Fund for Leaders in Mission Scholarships

Four LSTC students have received ELCA Fund for Leaders in Mission Scholarships, which will cover the cost of tuition for the three years they are studying on campus. One additional student received a partial scholarship.

Linda Wimmer is from Southwestern Minnesota Synod and a member of Sillerud Lutheran Church in Balaton, Minn. She earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of Minnesota and has been active in the Women of the ELCA, quilting, choir, and lecturing in her home congregation.

Sumie Song was born in Seoul, Korea and emigrated to the U.S. with her parents when she was two. She grew up on Chicago's north side and earned degrees in comparative literature from Williams College in Massachusetts, and a Ph.D. in German Studies from Duke University. She entered Duke Divinity School but determined that the Lutheran church was where she wanted to be and transferred to LSTC.

Rebecca Sorensen is a first-year M.A./M.S.W. dual degree student who is in the candidacy process for diaconal ministry. She grew up in Racine, Wisc.

and holds a degree in psychology and French from the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities. She has lived and worked in Chicago for the last two years and currently works for LSTC's Office of Vocation, Admission, and Financial Aid coordinating the Seminary Sampler weekends. Sorensen is interested in community organizing and social justice issues.

Jason Chesnut, of Wimberely, Tex., received a full scholarship and Dan Durbin, of Gladstone, Mich., received a partial scholarship.



Dan Durbin, Linda Wimmer, Jason Chesnut, Rebecca Sorensen.
Not pictured: Sumie Song