

Liberal Arts Leadership Scholarship Recipients 2009/2010



Sara Bigelow, Integrated Language Arts and Theatre Studies

Sara is a sophomore Integrated Language Arts and Theatre Studies major at Wright State. In addition to her studies, Sara works for Computing and Telecommuting Services on campus as an office assistant. Sara belongs to the Project Linus Chapter, a non-profit organization that raises money to make blankets for sick children in local hospitals. She is also involved in the Jubilee Theatre Productions as an actor, singer, costume assistant and director. Sara is also a member of the English Club, the Italian Club, Relay for Life and the Catholic Campus Music Ministry. After graduating, Sara plans to teach high school English and help with the school's theatre department.



Angie King, Communication

Angie is a junior Communication major at Wright State's lake campus. As a city council member for the city of Celina and a real estate agent, Angie works hard to be a voice for the citizens and enjoys serving her community. She has maintained a 4.0 gpa while working and raising her family. She is an advocate for the deaf and hard of hearing at the state and federal levels; she worked hard to publicize the need for newborn hearing screening, and in 2002 legislation was passed. Angie believes one person can make a difference in a community and plans to pursue a law degree upon graduation.



Megan Uhrig, International Studies

Megan is a junior International Studies major at Wright State. For Megan, being a leader means more than just excelling in the classroom; it means exceeding in extracurricular activities as well. As a freshman, Megan was the youngest member of the Liberal Arts Dean's Student Advisory Board and the COLA senator of student government. She still works with these groups and is now vice president of student government. Last summer, she sat on the police chief search committee and also helped establish a Peace Room that will promote cultural inclusiveness and facilitate greater understanding of religious diversity on campus.



Brandy Zapata, Mass Communication

Brandy is a Mass Communication major just finishing a very involved first year at Wright State. Last fall, she helped register students to vote through her involvement with the Wright State Democrats. As vice president of the Honors Community Council, she has helped run meetings and plans events. As an active member of the Student Honors Association, Brandy helped raise money for their April Relay for Life event and also attended the Mid-East Honors Association Conference, which gave her the opportunity to expand her leadership skills from the local to the regional level. All this and more Brandy has done while managing to maintain an impressive 4.0 gpa. We look forward to seeing what more Brandy will accomplish during her remaining years at Wright State.

Liberal Arts Study Abroad Scholarship Recipients 2009/2010



Tyler Barnes, Political Science, Poland for the Holocaust Program

Tyler is a junior Political Science major at Wright State. This scholarship will provide him with support to participate in a trip to Poland and Germany this summer. The trip will be Tyler's first trip abroad and it includes a visit to the rebuilt city of Berlin, Germany, with a visit to the Jewish Museum and its Holocaust Wing. The next stop is Wroclaw, Poland, where the group will be restoring an abandoned Jewish cemetery. Tyler looks forward to the trip and expects it to fuel his desire for additional travel in the future.



Daniel Fague, Political Science, Ireland

Daniel is a senior majoring in Political Science. For his last quarter at Wright State, he is thrilled to be able to travel to Ireland as part of the English Department's Ambassador Program. The three-week trip begins in Dublin and a stay at Trinity College. From there, the group travels to Belfast and down the western coast. Of Irish ancestry himself, Daniel is thrilled that his first trip abroad is to the country of his heritage. As a pre-law student with a strong interest in international law, Daniel hopes that this trip will provide him with hands-on experience in international relations.



Essence Jackson, Spanish, Chile

Essence is a Junior Spanish major. This winter, Essence will be participating in an exciting ambassador trip to Chile. During the two-week visit to the cities of Santiago and Concepcion, Essence will increase her fluency in the language as well as learn more about the culture and business practices of Chile. This trip is greatly important to Essence as she plans to pursue a job teaching Spanish to high school students upon graduation next year.



Karen Maner, English, France

Karen is a junior at Wright State majoring in English and minoring in French. Karen plans to attend fall semester at a university in Pau, France. While Karen expects this trip will help her with her French language skills, she also anticipates that this experience will better prepare her to relate to diverse groups of people. She also hopes to increase her improvisation skills, by relying on gestures and body language when speech fails. All of these traits will prove beneficial to Karen both in graduate school and beyond when she embarks on a career teaching English literature.



Nathan Sedgwick, International and Comparative Politics, China

Nathan is a graduate student in Wright State's International and Comparative Politics program. He plans to spend six weeks studying at Shanghai International Studies University this summer. While there, Nathan will continue work on his thesis which focuses on the evolving relationship between information communication technologies and the Chinese domestic political audience. This is his second visit to China, and Nathan expects his additional research will provide him with valuable new insights to aid in finishing his thesis work.



Julia Torres, Latin, Italy

Julia is majoring in Latin and plans to spend her fall semester at the American University of Rome, Italy. While there, she will take classes in Italian, Life and Leisure in Ancient Rome, and Archaeology of Rome. The program includes excursions to places such as Florence, Pompeii, Sorrento and Capri. In addition to improving her Italian language skills, Julia hopes the program will give her an in-depth look at the everyday life of an ancient Roman, give her insight into archaeological techniques, and also provide her with a deeper understanding of what she has learned in the classroom at Wright State.



Anthony Zdybek, Social Work, Switzerland

Tony is a senior in the department of Social Work. In his final quarter, Tony will travel to Switzerland this summer to participate in his first study abroad experience. This program is unique in that it is designed for both able-bodied and physically-challenged students. While in Switzerland, Tony and his classmates will have an opportunity to explore and broaden their perceptual, personal, and cultural horizons. More specifically, the students will be able to compare how the Dayton region and Switzerland each accommodate people with disabilities. Of particular interest to Tony is the possible interaction with the aging Swiss community. As a social worker interested in gerontology, Tony is intrigued to meet the aging members of different cultures as well as dust off his high school German language skills.