

## Scholarship impact at St. Andrews

From funds raised in the Share the Vision Campaign at St. Andrews, 25 new endowed scholarships have been created. Those scholarships are a part of the 78 percent of the funding raised over the eight-year campaign that went to student financial aid, operations and scholarship support.

Yet if you look solely at the numbers, you miss the true impact those funds have had on the lives of students at St. Andrews. With the costs of a college education rising each year, the financial assistance provided through these institutional funds has allowed for students to attend St. Andrews who might not have experienced this level of education otherwise.

"I am from South Rockwood, Mich. I was not planning on going to school so far from home, but as I drew closer to making a decision, I felt called to look at St. Andrews. Once I visited the campus, I was hooked, but without your gift, I may not have been able to attend."

- Grace Hammar '09  
Recipient of the William M. Taylor  
Endowed Scholarship Fund

"My love is music and I am currently fourth in the state on the Dobro. I am in a bluegrass band called Crosscut Bluegrass and have met many a wonderful person through music."

- Caeland Garner '08  
Recipient of the Laurin McQueen  
Scholarship

"After graduating, I hope to first work at a large breeding facility or show barn. After a few years of learning the ropes and using the information I learned in college, I want to open my own barn."

- Tonja Suttles '07  
Ernest and Mattie Gillespie Fund

## Scholarship gifts benefit students

*With 25 new endowed scholarships created by the Share the Vision Campaign, students at St. Andrews are directly benefiting from the generosity of donors. The following outlines the stories of three such gifts.*

### Jackson Foundation Challenge hopes to create new endowed scholarship

The St. Andrews classes of 1980 through 1985 are being challenged to match a \$30,000 grant from the Jackson Foundation of Richmond, Va.

Gifts resulting from the challenge will be used to create a new endowed student scholarship. Although St. Andrews attracts students from throughout the United States, this scholarship will benefit students from low-to-moderate income families who live in Virginia, with priority given to those from the Richmond area. Up to three students may receive help annually through the new scholarship.

The Jackson Foundation Challenge is a direct result of the College's \$35 million *Share the Vision* Campaign. Contributions to

scholarship funds accounted for about \$5 million raised during the campaign.

"This lasting and ready source of funds will provide the college a way to enroll and educate more students by leveraging existing state and institutional resources for their benefit," said Paul Baldasare '77, St. Andrews vice president for Institutional Advancement.

In recent years, alumni participation has risen as high as 23 percent. However, the national average of 33 percent remains a goal for the college. These five classes in particular have among the lowest annual fund participation rates of all St. Andrews alumni classes. This was one of the reasons Patricia Asch, executive director of the Jackson Foundation, and board member, Tom Asch class of 1981, decided to challenge the St. Andrews classes of 1980 through 1985. The challenge must be met within two years to receive the grant from the Jackson Foundation.

### Laurinburg Presbyterian Church's long history with college brings forth annual scholarship

During a recent Sunday service at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Neal Carter listened to

### What is an endowment?

*An endowment can be created at St. Andrews when a donor makes a gift of at least \$25,000 with the stipulation that the principal be invested and only the income from the fund used for a specific purpose. While the income is used every year, the principal is never spent and in fact grows over time. The most common type of endowment at the college is for scholarship support. An endowed scholarship can be further restricted so that the income is used only for students who have financial need, or for students based academic merit.*



*St. Andrews students are a strong presence at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. Joining the Rev. Dr. Neal Carter, third from left, after Sunday service were K'Hill Lesemann '09, Lyndsey McCall '07, Caitlin Beazely '09, Corey Krutsch '09 and Katie Miller '08.*

the church choir sing. The connections to St. Andrews were readily apparent. There among the choir were St. Andrews alumni and current students. Looking across the congregation, he saw many familiar faces who serve as faculty and staff members at St. Andrews.

The local church and the college share a history that dates to the founding of the new consolidated Presbyterian college in Laurinburg. When the decision was made by the Synod of North Carolina to consolidate Presbyterian Junior College for Men and Flora Macdonald College in Laurinburg, members of the church raised funds to help the college get started.

For many years, Laurinburg Presbyterian Church had been recognized as a generous supporter of the

educational institutions of the Synod of North Carolina and the Presbyterian Church (USA). Based on that history of support and a campaign waged by the church and community, the Synod of North Carolina decided to locate the new college in Laurinburg. Soon after it opened in 1961, many people who moved to Laurinburg as faculty or staff joined the church.

"The strong relationship between Laurinburg Presbyterian Church and St. Andrews was one of the reasons I sent my information to the nominating committee when the church pulpit was open," said Carter. "The church has a real close connection to Scotia Village and to St. Andrews. The history of the Presbyterian Church has been really affirming of education and what better way to

live out the reformed faith than with a church that shares a strong bond to a local college?"

Annually the college and church celebrate their relationship on the first Sunday of November with St. Andrews Sunday. Members of the college choir and pipe band share their talents, while Religious Studies students have the opportunity to lead the worship service.

"It's definitely a relationship we enjoy as a church, but also one we need to work on even more," said Carter. "We enjoy the interaction with the professors, staff, administration and the students who participate with the church and in return, we come to the college to enjoy programs there."

Student involvement at Laurinburg Presbyterian is easily evi-

dent. Some sing regularly in the choir, others work in the youth program, and still others attend Sunday School and worship services. "They just participate fully in the life of the church," said Carter.

In turn, the church also supports the students through its Laurinburg Presbyterian Church Scholarship, annually given to one student. The Session of the church has also agreed to sponsor or has sponsored three St. Andrews graduates in pursuit of their ordination: Rob Martin, '86, Aaron Gatten '05 and Lyndsey McCall '07.

"I think that the college takes a very holistic view," said Carter. "They want to help the student grow as a whole person, not just in the text books. That's really important. I think that a lot of people at

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***- The Rev. Dr. Neal Carter***

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church share that view as well. That's how we understand faith. Faith enters every aspect of a person's life. Any way that we can assist the college to reach that goal, we want to help."

Carter also comes to St. Andrews for other outreach opportunities. At Advent and Lent, he helps serve communion on the college campus. Carter can also be seen regularly walking the college hallways. To help meet his own personal continuing education requirements, he also takes

an occasional course at St. Andrews.

"It puts me in the life of the college all the time," he said. "even though some of the students look at me strange with my tie on, sitting in the back of the room."

### **Recognition of family creates Fouke Endowment Fund**

An outstanding student in the Department of Politics annually may be considered to receive an award



***General Honors Program students like those seen here during a class held in DeTamble Library are among the many St. Andrews attendees who receive financial assistance in the form of institutional scholarships.***



***Kim Simon '03 was the first to benefit directly from The Harriet D. Fouke Endowment Fund.***

through The Harriet D. Fouke Endowment Fund. With a gift of \$10,000, Harriet D. Fouke created the endowment in October 2000 to "host significant departmental events and to make awards to promising political science majors." When awards are made from the fund, they are made in recognition of her brother, Dr. George L. Fouke, and his son, Louis Fouke, who died at age 18 when he was about to enter college. Harriet Fouke passed away soon after making the gift to St. Andrews.

George Fouke says his sister gave the gift partly because of their Quaker background and as a way to recognize his years of service to St. Andrews. George Fouke taught in the St. Andrews Politics Department from 1969 until 1983, and was a close colleague of Dr. Neal Bushoven and Dr. Larry Schulz.

"I taught at the College for all those years in politics, and I also taught seniors in the interdisciplinary core program," said George Fouke. "Although my sister had no connec-

tion to the College, she valued what I was doing there as a professor." Harriet Fouke created the endowment to recognize individual student accomplishment and strengthen the politics program overall.

"Only the most highly regarded political science students are recognized through the Fouke Endowment," said Bushoven. Kim Simon '03 and Mica Nguyen '05, two outstanding St. Andrews graduates, are the only two students to have received the award so far. "Being one of the first recipients of the Fouke Award was quite an honor for me," said Simon. "To be honored in this way was an end to a long road. Politics was not something that I was interested in when I first came to St. Andrews. Actually I had never given politics any real thought as a major. I took a course on a whim and that eventually led into a minor, a major, and a thesis on the politics of Cuba."

"I truly feel that my politics classes gave me a solid foundation upon which to build my legal education. This past May, I graduated from law school and now I am working in a small firm in Providence, Rhode Island. I owe a lot of where I am today to my education at St. Andrews."

Alumni politics majors, as well as other alumni and friends, are encouraged to add to the Fouke Endowment Fund so that Fouke Awards may be expanded.

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*To learn more about contributing to an existing scholarship or starting a new one, contact Paul Baldasare at (910) 277-5660.*

## **10 Tips on Giving to St. Andrews**

St. Andrews recognizes the value of giving back in various ways. Here's a list of possible ways to give back to your Alma Mater.

1. Ensure that all of your friends, neighbors and acquaintances know that you attended St. Andrews.
2. Recruit kids in your community to attend St. Andrews. Offer to call the admissions office to arrange for a campus visit.
3. Contribute regularly to the Annual Fund and periodically to special initiatives. See if your company will match your gifts.
4. Talk up St. Andrews at your church. Meet with your church youth group.
5. Reflect upon your life, classes and professors at St. Andrews. Ask yourself if establishing a permanent endowment to memorialize your college experience would be an appropriate expression of gratitude.
6. Take the family of a prospective student and the student to lunch and talk about St. Andrews.
7. Come back for Alumni Weekend and bring your family, neighbors and friends.
8. Contact former classmates and challenge alumni from other classes to a giving competition.
9. Include St. Andrews in your estate plan.
10. Send a thank-you note to your most influential professor.
11. Display your degree.
12. Keep the College updated with your personal address and phone number.