

Mollie Hazen Tucker Scholarship

The MHT Scholarship was established in 1987 in memory of Mollie Hazen Tucker, a longtime active churchwomen in the diocese.

The scholarship is given each year to a deserving Episcopal women in the Diocese of East Tennessee who is a high school graduate or has obtained their GED and is in need of financial assistance to pursue a college education or trade.

The first Mollie Hazen Tucker Scholarship was awarded in 1988.

1988

Cynthia Chamberlain, All Saints', Morristown, Tennessee
Graduated from Morristown West High School. Wants to major in
Elementary Education.

UPDATE: Attended ETSU and received her elementary education
degree. Married Eric Myers in 1996 and moved to Indiana. Continued
to teach while working on her Master's degree at Indiana Wesleyan
University. Moved back to Johnson City in 2003 so Eric could work on
his Master's degree. He also takes care of daughter Caroline, who was
born in 2002, while Cindy teaches Reading and Recovery at Mountain
View School.

Cindy would like to thank all the women who keep the MHT Scholarship
going.

Heather Linhart, Resurrection, Loudon, Tennessee
Chrystle Maria Runyon, St. Paul's, Athens, Tennessee

1989

Carla Wilson, Trinity, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Kelly Isaacs, St. Thomas, Elizabethton, Tennessee

1990

Deannia Murphey, St. Raphael's, Crossville, Tennessee

1991

Lee Rawlings Trent, St. Paul's, Athens, Tennessee
Kim Hunter, St. Elizabeth, Farragut, Tennessee

1992

Claire Bloomer, St. Paul's, Kingsport, Tennessee
Graduated from Dobbins Bennett High School. Her career goal is
to provide "personal, family, and marital counseling, helping
others in a crisis as they strive to reclaim themselves."

UPDATE: Graduated from UT with a Bachelor's of Science in
Nursing. Worked for Johnson City Medical Center as an R.N.
Married Brian Hemphill in 2002 and relocated to Albuquerque, NM
so he could complete his residency in Internal Medicine. She is
Currently employed by the New Mexico School of Medicine in the
Endocrinology Department doing diabetes research. She and Brian
hope to return to the South once he has completed his training.

1993

Julie Suttles, St. Luke's, Cleveland

Graduated from Cleveland High School. During high school, she worked tirelessly with youth programs on both the local and diocesan levels. Plans to attend the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga to become an international accountant for French-speaking nations.

1994

Mayra Alicia Overstreet, St. Joseph's the Carpenter, Sevierville, Tennessee

Plans to attend Duke University to study biological sciences with a focus on genetic research.

UPDATE: Graduated from Duke University. Took a year off from school to do some Molecular Biology research. Graduated in May 1999 with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology. After graduation, started working at the Nicholas School of the Environmental Health Initiative at Duke University. Currently the Data Manager for this same group and living in Durham, NC.

Etelka Lanza, St. Peter's, Chattanooga, Tennessee

"Telky" has not decided on a specific course of study but is interested in the educational field, specifically English and Social Studies. She will attend Rhodes College in Memphis.

UPDATE: Graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Rhodes College with a Bachelor's degree in psychology and minors in French and English. While there, she worked at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal as Assistant Youth Minister. After college, she returned to Chattanooga to work as the first full-time Youth Minister at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Lookout Mountain, for four years. Married Peter Murphy in 2000. Completed graduate school with a Master's in Industrial/Organization Psychology in May 2003. Currently the Human Relations manager for New Roads'.

Leigh van Rij, St. Thomas, Knoxville

Plans to attend the University of the South, Sewanee. Interested in a career in the field of International Studies.

1995

Sarah Ann Rhymer, Church of the Ascension, Knoxville, Tennessee

Katherine Bell, St. Andrews, Maryville, Tennessee

1996

Annalisa Renee Stone, Thankful Memorial, Chattanooga

UPDATE: Graduated Magnum Cum Laude from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta. Currently doing breast cancer research at Emory and is trying to get into medical school.

Heather Jo Stone, Thankful Memorial, Chattanooga

UPDATE: Graduate of the University of the South, Sewanee. Received a Master's degree from the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, and is currently a police officer for the Chattanooga Police Department.

1997

Frances Thompson, Good Samaritan, Knoxville, Tennessee

UPDATE: Graduated from Knoxville Business College's Physical Therapy Assistant program in April 1999. Worked as a PTA since then. Currently living in Knoxville and working for ATC. She is still paying on various school loans and is very grateful for the financial help she received from the MHT Scholarship.

1998

Catherine Walker, St. Timothy's, Signal Mountain, Tennessee
Graduated from Girls' Preparatory School in Chattanooga. She also received a school choral award, and her high school principal referred to her as "the girl with the golden voice." She will attend Florida State University to study music.

Cordia Roach, St. Luke's Knoxville

Graduated from Fulton High School. Plans to attend MTSU and enter the pre-medicine curriculum, majoring in biology.

1999

Liberty (Libby) Ann Justis, All Saints', Morristown, Tennessee
Graduated with honors from Morristown East. Will be attending the University of Tennessee where she plans to major in communications.

UPDATE: Graduated from UT with a degree in Speech Pathology in May 2003. Also attended UT for a Master's degree in Elementary Education. Currently living in Nashville and teaching 4th grade at Tom Jay Elementary School.

2000

Jill Collins, All Saints', Morristown, Tennessee
Graduated from Morristown West. Will attend Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC, where she plans to study Creative Writing and Literature.

2001

Ashley N. Gregory, St. James, Knoxville, Tennessee
Graduated from South Doyle High School. Active member at St. James. Plans to attend Maryville College, where she's been accepted into the Bonner's Scholars program. Plans to study nursing with a concentration in oncology.

2002

Morgan Petty, St. Joseph's, Sevierville

UPDATE: Attended ETSU as a Photography major. A member of Phi Eta Sigma, the only academic honor society for freshmen at MTSU. Changed major to Recreation and Leisure Services with a concentration in Recreation Administration at the beginning of her sophomore year. After two years of school, has a GPA of 3.8 and will graduate in 2006.

2003

Rita B. Pierre, St. James, Knoxville, Tennessee
Immigrated to the United States from Liberia in 1996 to escape the unrest caused by a civil war. After much hard work and with the assistance of the parishioners, she was able to bring the rest of the family here within three months. In Liberia, she was trained and certified in midwifery. Because her training is not recognized here, she is pursuing an Associate's Degree of Nursing at Pellissippi State Technical College.

2004

Molly Slabberkorn, Church of the Ascension, Knoxville, Tennessee

Mollie will be attending the University of Tennessee and majoring in Elementary Education.

