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For the past five years, LMU Women of Service (WOS) has been pleased to host a unique and very successful fashion show in August. It is a lot of fun and involves numerous people from WOS members and students to local businesses and the community. It is also a very important event in that it raises much needed money for WOS initiatives. Last year with the help of partners and supporters, over \$19,000 was raised to support scholarships, food pantries and other education needs.

WOS was set to host the most successful show to date with the momentum and partnerships established over the years, and then the global pandemic arrived on the scene. Still it was thought the event could still take place in Tex Turner Arena with modifications such as masks, hand sanitizers and social distancing. However, the coronavirus was showing no signs of subsiding.

Given the circumstances in and around the LMU community and for everyone's safety, the very difficult decision was made to cancel the in-person event. But our work must go on! In place of a live event a video was launched on the original date and time of the 2020 Fashion Show, August 20 at 7 p.m., showcasing the work WOS does, the impact the scholarships have made on the recipients and recognizing our wonderful sponsors.

The LMU WOS has never faltered in the commitment to the furthering of the education of LMU students. So strong is this commitment that a \$50,000 scholarship has been endowed. There is still much work to do and it could not be accomplished without all our partners and supporters.

We will be back in 2021 with a bigger, better event!

Thank you for your continued support!

WOMEN OF SERVICE MISSION

To connect, educate and inspire women of all ages and backgrounds by providing an avenue of service and offering entertaining and unique experiences that will fuel their minds while touching the hearts of others.

WOMEN OF SERVICE VISION

A community of impassioned, determined women, committed to supporting each other's pursuit of excellence, and significantly impacting individuals in their quest for education.

WHAT WE VALUE

Service

Honesty

Integrity

Learning

Communication

Education

Improvement

Cynthia L. Whitt WOS Advisor



***I**n addition to being the vice president for university advancement at Lincoln Memorial University, I am honored to be a co-founder and the advisor of Women of Service organization.*

Why Women of Service? you might ask. We began on August 23, 2011, with our first meeting at Club LeConte in Knoxville with over 150 women. We realized the need to have a special network of individuals who share a passion for helping others, and envisioned that same group to consist of women with unique interests, abilities and backgrounds.

Today we have a wonderful group of about 90 women - LMU faculty, staff, alumni and friends - in the tri-state region who are passionate about serving others, especially young women seeking to receive an education and further their dreams.

WOS has raised over \$50,000 for an endowed scholarship and has awarded 14 scholarships to young ladies attending Lincoln Memorial University. We have established five food pantries to serve our students as well.

We appreciate all of the support and encouragement we have received from alumni, friends and the community and hope you will join us as we continue our mission of service.

WOMEN OF SERVICE MEMBERSHIP

Women of Service is open to all women who want to help others, especially students at Lincoln Memorial University. This is your opportunity as women to work together and support our mission of service. By living as an example of service, we also teach our students about the incredibly important mission of service to humanity. Only through service will our students become truly educated citizens of the world.

Joining is simple. Complete the short membership form at alumni.LMUnet.edu/WOS. Most of our communication is by email, so be sure and include the email address that you check frequently.

Meetings are held two times per year - spring and fall - and alternate between Harrogate and Knoxville. Outings are also held throughout the year.

We ask those who join us to make a gift in any amount to support the Women of Service Initiative Fund. Through any number of pathways, your gift will transform the lives of LMU students and truly enhance the campus environment and the college experience.

Carissa Carver **WOS Vice President**



I am currently a mental health counselor at Lincoln Memorial University, as well as the vice president of Women of Service.

Women of Service meets twice each year. At these meetings, we receive updates on ongoing projects, learn about upcoming trips, and we make sure to leave plenty of time for good food and fellowship. Our meetings also have fun themes and offer the opportunity to hear from amazing women such as fashion consultants, doctors and authors.

Women of Service also takes day trips and overnight trips a few times each year. Previous trips have included a weekend in Nashville, and day outings to historical Abingdon, Virginia, and the Barter Theater.

The vision of Women of Service is to be “a community of impassioned, determined women, committed to supporting each other’s pursuit of excellence, and significantly impacting individuals in their quest for education.” Women of Service supports students through scholarship opportunities, but our members also support each other.

There is a real sense of camaraderie within the organization that lets me know I always have a group of friends cheering me on in whatever I pursue.

Women of Service Pathways of Service

Current Service Projects

*LMU Food Pantries
Student Mentoring through Pearls of Grace
Student Scholarships*

Special Projects

We currently have two ongoing projects that fund WOS and have helped us create the Women of Service Endowed Scholarship at Lincoln Memorial University.

*Fashion Show
Christmas Festival*

Woman of Service Award

WOS began awarding the Woman of Service Award annually in 2015 to recognize exemplary women making a difference in the communities that LMU serves. In 2017, the name of the award was officially changed to the Cynthia L. Whitt Woman of Service Award in honor of Ms. Whitt's contributions toward the establishment of the Women of Service organization.

*Recipients to date:
2015 - Linda Fultz
2016 - Lynn Duncan
2017 - Cleo Bush
2018 - Judy Robertson
2019 - Rita McCann*

Dr. Wandaleen Adams WOS President



I am serving as the first virtual president of Women of Service. Quite an experience! Zoom has become our best friend.

I am proud of our organization and what we have been able to do because of the commitment of the members, the support of the community and our business partners.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to find ways and means to help us reach our goals. We have endowed a \$50,000 scholarship that we will continue to grow. Fourteen students have benefited from a combination of annual and endowed support. We have started food pantries on campus and at three off-campus sites.

The Fashion Show is our largest fundraiser. We realize that the effects of COVID-19 has drastically changed lives for everyone, including our students. Therefore, it is imperative we support them with continued assistance so that they can complete their college degrees.

Thank you, and love to all!

Scholarship Recipient

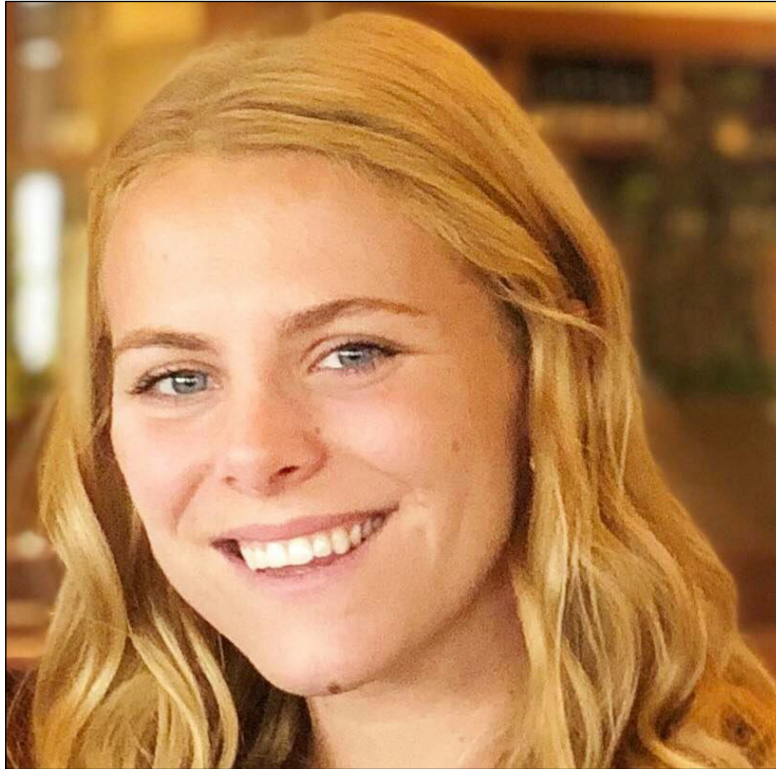


Samantha Lindsey, 2014
Dentist

***A**fter I finished my degree in biology at LMU, I went on to The Ohio University College of Dentistry. I graduated in May and I am working as a dentist at a Community Health Services Center that provides support to patients who can't always find it themselves. That is one of the many reasons I like working in public health.*

Thank you to Women of Service and many other wonderful people at LMU. Without your help and support, I would not be where I am today.

Scholarship Recipient



***Lauren Dusold, 2014
Senior HR Business Leader***

Lgraduated from LMU with an undergraduate degree in business administration and completed the online MBA program one year out of my bachelor's. Today, I work for Polaris Industries. I am a senior HR business leader for global engineering, supporting engineering functions inside and outside the United States.

The Women of Service scholarship empowered me by showing me how the organization was behind me and supported me. Today, I am happy to say that I am able to empower other young women, both inside and outside of business, and support them on their career journeys.

Scholarship Recipient



***Abigail Bellamy Daniels, '16, '18, '19
Teacher***

I am not only a teacher at Surgoinsville Elementary School, but I am also a proud recipient of the Women of Service scholarship to receive my undergraduate, master's and EdS degrees. I am also a member of this organization.

I feel so blessed to be part of a university that encourages and empowers women to pursue their dreams, and I am thankful for the LMU Women of Service and all that they have given me over the years.

So proud to be a Railsplitter!

Scholarship Recipient



Chelsea Acuff Paul
Business Education Major

I am a general business major with a concentration in education. My goals are to teach business at the high school level and pursue a master's in educational counseling and guidance. I will be doing my student teaching during the Fall 2020 semester.

I have been extremely blessed to receive the Women of Service scholarship. I have grown to love the organization and what it stands for. Through my internship in University Advancement at LMU, I have had the opportunity to attend and work at some WOS events. This organization strives to empower women and the community. I am proud to represent them as a recipient of the scholarship.

Scholarship Recipient



Lauren Sweet
Nursing Major

After completion of my undergraduate degree, I plan to pursue another degree in nursing at Lincoln Memorial University. I currently work at Big Lots in Middlesboro, Kentucky.

I was very excited and caught off guard when I learned that I had received the Women of Service scholarship. These women are very dedicated to their community and they work very hard in all they do. I was thankful when the opportunity arose for me to connect with these awesome women.

Thank all of you very much for your support. I truly appreciate it.

Scholarship Recipient



***Lacey Carver Massengale, '15, '17
Teacher***

My undergraduate degree from LMU is in education, and my master's is in criminal justice. I am currently a teacher at Scott County High School and a part-time instructor in criminal justice at Roane State Community College. I feel very fortunate that Women of Service awarded me scholarships during both my bachelor's and my master's degree programs.

I truly enjoy being a part of Women of Service because I know firsthand the positive impact that they make for all the students at LMU. I look forward to meeting with everyone again at the next event.

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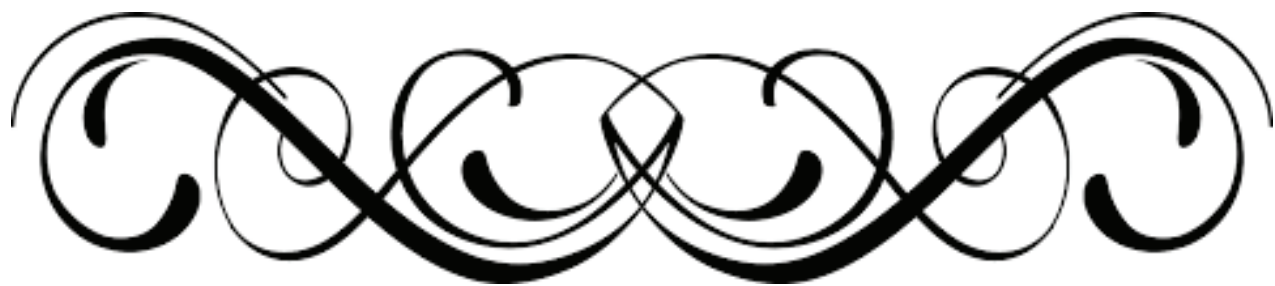
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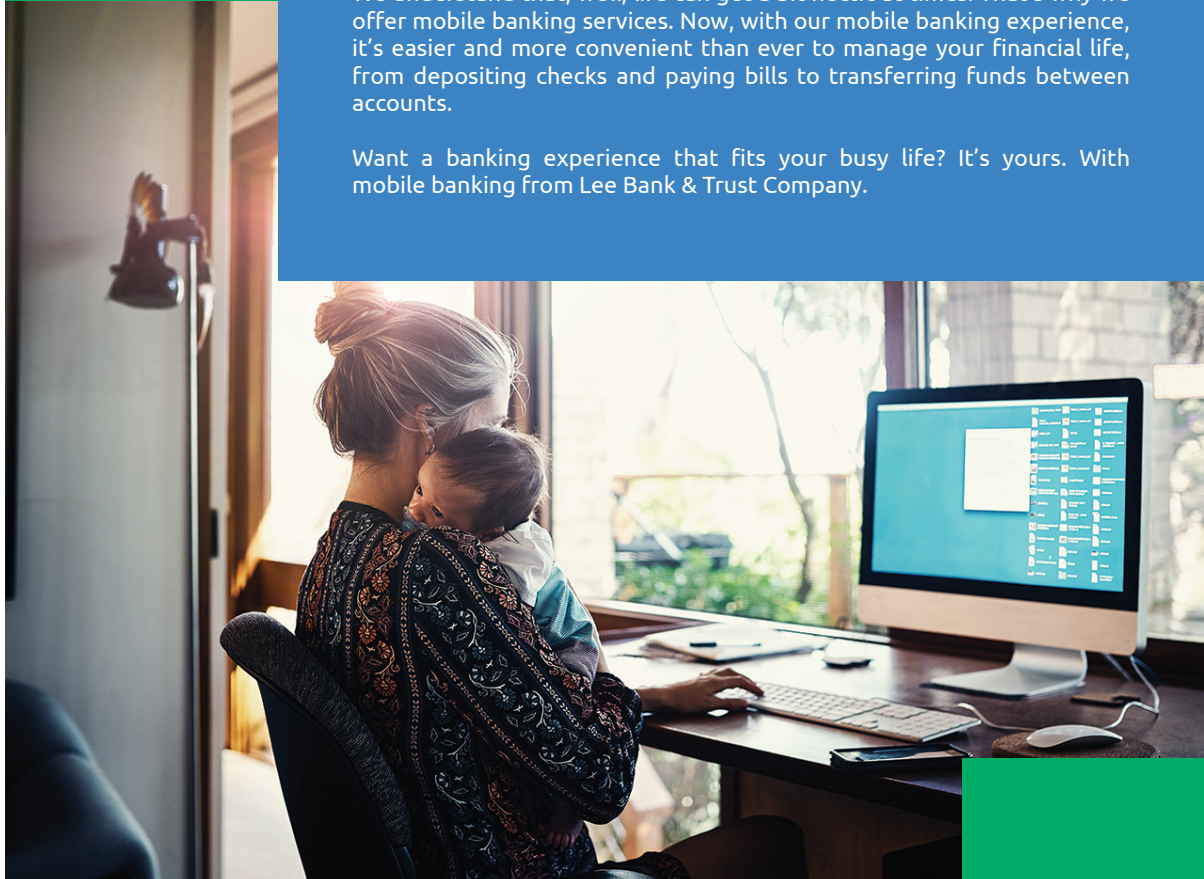
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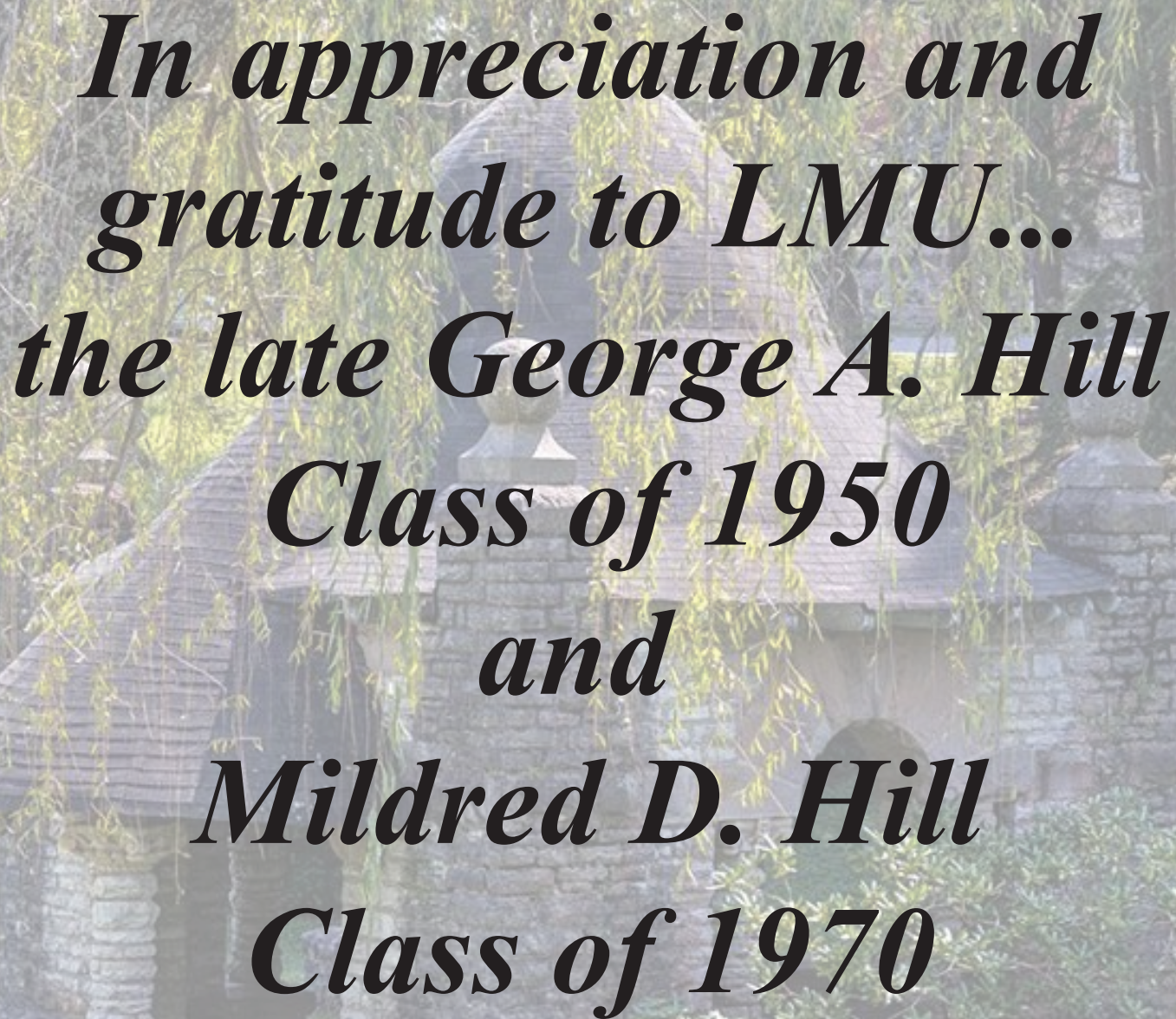
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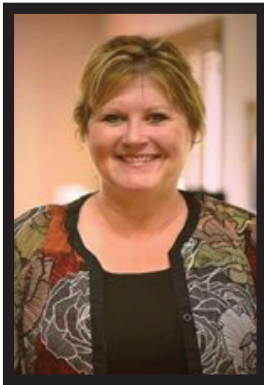
A stone archway with a willow tree in the background. The archway is made of grey stone and has a decorative finial on top. The willow tree has long, thin, yellow-green leaves that hang down. The background is a soft-focus view of a building with a gabled roof.

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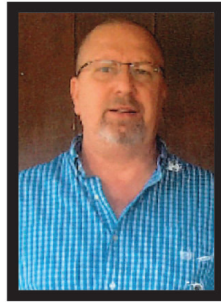
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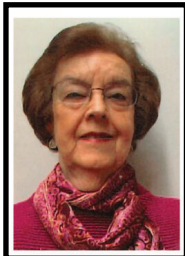
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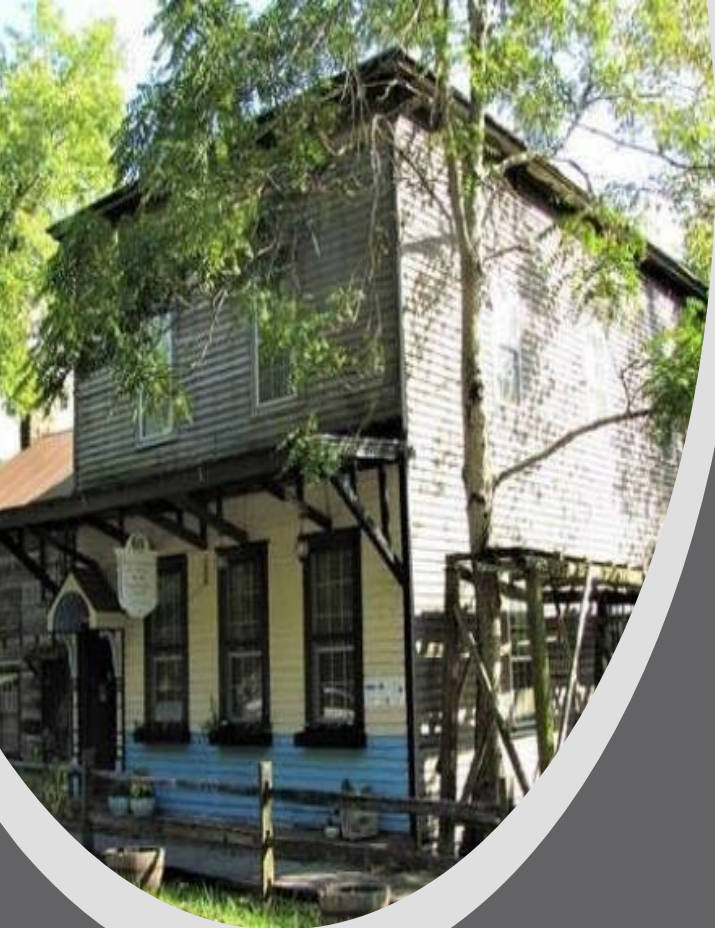
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