

## Hey Scholars!

Huge shoutout to everyone who pulled off straight A's last semester—seriously, amazing work. And big props to those who graduated early, made the Dean's List or Honor Roll, or leveled up with honors courses. You're all out here doing big things, and we're so proud of you!



And hey, real talk: not every semester is perfect, and that's okay. School can be tough. That's why Baumberger has your back. Our probation stipends are here to give you the space, support, and stability you need to get back on track—academically *and* personally. We're rooting for you the whole way.

Quick update: This semester, **229 students at 21 universities** are out there chasing goals with help from **\$715,625 in funding (plus a sweet bonus!)**. Finals are coming up, and we know you've got what it takes—go crush it!

Also, heads up: We're getting ready to announce the **2026 freshman class**, and we're hyped to welcome even more scholars into the Baumberger fam.

Need anything? Questions? Just want to make sure you're up to date? Call or email us anytime. And don't forget: we need your current email! Keep your portal info updated, or hit us at [baumendow@gmail.com](mailto:baumendow@gmail.com) if something changes. Let's keep the connection strong.



You've got this!

**Cynde Zietlow**  
Executive Director

## Stay Connected with Baumberger!

As you transition beyond your time with the Baumberger Endowment, we'd love to stay in touch. Please share your email address with us so we can keep you informed about future updates and opportunities. If you have an account through our online portal, you can always update your contact information using your current login.

Know any **Baumberger Alumni**? Encourage them to reach out! We'd love to hear about their journey and accomplishments. They can send us an email at [baumendow@gmail.com](mailto:baumendow@gmail.com) to share updates and reconnect.

## ★ Important Information ★

### Scholarship Renewal Info

We're getting everything ready for next academic year, so keep an eye on your inbox in **May 2026**. You'll get an email with all the details about renewing your scholarship for **2026–27**.

Renewal is only for students who are making satisfactory progress (per the Baumberger *Terms and Conditions*) and are still eligible under the program.

#### Do yourself a favor:

Make sure your email is up-to-date, and add [baumendow@gmail.com](mailto:baumendow@gmail.com) and "**Baumberger Endowment**" [<noreply@mail.smapply.io>](mailto:noreply@mail.smapply.io) to your contacts so the email doesn't get lost in spam world.

#### Here's what you need to know:

- You'll update your Baumberger Agreement + upload all required documents online by **June 1, 2026**.
- Missing that deadline = risking your scholarship... please don't let that be you.

**Fall 2026** checks will be sent to your school around **August 1**.

### IRS Reminder

Quick heads-up: If your scholarship covers anything *beyond* tuition, required fees, books, supplies, or course-related equipment, that extra amount counts as **taxable income** for your **2025** taxes. Baumberger won't send W-2s or 1099s, so if you're unsure how to handle it, reach out to your campus financial aid office or a tax advisor to make sure you're good to go.

### Study Abroad

Thinking about studying abroad? Exciting opportunities await, but here's the deal: if you're planning to take off during a fall or spring semester, it's *super important* to chat with the Executive Director first. Skipping this step could mean losing your scholarship, and we definitely don't want that to happen!

## The Baumberger Endowment

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