

TC Lane, Jr. Endowed Scholarship

**Emilie
Pitts**

Class: Junior

Hometown: Jupiter, FL

Graduation Date: May 2012

Majors: Political Science

Minors: Communication Studies



ABOUT ME

Activities & Community Service:

I am the Vice President of Philanthropy for my sorority, Pi Beta Phi, and I coordinate events on and off campus to benefit First Book (children's literacy). Also, I am a tutor for children at Woodward Elementary and Starke Elementary once a month.

Employment/Internship:

I worked for a law firm over the summer as an intern, where I was able to attend court hearings, trials, and depositions. Currently, I work for Dr. Bailey as his student assistant over 10 hours a week.

MY STETSON EXPERIENCE

What do you think you will take away from your time at Stetson and what are your plans for the future?

I will leave Stetson a brighter and more open minded person than when I entered and will genuinely appreciate the accumulation of knowledge for the rest of my life. I plan on going to law school after college and eventually working for the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Which professor(s) have impacted you the most and how?

Dr. Bailey is my professor, my adviser, and my mentor in every way possible. Dr. Bailey's humble personality motivates me to become a better student each and every day. I have had the fortunate opportunity to learn from all of my professors here at Stetson and have benefitted most from the student-teacher paradigm between myself and Dr. Bailey. Without his encouragement and positive personality, I would not be able to achieve the amount of hard work I have put into my major so far at Stetson and I appreciate him very much as a professor and as a dear friend.

How has your scholarship contributed to your success at Stetson?

The TC Lane Scholarship has allowed me to continue successfully each semester and makes a huge impact on my financial aid. Because my dad has been unemployed for almost a year now, my family has been struggling significantly to continue funding my private school education. At this point, every bit counts and this scholarship has proven to be very beneficial not only to my success as a student, but to my family as well.

Please include a personal message of thanks to your benefactor(s):

To the parents of TC Lane:

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday I have class with Dr. Hallum in the room on the 3rd floor of Elizabeth Hall that is dedicated to your son TC. I have the privilege of seeing his portrait, jersey, and photograph every time I walk into the classroom and it pushes me to work harder every time I enter the class. I am very sensitive to the effects of alcohol because I lost one of my best friends in high school in a drunk driving car accident as well. Being a recipient of this scholarship has not only allowed me to appreciate my learning environment, but has touched my heart so significantly that I will remember TC's story forever.

Your contributions to Stetson University, through your funds and your presence, have allowed for me to continue my education with a broader perspective on the important things to cherish in life, especially something as significant as a scholarship. Thank you very much for everything you do. I think about you and TC all the time, and I am proud to be the recipient of such a prestigious scholarship.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you,

Emilie Pitts