The Trent Lott Leadership Institute

is proud to present its

CLASS OF 2020

The Lott Institute Class of 2020

Chase Baker
Brandon, MS

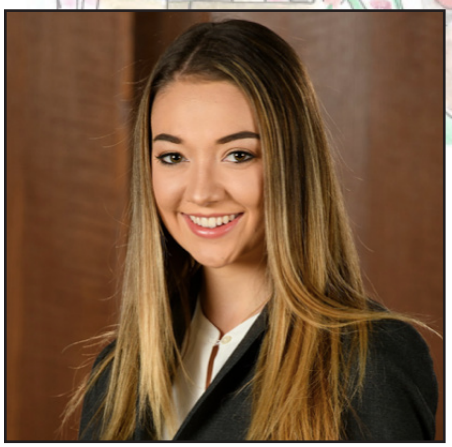
Favorite Lott Memory: Getting to know great people who care about the academic and professional success of all public policy students.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending the University of Mississippi Law School.

Chelsea Boone
Cleveland, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: My favorite Lott Memory is taking my parents on a tour of the building and showing them where I sit during classes after the homecoming football game this year. They loved the class set-up, and it was so fun letting them see a part of my everyday life in college.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending the University of Mississippi Law School.



Cady Cooper
Ocean Springs, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Eating at Lenoir hall with my best friends in my food policy class!

Plans After Graduation: Move to DC and find a job, preferably on the Hill!

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Channing Curtis
Vicksburg, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: PPL 300 in general, but Dr. Fritz posting a "PPL 300 Midterm Key" link the week of the test that led to a "Never Gonna Give You Up" by Rick Astley music video.

Plans After Graduation: I will be pursuing a JD and MBA at the University of Mississippi.

Katie Davis
New Albany, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Getting my first taste of college and making what would become my college friends at the Lott Summer College for High School Students program with Sally Jordan, Savannah Day, Mason Myers, and Kat Oglesby

Plans After Graduation: I will be spending my summer interning remotely and applying to full time positions in Washington D.C. I am extremely excited about the future and hope to pursue a career in progressive policy research or campaigning.

Savannah Day
Fayetteville, AR

Favorite Lott Memory: Traveling to Washington, D.C. with Katie Davis, Sally Jordan, Kat Oglesby, and Mason Myers through the Lott High School Program in 2015, studying abroad in Israel in 2019 with nine other Lott students, and having almost every Lott class with Jamie Sproles.

Plans After Graduation: I have graciously been invited to serve in Morocco for 27 months as a United States Peace Corps "Youth in Development" Volunteer. I will be working with youth to promote community engagement, healthy living, leadership skills, and active citizenship.

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Sarah Doty
Brookhaven, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Making my best friends in PPL 300 and then taking every class after with them.

Plans After Graduation: I will be moving to Washington D.C. to begin my career as an Associate Producer at Redprint Strategies.

Beth Downs
Indianapolis, IN

Favorite Lott Memory: Spending two summers in the Mississippi Delta with fellow Lott students interning for Delta Health Alliance.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending the Clinton School of Public Service in Little Rock, Arkansas to pursue a Master's in Public Service.

Harrison Durland
Suwanee, GA

Favorite Lott Memory: Debating with the Debate Team

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending graduate school following an internship or some work.

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Peyton Farmer
Sturgis, KY

Favorite Lott Memory: My favorite Lott memory is working alongside so many fellow PPL students in the Lott office, especially Bethany Downs and our Taco Tuesday lunch dates!

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending the University of Mississippi School of Law starting this summer.

Tom Fowlkes
Memphis, TN

Favorite Lott Memory: While the Lott school provided me with many memories over the past 4 years, my honors leadership class with Dr. Holland is definitely my favorite. The 15 people in that class never ceased to make my day better, and even on Friday afternoons, I would look forward to what the class time would bring. Dr. Holland combined a congenial joviality with intellectually stimulating projects and readings. At the end of the semester, I felt that I had gained a knowledge both of my personal leadership habits and those of my peers-- along with many hilarious memories!

Plans After Graduation: I will begin working for Deloitte & Touche, LLP as an audit professional in the fall.

Corbin Fox
Union, KY

Favorite Lott Memory: 2018 Lott Summer Study Abroad in China.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending Law School at Tulane University.

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Claire Francis
Baton Rouge, LA

Favorite Lott Memory: My entire Food Policy class attempting to forage in Bailey's Woods with Dr. Holland

Plans After Graduation: I will be moving to Denver, CO and pursuing a career in nonprofit work.

Caroline Glaze
Hattiesburg, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: All of my time spent in the downstairs classroom. One semester I sat in the same seat for two classes in a row MWF, but I honestly loved it. That room really felt like home.

Plans After Graduation: I will be pursuing my graduate degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a Secondary Mathematics focus here at the University of Mississippi.

Julia Grant
Gulfport, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Having the opportunity to be mentored and taught by the incredible professors there.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending the University of Virginia School of Law.

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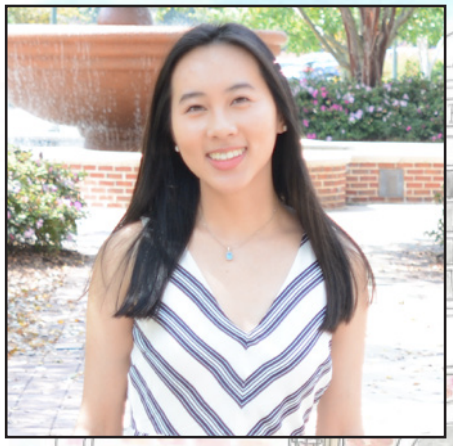
Wills Hay
West Point, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Spending time outside Mrs. Melissa's office before class.

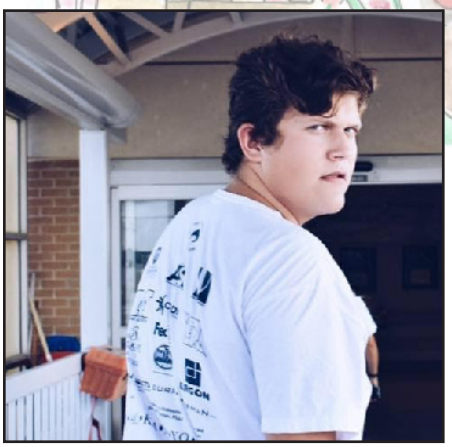
Plans After Graduation: I will be an Incoming English Teaching Assistant at the Fulbright Association in Moldova.



Hannah Hoang
Summit, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Sweating my entire body weight before every 212 speech.

Plans After Graduation: I will be continuing my education with more school at the University of Mississippi Medical School.



Brock Huerkamp
Arkadelphia, AR

Favorite Lott Memory: My favorite memory of Lott was discovering the passion and love that my fellow classmates had for the people of this town, state, country, and world. It was inspiring to see so many people my age want to go out into the world and make change.

Plans After Graduation: I will be taking a gap year before pursuing a MFA in Creative Writing.

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Matthew Ide
Asheville, NC

Favorite Lott Memory: The summer study abroad trip to China in 2018.

Plans After Graduation: I will be moving to Washington D.C.

Sally Jordan
Grove Hill, AL

Favorite Lott Memory: Taking late night pictures outside of the Lott building with my friends when we found out school was officially online for the rest of the semester.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending the London School of Economics for the MSc Public Policy and Administration program.

David Keel
Granite City, IL

Favorite Lott Memory: Anything with Dr. Holland involved.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending the University Of Mississippi School of Law next August.

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Connar Kelly
Benoit, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: My favorite Lott memory is all of them. Even though in each class you had "civil" discussions with people that had differentiating opinions, they were always my favorite classes.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Jenna Koonce
Mulberry Grove, IL

Favorite Lott Memory: Studying abroad in Israel with 9 other Lott Students where I made some amazing bonds and learned so much about politics of the region and the culture of the country as well.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending Ole Miss Grad School where I will be studying Higher Education/Student Personnel and working in the Student Union Office as a Graduate Assistant.

Glennis McWilliams
Ridgeland, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Studying abroad in China with Dr. Chen.

Plans After Graduation: I will be interning with BGR for the summer in Washington D.C. and then attending law school in the fall.

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Brooklyn Mooney
Collins, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: My favorite memory was being able to participate in the Trent Lott summer abroad program in China in 2018. It was not only an amazing cultural experience, but it also allowed me to establish connections and relationships with fellow policy students I may have never met otherwise. It was an experience I'll never forget.

Plans After Graduation: I will be moving to Atlanta to pursue my Masters in Sustainable Energy and Environmental Management through Georiga Tech.

Mason Myers
Madison, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Studying abroad in China.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending Graduate School at the University of Mississippi.

Kat Oglesby
Little Rock, AR

Favorite Lott Memory: Attending Lott Summer College and traveling to D.C. with Mason Myers, Savannah Day, Sally Jordan, and Katie Davis.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending Law School at the University of Alabama.

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Benjamin Payne

Ridgeland, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Climbing the Great Wall of China alongside Dr. Chen, our Chinese hosts, and fellow PPL students.

Plans After Graduation: I will be interning with Crossroads Strategies in Washington D.C. and then attending the University of Tennessee College of Law.

RG Pickering

Laurel, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Going to Israel for a summer to learn from incredible professors at a world-class university overlooking Jerusalem.

Plans After Graduation: I will commission into the US Navy before beginning medical school at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

Sloane Reid

Grenada, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Sitting outside of the Lott building on spring days and visiting with other Lott students as they came in and out of classes.

Plans After Graduation: I have started my professional career as a Staff Assistant for U.S. Senator Roger Wicker in Washington, DC.

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Jamie Sproles
Brookhaven, MS

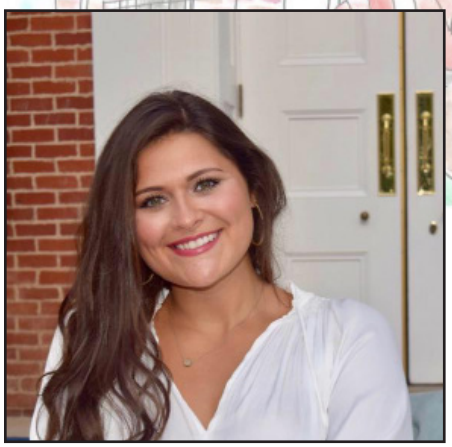
Favorite Lott Memory: Living with my best friend, and fellow Lott student, Savannah Day for 3 years.

Plans After Graduation: I will begin my professional career as an English Teacher at Petal High School.

Brynn Trahan
Fort Smith, AR

Favorite Lott Memory: All of the late night study sessions I had with my Lott friends the nights before big PPL tests.

Plans After Graduation: I will continue my education by attending law school and pursuing a joint JD/MBA program.



Cecilia Trotter
Greenville, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Studying abroad in China with Dr. Chen and Dr. Holland.

Plans After Graduation: I will pursue a Master's degree in Public Administration and take a gap year to gain unique professional experience (in whatever order COVID-19 allows me to do so).

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Dugan Walker
Suwanee, GA

Favorite Lott Memory: Working alongside Dr. Sellar to create my thesis.

Plans After Graduation: I will be pursuing my Master's in Higher Education/Student Personnel at the University of Mississippi with plans on working in University Administration.

Doug Weimer
Bluefield, WV

Favorite Lott Memory: The Grove walks in Holland's Grant Writing August intersession class.

Plans After Graduation: I will be attending the Frank Batten School of Public Policy & Leadership at the University of Virginia, pursuing a Masters in Public Policy.

Gabriella Wells
Pascagoula, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: My favorite Lott memory is traveling abroad to China during the summer of my Junior year. I had an incredible time learning about the culture and policies that encompass life in China. It was an unforgettable experience!

Plans After Graduation: I plan to move to Washington D.C. and pursue a career working on prison reform policy.

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Will West
Pineville, LA

Favorite Lott Memory: Making such great friends along the way.

Plans After Graduation: I will be moving to Grand Forks, ND as an Active Duty Air Force Officer.

Annie Williams
Murfeesburo, TN

Favorite Lott Memory: Any class I took with Dr. Holland!

Plans After Graduation: I will be pursuing a Masters in International Affairs through Texas A&M's Bush School of Government and Public Service.

Hannah Wright
Tupelo, MS

Favorite Lott Memory: Dr. Holland's PPL 101 class at 8am. What a time to be alive!

Plans After Graduation: I will be teaching English in Madrid, Spain for a year before returning to the U.S. to go to graduate school.

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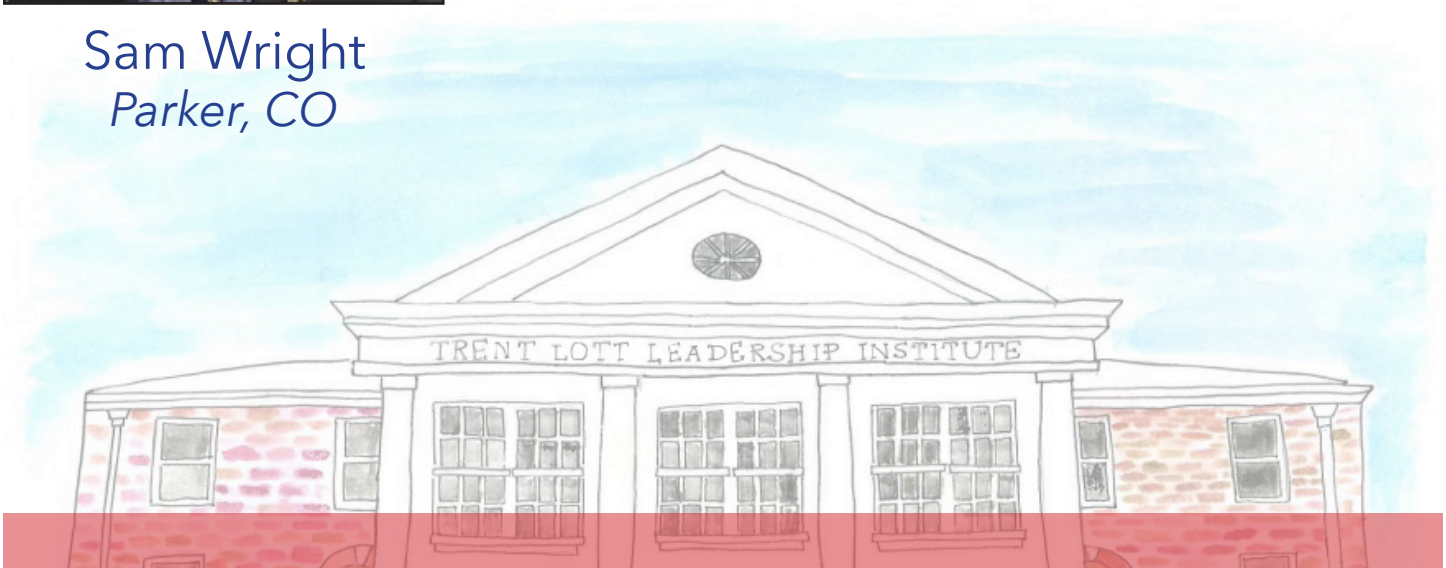
Sam Wright
Parker, CO

Favorite Lott Memory: Dr. Sellar's border policy class.

Plans After Graduation: I will commission as an officer into the United States Air Force and attend Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training next year. I hope to have a long career of flying fighters and leading in the world's greatest air force!



We are so proud of all of our Lott graduates and all that they have accomplished throughout their years in the program. We hope your time in the Lott Institute has been filled with learning, love, and the best memories. We hate that our time together was cut short and that we were not able to celebrate you as planned. But we will celebrate you as the University makes plans for an in-person graduation in the future. We wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors and we cannot wait to see what you all do next! Be sure to stay in contact with us through our social media platforms to stay updated on the Lott Institute and future graduation plans!

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