CAPITAL FELLOWS
WASHINGTON DC

CLASS OF 2023

Matt Bolander

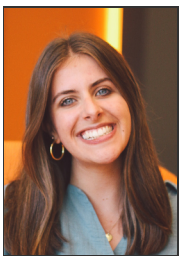
Annapolis, Maryland
Taylor U. - Philosophy, Political Science, Economics & Law
Internship - Sen. Tuberville's Office

I am excited to be back in the DC area! The Lord has put public service and redemptive entrepreneurship on my heart. I'm praying for discernment. I'm drawn by the program's focus on identity and relationships and learning to live as a Christian in every aspect of life.

Lauren Burns

Portland, Oregon
Biola U. - Political Science, Spanish, Biblical & Theo. Studies
Internship - MPC Missions Team

I love running, world history, Russian literature, and meeting people. I'm passionate about Christians being involved in the local church, women loving God's Word, and int'l/refugee ministry. I'm thrilled to be joining the McLean Pres community this year!



Natalie Campbell

Knoxville, Tennessee
U. of Tennessee - Special Education (BS/MS)
Internship - Young Life Capernaum

The Lord put the calling to pursue Special Ed as a career on my heart after serving as a tutor. My own experience with hearing impairment greatly affected my learning, which led me to explore Special Ed and the needs of students with disabilities.

Stephen DeSena

Nevada City, California
Biola U. - Biblical & Theological Studies
Internship - MPC Children's Ministry

I enjoy backpacking, reading, and meeting people. I plan to serve Christ by engaging the next generation, encouraging them to think critically and biblically about who we are, our purpose, and the gospel witness. I am thrilled to be a part of the 2023 class of Capital Fellows and the MPC family!

About Capital Fellows

Capital Fellows is a leadership and professional development program for recent college graduates hosted by the Capital Pres Family. Through paid internships in the marketplace, graduate courses, personal mentoring, and service opportunities, fellows learn to use their strengths and abilities for the benefit of others while learning to glorify Christ in all areas of life. It is a unique and challenging opportunity to explore servant-leadership in the workplace, home, church, and society.

Learn more about the program at **CapitalFellows.org**

Anna Fikkert

Chattanooga, Tennessee
Covenant College - Biology
Internship - ComForCare

I am applying to med school, but I am excited to see how the Lord will mold me during the Fellows year. I am looking forward to rich community and growing with fellow believers. A competitor at heart, I love sports and board games. When not playing, I love Wisconsin sports (Go Packers!).

Kara Hallstrom

Wading River, New York
St. Joseph's U. - Health Care Administration (BS/MBA)
Internship - C.S. Lewis Institute

I am interested in business, healthcare mgmt, and marketing. Learning about the Capital Fellows program was an answer to prayer. I knew this was going to be the next chapter for me. I am looking forward to the community and growing in faith. My free time includes photography, the beach, reading, and trips.

Anna Jones

Charlotte, North Carolina
Wake Forest U. - Health & Exercise Science
Internship - Jill's House

I have worked as a medical scribe this year. I enjoy baking, hosting, and walks with friends. I feel called to medicine and am discerning between PA and medical school. I am honored to explore the Lord's plan for me as a fellow. I hope to lay a Christ-centered foundation for life and career.

Matt Martens

Eagan, Minnesota
Baylor U. - International Business & Philosophy
Internship - Human Trafficking Institute

After Fellows, I will be attending law school and aim to work in anti-trafficking. I was drawn to the Fellows program because it equips young Christians to work and serve centered on Jesus. I hope for a year to discover what it means to pursue God's calling. I enjoy playing sports, reading, and learning.

Maddie Pannell

Manassas, Virginia
U. of Virginia - East Asian Studies
Internship - Center for Public Justice

I'm passionate about God's justice as a writer and creator. I was drawn to the program because it will equip me to align these skills with God's kingdom, as well as the focus on community. When I'm not writing or reading, I love being outdoors, exploring museums and bookstores, or trying new foods.

George Robbins

Tampa, Florida
U. of Virginia - History
Internship - MPC Connections & Communications

I am exploring vocations, but am considering law school after the Fellows program. I hope for a clearer sense of what the Lord is calling me to do and a tight-knit community of Christian friends. I enjoy golf, watching sports, and time on the water. I am excited to serve MPC this year.

Joel Salazar

Buena Vista, Colorado
Grove City College - Economics
Internship - The Market Project

Previous fellows have convinced me that there's no better place for me to grow in faith, vocation, and community. When I'm not working or studying, I am on the basketball court, ski slopes, in Class IV whitewater, or reading. I hope to work with people as a lawyer, coach, or river guide.

Will Simmons

Homewood, Alabama
Samford U. - Economics & Finance
Internship - First Command Financial

I decided to to the Fellows program to get a better sense of God's calling. I have a passion for ministry and the business world. I enjoy working out, being active, reading, and theology. I'm also a huge fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide, Stephen Curry, John Mayer, and Nick Bare.

Catherine Smith

Cary, North Carolina
Clemson U. - Accounting
Internship - Rep. Posey's Office

Graduating early, I felt I needed direction with my calling. I was introduced to the Capital Fellows program and knew it was the perfect next step. I am hopeful for a year of growth and depth in all areas of life. I am amazed at the Lord's work and am excited to see what's in-store!

Lizzy Swoboda

Wheaton, Illinois
Grove City College - History & Secondary Education
Internship - Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

I am exploring career options, but would love to teach overseas. I am looking forward to building new connections and thinking through God's calling for my life in the Fellows program. I love people, travel, and being outside. I am thankful for the opportunity to call MPC home this year!

Max Undeland

Arlington, Virginia
James Madison U. - Criminology
Internship - Rep. Babin's Office

I am excited to be back home to explore God's call on my life as a fellow! I am passionate and intentional about loving the Lord and others and that is why I chose this program. Some things I love: DC sports, rock music, the outdoors, and Jesus! I am honored to be in this community!

Praying for the Capital Fellows

The Capital Fellows program is an intensive and intentional year of growth in many areas - faith, work, leadership, service and community. In each aspect of the program, fellows are encouraged and challenged to go deep with the Lord, to seek his wisdom and guidance, and to grow personally and professionally. Please keep this little brochure as a way to get to know about the fellows and as a reminder to pray for them through the year. Please pray that God would...

- ☐ give them new insight into his character and calling on their lives.
- ☐ give them abundant grace for one another as they work, serve, and grow together.
- ☐ give them a clear vision for their lives, as followers of Christ and as servant-leaders in the areas to which he is calling them.
- ☐ enable them to be a blessing, as living sacrifices, to those around them, especially their host families and mentors.