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Extraordinary Community Service

The university recognizes faculty, staff, students, and organizations that make an exemplary contribution to the community.

Tierney Bates, assistant director for Minority Student Affairs, was elected to serve as president of the Knoxville Area Urban League Young Professionals in January 2007. Under his leadership, the organization received its charter from the national Urban League. Since then, he has been instrumental in recruiting young professionals who have joined together on community service projects such as Shoes for School, the Academic Summit and a minority health fair.



kristin rose johnson, is a senior in nursing from Louisville, Ky., who will graduate summa cum laude this spring. She has held numerous leadership positions on campus, including Student Nurses' Association president, an Ambassador Scholar, a resident assistant, and the UT Symphonic Band principal flute and section leader. In addition to helping fellow students, Johnson gives her time to the community at large. She has organized a clothing drive for the Florence Crittendon Agency, implemented an arts and crafts program for the Boys and Girls Club, covered the first-aid station and fundraising for Dance Marathon, started a biannual College of Nursing courtyard cleanup, raised funds and collected handmade cards for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and implemented a large item drive for nurses in Iraq and Afghanistan.



zane stone, a senior in sports management from Chattanooga, Tenn., uses his influence as a University of



Tennessee baseball player to give back to the community. He serves as a role model for area youth. Stone organized the Knoxville Youth Parent Baseball Workshop and coaches the Morristown recreational baseball team. He has volunteered his time working to increase public awareness of breast cancer, Alzheimer's and cancer treatment centers. In fact, he recently organized the baseball team to support the Buddy's Race for the Cure, raising more than \$5,000 for the cause. Stone also served as a volunteer for Bob Corker's Senate campaign and is a member of the Hamilton County Young Republicans Club.



UT's Cap and gown chapter of MOrtar Board is made up of 50 seniors who have given liberally of their time and talents. As a part of the national Mortar Board service project, Reading Is Leading, the local chapter chose to work with recording for the blind and dyslexic. Each member has volunteered time recording books that will be distributed to individuals with disabilities. In addition to the reading project, the students have participated in Operation Christmas Child, sponsorship of two Angel Tree children, a canned food drive, a school supplies drive and Dance Marathon. Most recently, the group held a campus-wide clothing drive in support of the Union University students, faculty and staff affected by the tornadoes.

