

Meet the 2015-2016 Year 1 Fellows



Name: Barrett Bass
Hometown: Coppel, TX
High School: Prestonwood Christian Academy
Univ/College: Texas Tech University
Major: Human Development & Family Studies

A collegiate baseball player, Barrett has served two summers with Sky Ranch, at Van and Ute Trail. He enjoys sports, music, and cooking, and has plans to serve in full time ministry. He aspires to write a book before he is 40 years old.



Name: Lynette Benson
Hometown: Forest Lake, MN
High School: Forest Lake Senior High School
Univ/College: Viterbo University
Major: Masters of Business Administration

Lynette was part of a National Champion volleyball team and enjoys reading, Netflix, and exploring the world. She holds the distinction of being the first sibling Fellow of a past Fellow, and she loves Batman.



Name: Jaclyn Boese
Hometown: Carrollton, TX
High School: Hebron High School
Univ/College: Texas A&M University
Major: Agricultural Science

Jaclyn spent the past summer serving at Sky Ranch Ute Trail. She was a backup dancer for the Black Eyed Peas and Usher at the Super Bowl, and enjoys dancing, camping, and watching movies. When asked why cows are her favorite animal, Jaclyn explained that "they are cute and they taste good".



Name: Lizzy Cook
Hometown: Denton, TX
High School: Liberty Christian School
Univ/College: Texas A&M University
Major: English/History, Grades 4-8

Lizzy has served in a variety of summer camp roles at Sky Ranch, both at the Van and Ute Trail locations. She enjoys reading, teaching, and dancing, and spent her 17th birthday (March 17) in Ireland for St. Patrick's Day. Her future plans include classroom teaching or full-time ministry.



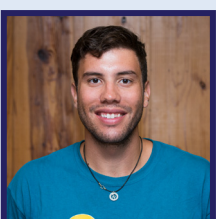
Name: Kyle Cooper
Hometown: Portland, TX
High School: Gregory Portland High School
Univ/College: Hardin Simmons University
Major: Biblical Studies

Kyle enjoys music, card tricks, and theology, and once performed in "Star Wars in Concert". He served as a missionary in Ireland and hopes to continue in international missions work while teaching English in Korea or Japan.



Name: Patrick Gerome Gardner II
Hometown: Crestview, FL
High School: Crestview High School
Univ/College: University of Central Florida
Major: Accounting

An avid weight lifter, Patrick can bench press the combined body weight of three other Fellows. He once had a conversation with Michael Jordan, when the younger Jordan played for UCF. His future plans involve ministry, camping, and rental property.



Name: Josh Gee
Hometown: Beijing, China
High School: Pine Creek High School
Univ/College: Grand Canyon University
Major: Business Management

A former Sky Ranch summer camp counselor, Josh grew up in China where he was once in a movie with Jackie Chan's son. He loves music, sports, and traveling, and hopes to one day start a camp like Sky Ranch in a foreign country.

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Name: Nicole Hurst
Hometown: Mooresville, IN
High School: South Putnam High School
Univ/College: Indiana Wesleyan University
Major: TESOL and English

Nicole comes to the Fellowship hoping to gain Biblical leadership skills, community, and spiritual discipline. She enjoys reading, crocheting, and making up words. She's a snow globe collector who can't stand Ranch dressing.



Name: Veronica Laborde
Hometown: San Antonio, TX
High School: Providence High School
Univ/College: Texas Christian University
Major: Journalism

Veronica comes from a large family, with 27 first cousins. She has a long history with Deer Creek camp and hopes to pursue a career in photography and ministry. She has a strong aversion to buttons and has only attended private schools.



Name: Jake McCain
Hometown: Cypress, TX
High School: Cypress Ranch High School
Univ/College: Dallas Baptist University
Major: Camp/Sport Leadership

Jake considers himself "obsessed" with Texas! He is a member of Psi Omega Phi at DBU and would love to continue his career in camping, either in the U.S. or internationally. He served three summers as a summer staffer at Sky Ranch.



Name: Jon Murray
Hometown: Camden, AR
High School: Harmony Grove High School
Univ/College: Ouachita Baptist University
Major: Christian Studies

A former collegiate golfer, Jon served as a Sky Ranch counselor in 2014. He was raised on a farm in Arkansas and enjoys golf, fishing, and eating at good restaurants. He plans to build his career in youth ministry and hopes to write Bible study material.



Name: Matt Ray
Hometown: Plano, TX
High School: Plano Senior High School
Univ/College: Ouachita Baptist University
Major: Christian Studies - Bible Studies

Matt's Sky Ranch history includes service at Van and Cave Springs. He is a left-handed ping pong player and violinist who enjoys music, sports, and reading. His hopes for his time in the Fellowship include developing a greater passion for who God is and having a better understanding of how to love others genuinely.



Name: Caitlin Steves
Hometown: Plano, TX
High School: Plano Senior High School
Univ/College: University of Oklahoma
Major: Counseling and Social Issues

Caitlin is a familiar face at Sky Ranch, having been a camper for 10 years before serving as a counselor and camp manager. She enjoys camping, wood burning, and hammocking. An interesting fact about Caitlin is that she has 26 screws in her face because of jaw surgery.



Name: Peter Wise
Hometown: Minden, LA
High School: Glenbrook High School
Univ/College: Louisiana Tech University
Major: Psychology

A true Cajun from Louisiana, Peter spends his free time playing the drums and ukulele, drawing, and creating espionages. He hates peanut butter, but loves Superman and hopes to pursue a Masters in Counseling.