



## Meet Elaine M. Dreeben

Master of Divinity Student

2010-11 John Olert Jr. Presidential Scholar for Excellence

**“Donors are an example of God’s kingdom on earth. They open so many doors to students, who like me, could not have afforded this endeavor on their own.”**

Elaine is a second-year student from Kerrville, Texas, preparing for pastoral ministry. She says the Seminary’s scholarly approaches to Scripture and practical approaches to ministry, such as her worship practicum, in which she learned how to perform baptisms, weddings, and funerals, are helping to shape her skills and gifts for pastoral leadership.

“I think there can be a new paradigm for how pastors and congregations care for each other, which leads me to explore new ways of caring for self, caring for the world, and ultimately expressing my own love for the church,” she said.

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