

## Special Interest Articles:

- Current Wall Fellows Project Update
- Spotlight on new Program Director, Gina Pertee
- Shana Ernst's Internship Experience
- Recent Alumni, Stephanie Boglioli's career plans

## Opening Remarks

It is our pleasure to introduce the new Wall Fellows Program newsletter. By opening the lines of communication between the Wall Fellows alumni and the current classes as we enter our 19<sup>th</sup> year of operation, we hope to foster closer relationships between current Wall Fellows classes and those that came before them.

In these newsletters, you can look forward to up-to-date information about current Wall Fellows. You will learn about their internship experiences, international trips and class projects. In this issue, you can expect to find a "spotlight" on the new director of the program, Gina Pertee, and current Wall Fellows will share their thoughts on current projects. You will also find a story about the internship experience of current Wall Fellow Shana Ernst '13 and an update on the new career of alumnus Stephanie Boglioli '12.

We hope that you enjoy the first edition of The Wall Fellows Journal.

Regards,

Samantha Wright and Thomas Kelly  
Wall Fellows Class of 2013



**Wall Fellows Class of 2013**

(From top left): Benjamin King, Shaneka Diggs, Samantha Wright, Travis Rogers, Miranda Rios, Jennifer Wan

(From bottom left): Elizabeth Dagget, Thomas Kelly, Shana Ernst and Corey Lengyel



**Wall Fellows Class of 2014**

Meghan Laffin, Zachary Burns, Naomi Dantzler, Britany Higdon, Cora Panos and Dominique de Wit

## Current Class Projects Underway

The Wall Fellows are busy working on a number of projects this semester. Class of 2013 members Corey Lengyel and Samantha Wright are leaders on the Junior Achievement giveback project. Junior Achievement is a national organization that strives to teach local elementary and middle school students about business, economics, entrepreneurship and the importance of pursuing higher education. During the course of six weeks, Samantha and Corey will visit St. James Middle School in Socastee once a week to speak with sixth and eighth grade classes to encourage students to set high academic goals for themselves. When asked about his experience with the children, Corey replied that he “really enjoyed teaching the young students about economic and financial issues that they will face later on in life.” He appreciated having the opportunity to give back to the community and looks forward to having future Wall Fellow classes sharing the same experience.

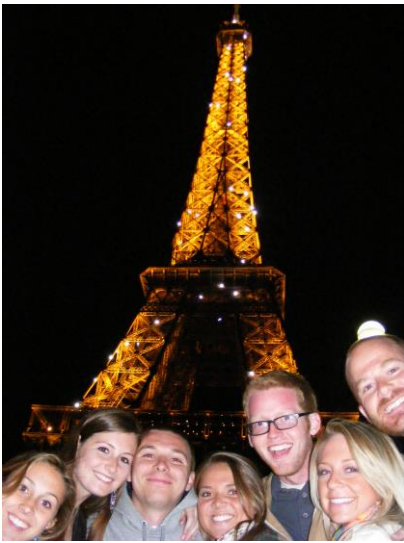


*Wall Fellows Class of 2013 at Stonehenge*

*“It has given us the ability to build on our research, organizational and leadership skills.”*

*-Dominique de Wit*

Meanwhile, the Wall Fellows Class of 2014 is hard at work organizing their International Trip for May. They plan a two-week visit to France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands to learn about the culture and business customs of the countries. During the trip, they plan to meet with various businesses such as AAC Capital Partners Holding, the European Union, Solar World AG, DHL, Deutsche-Welle and COFRA Holding AG Group among others to discuss the international aspects of the companies. The process of planning the trip is just as beneficial as the trip itself. The class is responsible for planning the itinerary. They will also learn about budgeting for the trip and the cultural expectations of the various countries. Class member Dominique de Wit says, “Organizing a trip to Europe and researching the optimal locations and businesses, as well as networking through existing contacts on another continent, has given us the ability to build on our research, organizational and leadership skills.” She says she cannot wait to see the results of the hard work they have put into the organization of the trip.



*Wall Fellows Class of 2013 in Paris*

## Wall Fellows Welcome New Director: Gina Pertee

The Wall Fellows Program is proud to announce the appointment of new Wall Fellows Director Gina Pertee. She succeeds Charles Parish, who directed the program for more than a year. Pertee was co-managing director of 20/10 Consulting LLC, which provides organization change management, leadership development and employee engagement services to private and public sector organizations. She earned her master's degree in business administration from Ohio University in Athens and her bachelor's degree in human resource management from Wheeling Jesuit University. Pertee is very excited to join the Wall Fellows and CCU community and has many plans to ensure the continued success of the Wall Fellows Program. In regard to the future direction of the program, Pertee says, "My desire is to add to the learning activities within the Wall Fellows program to further strengthen the link between what is taught in the Wall Fellows program with what is needed in organizations and the business community in order to provide numerous professional opportunities for students." The program is honored to have her as the new director and we are excited about new possibilities.



Gina Pertee

## Internship Success

As a member of the Wall Fellows Program, a six-month internship is required prior to graduation. This has proven to be highly critical in securing a job in this competitive job market. Wall Fellows Class of 2013 member Shana Ernst completed her six-month internship with Citigroup in Miami, Fla., as a business analyst in the Institutional Clients Group for the Latin-American region. When asked about her experience, Shana replied, "It was so neat living in Miami and being able to meet and work with people from all over Latin America." With the help of her experience at Citigroup, she has also secured a summer internship with Ernst & Young in New York City, working for the financial services office. She recently completed her undergraduate degree in accounting and is currently pursuing her MBA at Coastal Carolina University.



Shana Ernst

## Alumni News



Stephanie Boglioli

Alumna Stephanie Boglioli '12 has an exciting career ahead of her in the tax office of regional Southeast accounting firm Elliott Davis in Charlotte, N.C. Elliott Davis has been named one of the top 50 CPA firms, as well as one of the best places to work in the cities they operate in. "Elliott Davis is a great firm that really focuses on their employees' professional growth as well as their personal welfare," says Stephanie. "They constantly strive to make sure that their employees are not only thriving in their careers but also their personal lives." Stephanie plans to graduate with her master's degree in accounting from Coastal Carolina University this August before she moves to Charlotte to begin her new career. "There are a number of things that I took from the Wall Fellows program that helped me get to where I am today," says Stephanie. "The most important thing is that who I am is important and I should never change." Stephanie explains that the program gave her the confidence to be herself, which ultimately is how she was able to earn her new position with Elliott Davis.