

The Wall Fellows Journal

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Opening Remarks

It is unbelievable how quickly the spring semester has passed...seems like just yesterday that we were interviewing and selecting the members of the Wall Fellows Class of 2017. In this final edition of The Wall Fellows Journal of the 2014-2015 academic year, we will introduce the newest members of the Wall Fellows family, the Class of 2017. We will also visit with alumni Stephanie Boglioli, reflect on this year's Annual Spring Retreat and take a glance at the snapshots of the Domestic Trip to Houston, Texas. We will update you on the Tara Hall Home for Boys project and introduce you to Teal Goes Pink. Finally, Jordan Lauver will make his final remarks to you, our dedicated readers of The Wall Fellows Journal. Thank you, as always, for your support of our newsletter and the Wall Fellows Program.

With sincere regards,

Jordan Lauver '15 and Jada Bynum '16



Wall Fellows Class of 2015

(From left): Jordan Lauver, Scarlett Trainor, Steven Vanden Heuvel, Ashley Barteck and Chase Vickery

Wall Fellows Class of 2016

(From top left): Kevin Hoffman, Laura Thareau, Alina Tananova, Nicholas DiDuro, Kevin Connelly, Micaela Antzoulatos and Jada Bynum



Introducing the Wall Fellows Class of 2017



From left to right: Jonah Skiles, Olivia Carlton, Beatris Petelkova, Geoffrey Guyette and Maryland Lewis.

It is with great pride and excitement that we announce the five newest members of the Wall Fellows family. Beatris Petelkova, Geoffrey Guyette, Olivia Carlton, Jonah Skiles and Maryland Lewis are the proud members of the Wall Fellows Class of 2017.

The five members of the Class of 2017 represent a variety of business majors, as well as the marine science program from the College of Science. Beatris Petelkova (Sofia, Bulgaria) and Olivia Carlton (Granger, Ind.) are both accounting majors; Geoffrey Guyette (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) is a financial management and entrepreneurial management double major; Jonah Skiles (Teays Valley, W. Va.) is a finance major; and Maryland “Lainey” Lewis (Loris, S.C.) is a marine science major.

Already the newest members of the Wall Fellows family have begun making their mark on the program. Members of the Class of 2017 have attended various social gatherings, referred to as family dinners with their peers in the Class of 2015 and the Class of 2016. They participated in the annual Wall Fellows retreat. We are thrilled to have these five individuals join our family and look forward to all that they will bring to the program over the next two years.

Alumni Spotlight

Alumni name: Stephanie Boglioli

Wall Fellows Class of 2012

Current Employer: Elliot Davis Decosimo

Current Position: Staff Accountant

Since graduating from CCU in 2013 with her Master of Accountancy degree, alumna Stephanie Boglioli '12 has been busy, not only working for Elliott Davis Decosimo, but also giving back to the Wall Fellows Program and her local community in Charlotte, N.C. Her commitment to giving back was one of the many factors that led to Stephanie being selected as the first ever Wall Fellows Alumni of the Year in 2014. She was presented with this honor at the Wall Fellows Alumni Brunch on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014.

Stephanie began her career at Elliot Davis Decosimo in the firm's tax division in August 2013. Today she still works primarily in the tax division, focusing on tax returns for high net-worth individuals. This includes tax returns, estates, trusts and tax planning. Stephanie has also started working with the consulting group as well doing transfer pricing analyses for companies with international subsidiaries. To say she is an asset to Elliott Davis Decosimo is an understatement.

Outside of the office, Stephanie is a shining example of the spirit of giving back that is so integral to the Wall Fellows family. She spends two days a semester working with local students in a fifth-grade class through Junior Achievement. Stephanie has also volunteered with Charlotte Family Housing, an organization that helps families who have difficulties, such as the loss of a job. Her experience giving back also includes working with children who are learning to cope with the loss of a parent or sibling with the organization called KinderMourn. Stephanie also makes time to come back to CCU and sit down with current Wall Fellows. For instance, she visited CCU last fall and shared her tips for a successful first year in the workforce.

Since leaving CCU in 2013, Stephanie Boglioli has become a beacon of inspiration for those Wall Fellows who are quickly approaching graduation. The one thing Stephanie always likes to point out "is that even though I'm in a good spot now, getting here wasn't easy. I had an uphill battle to go against to get here. Hard work pays off, whether it's a year from now or ten years from now."



Boglioli (right) with her husband, Frank

The 2015 Spring Retreat

The Wall Fellows Spring Retreat took place over the weekend of March 27 and 28. Held in the Kline Hospitality Suite in Brooks Stadium and in downtown Conway, the retreat was organized by Steven Vanden Heuvel, Ashley Barteck, Laura Thareau and Jada Bynum. It served as a memorable time of learning and teambuilding for the three current classes and the special guests who joined them. Because pictures are worth a thousand words, we are sharing a photo album to show all the fun had at this event!

Day 1: Friday March 27, 2015



Early during the day, the classes participated in information sessions with Mark Mitchell, chair of the marketing department; Eileen Soisson, director of service excellence at CCU; and Henry Jobe, successful businessman, member of the Wall Fellows Board and an executive-in-residence. They learned the history of Coastal Carolina University, the Wall Family, and the Wall Fellows Program. Then, the Wall Fellows, along with director Gina Cummings and special guest Wall Fellows Board of Trustees member, Tom Loehr, another member of the Wall Fellows Board, participated in a teambuilding activity, "The Thinker and The Doer." Consisting of a blindfolded sensory table and obstacle course, the activity challenged participants to go beyond their own senses and to trust their teammates.





After teambuilding, Coastal Carolina University President David DeCenzo, Dean Michael Roberts (College of Science) and Dean Barbara Ritter (Wall College of Business) joined the Wall Fellows for dinner.



Day 2: Saturday March 28, 2015

Day Two of the spring retreat began in historic downtown Conway. The Wall Fellows had breakfast at the Trestle Café followed by a team exercise called “The Amazing Race: Conway Edition.” The fellows were divided into three teams of two and one team of three. They were given a clue and a town map to find the tasks they would need to complete the quickest to be named the winner. Pictured below are two of the stops and the games they had to play there.



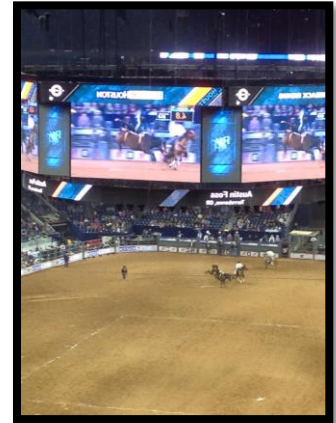
The race ended with a final clue that led all the teams to the Wade Hampton Oak. Nick DiDuro from the Class of 2016 and Lainey Lewis from the Class of 2017 were the first to reach the tree and were declared the winners of the race.



After the morning in downtown Conway, the Wall Fellows returned to the Kline Hospitality Suite for lunch with Provost Byington. They then spent the rest of the afternoon together getting to know each other and learning what it means to be both a leader and a team member.

WF Class of 2015 Takes On Houston

As is tradition, the Class of 2015 embarked on their domestic trip in the spring of their second year in the program. The domestic trip (March 7-13) took the Class of 2015 to Houston. Known as the home of some of America's leading oil and gas corporations, Houston is a diverse, vibrant city with a strong job market, great eats and amazing cultural diversity. Students met with representatives from Cabot Oil & Gas, Castex Energy, Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District and Zytron Inc., a printing company.



Company visits in Houston were not only engaging, but also highly dynamic. The Class of 2015 spent several hours with the energy firms Cabot Oil & Gas and Castex Energy, a publicly traded company. During their visit to Cabot Oil & Gas, the students were given a detailed presentation about the fracking process employed by Cabot in its operations in southwest Texas and northeastern Pennsylvania. Students interacted with the heads of many of the departments of Cabot, including marketing, finance, exploration, drilling and completions.

The following day, the members of the Class of 2015 met with the President of Castex Energy, Inc., Mr. John Stoika, as well as the heads of the engineering and finance departments. Castex is a privately owned company. Students were provided with a look at the offshore drilling process that is the hallmark of Castex's operations. This experience provided the members of the Class of 2015 with a look at two methods of domestic oil and gas extraction, as well as viewpoints from both privately and publically owned oil and gas companies.

While less formal, the visits with Andrea Kuhn with Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District and with Tom Lyons, the owner and president of Zytron Inc., were informative and interesting. Kuhn is the Assistant Director of professional staffing with the third largest school district in the State of Texas. Lyons founded Zytron Inc., a printing company that prints bills for utility companies across Texas and parts of California, as well as handling print jobs for other customers.

The 2015 domestic trip was planned and executed by Scarlett Trainor, Steven Vanden Heuvel and Chase Vickery. Company visits were arranged through generosity Steven Vanden Heuvel, a native of the Houston area. While in Houston, the members of the Class of 2015 also attend a night of the Houston Rodeo, experienced the art and culture of the city, and even got to connect with Keith Garramone, an alumnus of the Wall Fellows Class of 2004.

Project Update: Tara Hall Home for Boys



In the Fall 2014 issue of *The Wall Fellows Journal*, we shared a story about the Wall Fellows Class of 2016 project to assist Tara Hall Home for Boys. We caught up with project leads Nick DiDuro and Laura Thareau to see how their project has progressed throughout the spring and the steps they are taking toward completion as the project now draws to a close.

After intensive time spent researching, presenting and interviewing, the team presented the final report to present to Tara Hall representatives on April 23. Nick informed us, "The report highlights a strategic plan for the future of the organization to replace current management when they retire and ensure high quality management for the future."

To cap off their work, they also organized a Wall Fellows Tara Hall Volunteer Day that took place on April 17. The Tara Hall project team, which included 2016 class members Kevin Hoffman and Kevin Connelly, was accompanied by four other Wall Fellows from across the current classes: Micaela Antzoulatos (Class of 2016), Olivia Carlton (Class of 2017), Steven Vanden Heuvel (Class of 2015) and Ashley Barteck (Class of 2015). Together they shared a meal and played games with the boys. They also assisted the staff with the cleaning and reorganization of their classrooms and library at Tara Hall.

Project Introduction: Teal Goes Pink



Wall Fellows Class of 2016 members Micaela Antzoulatos, Jada Bynum and Alina Tananova have a heart for impacting the women on the Coastal Carolina University campus. They want to “empower them to live confidently in strength and beauty, and educate them on how they can make a difference, while benefiting those who are courageously fighting against physical, mental, and emotional battles.” Together they have created “Teal Goes Pink” as a Wall Fellows project. Although the initiative will officially launch in the fall of 2015, the Teal Goes Pink team used the spring as a preparation and planning

period and held its first event in collaboration with the Office of International Programs and Services.

Over the first week of March, Coastal Carolina University celebrated International Women’s Day. In honor of this day of celebration and reflection, OIPS and Teal Goes Pink joined forces to hold a discussion panel entitled “Coffee and Conversation: Women and Success” on March 5. Alina Tananova, who is also a global ambassador for OIPS, headed up the organization for the food, room, speakers, and promotion for the session which counted as a Professional Development Activity for students in the Wall College of Business. The discussion was moderated by Darla Domke-Damonte, associate provost for global initiatives, and faculty members Tripti Pillai, Rebecca Childs, F. Eliza Glaze and Yun Sil Jeon shared their thoughts on the trials and triumphs that brought them to where they are today, as well as relevant topics such as facing salary inequality.

“The discussion panel was a great opportunity for a soft launch of Teal Goes Pink,” says team member Jada Bynum who provided opening remarks. “Hearing the panelists share their advice and experiences on what it truly means to be confident and successful coupled with the open responses of those who attended was moving. It made me realize this is why we are doing what we are doing and what our project is all about: helping young women realize they can do anything they set their hearts and minds to do.”

For more information on the progress of Teal Goes Pink, please contact Micaela, Jada or Alina and check out future issues of *The Wall Fellows Journal*.

Saying Goodbye: A Letter from Co-Editor Jordan Lauver

Dear Loyal Reader,

It is with mixed emotions that I write my final few articles for *The Wall Fellows Journal* as part of this final issue of the 2014-2015 academic year. For the past two years, *The Wall Fellows Journal* has been the one consistent part of my life. While my hopes, dreams and aspirations have changed countless times over the course of my tenure as a Wall Fellow, I have been blessed with the opportunity to connect with you, our devoted readers, over the past two years. I have had the great pleasure of working with two wonderful peers, Meghan Laffin and Jada Bynum. Each has brought a unique style to the pages of this newsletter, helping make it the go-to source for updates on what is happening with the Wall Fellows Program on and off the campus of Coastal Carolina University.



My time in this program has truly changed who I am, helping craft the person I was into the man I am today. What I want to make clear is that the Wall Fellows Program is a family of current students, alumni and supporters. We are of a like mindset focused on the success of not only ourselves, but others as well. I consider the people I have gotten to know over the course of my tenure within the program as members of my extended family. Always feel free to reach out to me, whether we have spoken or not in the past two years. I will always do what I can for the Wall Fellows family. Thank you for letting my writing inform you about this amazing program at Coastal Carolina University.

With warmest regards,

Jordan L. Lauver

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Class of 2017
