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## Opening Remarks

The new year is off to a hasty start, and it seems the winter break continues to get shorter with each passing year. Members of the Wall Fellows Program are looking forward to shedding our winter coats in exchange for light sweaters and spring colors.

Despite the lingering chill, activities around campus have been heating up and to-do lists have quickly filled planners as the Wall Fellows continue their work from the fall and begin their spring projects. As always, the spring semester marks the beginning of the interview process for the next new Wall Fellows class, and current fellows prepare to depart for international and domestic locations.

We are excited for the coming semester and look forward to sharing our accomplishments and events with you!

With warmest regards,

Lainey Lewis '17 and Kaylea Gassaway-Rea '18



**Wall Fellows Class of 2017**  
(From top left): Jonah Skiles, Lainey Lewis, Olivia Carlton, Beatris Petelkova and Geoffrey Guyette

**Wall Fellows Class of 2018**  
(From top left): Ross Kunmann, Miles Anderson, Emilie-Kate Tavernier, Kaylea Gassaway-Rea, Sean Edwards, Darien Rexach, Sora Lebowitz, Josh Stilley and Mickayla Smith



# Wall Fellows Class of 2019



After investing many hours in presentations and meetings, we received a record-breaking number of applications for the Wall Fellows Class of 2019. An applicant pool of 47 has led to many tough decisions and introduced us to many inspiring students. The first month of the spring semester was filled with reading applications, scheduling and conducting interviews, and deciding which students will be inducted into the next Wall Fellows class. Thanks to Geoffrey Guyette, Kaylea Gassaway, Sean Edwards and the other Wall Fellows for all their hard work during recruitment.

A culmination of classroom presentations, informational sessions, organization booths, personal invitations and email lists of interested students resulted in a large number and high quality of Wall Fellows applicants. We began giving classroom presentations to First-Year Experience classes in 2016 to gather a list of freshmen interested in the program. Throughout the year, we maintained an updated and informed list of current sophomore students interested

in the program. This has been one of the best developments in our methodology to increase the number of applicants. We plan to continue this early exposure and to invite more interested, dedicated and highly qualified students to apply to the program every year.

After the final round of interviews, the board of directors, the Wall Fellows faculty and director carefully selected the members of the Class of 2019: Jacob Sarver, Nathan Hord, Trevor Greene, Michael Ford, Paul Zeuschner, Morgan Howder, Madison Wolf, Patrick Dempsey, Mary Rufo and Shadda Corwin. We look forward to formally welcoming the Wall Fellows Class of 2019 in the next edition of the Wall Fellows Journal.

# Domestic Trip Preview



This year, the Class of 2017 will be traveling to Houston as part of its domestic trip experience to learn about the American market and business culture. From May 23 to 26, our senior Wall Fellows will meet with various organizations and attend cultural events to learn more about the area, as well as develop a deeper understanding of a larger city. Houston is the fourth most populated city in the nation, with more than 2 million residents. It is also one of the most diverse cities in America, with its inhabitants speaking more than 90 different languages.

Members of the Class of 2017 selected Houston because they wanted to explore a city that offered a diverse range of industries. Not only does Houston have a diverse economy, but it is dedicated to creating a more sustainable city that supports public transit, renewable energies and cleaner citywide management practices. One initiative has been the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, which promotes the use of clean energy throughout the city for businesses, residents and the government. The city has also launched a \$500,000 effort to increase the safety and infrastructure for a bicycling plan.

Another great reason to visit “the Energy Capital of the World” is multiple Wall Fellows alumni who live in the area, including Keith Garramone '03, Zachary Loberger '11 and Jordan Lauver '15, and the professional connections through former resident Steven Vanden Heuval '16. During our time in Houston, we plan to visit the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Houston Rockets professional men's basketball team and others.

# International Trip Preview

Each year, the junior class plans, organizes and embarks on an educational adventure to a country or countries of their choice. This year, the Class of 2018 will be visiting Iceland, England and Ireland from May 15 through 26. While in Iceland, the class will present projects to various companies, including Lysi, Star-Oddi, Epal, Dohop, Florida Villa Rentals and Bokun. The students have been working hard to organize this trip and are excited to see the world through the lens of a different camera.

Leading the teams from the Class of 2018 are Emilie-Kate Tavernier and Mickayla Smith with Star-Oddi, Josh Stilley and Ross Kunmann with Lysi, Myles Anderson with Epal, Kaylea Gassaway-Rea with Florida Villa Rentals, Sora Lebowitz with Bokun, and Sean Edwards and Darien Rexach with Dohop. These students will lead their teams throughout the semester to meet their project requirements and will present their final projects to their companies while they are in Iceland.

# Internship Spotlight: Geoffrey Guyette



*Company: Turner Construction Company*

*Location: Atlanta, Ga.*

*Duration: May – August 2016*

Geoffrey Guyette '17 had the opportunity to intern with Turner Construction Company in Summer 2016. Turner Construction Company was founded by Henry Turner in 1902 on a foundation of teamwork, integrity and commitment.

Guyette worked with the regional financial manager, assisting the cost department and aiding project accountants with day-to-day tasks. These responsibilities helped him gain firsthand knowledge about finance. Typical everyday tasks for project accountants include accounting for costs incurred on the job and developing the bill for owners. "One of my favorite parts of the internship was seeing the transformation of the building from the day I started to end of the internship, three months later," said Guyette. "I learned a great deal by being able to work under the regional financial manager and alongside

the project accountants."

Guyette shared the following advice after completing his internship: "Start looking for an internship now, rather than later, because you will have a better chance of securing the internship of your dreams. When you're on your internship, talk to people in different departments because it gives you a better understanding of the business as a whole." After completing the internship, Guyette said he gained a vast amount of knowledge, and he is very appreciative of the opportunity to learn more about his chosen field.

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## Spring Retreat Preview

A spring retreat is planned to help connect and strengthen the relationship between the new class of Wall Fellows and the senior classes. Mickayla Smith '18 and Kaylea Gassaway-Rea '18 are working on the retreat and are excited about what the weekend will entail. The Class of 2019 retreat will take place on March 31 and April 1. Guest speakers will hold presentation workshops, negotiation settings and team-building exercises. "I'm looking forward to collaborating and working with the new class," said Gassaway-Rea. "The spring retreat will be a great place to begin!"

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## Project Update: Carolina Kids Fish



Carolina Kids Fish partners with Lakewood Elementary School and Forestbrook Middle School to host fishing events at Thompson Farm and a pier fishing day. There are three to four events held each semester, and this semester's fishing events are scheduled for Feb. 25, March 18 and March 25 at Thompson Farms. The last event for the semester is a pier fishing day set for April 2. The pier day provides the opportunity for students to diversify their fishing skills and learn how to fish from different locations. Carolina Kids Fish's communication director, Kaylea Gassaway-Rea, said, "We are looking forward to increasing participation and really making this something the students look forward to."

## Project Update: Food Recovery Network

The Food Recovery Network (FRN) on campus, in partnership with Aramark, has made immense headway in aiding our community by donating more than 500 pounds of food to local homeless shelters during the holiday break. Our team, led by Beatris Petelkova, Jonah Skiles and Emilie-Kate Tavernier, has done a fantastic job of organizing the donations. Coastal Carolina University's chapter of FRN has contributed to an amazing year of growth for the organization. Nationally, FRN was able to recover more than 500,000 pounds of food, a 40 percent increase from 2015, which is enough food to feed more than 350 Americans three meals a day for one year. We are incredibly proud of our students and of the goals we accomplished during the last year!

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