Opening Remarks

Welcome! Spring is definitely upon us. The Wall Fellows are glad to trade their winter coats for spring sweaters.

In this edition of The Wall Fellows Journal, we begin by introducing the Wall Fellows Class of 2020. We will then reflect on the Class of 2018’s Domestic Trip. As the juniors are in the final stages of preparation, we will have an update on their international trip and project. Then, we will have a project update for the Food Recovery Network. Senior, Mickayla Smith ’18, will share her internship experience. Finally, we will share a new tool that is being used on campus.

With warmest regards,

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Introduction to the Wall Fellows Class of 2020

The Wall Fellows Program welcomes 10 new members to the Wall Fellows Class of 2020. The students represent the College of Business, College of Science and College of Humanities. The diversity among the students make them a powerhouse group, and we are excited to see their impact on the program.

Pictured from left to right: Molly Aeschliman (Marine Science Major), Lucia Zats (Communication Major), Austin Johnson (Finance Major), Kristin Slovick (Finance Major), Zak Gardiner (Finance Major), Morgan Goodall-Scott (Management Major), Charles Gray (Management Major), Kiley Decker (Marketing Major), Erica Evans (Biology Major), and Emily Towne (Accounting Major)
Spring Break took the Wall Fellows Class of 2018 on a new adventure for their domestic trip. During the week of March 4, five of the six class members traveled to Chicago, IL. The class’s first stop during the domestic trip was at Ernst & Young (EY) with a Wall Fellow alumna, Stephanie Boglioli, CPA. The students were able to learn what her specific role was with the company. We also learned how advances with technology impact the company. The largest takeaway from the visit with Boglioli was the opportunity to hear how the advice given in the program is 100% applicable in future careers.

The second company visited was Data Realty, in South Bend, IN. During the visit, the students visited with Rich Carlton, owner of Data Realty. Carlton gave the students a facility tour and walked the students through the various processes for the company that range from the security access to the amount of electricity required by the facility.

During the trip, the Class of 2018 had the opportunity to meet with Jeremy Samatas, CCU alumnus and Brooke Weisbrod, Wall Fellow alumna. Both alumni shared their advice and experience with the students. Samatas and Weisbrod shared their struggles and their victories with the students, allowing them to see what the process of life really looks from their perspective.

In addition to the company meetings and visits with alumni, the Wall Fellows also had fun. During their time in Chicago, they visited Millennium Park, Chicago 360, Tilt, the Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium, the Art Institute of Chicago, and Navy Pier. Sean Edwards and Ross Kunmann had the opportunity to expand their company, through visits with local business.

The domestic trip was a journey to learn together, make memories together, and grow together. As the Wall Fellows Class of 2018 prepares for graduation and the future, the trip was a great end of the beginning for the students.

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The Food Recovery Network had a team shift during the fall 2017 semester. The new team includes: Myles Anderson, Michael Ford, Paul Zeuschner, and Nathan Hord. During the fall semester, the Food Recovery Network donated to New Directions and Helping Hands of Myrtle Beach. Food was recovered from Chauncey’s Choice throughout the semester in total of 825 pounds. Food Recovery Network continues to recover food on campus when available and is currently planning to expand recovery pickups off campus and service orientated initiatives for the future.
On May 10, 2018, the Wall Fellows Class of 2019 will embark on their International Trip. Keeping with recent traditions, this class will begin their journey in Reykjavik, Iceland. This year, there are five different Iceland Company Projects that have been ongoing since October. The class has been busy working on their projects, and is enjoying the opportunity to fine-tune real world, business skills. The team leaders from the Class of 2019 are Madison Wolf and Jacob Sarver with Lysi, Patrick Dempsey and Michael Ford with Expectus, Nathan Hord and Paul Zeuschner with Ozio, Morgan Howder with Star-Oddi Wildlife, and Shadda Corwin and Trevor Green with Star-Oddi Marine. Thank you to all the companies for creating a working relationship with this program. Also, a special thank you to Lysi and Star-Oddi project sponsors who are both CCU alumni. In addition to the business visits, the class will participate in numerous cultural activities in Iceland as well.

After that, the Wall Fellows will travel to Germany. There are multiple cities in Germany that they will be seeing, which include Munich, Bonn, Cologne, and Frankfurt. In Germany, they will visit the BMW Welt and Museum. Culturally, one of the most enriching parts of the trip will be the visit to Dachau Concentration camp outside of Munich. Additionally, they will travel to the historic Roman settlement, Aachen. This will be the first time out of the country for a few of the class members, and they are extremely excited and grateful about the opportunity. It should be a great trip.

Internship Spotlight: Mickayla Smith

Company: Planning Department for the City of Myrtle Beach  
Location: Myrtle Beach, SC  
Duration: June – August

During the summer of 2017, Mickayla Smith, member of the Class of 2018, worked in the Planning Department of the city of Myrtle Beach. One of her tasks was to gather information for the Planning Commission of the CoMB. The Planning Commission is responsible for making decisions regarding renaming of streets, subdivisions, and city limit rezoning.

Smith learned through the internship that it is okay to be passionate about things others challenge. She also learned to ask herself, “is this the hill I want to die on?” Understanding the importance of what you are fighting for will create a more beneficial experience in all situations. Smith’s piece of advice for others is, “Don’t be nervous to be frank with your mentors. It is better to butcher words while you’re learning than it is when you’re on your own. Odds are, they’ve had similar questions, or experiences that can help you understand.”
CCU has recently implemented a new tool for students to find jobs, internships, and connect with other students. The tool is called Handshake, which is powered by JobLink. At coastal.joinhandshake.com, students can sign in using their CCU ID and password. Then, students are able to update their profile, adding a headshot, their major, and other information similar to a LinkedIn page. Both students and employers are able to search the database to find either jobs or employees for starting careers or internships. It is an excellent tool in the search for employment.

However, Handshake has also streamlined the internship registration process at CCU. By clicking on “experiences”, students can fill out all of the required documents online. Students can also apply for academic credit right through the website. This process cuts down on the needed paperwork and makes the internship process easier on students and CCU employees. For more information, please explore https://www.joinhandshake.com/.

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