

## **The Wall Fellows Journal**

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#### **Opening Remarks**

Welcome! The spring semester is finally upon us, and the Wall Fellows are looking forward to changing their coats and rain boots for bright colors and sandals. In this edition of the *Wall Fellows Journal*, we reflect on the senior domestic trip to Austin, Texas. As the juniors are in their final stages of planning their international trip, we share the updates on their international trips and projects. The current Wall Fellows spent a lot of time interviewing and preparing for the Wall Fellows Class of 2021, and we are excited to introduce you to the new class in this issue.

We will also update you on one of our newest team projects titled the Team Building and Social Engagement Project, and share Kiley Decker's and Madison Wolf's internship experiences. Make sure to also review our upcoming events to stay informed about the progress of the program.

With warmest regards, Morgan Howder '19, Nathan Hord '19 and Emily Towne '20



Wall Fellows Class of 2020
(From top left): Charles Gray,
Austin Johnson, Zak Gardiner,
Morgan Goodall-Scott,
Gina Cummings, Kristin Slovick, Kiley
Decker, Emily Towne, Lucia Zats and
Erica Evans.



Wall Fellows Class of 2019 (From top left): Trevor Greene, Paul Zeuschner, Nathan Hord, Patrick Dempsey, Gina Cummings, Madison Wolf, Shadda Corwin, Morgan Howder and Jana Marx.

### **Meet the Wall Fellows Class of 2021**

The Wall Fellows Program welcomed 10 new members to the Wall Fellows Class of 2021. This class of Wall Fellows includes students from the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration and the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts. We look forward to working with the new members at the Spring Leadership Workshop in April and in the future!



Pictured from left to right: Brian Crawford (finance), Nicholas Santaniello (accounting), Sam DiFoire (finance), Mayleigh Flanigan (international management), Chloe Horton (marketing), Ariana Monroe (business management), Anaiya Moore (business management and hospitality resort and tourism management), Allie Mitchell (English), Ryver Morrow (marketing), and Samantha Schanstra (hospitality, resort and tourism management).

## **Domestic Trip Reflection**

The Wall Fellows Class of 2019 started the new year with a trip to Austin, Texas. They chose that location because they were interested in Austin's fast growth, amazing job opportunities and diverse culture. As soon as they landed, they hit the ground running. They took a tour of the state capitol, where they learned about the

history of Texas. When they finished, they met with Dan Ross, a CCU alumnus who works for Savant Systems, a company that focuses on luxury smart home customization. He showed the Wall Fellows an example of a smart home and how to use Savant's products.



Wall Fellows at Texas State Capitol.

The next day, the Wall Fellows walked around the University of Texas at Austin. While there, they were able to see the LBJ Presidential Library, but unfortunately it was closed due to the government shutdown. Capital Factory, a co-working space for startups, was the next stop on their tour. The Capital Factory offers more than just an office space and is dedicated to mentorship, networking events and making dreams a reality. This company emphasizes the importance of teamwork and having a fun work environment.

The Wall Fellows also had an opportunity to tour the Community First Village. This nonprofit focuses on building a community that provides affordable, permanent housing and support for the people coming out of chronic

homelessness. The village includes micro-homes, organic gardens, medical facilities, restroom/laundry/shower facilities, community kitchens, worship spaces and more. Visiting this village was a humbling experience for all the Wall Fellows and taught them about nonprofit work and the power of a supportive community.

The same day, they were able to take a city tour that taught them more about the history and culture of Austin. One of the amazing things they learned was the history of Juneteenth. They were also able to learn about other traditions at the George Washington Carver Museum. The Texas State History Museum taught them about the rodeo and music created in Texas.



Wall Fellows at the Apple campus.



Wall Fellows alumnus Patrick Hall hosted the Wall Fellows for lunch at Austin's Apple campus. The Wall Fellows had a great time learning more about Apple products and services and loved being able to test Apple products available in the showroom.

The Wall Fellows enjoyed ziplining through Texas' Hill Country, tasting great barbecue and exploring the city on scooters. The senior class is thankful for the opportunity to travel and learn more about businesses, themselves and other cultures

Wall Fellows at the Capital Factory. Itional Trip Project Update



The Wall Fellows Class of 2020 is in the midst of planning and preparing for their international trip to Europe in May. The class will be traveling to Iceland, England, Scotland and Ireland. While in Iceland, they will present their market expansion strategies to selected Icelandic companies. This year, we have four companies that are sponsoring visits in Iceland.

You will read more about this trip in a future newsletter.

## Project Update: Social Engagement Team



The team-building and social engagement team is a new Wall Fellows project designed to bring the junior and senior Wall Fellows classes together outside of the classroom. This is also a casual way to introduce the incoming Wall Fellows to the program and stimulate group connectivity outside of the classroom. By engaging the two classes, the team is fostering close-knit network for the future. This team also includes team-building exercises into our group classes. This semester, they planned fun events such as a bowling night at 810 Bowling, a potluck, a game night, group dinners and a movie night.

In December, the team held a holiday party where holiday clothing was encouraged and a gift exchange occurred. See Kristin Slovick, Kiley Decker, Madison Wolf and Emily Towne pictured at left wearing their bright, festive holiday wear.

From left: Kristin Slovick, Kylie Decker, Madison Wolf and Emily Towne.

## Internship Spotlight: Madison Wolf



Company: Turner Construction Company

Location: Portland, Ore.

**Duration: June to August 2018** 

Senior Wall Fellow and chief of staff, Madison Wolf, traveled to Portland, Ore. in Summer 2018. While in Portland, Wolf interned with Turner Construction Company as an accounting/finance intern and worked alongside accountants, cost engineers and project teams on different projects in the Portland area. Wolf ensured invoice input, performed bill proofs and completed a variety of other projects, including leading an Accounting for Engineers luncheon.

One highlight from Wolf's summer included playing on the business unit's softball team. She suggests to students who are considering relocating for their internship to plan ahead and look for short-term housing options at universities, with coworkers or on Airbnb.

# Internship Update: Kiley Decker

Company: Comprehensive Benefit Administrators

Location: Norwell, Mass.

Duration: May to August 2018

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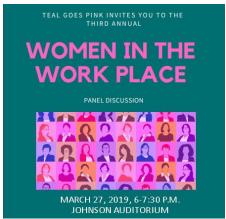
Wall Fellow Class of 2020 member Kiley Decker's internship as a claims support intern at Comprehensive Benefit Administrators was in her hometown of Norwell, Mass. Her responsibilities included Massachusetts risk pool surcharge administration, investigation and resolution of undeliverable medical documents and payments, research of member data discrepancies and facilitation of proper enrollment, claims entry support (medical and dental), mail triage, and document scanning for retention and filing.



One of Decker's favorite memories of her internship was attending their summer training night which was located at a restaurant on the Roston harbor. She learned about the large projects the company was working on and new

### **Upcoming Events**

This semester, the Wall Fellows will be busy building their leadership and professional skills. Below are future events.



- Iceland project practices (April 4-12)
- •Networking reception with scholarship programs on campus (April 2)
- The third annual Women in the Workplace Panel Discussion sponsored by Teal Goes Pink (March 27, 6-7:30 p.m.)
- •Spring leadership training (April 26-27)
- Honors Convocation (May 9)
- •Commencement (May 10-11)
- •Classroom seminars (date(s) to be determined)
- Wall Fellow alumni Zoom video calls (date(s) to determined)

These events will provide knowledge, training and support for all Wall Fellows. As you can see, we have a busy rest of the semester. If you have ideas or would like to get involved, contact our director, Gina Cummings, at gcummings@coastal.edu. Please follow our social media accounts for more updates.

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