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Opening Remarks

The summer is flying by! July has come to a close, and we are now only weeks away from the start of the Fall 2013 semester. We are sure you've all been hard at work this summer, but hopefully you've also found time to enjoy the sun and sand.

In this issue you will find a preview of what's to come for the fall semester, a spotlight on our recent graduate, Jennifer Wan, a farewell to Rob Reed and a welcome to Debra Lauria.

We hope you'll take the time to catch up with us, and for those of you returning in the fall we are eagerly awaiting your arrival!

With warm regards,

Meghan Laffin '14 and Jordan Lauver '15



Wall Fellows Class of 2014
(From left back row): Meghan Laffin,
Zachary Burns, Naomi Dantzer,
(From left front row): Britany Higdon,
Cora Panos and Dominique de Wit



Wall Fellows Class of 2015
(From left): Jordan Lauver, Scarlet Trainor,
Steven Vanden-Heuvel, Ashley Barteck,
Chase Vickery and Casey Burnett

Fall Preview

While everyone loves soaking up the wonderful summer sun, it is almost time for the 2013-2014 academic year to start. As a general reminder, the Class of 2014 will be meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:25 to 10:40 a.m. The Class of 2015 will be meeting on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m.



This fall's calendar is packed with events, which does not easily intimidate a Wall Fellow. The two main events of the season will be the annual Etiquette Dinner and the annual Wall Fellows Induction Ceremony for the Class of 2015. The Etiquette Dinner, a major part of the program's preparation for cultural and social awareness, will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 4. The traditional Wall Fellows Induction Ceremony for the Class of 2015 will be Friday, Nov. 1. Look forward to updates on the many upcoming events!

Wall Fellows Say Farewell

If you are or were a Wall Fellow and had a question, Rob Reed was the man with the answer. For the last four years, Rob coordinated most Wall Fellows-related activities and events. He recently moved to the Wall Center for Excellence, where he is an academic adviser for the Office of Graduate Programs. Rob will be greatly missed by all in the Wall Fellows Program, especially when it's time to enroll in classes for the next semester!

"We thank Rob for all his dedication and support over the past several years," said Wall Fellows Director Gina Cummings. "He has been instrumental in the organization and success of the activities of the Wall Fellows Program and we thank him for his dedicated service. Thank you, Rob, for everything you have done for the program and for the students." While Rob is no longer with the Wall Fellows Program in an official capacity, he will always be part of the family.



Welcome Debra Lauria

With the arrival of every new academic year, new faculty and staff are added at CCU. The 2013-2014 academic year brings Debra Lauria to the Wall Fellows Program. Debra is the new assistant to Wall Fellows Director Gina Cummings.

A native of Connecticut, Debra has been traveling to the Myrtle Beach area for many years with her family. After many happy years in Connecticut, Debra and her husband moved to Conway to make Debra's long-time dream of working at CCU come true. Debra has two children: a son, Samuel, and a daughter, Jennifer, who both live in New England.

Prior to her new position with the Wall Fellows Program, Debra worked at Sacred Heart University in her hometown of Fairfield, Conn. Prior to that, she worked as an administrative assistant at Fairfield University, her alma mater, for 15 years. While a student there, Debra studied interior design. Although the Laurias will miss life in New England, they are very excited to start their new life in South Carolina.

Student Spotlight: Jennifer Wan



Within the last six months, Jennifer Wan has completed an internship at Forestbrook Middle School, walked the stage at graduation and accepted one of four job offers she received upon earning her diploma. While at CCU, Jen served as a senator for the Student Government Association, and was a member of the Teacher Education Advisory Council. Majoring in middle grades education with a specialty in math and science, Jen was the first education major to be accepted into the Wall Fellows Program.

During her internship with Forestbrook Middle School, Jen was challenged and encouraged to take on a great deal of responsibility. "My most difficult challenge was time management," she said. "Teaching, planning, assessing, grading, organizing, analyzing and collaborating with teachers, parents and students was all part of the job." But it wasn't long before Jen was able to become an effective and efficient member of the team. A professor and mentor to Jen while at CCU, Denise Forrest came to observe one of the 55-minute math classes Jen taught and was brought to tears. "I guess you can say she was proud," Jen said. "She has helped me become successful at where my passion lies."

A few days after graduation, Jen accepted her dream job as a seventh-grade math teacher and assistant cheerleading coach in Holly Springs, N.C. Jen has already begun work and loves every aspect of her new career:

"My gut, my heart, my mind, my body all tell me that I chose the right path. Every day, no matter the challenge, those students bring joy and laughter in my life." –Jennifer Wan

