

# **The Wall Fellows Journal**

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#### **Opening Remarks**

Welcome! The 2018 school year has been off to a memorable start. As many of you know, Conway and the surrounding areas have been in a time of turmoil due to Hurricane Florence. Although this awful storm physically damaged our area, we are proud to report that spirits are high, and members of the community are leaning on each other for support, and Coastal Carolina University campus was spared any significant damage.

In this edition of *The Wall Fellows Journal*, we will begin by introducing our newest co-editor and reintroducing our returning co-editors. Then, we will recap the 2018 International Trip. We will also share exciting updates about the Teal Goes Pink project and the Model EU project. Next, we will share the internship spotlight and update for Trevor Greene '19 and Austin Johnson '20. We will finish by informing you about upcoming events and important dates. We hope you enjoy staying connected to what is happening in Wall.

With warmest regards,

Morgan Howder '19, Nathan Hord '19, and Emily Towne '20



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



Wall Fellows Class of 2019 (From top left): Nathan Hord, Trevor Greene, Jacob Sarver, Shadda Corwin, Madison Wolf, Paul Zeuschner, Patrick Dempsey, Michael Ford and Morgan Howder

## Introduction to the new co-editor



Hello, everyone! My name is Emily Towne, and I look forward to contributing to the *Wall Fellows Journal* this year. I am an accounting major and enrolled in the Degree-in-Three and More-in-Four programs here at Coastal Carolina University.

My journey to Coastal began my freshman year in high school. CCU was the first school I visited, and after my visit, I found my experience was hard to forget. The feelings I had after visiting other colleges could not compare to the joy I experienced while visiting Coastal. I chose Coastal because of its accounting program and the incredible opportunities it offers its students, which I have been fortunate to take advantage of.

This year, I have been blessed with the opportunity to become a Wall Fellow and am already soaking in every moment. As I join the editing team of the *Wall Fellows Journal*, I will do my best to share our experiences with you and look forward to another amazing year at CCU.

With warmest regards,

Emily Towne '20

## Reintroduction to returning co-editors



Hello, everyone! We are excited to continue writing for the *Wall Fellows Journal* this year. Over the past year, we have both grown tremendously. As members of the Class of 2019, we can say this year has been full of self-development, hard work, late nights, stress, deep belly laughs and overall great memories.

We have been able to push ourselves outside of our comfort zones and polish our business skills. The Wall Fellows Program has helped us become better team players, leaders and all-around better people. To say we are grateful for this program would be an understatement.

We are looking forward to mentoring the new class and helping them continue the Wall Fellows legacy. We hope we can share with you the great memories and accomplishments we are making in the Wall Fellows Program.

Best wishes,

Morgan Howder '19 and Nathan Hord '19

### International trip review



After months of planning, the Wall Fellows Class of 2019 traveled to Iceland and Germany. Our first stop was Reykjavik, Iceland. As soon as we deboarded the plane, we hit the ground running. The amazing views, clean air and kind people created a perfect environment for us to experience. In Iceland, we had the pleasure of staying at the Eyja Guldsmeden Hotel, which is owned and operated by Linda Johansdottir and Ellert Finnbogason, both Coastal Carolina University alumni. We were also given an amazing walking tour of the city by Snorri Gudmundsson, another CCU alumnus. We have a large alumni association in Reykjavik and were able to network with them while there.

We learned more about the culture by exploring art museums and Viking museums, and trying traditional Icelandic cuisine. Our whole class found the history of Iceland very interesting. Although we stayed in Reykjavik, we were able to learn even more about the area from visiting the United States Embassy.

The Wall Fellows have completed international consulting work for businesses throughout Reykjavik. This year, the Class of 2019 worked on five projects for the Icelandic companies Lysi, Star Oddi, Ozio and Expectus. We had the opportunity to tour each company and learn more about each other's projects. During the week, we spent time onsite learning the ins and outs of the companies so we could deliver our presentations to them at the end of the trip. At the end of the week, we traveled to each other's companies again to watch our fellow classmates present their projects. All in all, the presentations went well, and we positively represented the Wall Fellows Program and CCU.



Next, our class traveled to Munich, Germany. As soon as we arrived in Munich, we went on a special tour of BMW Welt. The next day, we spent time at the Dachau Concentration Camp. For many of us, this was our first experience at a concentration camp. We have all heard about them in history books, but there is something about walking on the grounds that really impacts you.

Our next stop was Bonn, Germany. While in Bonn, we were able to tour multiple cathedrals and meet with college students from the Sankt Augustin campus of Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg. Nikola Alberts from Facilitation & Operation consulting company in Cologne led a workshop with the Wall Fellows and the German students to discuss different generations in the

workplace. We were all amazed at the comparisons of our cultures. After, we spent time with the German students in Cologne.

Overall, this trip opened our minds more to life outside of the United States and taught us to appreciate and learn from different cultures. It also pushed us outside of our comfort zones but made us grow in the best way possible.

We are so thankful for the opportunity to see more of the world with some of our best friends. The memories made on this trip were simply unforgettable. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

## Project update: Teal Goes Pink



Teal Goes Pink (TGP) is a women's initiative that was developed in 2016 by Micaela Antzoulatos. This initiative focuses on educating and empowering women. We host events about women in the workplace, healthy eating, mental health, women's issues and more. TGP hopes to help prepare women for life after college. Due to Hurricane Florence, the first event was delayed. However, the TGP team, which consists of Morgan Howder '19, Madison Wolf '19 and Erica Evans '20, plans on hosting a yoga night at the HTC Center later this semester. This event will teach attendees about the importance of self-care and mental health.

Please follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/tealgoespink for more information about future events and tips for a healthy life.

### Project update: Model EU

This year, a motivated group of Wall Fellows are leading a project to educate the community about international affairs, specifically the European Union, and how it affects us in the United States. This project is called the EU-Learning Initiative. Shadda Corwin '19, Paul Zeuschner '19, Austin Johnson '20 and Zak Gardiner '20 are leading this project.

One of the main goals of the EU-Learning Initiative is to host a conference for high school students that simulates a European Union summit. The summit consists of 28 heads of governments and 28 foreign ministers, one for each of the member states of the EU. High school students will be assigned a country and must represent that country during the conference. We are proud to announce that our first conference will be held on March 1, 2019, here on Coastal Carolina's campus. We will welcome high school students from around the area to engage in an international discussion about major issues facing the European Union today.

### Internship spotlight: Trevor Greene



Company: CO/PLUS

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark Duration: June – August 2018

Trevor Greene, Class of 2019, spent his summer in Copenhagen, Denmark, interning with CO/PLUS, a company that provides creative business consulting to clients around the world. His responsibilities as

an intern involved working with a wellknown global convenience store chain developing new

products and marketing concepts for their Norwegian market.

One of Greene's favorite activities while in Denmark was when he had the opportunity to film on a beautiful beach in northern Denmark for a client's media campaign. His one piece of advice to those who may have to relocate for an internship or job is to immerse yourself in the local culture, make friends quickly and have an open mind.



#### Internship update: Austin Johnson



Company: Compass Investment Advisors

Location: Summerville, S.C. Duration: May – August 2018

During the summer of 2018, Austin Johnson, Class of 2020, traveled outside of his comfort zone to Summerville, South Carolina, which is located outside of Charleston. Johnson found comfort quickly by exploring and finding out what was beautiful about the area.

While in Summerville, he had the opportunity to intern with Compass Investment Advisors, where his main responsibilities included client acquisition, organizing client relationship systems and producing production reports. One lesson Johnson took away from his internship was to never be afraid to ask questions. To him, asking questions "not only will result in knowledge, but will also show you are sincere."

### **Upcoming events**



This year, the Wall Fellows are planning three main activities for Wall Fellows and alumni:

- Wall Fellows Leadership Summit
- Induction Ceremony
- Alumni Brunch/Lunch

The Wall Fellow Leadership Summit will have activities specific to Wall Fellow alumni and for current Wall Fellows. For more information, please refer to your emails.

Due to the storm, some of the invitations and RSVPs have not been received. If you sent an RSVP and are planning to come, email Debra Lauria at dlaura@coastal.edu to confirm your attendance. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Please refer to your email regarding other activities on campus for that week. If you did not receive an email, please contact Debra Laura so we can verify that we have your correct email address on file.

Thank you, and we hope to "CCU" all there!

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