



# The Wall Fellows Journal

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## Opening Remarks

Welcome! Summer break has truly come and gone and the semester is off to an amazing start! As the fall semester continues to gain momentum, the Wall Fellows program welcomes the Class of 2019 and are excited to see where the program takes them.

In this edition of *The Wall Fellows Journal*, we begin by introducing our new co-editor, Nathan Hord '19. We catch up with the senior class and learn about its international experience and what they learned through visiting other countries over the summer. Then, two of our community give-back project members will give updates on their plans for this semester. Senior Sora Lebowitz and junior Trevor Greene share their experiences as interns with Mercom and BluePrint. Finally, we will share a reminder about the upcoming dates for the induction ceremony and the alumni brunch.

With warmest regards,

Kaylea Gassaway-Rea '18, Morgan Howder '19, Madison Wolf '19 and Nathan Hord '19



**Wall Fellows Class of 2018**  
(From top left): Mickayla Smith, Ross Kunmann, Myles Anderson, Sora Lebowitz, Kaylea Gassaway and Sean Edwards

### Wall Fellows Class of 2019

(From top left): Jacob Sarver, Nathan Hord, Trevor Greene, Michael Ford, Paul Zeuschner, Morgan Howder, Madison Wolf, Patrick Dempsey, Mary Rufo and Shadda Corwin



# Introducing the New Co-Editor Nathan Hord



Hello, everyone! It is a pleasure to become a contributing member of our newsletter. My name is Nathan Hord, and I am one of 10 Wall Fellows in the Class of 2019. It has been a daunting experience just to become a Wall Fellow, but I am already proud to be one. My journey is just beginning, and I am looking forward to where it will lead.

For most of my life, I lived in Conway and I attended a private school from elementary school through high school. I was encouraged to attend Coastal Carolina University while I was still in high school and I later decided that Coastal was my choice. My sophomore year at Coastal was the time of revelation; after my first accounting course, I knew my future would be in accounting. This was also during Wall Fellows recruitment, and I knew that it would be worthwhile to join upon the advisement of great professors.

While aiding with *The Wall Fellows Journal*, I will strive to do my best to share with you the great things that are taking place in and through the program.

With warmest regards,

Nathan Hord '19

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## Upcoming Events

The semester is off to a busy start. As a reminder, here are some upcoming events for the Wall Fellows program. We look forward to having our alumni join us at many of these events!

- Oct. 26, 2017: **Wall Fellows Board Meeting (1-3 p.m.)**
- Oct. 27, 2017: **Wall Fellows Class of 2019 Induction (Singleton Ballroom, Singleton Building, 5:30-9:30 p.m.)**
- Oct. 28, 2017: **Alumni Brunch (Wall boardroom, Time: TBD)**

# International Trip Reflection by Kaylea Gassaway



**Back row:** Joshua Stilley, Sean Edwards, Myles Anderson and Ross Kunmann  
**Front Row:** Kaylea Gassaway, Sora Lebowitz, Mickayla Smith and Emilie-Katherine Tavernier

After countless meetings, discussions and preparations, my classmates and I were finally ready to embark on our journey to Iceland, England and Ireland. The trip was more than a trip; it was life-changing.

Our first destination was Reykjavik, Iceland, and it was completely breathtaking, literally and figuratively. The air was cleaner than anything we ever breathed before, and the nature that we found while on the Golden Circle tour was truly breathtaking. While in Iceland, we stayed at the Eyja Guldsmeden Hotel, which is owned and operated by Linda Johansdottir and Ellert Finnbogason, both Coastal Carolina University alumni.

My classmates and I were able to spend time onsite with our companies to see how they operated on a day-to-day basis. When it was finally presentation time, all of us understood the “who, what and why” of the presentations. We knew we were representing the Wall Fellows program and Coastal Carolina University; we knew the content that we were presenting about the various companies; and we knew why we were

presenting. I had the opportunity to be present during all of my classmates’ presentations, and I could not have been more proud of how well they went.

The second location of our trip was in London, England. While in London we visited RICS, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, where Peter Bolton gave us a tour of the company and shared what exactly takes place at RICS. We were also able to visit the British Museum, Parliament, Buckingham Palace and visit CCU alumnus Sigga Sigurdardottir at Santander Bank.

The last stop on our trip was Dublin, Ireland. One highlight from Dublin was the opportunity to visit Google. We were all very excited to see and learn more about Google. We also went on the Cliffs of Moher day tour, which allowed us to experience the countryside of Dublin.

This trip was more than just a chance for us to see the world; we learned more than we ever could through research. The cultures and nature were truly something I would have never imagined. We gained an understanding of international business and the cultural differences between the United States of America and the other European countries. We are truly grateful for the opportunity for the international trip.



**Back row:** Emilie-Katherine Tavernier, Ross Kunmann, Mickayla Smith, Myles Anderson and Josh Stilley  
**Front Row:** Kaylea Gassaway-Rea, Sean Edwards, Gina Cummings and Peter Gasca

## Internship Spotlight: Sora Lebowitz



**Company:** *Mercom Corporation*

**Location:** *Pawleys Island, S.C.*

**Duration:** *June – Present*

Over the summer, Sora Lebowitz '19 had the opportunity to intern with Mercom Corporation. Mercom delivers IT products and technical solutions to the federal government in cybersecurity, cloud computing, and visualization, to name a few. While at Mercom, Lebowitz focused primarily on internal IT issues. She answered help-desk tickets varying from printer malfunctions to workflows crashing. Lebowitz learned five new programming languages and learned to work for a variety of software programs. Lebowitz said, "Most importantly, I was able to experience how an IT department runs in a small business." She plans to pursue a career in cybersecurity with an aspiration of one day working for a government agency.

## Internship Spotlight: Trevor Greene



**Company:** *BluePrint Research Group*

**Location:** *New York City*

**Duration:** *May – July 2017*

Trevor Greene '19 had the opportunity to intern with BluePrint Research Group in New York City over the summer. The company was founded in 2008 and consults with health care companies to strengthen their brand commercialization efforts. BluePrint Research Group works with top global pharmaceutical companies and emerging biotech firms.

Greene worked with a research team for disease research, market profiling and statistical analysis. He was also given the opportunity to participate in a client study from start to finish. The client study process involved initial research and interviews to drafting the final deliverables. After this internship experience, Greene shares this advice: "Ask questions. Ask lots of questions, even when you think you may know the answer. There is a chance the answer may be exactly what you thought it would be, but there is also a chance you may learn something."



## Project Update: Carolina Kids Fish



The Wall Fellows are engaged in a community give-back project called Carolina Kids Fish. The purpose of this project is to educate elementary and middle school children on fishing. We teach fish identification, how to tie knots, how to cast, hook safety, environmental stewardship and how to have fun while doing it! All events take place at Thompson Farm and there are plans to build a couple benches for the farm this semester. Our fishing dates are below and will take place at Thompson Farm. We are very excited to see what the semester holds!

- Oct. 29 at 10 a.m.
- Nov. 12 at 10 a.m.

## Project Update: LIFE™ Program

The Wall Fellows Program strives to help the community whenever we can. This year we decided to continue working with the LIFE™ Program at CCU. The LIFE™ Program stands for “Learning is For Everyone.” The LIFE™ Program, consisting of students who have intellectual disabilities, allows students to participate in academic coursework that will support their career and personal goals. In this postsecondary education transition program, the students focus on daily living skills, self-determination, and interpersonal skills and employment readiness skills.

The Wall Fellows look forward to working with the LIFE™ Program students and helping them develop employment readiness skill while having fun. In the past years, the Wall Fellows have been able to facilitate an educational and recreational activity to participate in the program. They have toured the CCU football and basketball facilities, and the students learned about the seven habits of highly effective people at an etiquette lunch. This year, we look forward to providing at least two more activities with the Program. To find out more information about the LIFE™ Program, visit <http://www.coastal.edu/biddlecenter/lifeprogram>.

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