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Opening Remarks

We hope that with the rise in the temperature that our Wall Fellow alumni and all of the members of our current classes are enjoying some well-deserved fun in the sun!

In this issue you will find information regarding the Wall Fellows Class of 2014 European Experience, a spotlight on our recent Wall Fellows Class of 2013 graduates, remarks about Corey Lengyel's internship and an update on alumnus Brooke Weisbrod.

While the summer months bring moments of peace and relaxation in the sun, we know how busy your life can be. We sincerely hope you enjoy taking these few moments to catch up with us.

Warm regards,

Meghan Laffin '14 and Jordan Lauver '15



Wall Fellows Class of 2014
From top left: Meghan Laffin, Zachary Burns, Naomi Dantzer,
From bottom left: 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

Class Updates: Wall Fellow Class of 2014 Goes to Europe

The Wall Fellows Class of 2014 embarked on its much-anticipated trip to Europe this month. This was an experience they knew would be eventful, even from the very first hour. “We had just come out of the security line at the Myrtle Beach airport when I leaned over to pull my shoes back on and suddenly heard a horrifying ripping noise,” said Zack Burns. Yes, poor Zack, the only male in a class of six, had torn his pants before they left the city. It became the first of many memorable moments that the class would encounter, ultimately resulting in a bond and relationship they never imagined.

Project leaders Cora Panos and Dominique de Wit planned an ambitious trip featuring seven cities in five different countries. Flying into Paris, the class visited Geneva, Bonn, Aachen, Amsterdam, Eindhoven and Brussels before their departure 12 days later. The class knew it would be exhausting, but “we wanted to make the most of it,” said Cora Panos. “I mean... It’s not everyday you get a fully funded two-week trip to Europe.” Cora’s sentiments resonated with the rest of the class, even winning over the approval of their more cautious chaperones, Yoav Wachsmann and Gina Pertee.

Everyone in the class assisted the project leaders by creating the daily itineraries for each individual city. Class members selected a broad range of activities to enjoy during their free time between company visits. Such activities included the Louvre in Paris, Zaabar chocolate factory in Brussels, the Anne Frank Museum in Amsterdam and a Segway tour in Geneva. “Segways are just awesome,” said Naomi Dantzer. “Geneva looked like something out of a Disney movie, and I absolutely loved every second of it.” Meghan Laffin said her favorite visit was with the German broadcasting company, Deutsche Welle. “Deutsche Welle was fascinating because they not only broadcast news, but they do it in 30 different languages,” she said. Dominique de Wit, on the other hand, was a bit biased when it came to selecting her favorite company visit. While in Eindhoven, the Wall Fellows were treated to a private tour of the EDAH Museum, one founded by her grandfather. “It meant a lot to me to introduce my classmates to my family,” she said. “As an international student, it’s something I thought I’d never get to do.”

Britany Higdon was always afraid of heights growing up, so she wasn’t sure if she was up for the climb to the top of the Eiffel Tower, which is 1,064 feet tall. “It took a lot of encouragement, and the elevator ride to the top was not exactly fun,” she recalled. But as Britany stood at the top of the Eiffel Tower, surrounded by the lovely Parisian landscape and the support of her classmates, she experienced something special. “I couldn’t believe where I was and how lucky I was to be there,” said Britany. “It took my breath away, and I’ll never forget it.” The trip to Europe is often cited by alumni as the highlight of the Wall Fellows Program, and now the class of 2014 knows why.



Class of 2013: Graduation Plans

Life after graduation is definitely an area of concern for most college students as they enter their junior and senior years. During the annual Wall Fellows Retreat, the Class of 2013 shared some of their post-graduation plans with the two succeeding classes. Graduation has now come and gone, and the graduates of the Wall Fellows Class of 2013 have begun experiencing life after CCU. In New York City, two members of the graduating class can be found within the offices of Ernst & Young, one of the largest accounting firms in the world. Thomas Kelly has secured a full-time position with the firm, while Shana Ernst is spending the summer months interning. Shana is pursuing her MBA at CCU and will be looking for a permanent position following her graduation in December. Meanwhile, Miranda Rios has relocated to the Jacksonville, Fla. area, working for PLS Logistics Services as a recruiter. Jennifer Wan is now employed with Wake County Public Schools at Grove Middle School in Holly Springs, N.C. We look forward to hearing about the continued post-graduation success of all members of the Wall Fellows Class of 2013.



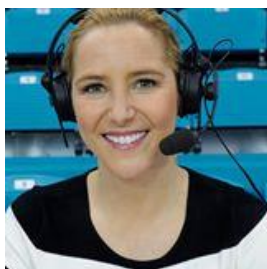
Top from left: Benjamin King, Shaneka Diggs, Samantha Wright, Travis Rogers, Miranda Rios, Jennifer Wan **Bottom from left:** Elizabeth Dagget, Thomas Kelly, Shana Ernst and Corey Lengyel

Internship Success

In the second half of 2012, Wall Fellow Corey Lengyel worked for the firearms manufacturer Sig Sauer. In true Wall Fellows fashion, Corey strove to secure an internship that challenged him both professionally and academically. From the interview process and forward, he made use of the German he studied at CCU. "It was a great challenge to work and live in a foreign country, but I felt that the more I challenged myself the better I would be prepared for the challenges of the new era job market," he said. During his time in Eckernförde, Germany, Corey worked alongside the company's CEO to develop a restructuring plan for both the firm's personnel and manufacturing processes. The biggest portion of his time was devoted to determining whether or not a new barrel rifling pattern would produce any financial benefits for the firm. This major project required Corey to conduct extensive market research and made use of the economics skills he acquired while in the classroom. From his experiences at Sig Sauer, he decided to switch his major to Intelligence and National Security Studies to better ensure he will secure a position working for a similar firearms manufacturer upon graduation. Corey continues to study German and economics.



Alumni News: Where Are They Now?



A marketing major and Ohio native, Brooke Weisbrod is a member of the Wall Fellows Class of 2001. As a student-athlete, it didn't take her long to make an impact on the Lady Chants basketball team. A freshman earning Big South Rookie Honors, she went on to earn such prestigious accolades as the Big South Player of the Year, the Big South Scholar Athlete of the Year and the NCAA Woman of the Year for South Carolina. After graduating in May 2001, Brooke signed to play professionally with the Marlins of Marburg, Germany. Less than six months into training, she found herself injured and heading home. Struggling to determine what her next step would be, it wasn't until she found herself back at CCU that the light bulb came on. "While visiting Coastal Carolina, I was interviewed on headsets by Matt Hogue during the broadcast of a women's game," she said. "We finished the interview and then started calling the action for a few minutes. The light came on, and I knew broadcasting was what I wanted, so I went after it." In 2003, Brooke signed with ESPN as a women's college basketball analyst. Last summer, she made a leap of faith and decided to commit herself full-time to freelancing with ESPN. In March 2013, she spent one week traveling between Charlotte, Chicago, New York and Hartford. In that one-week span, she covered four conference tournaments and 12 games. Looking back at her experience with the Wall Fellows Program, She is certain that those organizational and behavioral skills are what prepared her for such chaos. Despite her busy schedule, she is looking forward to reconnecting with Wall Fellow students and alumni. "If I can make an introduction that can help anyone in any way, I want to do it," she said. "You never know when you'll need a favor, and so much of my success has come from those relationships."