



Caldwell Fellows pause during the 2023 Shack-a-Thon building day.

Shack-A-Thon Week March 27-31

Sunday, March 26 was cold and rainy, but wielding hammers, smiles and determination, Caldwell Fellows built a shack where, for this week, teams of Fellows will reside to raise funds and awareness for affordable housing through Habitat for Humanity. Since 1998, Shack-A-Thon has brought spirit, community, and purposeful gathering to the NC State Brickyard. From their shacks, campus organizations compete to raise funds running individual enterprises. The Fellows will be peddling books, plants, and baked goods; but the donations that have kept Caldwell Fellows consistently in first place for campus fundraising have been thanks to the fierce support of program alumni, friends, and family members.

The Caldwell Shack-A-Thon team set a goal of **\$10,000** for this year. The 2023 Caldwell Gala gave this goal a significant start, with \$2000 in donations from gala guests. If supporting the work of affordable housing is part of your philanthropy, know that 100% of gifts to the Caldwell Fellows shack go to Habitat for Humanity.

Do you have a memory to share about Shack-A-Thon? Did YOU ever spend a night in the Caldwell shack? Are you involved with Habitat or other affordable housing efforts in your home community to tell us about? Did your Caldwell experience influence your current involvement? Do you have a message you'd like to send to the Fellows leading the CF effort? Share it with us caldwellfellows@ncsu.edu.

... and did you know: Shack-A-Thon is not the only Caldwell Fellows' connection to Habitat for Humanity. For more than a dozen years, Habitat for Humanity has been a service-learning partner with the Fellows. The GIS maps created each year by our H4H team provides the H4H advocacy staff of Wake and Johnston counties with visual representation of the issues that impact affordable housing (e.g. the history of red-lining, land and tax values, public transportation, and more).

[Donate to the Caldwell Shack](#)



The Caldwell Fellows Class of 2026 at Haw River State Park.

Caldwell Fellows Class of 2026

We are thrilled to announce the Caldwell Fellows Class of 2026. Selection for the CFs class of 2026 took place on February 25. We want to say a very special “thank you” to the more than 150 Caldwell Fellows alumni and friends aided in the Selection Process! We couldn’t do it without you all. After scoring and careful consideration, the new class of 30 students was announced on Tuesday, February 28. Members of the class join us from all corners of North Carolina as well as Florida, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Missouri, Virginia, Honduras, and Mexico. They also represent a broad range of majors and all colleges across our campus.

As always, we’ll be doing a deep dive into the work of assessing the selection process to ensure alignment to the Caldwell Fellows mission. If you have interest and expertise to be part of this undertaking, please reach out to [Janice](#).

Meet the class



Caldwell Fellows Alumni Conference

Kudos to everyone who was able to join us for the February 24th Caldwell Fellows alumni conference at the Park Alumni Center. We had over 50 alumni in attendance. The conference theme this year was *Defying Anxiety with Courageous & Imaginative Leadership*. The day was facilitated by CCL trainer, Susan Reinecke along with Julie Boyles (class of 2014) and featured 5 alumni storytellers:

- Alli Walton `00
- Nita Byrd `89
- Catherine Gordon `86
- Rodney Swink `77
- John Rogers `05

The event was capped off by a reception hosted by Chancellor Randy Woodson at his residence, The Point. (Photos and flyer linked below).

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2023 Gala Photos

Caldwell Fellows Selection Weekend was full of activities including the Alumni Conference, Chancellor's Reception, and of course our 2023 Gala at the North Carolina Museum of Art. We have enjoyed looking back on the fantastic images captured throughout that weekend, courtesy of Tom Fuldner, our event photographer. The Gala in particular was a time of celebration and reconnection as alumni and friends of Caldwell Fellows from the lifetime of the program were present. This year's Gala took place at the NC Museum of Art and featured a photo booth, dance floor, and even a museum scavenger hunt put together by our very own Sabrina Hurtado '23 who now serves as the manager of teen and college programs at the NC Museum of Art. Please enjoy scrolling the through the happy memories in the photo album below!

[Photo Gallery](#)



ALBERT
WHANGBO
'00

Spotlight on our Alumni: Albert Whangbo '00

Across our 55th Anniversary year, the monthly Caldwell dinner seminar series has featured stories of our alumni. Our guests have included Kevin Clark '89, Tim Holbrook '93 and Pamela Senegal '93; Able Walker '18 and Janay Purdie '11; and Jess Kraus '17 and Albert Whangbo '00. We are pleased to have been able to work with Albert to gain a deeper understanding of the impact the Caldwell Fellows Program had on him as a student and how he applies our guiding philosophies in his personal and professional life. Albert graduated with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from NC State and has been working in management consulting for nearly 18 years. He currently serves as a Principal at ZS Management Consulting.

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Spotlight on our Alumni: Sabrina Hurtado `23

This spotlight was created by the fantastic staff in Arts NC State and features Sabrina Hurtado, (Caldwell Fellows Class of 2023, though she graduated early, in December 2022). As a student, Hurtado was an artist, leader, and scholar who created many significant experiences while pursuing an Art Studies major with a Visual Arts Concentration and Arts Entrepreneurship minor. Her passion for the arts became a profession. We are proud of all Sabrina has accomplished!

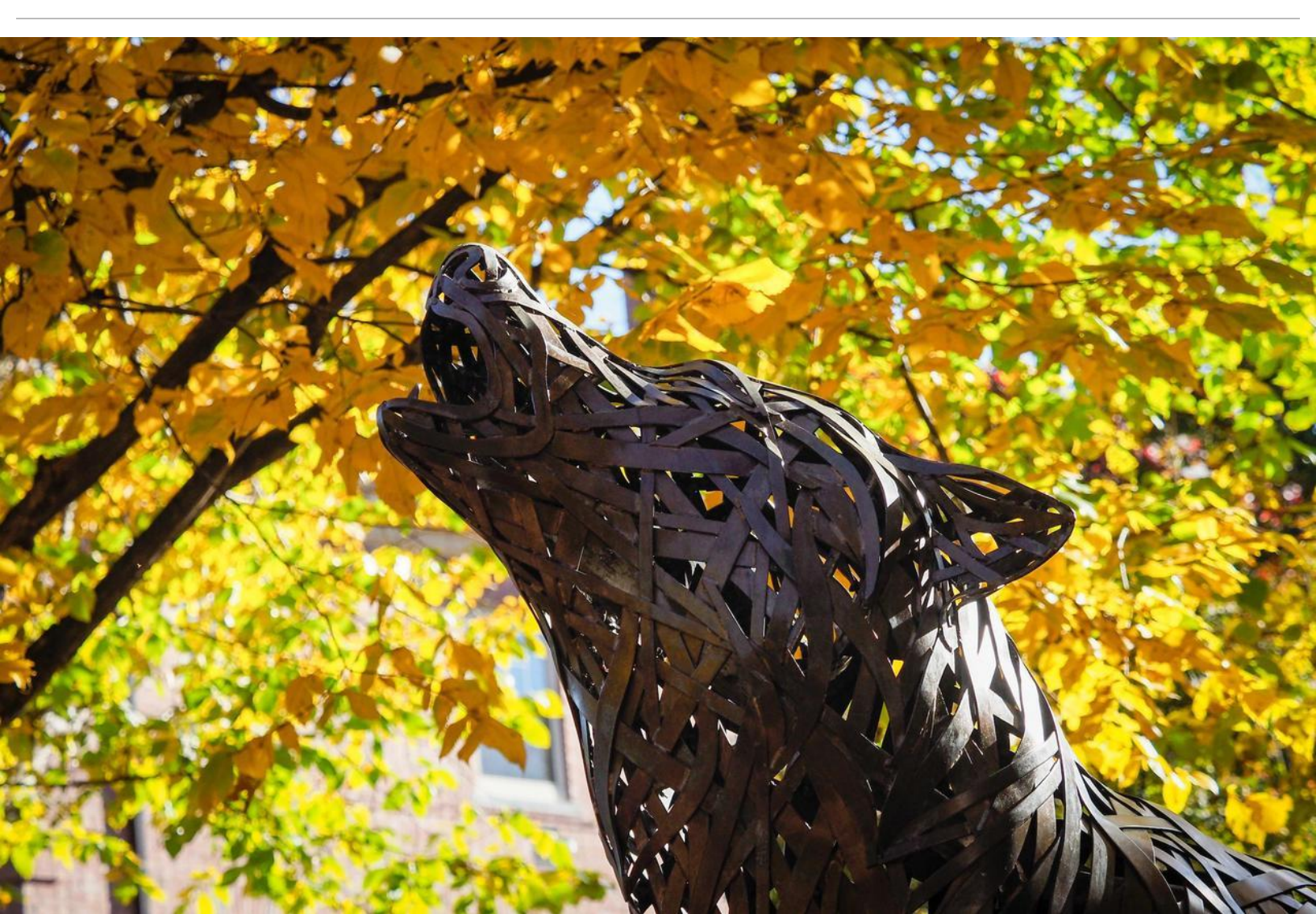
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Spring Break Urban Adventure Seattle

This spring break eight Caldwell Fellows journeyed to Seattle, Washington for a week of exploration and engagement. While there, students had the opportunity to explore the city using an honors pedagogy called City as Text followed by a captivating conversation with Kara Main-Hester '02 and Ryan Hester '02. Kara currently serves as Chief Recovery Officer of Recovery and Resilience for Snohomish County, Washington and provided invaluable insights into the policies and laws put in place in King County in regard to housing, homelessness, drug use, and gentrification. Students also had the chance to visit popular museums, sites, and even took a ferry to Bainbridge Island for an afternoon.

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Day of Giving 2023 Recap

Big thank yous to everyone who donated and participated in NC State's 2023 Day of Giving. We reached all seven of our challenge goals - including 55 first-time donors and 40+ parent donors. Thanks to the generous support of donors like you, the program raised over \$130,000. The spirit of community was strong and we are grateful for everyone who participated; especially our Student Philanthropy team that helped with stewardship and outreach throughout the day! Special thanks also goes to Lauren Welch '04, Senior Director of Development in Central Major Gifts.

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