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[Caldwell Fellows] February 2024 Alumni Newsletter

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Smiling faces from a previous Selection Day.

Make your plans for Caldwell Fellows Weekend - February 23 - 25!

Long referred to as “Selection Weekend,” it is actually so much more!

It’s incredible how many alumni and friends journey to Raleigh for our annual weekend to select a new class of Fellows and to regroup ourselves in the deep connections we share, build new connections, and deepen our commitment and practice to the impactful work of servant leadership. Oh yes, and to have fun. (As Helen Caldwell, one of the four offspring of our namesake, who annually travels from Wisconsin to be part of it, recently declared: “It’s just the BEST WEEKEND OF THE YEAR!”)

Here’s a menu of what will take place; join in as it suits you!

Friday night, February 23rd Welcome Reception: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Drop by for a bit or stay as long as you like to spend casual time with alumni and friends at the StateView Hotel on Centennial Campus. Their bar/lounge and patio provide ample space, and drinks and food are available for purchase. This is simply a low-key time to reconnect before the activities of the weekend.

For those who are interested, we will carve out a spot for conversation about our coaching program. Keep an eye out for a space we will designate. We'll look at coaching as a powerful tool for servant-leadership and how we incorporate it into the development of our students. All who wish to share their experience from the coaching certification program supported by the program or who have come to coaching from other tracks are welcome. Please join us if you want to learn more about coaching and whether coaching certification suits you.

During the Day of Saturday, February 24th

We have two tracks this year. We can incorporate a few more folks in each track. Contact Janice ASAP if you'd like to join in.

Selection Interviews at Hunt Library: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

The structured process provides tools for interviewer preparation and evaluation.

Sixty finalists have already been evaluated on their intellectual / academic readiness and interpersonal skills. The goal of interview day is the discernment of character that aligns with servant leadership and the readiness of candidates to contribute to and grow together from a diverse cohort.

“Caldwell Conversations” at the Park Alumni Center: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

‘Caldwell Conversations’ will offer a day of guided conversation between alumni and current Fellows on the topics of building a meaningful life through vocation, civic engagement and relationships. The vision of our Fellows’ “Majors and Affinities team’ created this event. Our students continuously name the opportunity to spend time with alumni as one of the most impactful aspects of our program.. Breakfast and lunch are part of the day.

Evening of Saturday, February 24th

Caldwell Gala at the NC Museum of Art: 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

6:30 - 7:30 PM is exclusively for alumni and friends. Enjoy a complimentary toast before the current Fellows arrive at 7:30. Come hungry to relish a buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres. A bar

will offer alcohol for purchase. Sidle over to the dance floor if that's your thing, or find a quiet corner (there will be plenty) for conversation. Wander through some of the galleries, if you like; docents will be on site to guide those who are interested.

If your schedule simply doesn't align with this year's weekend and FOMO is kindled in your being... you can mark your calendar now for 2025 when our weekend will fall on February 15. More to come.

To buy your Gala tickets, follow this link https://www.community.alumni.ncsu.edu/s/1209/m20/interior.aspx?sid=1209&gid=1001&pgid=9405&content_id=9021. **Note that prices increase February 14!**



SATELLITE Camp Crowdfunding Deadline

Friday, February 16 - only a few days left to support us!

Have you heard? We are in our last week of crowdfunding to support SATELLITE Camp!

We are fundraising for SATELLITE Camp 2024, a STEM camp for high schoolers from rural and under-resourced communities in North Carolina designed, organized, and staffed by Caldwell Fellows each year! This is the final week of our crowdfunding campaign, and we are currently 76% of the way to our goal of \$5,000!

Would you donate to help our team reach our goal by this Friday? Your donation would help us expose rural and under-resourced North Carolina high schoolers to postsecondary education and the world of STEM and provide our Fellows with the chance to develop as servant-leaders in this unique leadership development opportunity!

To donate today, visit our crowdfunding campaign page at the link below.

Donate Now



Dr. Hawkins received a book of alumni letters for his birthday!

Pictured here, Dr. Hawkins, Anne and John Powers, and Barbara Hawkins.

Day of Giving. Wednesday, March 20, 2024

We are excited to announce that the 2024 Day of Giving is just around the corner, taking place on Wednesday, March 20th.

We have an extraordinary reason to celebrate and share our gratitude this year. Thanks to a recent [generous gift of \\$1.3 million](#) to the Gerald Hawkins endowment, we are able to further support the experiential education and servant-leadership mission of our beloved Caldwell Fellows Program.

The impact of this gift is immeasurable, as it will shape and transform the lives of future Fellows for years to come. Aside from staff salaries, the work of the program is fully funded by donations. All funds from Day of Giving enable the unparalleled opportunities for authentic growth, personal development, experiential learning and readiness for purposeful living and

impactful leadership.

We invite you to mark your calendar for this important day and join us in celebrating the inspiring momentum created by this remarkable gift. Your continued support is vital to ensuring our program flourishes even further into the future. More to come in the weeks ahead as we share stories of the impact of Dr. Hawkins's time as program director.



Boston Urban Adventure

Urban Adventures are a Caldwell Fellows creation, an experiential learning trip taking students to an urban center where they can expand their worldview, explore opportunities for graduate education, and, most importantly, meet Caldwell alumni who live and work in that area. This year's Urban Adventure will take a dozen Fellows, plus Janice and Chester, to Boston over spring break, March 9 - 13. Targeted emails inviting Boston area alumni to connect with us have gone out, but we may have missed you. We invite all who can to join us for dinner with alumni and students on Monday, March 11, at the UMass Club. [You can register here.](#) Questions? Please contact Janice.



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