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[Caldwell Fellows] January 2024 Alumni Newsletter

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Record number of Caldwell Applications = More Reviewers Needed!

With an initial semester behind them and a GPA of 3.25 or higher, NC State first-year students may apply by January 8th for the Caldwell Fellows class of 2027. We have seen a steady rise in students' interest in the program over the past few years, and while we have a generous number of reviewers, a record number of applications means that we need **more folks to read and score eight applications between January 11 and 18**. Please email Janice directly (janice_odom@ncsu.edu) if you can serve in this virtual role. You may also let her know if you are interested in one of the few remaining spots for interviewers for in-person selection day on February 24th.



Smiling faces from the 2023 Caldwell Fellows Gala.

Make your plans for Selection Weekend - February 23 - 25!

"It's the best weekend of the year!" This was the leading sentence from a recent exchange with a devoted attendee of Selection Weekend. Indeed, it's a fine gathering of like-minded people who come together to connect with other alumni, to mentor current Fellows, and to pour their wisdom into the selection of a new class. We have a full menu for you of Selection Weekend events. Whether the weekend is baked into your schedule or you want to jump in,

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

As folks trickle into town for the weekend, all are welcome to gather at The State View Hotel for a casual evening of reconnecting. The State View lobby, bar and patio offer plenty of space for comfortable conversation. You may purchase the food and beverage of your choice with their bar and restaurant.

Friday night, February 23rd Coach Connections at The StateView: 7 - 8 PM

A room will be set aside during our Friday evening reception for conversation about coaching as a tool for developing our students and furthering our own development. We invite all who are engaged with some aspect of coaching, or interested in learning more about the possibilities of coaching certification, including Caldwell supported coach development.

Saturday, February 24th Two Tracks. Interviews and Caldwell Conversations. Sign-ups have already taken place for our two Saturday tracks: Interviewing finalists or Caldwell Conversations with current Fellows about our paths of vocation and meaning-making. If you missed the sign-up and would like to engage, please reach out to Janice.

Evening of Saturday, February 24th - (6:30 PM - 10:00 PM) Join our annual Gala at the NC Museum of Art. Ticket sales are now open for our annual Gala! A first hour champagne reception is exclusively for alumni and friends. To buy your tickets, follow this link https://www.community.alumni.ncsu.edu/s/1209/m20/interior.aspx?sid=1209&gid=1001&pgid=9405&content_id=9021.

Accommodations at a reduced rate for the weekend are available at the State View Hotel. [Room Block Available at the StateView Hotel](#). You have until January 23 to book at the reduced rate.



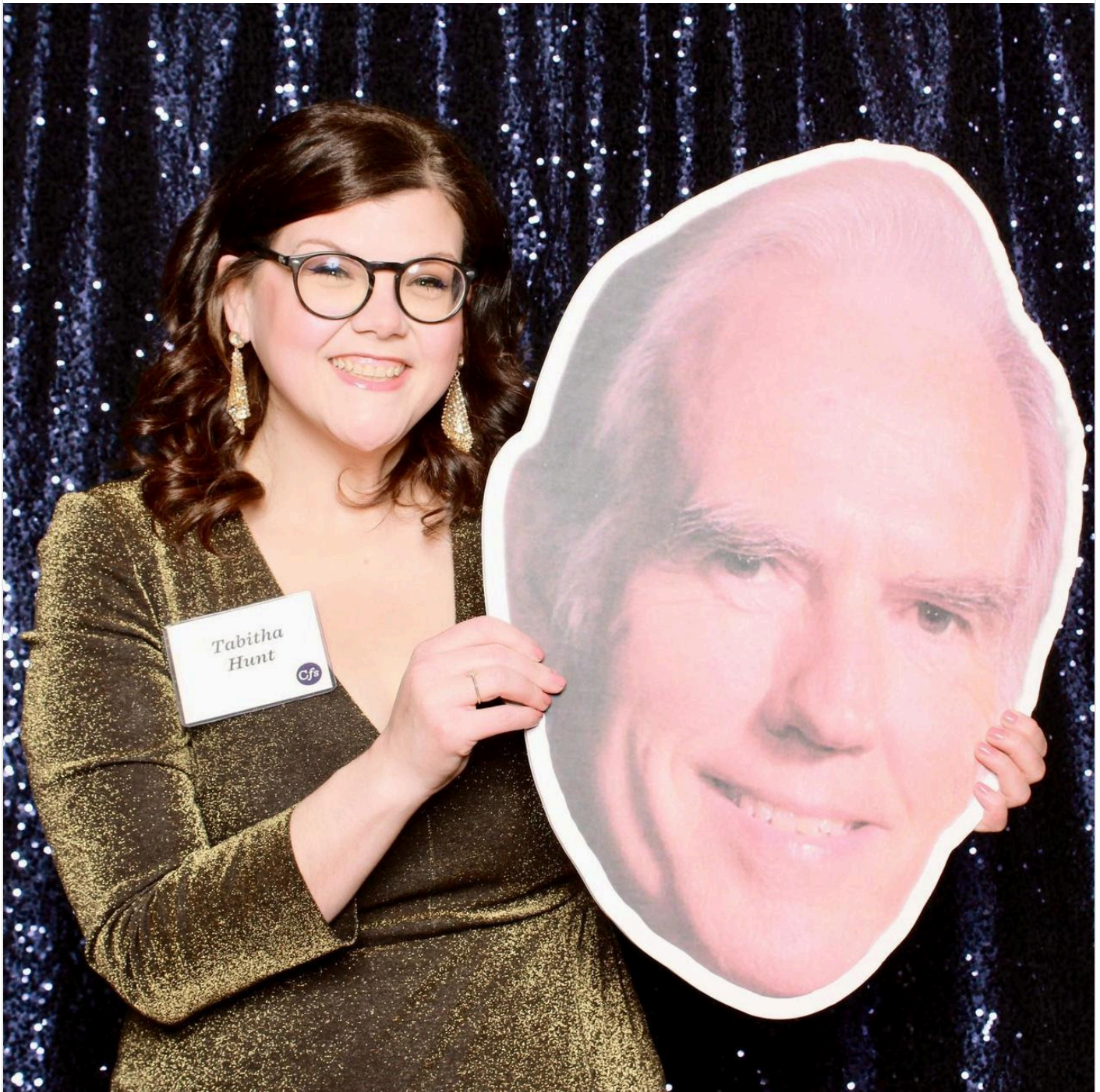
A scene from a Fall semester Dinner Seminar. Pictured left to right: Jacob Martin and Landon Perry (both class of '26)

Be our guest!

January 21 or March 24. 5 - 7 PM.

Dinner seminars are the monthly ritual that engages all classes of Fellows in a shared meal and thoughtful conversation. Our dinner conversations are made richer by the presence of alumni, and we are focusing on having alumni as dinner conversation guests each month. If you are interested/willing to be an alumni guest for our January or March dinner, no preparation is

required. We simply ask that you come prepared to engage in the evening's program and with the students at your dinner table. Please contact Janice (janice_odom@ncsu.edu) to indicate the dinner you want to attend. We will follow up with details.



Staff Transition

In the fall of 2022, the Caldwell team was blessed with the addition of Tabitha Hunt as our Assistant Director. She came with a fantastic background in event management, finance, and budgeting and served as a former Executive Assistant for Greg Raschke, the Director of the NC State Libraries. She brought to our team attention to detail, a sense of creativity, and a keen eye

for style that has elevated our program events to new heights. She was also tirelessly dedicated to our students. It is with a heavy heart that today we announce her departure.

She will be leaving the Caldwell Fellows Program effective Friday, January 12. She has accepted a new position off campus that allows her to indulge her event planning skills full time. While we are excited about this new opportunity for her, we are sad to lose her infectious positivity, creativity, and “can do” attitude. She has genuinely exhibited the heart of servant leadership during our time with us and will be sorely missed. We expect her position to soon be posted with NCSU HR as we seek a new team member to guide us through financial management, donor relations, and event planning.



Survey raffle winners

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2023 Alumni Survey. We had over ### responses! We will begin working to analyze the data from those responses soon and look forward to sharing the results with you in the months ahead. We anticipate that the themes, issues, and ideas that emerge from this analysis will help shape and inform our program curriculum for years to come.

We are excited to announce the winners of the raffle associated with the survey. Three winners will receive a Caldwell Fellows swag bag. They are **F. Gray Carter, Christine Schmidt, and Chris Verne!** And one lucky winner will receive a pair of tickets to our 2024 Caldwell Gala. The winner of the Gala tickets is **Theresa Freeman!** We will follow up with our winners soon with additional details.

Congratulations to each of you and thank you for your support and participation.



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