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**[Caldwell Fellows] April 2024 Alumni Newsletter**

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## Beautiful Lofty People

Once upon a time, Raleigh had a local paper called The Spectator. It featured a column with which I was enamored. 'Beautiful Lofty People' profiled interesting, impactful people in our city. In my 'if I had a different life' career fantasy, I'd relish being a journalist who listens to peoples' stories and shares them for others' delight and insight. (Think Terry Gross of Fresh Air fame,

Krista Tippett, or Bill Moyers). Within our Caldwell community, Beautiful Lofty People are prolific, and here I sit with access to such bounty; sometimes, what we long for is right in front of us. So let's give this a go - the inauguration of a Caldwell Alumni Newsletter feature: profiles of our people.

'Beautiful Lofty' fits this crowd to a tee, and with the Spectator long gone, I'm taking the liberty of borrowing it for us ...or at least until someone proffers a better name.

I've relished how deeply this community connects around the profound questions common to every existence: 'What matters in life?' 'How to be of service to each other and the world?'

"What does wisdom look like, and how do we nurture its growth?' 'How do we grow our capacity for joy, wonder, love, and creativity?' These are some of the themes I expect us to listen for as we delve in. I expect we'll learn the sources our alumni draw from to build a meaningful life, and perhaps insights will emerge into the impact of Caldwell's mission, values, and community. Whatever happens, this will be fun.

Let's kick it off not with a written profile but with recorded stories from our March dinner seminar. Each March, we welcome the new class that joined us in February and send forth the seniors who leave and are about to graduate. To address these transitions, I turned to five alumni, asking them for their words to our students. What I received reflects our rich diversity of alumni life stories. They are a bounty of wisdom and whimsy. May you enjoy 'meeting' these alumni:

- [Ann Margaret Dietrich Hughes '13](#) (BS in Poultry Science). Feed Conversion Manager, Cobb-Vantress Incorporated, Monticello, KY.
- [Sindhu Ravishankar '12](#) (BS in Biology, BA in International Development, Masters in International Development, Univeristy of Oxford). Vice President Programs & Research, Fast Track Cities Institute, Washington, D.C.
- [Brad Anglemyer '99](#) (BS in Zoology, M.D. UNC Medical School). Emergency Medical Physician, Novant Health Matthews & Huntersville Medical Center.
- [KeJuan Weaver '14](#) (BS in Elementary Education, Masters in Sport & Fitness Admin at Arkansas State University). Professional Communications Teacher, Coach & Athletics Director: Mansfield, Texas.
- [Paul Paliyenko '79](#) (BS in Architecture, MS in Film, Boston University). Actor, Sound designer.

I look forward to listening and sharing more stories in the months ahead.

Gratefully,

*Janice*





*Fellows geared up to build the 2024 Shack*

## **ShackaThon 2024! Caldwell Fellows raise support for Affordable Housing.**

If you were a Fellow in the last 25 years, you know 'ShackaThon' as part of the Caldwell tradition. ShackaThon draws campus attention to the issue of affordable housing each year as students build and staff a shack on the center of campus while soliciting funds to support the work of Habitat for Humanity. This year the event was moved to Wolf Plaza due to the construction of the new College of Sciences building in the brickyard. For a full week, current Fellows set up shop at the Shack selling houseplants, books, and small crafts to raise money in support of Habitat for Humanity - one of our long time service-learning partners. We are grateful to all the current Fellows who helped make this year a success by raising over \$2,000!









*Caldwell Fellows alumni at the UMass club during our Boston Urban Adventures trip in March.*

## Boston Urban Adventure trip recap

March 9 - 13, for a portion of Spring Break, ten Fellows along with Janice and Chester, embarked on a remarkable urban adventure in Boston, a city renowned for its rich history and vibrant culture. Over five days, we delved into the city's depths, beginning with an electrifying performance by the Blue Man Group and exploring historic landmarks like the Freedom Trail. The highlight of the trip, in fact our true purpose, was the opportunity to meet with alumni for a sneak peek into their work lives and conversations about the impact of servant-leadership in their professional roles. These folks generously hosted us for visits at their work sites: around Boston:

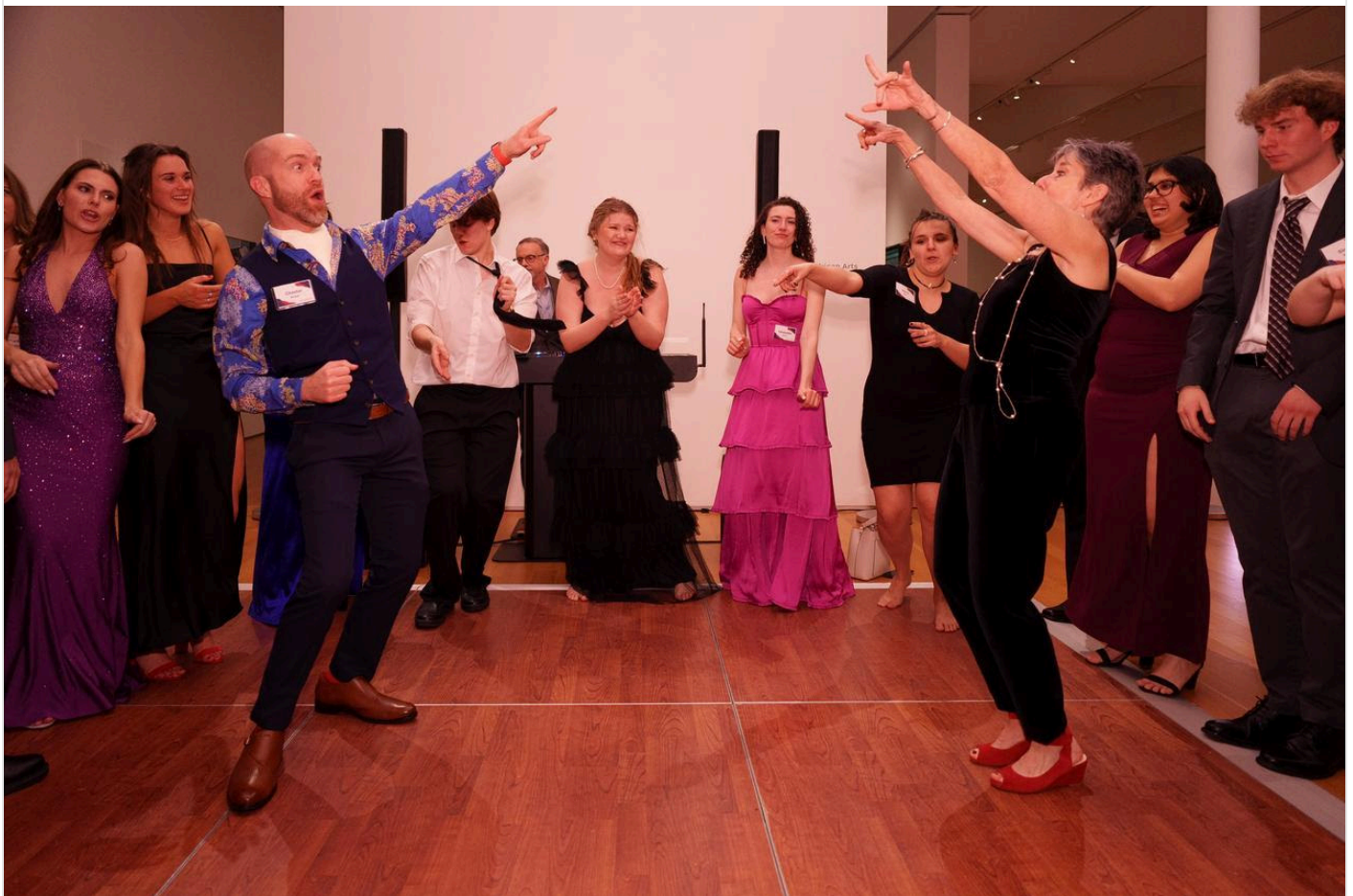
- Dan Claff, 2011, led us on a historical walking tour of the city
- Jim Bales, 1984, at MIT demonstrated (with our help) his work in physics and high speed photography
- Bobby Barnes 2000, at Fidelity Investments provided compelling testimony to the integration of servant-leadership into his approach to management.



- Patrick White, 2011, gave us an inside look at expeditionary learning at Codman Academy where he serves as principal and seeks to model a school on the principles of servant-leadership.
- John Martin, 1985, provided us a tour of Elkus Manfredi Architects and engaged our Fellows in thoughtful conversation

A highlight of the trip was a dinner at the UMass Club, hosted by John and Tracy Martin, where, in addition to the alumni above, we were joined by Forrest Brown, Mark Clapp, Tommy Sebastian, Jocelyn Barahona, and Joseph Moo-Young.

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*The Doctors salute one another on the dance floor at the 2024 Caldwell Gala!*

## Selection Day / Alumni Weekend 2024 Recap

February 2024 was a bustling month for the Caldwell Fellows Program, brimming with activities for both current fellows and alumni. The month kicked off with Semi-Finalist Day on February

3rd, where over 90 semi-finalists, alumni, seniors, and program staff convened at SAS Hall for a day of engagement in the first round of the selection processes. We are grateful to all who participated in facilitating these sessions.

February 24th marked Caldwell Fellows Selection Day. At Hunt Library, 60 student finalists underwent interviews with 72 alumni and friends of the program, resulting in the announcement of the new Caldwell Fellows Class of 2027. Simultaneously, at the Park Alumni Center, a new event “**Caldwell Conversations**”, ignited discussions among alumni and current fellows on the theme of "Creating a Life of Meaning," led by Class of '08 alum Cary Strickland. The day concluded with our traditional celebratory Gala at the North Carolina Museum of Art, where current fellows, alumni, and friends reveled in camaraderie, dancing, and shared experiences, underscoring the invaluable contributions of alumni to the Caldwell Fellows community.

To see photos from the Gala visit <https://tpf1952.zenfolio.com/cf2024>.

The weekend also included a casual meet up at the StateView Hotel on Friday night the 23rd, attended by about 50 alumni and friends. The eagerness for alumni connections is palpable and we are already looking forward to what next year's weekend will look like. Mark your calendars now for the weekend of **February 15, 2025**.

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*Members of the Caldwell Class of 2027 at Walnut Creek Wetland Center.*

## Introducing the Caldwell Class of 2027

This year witnessed a record number of 327 applications from diverse backgrounds and majors. The rigorous selection processes included written applications, a semi-finalist group exercise for 90 students, 60 of whom made it to finalist interviews. Over 150 alumni and friends contributed to the selection process, emphasizing the program's commitment to identifying individuals with the character and potential for servant-leadership development.

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**NC STATE****CfS****Day of Giving 2024**

## 2024 Day of Giving Recap

On NC State's 2024 Day of Giving, we saw a groundswell of support, with \$282,594 raised from 511 generous gifts from alumni and friends. This outpouring of support is a testament to the belief in the program's mission to foster the growth of servant-leaders. Your contributions not only provide the necessary financial resources for the deep experiential programming we offer but also serve as a vote of confidence in our leadership development endeavors. Each donation, regardless of size, plays a crucial role in empowering students to positively impact their communities and beyond. Aside from staff salaries, all program resources come fully from

donations. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who was able to make a gift to the program for their unwavering support and commitment to nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

Special thanks go to Brad Wallace and Jim Webb. Their early gifts kickstarted the day. Wallace reflected on the profound influence of mentors like Pat Lee and Dr. Gerald Hawkins during his time at NC State. Webb, a distinguished retired North Carolina Superior Court judge and NCSU Class of 1974 graduate, made a substantial gift to support the Gerald Hawkins Endowment. Webb's journey, deeply influenced by a chance encounter with Chancellor Caldwell in 1969, underscores the profound impact of mentorship on shaping lives and careers. His contribution not only honors Chancellor Caldwell's legacy but also paves the way for others to thrive through the Caldwell Fellows Program. Their generosity embodies a commitment to nurturing the next wave of servant leaders, ensuring they have access to the same transformative experiences they did.

## Might as well have fun

We're all quite giddy with the run of wins our NCState men and women are racking up in basketball. **Marianne Romanat (1993)** captures the spirit of it all so very well in the column she penned about NCSU basketball for her congregation. The lead pastor of a Methodist parish, Marianne's column reflects the context of her faith but also provides a reflection on the contagion of joy that transcends any particular belief and connects us all.

<https://njoyngod.wordpress.com/2024/04/01/might-as-well-have-fun/>

Thank you Marianne.

Here's to places of unexpected, unbridled joy.



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