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From The Director

Hi Everyone –

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Things are winding down here on campus in anticipation of break, but it's been very busy for the last few weeks. Here are a few highlights!

Last year, Drew Jandes and Brian Delany (now seniors) were chosen as fellows to the prestigious Center for the Study of the Presidency program in Washington D.C. Fellows write research papers, with the guidance of a mentor in Washington, on some topic relevant to the Presidency. They also travel to Washington D.C. in the fall for a weekend conference, and again in the spring for a weekend conference. They present paper proposals in the fall and their final papers in the spring. This program attracts students from the best private and public institutions in the country, and fellowships are sponsored and funded by private donors. Tom Nies at Cincom has generously funded our students to attend the Center. We just found out recently that Brian Delany's paper was one of 19 chosen to be published in the Center's annual proceedings book, out of 85 papers submitted. Please join me in congratulating Drew and Brian on their successful participation. This year, Dom Berardi is the CSP fellow. I'm sure he will find it a wonderful experience also.

The freshmen had their etiquette dinner earlier this month. They

dined at the Palace Restaurant in the Cincinnati Hotel, and needless to say, the food and the ambiance were wonderful! I recommend it highly! Dining etiquette is only one topic that is covered during their Business Etiquette seminar with LisaMarie Luccioni, and it was obvious that the students had mastered this part of the curriculum!

The Lindner Honors-PLUS Open House before the Miami football game was well attended by current students, staff, alumni and donors. It was great weather, and we won the game! This is an annual event before a football game each year, so look for it again next year.

All of you alumni – be sure to join the InCircle network and join the Lindner Honors-PLUS group. It's a great way to keep in touch with other grads, and to get information about events going on in the program. Soon juniors and seniors at UC will be able to join also, so it will be a great way for them to talk to our grads about potential careers and other “after graduation” issues. There are other groups for the College of Business, some disciplines within the college (e.g. accounting) and even interest groups like basketball, football and motorcycle enthusiasts! The website is: <https://cincinnati.affinitycircles.com/cincinnati/>.

Speaking of alums, congratulations to Jay Hummel, who was named to the Cincinnati Business Courier's 40 Under 40 list...at only 26! Jay

was named to the list based on his professional accomplishments, and also for his outstanding leadership of GiveBack Cincinnati, the community service organization for young professionals of which he is President. GiveBack was recently in the news for their free meal program over Thanksgiving – which feeds hundreds of individuals and families a Thanksgiving dinner. Congratulations Jay!

One more thing: last Wednesday's Enquirer (11/22) featured a story in their Careers section on Dustin Alvey, a Lindner Honors-PLUS pre-junior, co-oping at Bahl & Gaynor Investment Counsel. It was a great article about his experiences at Bahl & Gaynor, a downtown investment firm that has been very supportive of our students through co-op, which is greatly appreciated. Dustin is also on the varsity baseball team here at UC.

Best wishes for a great holiday season! And of course.....Go Bearcats!

Jeri Ricketts

Co-Op of the Month – Credit Suisse, NYC

by: Jordan Brewer

The sun was setting and some motor boats gently lazied on the river's surface. Feeling rather exhausted from the work week and my run, I was headed back to my apartment when I heard something that struck my ear. A child looked up to his mother and stated, "The water looks pretty rough out there." I felt compelled to take a second glance and gaze out onto the Hudson once more before I left the park. This was no dream, I was really here.....

When I found out that I would be working for Credit Suisse this summer, I could barely contain my excitement. After only one year of college, I would be fulfilling my dream of living in New York City in addition to working for a very successful, renowned company. And as luck would have it, two of my fraternity brothers from Beta Theta Pi would be living in New York as they looked for work, now graduated. Schedules and plans were difficult to finalize but summer came and I was shipped off to the next chapter of my surreal Lindner Honors-PLUS career.

My arrival in New York was pretty amusing now that I can reminisce about it. Let's keep the story short and touch upon the highlights: broken cell phone (no one knew for hours that I was in the city safely), navigating the subways by getting on wrong trains and getting off countless stops away from where I should have, and finally traversing 8 blocks dragging 2 suitcases through Harlem while in my business suit. So my start to the summer was an interesting one. But luckily things ran smoother the rest of the way.

Transitioning into investment banking when knowing nothing about the field is quite a task. I give much thanks to wikipedia and my manager for educating me so that I could perform my tasks and make

the most of my job. The division I was placed into is called Product Control and acts like Quality Assurance for the IB department. My daily tasks were really quite interesting and meaningful. I was responsible for taking reports in from M&A and Equities (among others) and then compiling a Profit & Loss report that was sent out to upper management. In addition, I was given ad hoc projects by the tax department. These were used to calculate and assign attributions of deals to the bankers in our three sectors (Americas, Europe, and Pacific). Occasionally, I was given some auditing work from Operational Excellence whenever they needed an extra hand.

Outside the cubicle, the internship program for Credit Suisse was very well run by a very respectable and hard working HR staff. My group of twenty-five interns was given the chance to participate in unique, special activities. These included firm-wide speaker series, a tour on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, a dinner cruise around Manhattan, and one-on-one discussions with executives and senior members of the company.



(Jordan is in the back row, 5th from the left)

We were also given end-of-summer projects which allowed us to develop our ability to communicate in a corporate environment.

Also, mobility through departments was emphasized as we were encouraged to speak with other departments and managers. I personally spoke with the managing directors of Corporate Communications (marketing), the Foundation (philanthropy), and Credit Risk Management. I shadowed front-office traders on the floor and had breakfast with Mr. Thornburgh and lunch with the COO of Americas, Lewis Wirshba. Mine was a truly amazing Wall Street experience.

This past quarter has given me enough lessons and stories to last a lifetime. The first-hand work I received has helped to focus my interests and plan my future endeavors. I would love to return to Credit Suisse this summer as I start my co-op rotations to be placed in the real estate division of credit risk management. But who knows? The greatest things in life are the ones that you never thought you would enjoy. Being in the Lindner Honors-PLUS program has given too much to me already that I cannot predict where it will lead next. All that I am sure of is that life is not a paved path. The course is always changing. The surface is rough. But no matter which direction the waves toss me in, new lands lie to be discovered.

Jordan Brewer
Class of 2010

BearCAT (Community Action Team)

by: Brian Rapien

BearCAT, or Community Action Team, is a new organization created by students to develop strategies to promote communication, relationships, cooperation, and community connectedness among all members of the Clifton Community. Our mission statement is "to engage UC students and faculty to make a positive impact in the communities that directly surround the University of Cincinnati." The BearCAT team is comprised of 9 ambassadors: Patrick Carr, JR Curry, Kaitlin Keegan, Daniel Larsen, Jon Lloyd, Melissa Ozarzak, Brian Rapien, Jason Waller and Sam Walston, as well as the Student Body President and Vice President, Jerry Tsai and Jeremy Driscoll and Daniel Cummins, Director of Judicial Affairs, advises the organization. Two of the 11 members are Lindner Honor-PLUS students.

As a new organization we wanted to make a big impact on the community during this holiday season. On Thanksgiving Eve, BearCAT decided to provide food boxes for five families in the Clifton neighborhood.



(Brian Rapien & Sam Walston carrying the decorated boxes).

The ambassadors worked closely with St. George Food Pantry to obtain the names of families in the neighborhood that needed assistance during the holidays. The team contacted these families and worked to put together boxes that contained everything to prepare the perfect holiday meal. On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, a few members from the BearCAT team went out into Clifton, using university vehicles, to deliver the decorated boxes to the families. The families averaged eight per household, consisting mostly of young children. We were warmly welcomed by each family. Everyone had a smile on their face and hugs to give away. The Thanksgiving spirit really began to shine through.



(1st Row: Brian Rapien, Burns daughter and son, Yolanda Burns
2nd Row: Melissa Ozarzak, Kaitlin Keegan, Jason Waller, Sam Walston, Burns daughter, Jeremy Driscoll (Student Body VP).

Delivering the boxes of food to these families helped the BearCAT team realize the importance and the impact that we can have on the community

with such a simple act. We all agree that this was a highly successful event and we plan to do many more events of a similar nature in the future. This is the first year that BearCAT has been established so it is still in the process of planting its roots. We held a Clifton Clean-up in the fall and will hold more events in the upcoming winter and spring quarters and are looking to get more UC students incorporated into our events. More information about BearCAT and our events can be seen at www.uc.edu/sga/bearcat.htm.



(Pictured (left to right): Brian Rapien, Danny Larsen, Lynette Wilson and daughter, Jason Waller, Melissa Ozarzak, Sam Walston, Wilson daughter, Kaitlin Keegan, Wilson son.)

Brian Rapien
Class of 2010

UC Symphony Orchestra

by: Susan Kayser

The UC Symphony Orchestra's Fall Concert is December 4th, 8pm-9:30pm in the Werner Recital Hall in CCM. The concert is free for students and faculty members and there will be refreshments afterward. The UCSO is open to students of all majors and talents. This is their first year performing as a class, and they are very excited!

They are actively seeking new members throughout the year as some members must leave between quarters because of co-op, study abroad, etc.

To join, send an e-mail to orchestra@uc.edu with your name, instrument, and contact information. UC students are also required to [register](#) for the "UC Symphony Orchestra" course offered through CCM. This will give UC students class credit for participating in the orchestra and an easy A just for showing up. Students can register for either 1 credit hour or 0 credit hours for those who must avoid overload charges. The course number is **16 ENSM 191** and the call number is **910416**.

Susan is a Lindner Honors-PLUS student, and also works for with public relations for USCO.

Susan Kayser
Class of 2010



Items of Interest

Katie Jansen, Class of 2011, was recently accepted into the Future Greek Leaders Council. She also competes with UC's Equestrian Team. You'll hear more about this in a future edition.

Jessica Vater and **Rebecca Cook**, Class of 2007, **Krista Detmer** and **Carly Weiler**, Class of 2008, were recently tapped into CWEST.

Krista Detmer, Class of 2008, was also named as *Delta Sigma Pi's Collegian of the Year* this fall.

Jay Radley, Class of 2009, was tapped into Phi Rho Chi, the Order of Omega & the Cincinnatus Honorary Society.

Lisa Morris, Class of 2007, just got engaged last weekend to Joe Reeder. Joe works full time for Deloitte & Touche in Cleveland. A wedding date has been set for Nov. 10, 2007!

Matt Yung, Class of 2007 is President of Pi Kappa Alpha (Pike) and Treasurer of Omicron Delta Kappa.

Dom Berardi, Class of 2007, is President of Sigma Sigma

Doug Cushman, Class of 2009, is Treasurer of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Alumni News



Joey Elam, Class of 2003, was married to Nika on October 22, 2006. They had an outdoor wedding at Polen Farm in Kettering, OH, and although it was a frigid 43 degrees, cloudy and windy, the wedding went off beautifully. They rented a cabin in the Smokeys for their honeymoon, and had a wonderful time enjoying the great fall weather!

Todd Barnes, Class of 2004, was recently promoted to Senior Financial Auditor at Fifth Third Bank.

Jenn (Yale) Kidd, Class of 2003, joined Saatchi & Saatchi X on September 26th as a Senior Account Executive.



Tim Metzner, Class of 2005, proposed to his girlfriend, Kristy Gangloff, on Saturday, October 14th, on top of Sky Bridge in Red River Gorge, KY. Kristy said yes and they had a great time celebrating with their parents (she didn't know they were there). They are planning a wedding date in the fall of 2008.

Regina Hoell, Class of 2004, was accepted into the MS-Marketing program at UC this fall, and received a University Graduate Scholarship to complete her degree.

Nancy Gannon (graduating early this December), Class of 2007, was asked to be a Student Marshall and Flag Bearer for the December graduation ceremonies.

Nov. Birthdays

Jacquelyn Ducat	Nov. 2 nd
Krista Detmer	Nov. 4 th
Anna Geimeier	Nov. 5 th
Bridgett McDermott	Nov. 12 th
Ben Zimmerman	Nov. 13 th
Jordan Brewer	Nov. 13 th
Megan McElroy	Nov. 14 th
Taylor Lawson	Nov. 14 th
Neil Drake	Nov. 18 th
Ben Roemer	Nov. 20 th
Don Hunter	Nov. 20 th
Alex Arroyo	Nov. 25 th
Lisa Morris	Nov. 25 th

Dec. Birthdays

Andrew Jandes	Dec. 1 st
Jennifer Hacker	Dec. 1 st
Derek Brown	Dec. 4 th
Zachary Glutz	Dec. 14 th
Jessica Carrier	Dec. 16 th
Zach Gillerlain	Dec. 18 th
Nancy Gannon	Dec. 21 st
Andrew Rahe	Dec. 23 rd
Joe McVicker	Dec. 25 th
Kyle Dearduff	Dec. 26 th
Michael Rosier	Dec. 26 th
Maxwell Schneider	Dec. 27 th
Matt Yung	Dec. 31 st

