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## From The Director

Hi Everyone,

Given the longer than usual length of this newsletter, I'm going to keep my introductory comments short. There's so much information and great news packed into this edition of our newsletter, and I hope you enjoy reading it.

The biggest news is, of course, related to graduation – our sixth class to graduate from Lindner Honors-PLUS. They have proudly continued the incredible legacy that we are building here in the Lindner Honors-PLUS Program with a lengthy list of awards and accomplishments, and we're going to miss them – but they're off on some pretty amazing adventures, and we wish them all the best. I do want to take time to thank the parents who have contributed to our parent fund, whose generosity made possible the graduation party that we held for the graduates and their parents. We truly appreciate your support.

Our incoming freshmen will meet each other at our annual welcome event in early July

during orientation. Wachovia Securities sponsors this event for us, through the generosity of Mr. Richard Wilhelm, a UC College of Business alum. This class is filled with another stellar bunch of kids – and I'm sure you'll be reading all about them in future newsletters.

The other big story this summer is our Lindner Honors-PLUS study abroad trip to Asia –our first trip ever to a destination outside of Europe. Our pre-juniors (juniors this fall) will leave on August 7 to spend a week in Seoul, five days in Beijing, five days in Chengdu, and three days in Hong Kong. About two thirds of their class are then traveling on their own for another week or so in the region. I'm sure this will be a life-changing experience for all of them. I'm expecting lots of great pictures from the trip in our next newsletter!

Finally, this fall we are celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lindner Honors-PLUS; our first Lindner Honors-PLUS class started in the fall of 1997, and in celebration of our success, we're planning a 10 year

anniversary banquet. **Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 8, 2007.** We're hoping to have a great turnout from all of our current students, alumni, corporate sponsors who employ our students as interns, co-ops, or permanently, and those of you who have donated your time and/or money to the program in support of our students. We're planning a great evening, so watch for further information on this – I'm hoping that everyone reading this is in attendance at the banquet!

Have a great summer everyone!

*Jeri Ricketts*

## Graduating Class of 2007

by: Donna Fisher



### Lindner Honors-PLUS Graduating Class of 2007

**Max Bauer-Nilsen** – *Cum Laude*;  
Honors Scholar

**Braden Bennie** – Honors Scholar

**Dominic Berardi** – Presidential Leadership Award; Mr. Bearcat; “Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities”; Greek Male Outstanding Achievement Award; Honors Scholar. Also undergraduate commencement speaker.

**Jeff Brawand** – Outstanding Co-Op Student of the year in Finance; Sprit of Community Award, College of Business; Honors Scholar.

**Jessica (Carrier) Scott** – Honors Scholar

**Rebecca Cook** – *Cum Laude*; James Rankin Award for Building Community; C-Ring Finalist; “Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities”; Honors-Scholar

**Adam Curley** – Honors Scholar

**Brian Delany** – *Magna Cum Laude*;  
Distinguished Honors Scholar

**Stefanie Dressler** – *Magna Cum Laude*;  
Distinguished Honors Scholar

**Krista Detmer** – *Magna cum Laude*;  
Outstanding Finance Student, CoB;  
Distinguished Honors Scholar

**Jacquelyn Ducat** – *Cum Laude*;  
Outstanding Co-Op International Business Student; Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key; Distinguished Honors Scholar

**Zach Gillerlain** – *Cum Laude*;  
Outstanding Co-Op Student for Industrial Management; Honors Scholar

**Abby Hunter** – *Cum Laude*; Honors Scholar

**Andrew Jandes** – *Cum Laude*; Honors Scholar

**Braden Martini** – *Cum Laude*;  
Outstanding Co-Op for Accounting;  
Honors Scholar

**Greg McElfresh** – *Summa Cum Laude*;  
Distinguished Honors Scholar

**Nicole Meyer** – Honors Scholar

**Lisa Morris** – Honors Scholar

**Timothy (TJ) Murphy** – Honors Scholar

**Mike Rosier** – Honors Scholar

**Kristen Schroeder** – *Summa Cum Laude*;  
Outstanding Marketing Student of the Year, CoB; Distinguished Honors Scholar

**Chris Simendinger** – Honors Scholar

**Jessica Vater** – *Summa Cum Laude*;  
Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key;  
Outstanding Accounting Student, CoB;  
Outstanding CoB Student of the Year;  
Distinguished Honors Scholar

**Ashley Vissing** – *Magna Cum Laude*;  
Distinguished Honors Scholar

**Jessica Young** – *Magna Cum Laude*;  
Honors Scholar

**Matt Yung** – *Magna Cum Laude*;  
“Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities”;  
Greek Man of the Year; Greek Male Athlete of the Year; Distinguished Honors Scholar

**Ben Zimmerman** – Honors Scholar

## Graduating Class of 2007, cont

by: Donna Fisher

I asked our graduates if they had any parting words to share in the newsletter:

*“Deciding to enroll in the Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS program was one of the best decisions I ever made and I am truly grateful to be a part of this program. I am confident and ready to enter the business world due to all the opportunities that the Lindner Honors-PLUS program has given me such as my diverse co-op experience, participation in two international business programs and emphasis on campus involvement. I definitely credit Lindner Honors-PLUS for their contribution to my accomplishments and for helping me to develop into the person I am today. I hope that I will be able to give back to the program for all that it has given me.”* **Jessica Vater**

*“When I look back at my last 5 years, I never could imagine myself at the place I am today without the Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS program and the people involved. Not only have I received extreme opportunities to seize, but I have developed some of the most proud relationships that will last a lifetime. I feel privileged to have been a part of such an incredible program.”*

**Nicole Meyer**

*“Lindner Honors-PLUS was the reason I came to UC. After five years, I can honestly say that the program has delivered on every promise it made. I've studied under some amazing professors, made solid professional connections, and experienced international business firsthand. I'm proud to have been a part of such a wonderful, respected program.”* **Abby Hunter**

*“Everyone says that “college is the best time of your life”. As you are going through each year, I think most students hear that expression time and time again, but not many truly appreciate it! I have definitely developed an appreciation for loving life at the University of Cincinnati. It may be because co-op has given me the chance to get excited again for school or that I have developed so many life-long relationships, but whatever it really is, I know that I have loved every minute of it.”*

*“The only advice that I have to underclassmen in the program is that it is to your benefit to truly find something you are passionate about. When you get into the “real world” don't look back and wish you would have tried a different co-op, or branched out and made new friends, just take the time to do it now. You have so many opportunities at your disposal and it is up to you to enjoy each and every moment you have during these five years!!! And, seriously, try to stay for the whole five years because there is so much to gain from the experience.”*

*“I also want to thank everyone in the program for being such an amazing group of students, advisors, sponsors, faculty, and staff. It has been so much fun developing relationships and getting prepared for what is to come. Thank you for this wonderful experience!!!”*

**Kristen Schroeder**

*“Whoever said ‘College is the best time of your life’ was absolutely right. At no other time will you grow and experience so much. And it goes by quickly. Too quickly. I*

*can't say thank you enough for the opportunities given by Lindner Honors-PLUS. The work experience and advanced classes provided us all with an exceptional education and advantage over other graduates. It was tough, but we survived!”*

*“It will be hard to say goodbye to spring breaks, switching from the working world to academia, Donna's candy jar, international trips, those parties from freshman year, calls at 2am, late-night calculus study sessions in Turner, that “Teamwork” poster, karaoke and Club Emma in Finland, Raj dancing on stage at the Hofbrauhaus in Munich, the never ending Adderall speech, the Delta project, baguettes in Paris, UC's changing landscape of construction, Ursula, the fire in Turner, the engagement pool, and, of course, the Lindner Christmas Party.”*

*“Thanks to all who helped make these memories. And remember, Cleveland is four hours away....”*

**Lisa Morris**

*“I have grown much more than I ever expected during the past 5 years and am extremely grateful to the Lindner Honors-PLUS program for affording me those opportunities. I have studied abroad in Europe and South America, gaining exposure to different cultures in each country. Additionally, I have made great friends along the way. It has been an honor to be part of this program.”* **Stefanie Dressler**

## Graduating Class of 2007, cont

by: Donna Fisher

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*"While I am grateful for the opportunities the Lindner Honors-PLUS Program has granted me, I must say I am graduating with a few disadvantages. I'll be leaving with next to nothing in outstanding student loans. I still very much like the taste of ramen noodles. After visiting seven countries, I know way too much about the global environment, and have a hard time focusing in on my little city. I am unable to claim rookie in the workplace, after all, I do have two years of work experience. The maids that cleaned my dorm freshman year taught me nothing about keeping a clean house. All these honors classes I took will keep me from ever saying, "Well I got this degree, but I still don't know anything about it." And maybe worst of all, I'll graduate from this program never having the opportunity to look for a wife since I already met mine right in my class. Despite these severe disadvantages, I'd have to say the past 5 years have been a pretty good time".*

**Greg McElfresh**

*"The Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS program has provided me a college education that most dream about. The international trip to Europe, cooperative education, and the experienced and supportive administrative staff and faculty have stretched me to achieve more than I could imagine during my tenure at UC. The leadership and purpose that each student exudes has*

*helped me grow immensely in all facets of my life. I could never thank Lindner Honors-PLUS enough for the opportunity to be a part of this prestigious program. "*

**Braden Martini**

*"My experience with the Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS program at UC has proven to be the most pivotal point of my life thus far. During this time, Jeri and Donna have provided support and encouragement that has empowered me to live the most exciting, prosperous and successful life imaginable. From the beginning, Jeri's warmth and encouragement guided me through the early, intimidating years of college. During the middle years, Jeri's motherly wisdom and love paired with Donna's persistence and care ushered me into the final and most meaningful years. Now, starring into the face of professional competition and challenges, I have the confidence to strive forward with confidence and perseverance."*

**Jessica Carrier Scott**

*"Carl H. Linder Honors-PLUS can be attributed to some of the best times of my life. I've made friends here that will last a life-time and had experiences that are unforgettable. I will always remember the great times back in the Turner Hall and, of course, the Europe trip adventure. It has been a wonderful five years for me and I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to be a Lindner Honors-PLUS student."* **Jacquelyn Ducat**

*"The best way to get something really valuable out of your college experience is to go way beyond what's expected of you in everything. Make it a point of personal pride to exploit every tool available to you for every challenge you take on. In classes, learn what they're asking you to learn and then figure out how to do something original with it. In organizations, figure out how to accomplish the goals of the organization, then find a way to use the organization for a larger goal. In your personal life, relentlessly question how each of the decisions you make effects your long-term ambitions, and train yourself to focus on the things that help you achieve what you want."*

*"Of course, the upshot of this approach to life is that you will be forever striving for more, greater things, and as a result you will never be content. To that I say: you can approach happiness in two different, equally valid ways. You can either discipline yourself to give up your desires and be content exactly where you are, or you can discipline yourself to do the things required to achieve your desires. The latter path is the one I choose: to be perpetually seeking greater accomplishment. The fact that you've chosen the path of education and industry implies you have at least implicitly chosen the same path; whether or not you will succeed on that path depends on how clearly you understand the path you've chosen."* **TJ Murphy**

## Graduating Class of 2007, cont

by: Donna Fisher

*"The Lindner Honors-PLUS Program has provided me academic excellence through its accelerated course curriculum. The international study abroad has given me the opportunity to experience different cultures and learn about business practices through various company visits. My six co-ops with Procter & Gamble have challenged me outside of the classroom to advance within the workplace environment. The Lindner Honors-PLUS Program has definitely exceeded my expectations in college and has prepared me for a successful career that I look forward to starting."* **Maxwell Bauer-Nilsen**

*"The past five years have honestly been the most rewarding and challenging years of my life. I cannot express how important and beneficial it has been for me to be involved in various campus organizations and events. Being successful during your college career is not just measured by your performance in the classroom. Although academics are important, much can be said for the lasting impact made through campus involvement. As I move on to other challenges and events of my life, I urge all the remaining Lindner Honors-PLUS students to never take "no" for an answer...you CAN achieve it all!"* **Rebecca Cook**

*"Looking back on the past 5 years, it's easy to see how the Honors-PLUS program shaped the direction of my collegiate years, and in a large sense encouraged many of the*

*experiences that have helped mold the person I am today."*

*"It's safe to say that many of my most cherished experiences came about as a result of simply 'stepping up to the plate'- rising to the challenge of meeting Lindner Honors-PLUS expectations, whether through leadership positions, study abroad and international exposure, or co-op experiences."*

*"The Lindner Honors-PLUS program proved to be invaluable in that it established an outline of a desired repertoire to acquire, long before I knew what one should resemble, and then gave me the liberty to fill in the blanks according to my interests, and in the process discover my niche."* **Jessica Young**

*"My experience in Lindner Honors-PLUS didn't start until my second year, but not until then did my college career really begin to blossom. Some of my favorite memories include our trip to Europe, as well as having other fellow Lindner Honors-PLUS students help me found Rotaract on campus. Lindner Honors-PLUS also introduced me to Delta Sigma Pi and created lasting friendships. Some of my room mates were even Lindner Honors-PLUS students, which always made for a good time. There are many people who have helped along the way, but I especially need to thank Jeri, Mr. Lindner, and Raj. Lindner Honors-PLUS has given me experiences and opportunities I could never get anywhere else!!"* **Jeff Brawand**

*"Lindner Honors-PLUS has helped define my college career at UC. I have made friendships that will be with me forever and have been exposed to ample opportunity to succeed. I have been able to surround myself with people that challenge and push me to new heights. I have become a better leader and more successful because of this. In addition to Lindner Honors-PLUS, involvement at UC has molded me into the person I am today. I have grown in every organization I have been in and taken on executive positions in those organizations. I have built a solid base through my college experience to continue to push myself further in my professional career."*

**Adam Curley**

*"Lindner Honors-PLUS is more than a program or an educational project, it is a community. Every one of us came in with potential, but like a lump of clay we were roughly formed. We lived, learned, and cultivated in one another the nobler virtues that have come to soften those edges and refine our shape. As I look around at my fellow classmates I see a remarkable group of Men and Women. Armed with far more than a diploma, together we graduates are prepared to contribute the leadership, professionalism, and integrity that will drive the business community."*

**Dominic Berardi**

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## Graduating Class of 2007, cont

*“Go big or go home!” While at the University of Cincinnati I challenged myself to live my life to the fullest and tried to make the most out of all the opportunities the Lindner Honors-PLUS program provided. My tenure as an undergrad definitely flew by too quickly but it was without a doubt an awesome five years. I have come to realize that I was able to have such a positive college experience thanks to three different factors: being myself, seizing opportunities, and the support of those amazing people around me. First, I always tried to be congenial and made a constant effort to carry myself in a confident, yet humble manner. Second, I challenge everyone that reads this to embrace risks that will force you outside of your comfort zone and learn as much as you can about yourself from these challenging experiences. I was able to maximize my growth as an individual by going Greek, by getting involved on campus, by socializing constantly with as many people as possible, and by living in unfamiliar environments while on co-op, domestic and abroad. Third, the constant support and superior advice I received from family, friends, alumni, Lindner Honors-PLUS administrators, and everyone else associated with the program, for providing me with everything that I needed to just be myself and seize the day. Thank You! Finally, I will make sure that I never forget where I am from and will continue to express my gratitude in the future by giving back in any way that I can to my beloved University. I am*

*proud to be a Bearcat!!!”*

**Braden Bennie**

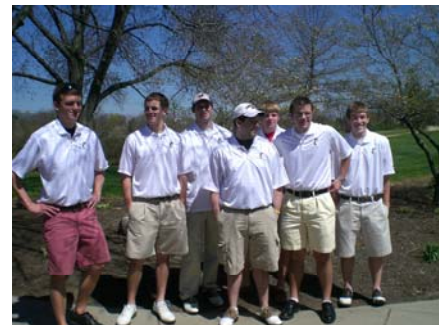
*If I could attribute my success and enjoyment in college to one thing, it would be utilizing the connections of older Lindner Honors-PLUS students. Utilizing their connections is a great way to expose yourself to an abundance of diverse student groups. Being involved in student organizations at UC has allowed me to do the following: meet lifelong friends, show pride in the university, network, display my talents, leave my mark on this university, and above all, being involved has allowed me to EXPERIENCE college in every sense imaginable. Take a look around and see what the Lindner Honors-PLUS students have done in the past and challenge yourself and your class do one better for the classes behind you; the possibilities are endless.*

**Matt Yung**

## Delta Sigma Pi Outing

On Saturday, April 21, brothers of the professional business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi, hosted a philanthropy golf outing to benefit Junior Achievement (JA) at Neumann Golf Course. Junior Achievement educates and inspires young people to participate in the global economy through age-appropriate programs focusing on entrepreneurship, work, readiness, and financial literacy. A long time partner with UC's Alpha Theta Chapter, JA provides volunteer opportunities through which Deltasigs interact directly with students. Lindner Honors-PLUS students Jen Schuster and Jeff Brawand and Business Scholar Jenna Yoder led the planning for the golf outing, and were supported by the many Lindner Honors-PLUS students in Delta Sigma Pi. In addition to the golf scramble, participants enjoyed hole competitions, raffles, and a silent auction where they bid on items ranging from a beach vacation to a Carson Palmer autographed football. Over 75 members of the University and local business communities attended the event, helping to raise almost \$2,600 for JA and Delta Sigma Pi. Thanks to the beautiful weather, superior planning, and great volunteers, the JA golf outing was a big success and we look forward to making it even better next year. For more information, please contact Brian Meyers at [meyersbg@gmail.com](mailto:meyersbg@gmail.com)

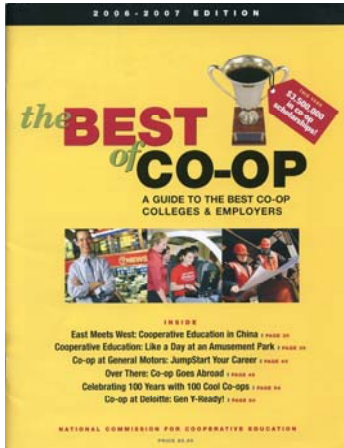
Brian Meyers  
Class of 2008



## Co-Op of the Month

## Deloitte & Touché

by: Nicholas Furtwengler & Tony DeBlasio



In the 2007 edition of *“the Best of Co-Op”* there were two quotes from two of our Lindner Honors-PLUS students about their co-op at Deloitte & Touché. I asked if they would each write a short article about their individual experiences there.

### Seeing the Value I Add to my Co-op: Deloitte & Touché

Two years ago I began my co-op career at Deloitte & Touché working in the firm’s corporate compliance group. From the beginning of my experience it was obvious that the firm was dedicated to the satisfaction of its employees. One of the main reasons I chose Deloitte over my other co-op employment opportunities was the firm’s client list. Being a “Big Four” accounting firm, and the largest of the Big Four in Cincinnati, the opportunities at Deloitte seemed endless.

Endless is a great way to describe my work with Deloitte so far. Not only are the hours sometimes endless but so are the rewards and benefits. Beginning in corporate compliance, better known by Deloitte employees as

Lead Tax Services (“LTS”), I developed a fundamental understanding of the world of tax. I work with Cincinnati’s largest companies as well as some of the largest companies in the region and world. Combining Cincinnati’s exceptional business community with Deloitte’s prestigious client list has enabled me to gain a broad understanding of how a client services firm operates.

In LTS at Deloitte, I not only worked with corporate compliance but also had a multitude of other tax experiences. I was able to see, first hand, how income flows from an s-corporation to the individual shareholders, the impact of new tax law in Ohio and at the federal level, and how a partnership functions when shares are distributed. I read about all of these processes in text books but actually learned how the organization and taxation of different tax structures worked during my co-op quarters.

After working in LTS for a year I decided I wanted to try something different. My ultimate career goal has always been to work with tax consulting from a legal aspect. I expressed my desire to try something different and Deloitte was happy to satisfy my request. In June of 2006, I began a new role at the firm in the State Strategic Tax Review (“SSTR”) group.

SSTR is a state tax consulting group that provides a comprehensive analysis of a client’s state tax position. Our group reviews the client’s state tax filing positions and

proposes changes that result in a net refund for the client. In addition to state tax review I have also had the opportunity to work with several merger and acquisition deals. Working with the SSTR group is fascinating because all of our clients are generally \$100 million in revenue or greater. Having experience with this level of revenue opens my eyes to the effect of changing a tax rate or apportionment factor by one hundredth of one percent.

In addition to the exciting nature of my new work with Deloitte, the people in the group are some of the most genuine professionals I have ever worked with. SSTR is comprised of state and local tax specialists who are experts in their fields. Their understanding of the tax code and how it applies to all different situations is captivating. Another benefit of working with the SSTR group is that I am working directly with partners, directors, senior managers, and managers. The group is small enough that I am given higher level projects and am developing a deeper understanding of the tax review process every day. It is obvious that the people I work with care about my development and realize that my role in the group is important and growing.

This June will mark my first year with the SSTR group and my second year with Deloitte. I have thoroughly enjoyed my work with the firm and have made many great friends along the way. There may be some weeks where the hours are endless but so are the benefits.

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My experience with the Deloitte firm atmosphere is that everyone is close and more like friends than employees. Whether we go out for happy hour after work on Friday, take a long lunch to celebrate a birthday, or attend each others Christmas parties, I have gained a wonderful network of colleagues *and* friends through my work at Deloitte.

In addition to just work, as any good Lindner Honors-PLUS student would, I have become involved with several committees at Deloitte. For the past two years I have been a member of the Breast Cancer Awareness Committee and the Busy Season Party Planning Committee (as resident college student of course) and have developed relationships outside of my regular service line with these committees. As our beloved Director, Jeri Ricketts always says, "Don't just go to class – go to college". I don't just go to work – I go to a career.

Nicholas Furtwengler  
Class of 2008

## Deloitte & Touch

Perception is everything. Sitting in my house's library doing home-work, far too often do I hear from fellow fraternity brothers, "So Tony, do you guys actually do anything?" Very funny, another College of Business joke. Those engineering students think that they're the only ones who work at this university, but unfortunately for them, they haven't had the same co-op experience as me.

I have worked for Deloitte, one of the Big Four public accounting firms, since my freshman summer internship. I started out in the audit department, working on-site with clients for my first three co-op quarters. Although traveling no farther than Dayton, I was able to experience numerous industries and everyday work environments with the guidance and interaction of a new engagement team every few weeks. At one point in the middle of my college career, I debated whether or not I was limiting myself by not seeking a different experience at another employer. Realizing the invaluable opportunity I had at Deloitte, I instead decided to try the tax department to test my options in a different line of work, and this is where I find myself today.

Here is where some of the intangibles of my co-op experience come into play. Deloitte was extremely open and willing to accommodate my move to tax, just as it will be in my choice of service line and clients.

The firm realizes that its single greatest asset is its people, and it knows how to treat them in turn.

by: Nick Furtwengler & Tony DiBlasio

During busy season, which I experienced this past winter quarter, the work can be quite long and taxing. The hours can approach the difficulty of two jobs, often limiting your availability outside the office, but I feel that my time and effort is worth it in the end, and the experience speaks for itself.

Deloitte fully realizes the value of its investments, giving co-ops the same work as a first or second-year staff. I deal mainly with compliance work, completing work papers and the resulting tax returns and forms for assigned client files. I will likely not see the type of consistent client interaction experienced during my earlier audit quarters until I reach the senior and manager levels, but I currently appreciate the office environment. There is something to be said for the convenience of the office compared to traveling to client sites each day, but more importantly, the relationships maintained daily with co-workers provide the biggest highlight for me.

Through the assigned work, conversation, and other interaction, the co-op label rarely applies. Expectations of time and effort and often results are the same. Hard work and dedication truly shine through when you're in the office past 10:00 p.m. for the third night in a row with the same team members trying to clear review notes and pump out a return, and a mutual respect is developed. Everyone in the office is willing to lend a hand and answer any questions you have, realizing both of you are in it for the long haul. As a result, the camaraderie in the office is unparalleled, a main attraction for

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me to the tax side. These relationships extend far beyond the workplace: whether it be a lunch to catch up, a random phone call to go to a Reds game, or a game of poker or racquetball after work, I truly feel like part of the team.

One lesson to learn from these relationships is the value of mentoring. I have been very fortunate to have a few great mentors through my experiences at Deloitte, including alumnus Jay Hummel, formerly of Deloitte. They have always been willing to guide me in the right direction and make me feel comfortable in my surroundings. I see firsthand how vital this figure can be in one's development, and I hope that I have in turn fostered such relationships with younger members in my campus organizations. The same effects can be said for friendships among fellow interns, of which Deloitte employs many from surrounding schools, as we face the same challenges and feed off of one another. Sitting next to someone every day for three straight months can go a long way in cultivating a valuable relationship: just ask Brad Stephens, a fellow Lindner Honors-PLUS student currently in his second year, a good friend of mine now thanks to this past summer co-op.

While the work itself is essential to my career development, the overall experience offered by Deloitte is why I keep coming back, a theme I hope I have vividly expressed here. The HR staff, scheduler, and

## Deloitte & Touch

campus recruiter are willing to find part-time hours for me in between co-op quarters.

Some nights can get long, but catered dinners and other perks provide nice breaks to balance the load (I guess the overtime rate afforded to co-ops doesn't hurt, either). Feedback is always available to improve the work of both yourself and your reviewer.

"Intern Week" this past summer offered invaluable opportunities to interact with influential professionals from some of Deloitte's clients in the area, similar to those offered through the Lindner Honors-PLUS program, such as a tour of Great American Ballpark by the Reds' controller or a ride on the track of the Kentucky Motor Speedway with its Director of Marketing. Partner brunches allow co-ops to speak one-on-one with the very individuals that own and operate the firm. Compliments from the managing tax partner of the Cincinnati and Dayton offices and a personal request to "Please stay in touch" definitely instill powerful motivation to take advantage of my fortunate opportunity and demonstrate yet another example of a significant relationship, no matter the discrepancy in position in the firm.

Exemplifying another benefit to the job and Deloitte's emphasis on recruitment, I hope to take advantage of the firm's new Tax Acceleration Program (TAP), whereby upon fulfillment of certain requirements, including being on track for full-time employment in the Cincinnati office, I will receive a

by: Nicholas Furtwengler

significant portion of funding for a Masters in Tax at the University of Cincinnati.

I take great pride in my work, growing more aware of my role as a steward to society as a future CPA through the lessons in Dr. Ricketts' Accounting Ethics class. The work is challenging and can be quite a commitment, but Deloitte knows how to make it worth your time and effort: as I've proudly told friends and co-workers alike, I wouldn't trade in my Deloitte experience for anything else. The future is promising, and I believe that Deloitte is providing the right path.

Tony DeBlasio  
Class of 2008

## Items of Interest

**Vlad Leytus**, and **Brian Rapien**, Class of 2010, both received scholarship awards from APICS, the association for Operations Management.

**Brian Rapien**, was appointed to the position of Associate Vice President of Community Relations for the Student Body. He was also given the honor of becoming the new leader of the BearCAT Ambassadors.

**Vlad Leytus**, was also recently elected President of the Rotoract Club, which was started by Jeff Brawand, Class of 2007. Vlad was also elected President of the Nightwalk Safety Board & Senior VP of Delta Sigma Pi.

**Joe Vickery**, Class of 2011, was elected secretary of the Rotoract Club.

**Zach Franke**, Class of 2010, was elected Senior Vice President of Delta Sigma Pi. He was also elected as the new Recruitment Chair for BANG (Bearcat Advertising and Networking Group).

**Danny Larsen**, Class of 2010, was elected Pike's (Pi Kappa Alpha) new External VP. He was also tapped into *Order of Omega* and *Phi Rho Chi*.

**Brian Meyers**, Class of 2008, received the CoB Tribunal Student Leadership

Award.

**Brad Stephens**, Class of 2010, was elected Internal Vice President of Pike.

**Krista Detmer**, Class of 2008, was awarded the College of Business' Outstanding Student in Finance award.

**Andy Rahe**, Class of 2010, was elected as the Senate Representative for CoB Tribunal. He was also elected as VP of Chapter Operations for Delta Sigma Pi.

**Jordan Brewer**, Class of 2010, was elected to the position of Senate Representative for the Nightwalk Safety Board.

**Neil Drake**, Class of 2010, was elected President of Delta Sigma Pi.

**Evan Clinkenbeard**, Class of 2010, was elected Vice Chair of SACUB (Student Advisory Committee for the University Budget).

**Jay Radley**, Class of 2009, was elected Student Body President.

**Rob Haverkamp**, Class of 2008, was elected President of the University Funding Board.

**Carly Weiler**, Class of 2008, was awarded the Greek Female Outstanding Achievement Award.

**Stephanie Wenning**, Class of 2011, was awarded the Tribunal Member of the Year award, as well as being elected External VP for the Tribunal.

**Kyle Snider**, Class of 2010, was tapped into the Cincinnatus Honorary Society and re-elected as an At-Large Senator.

**Drew Smith**, Class of 2011, was accepted as a Resident Adviser for the 2007-2008 school year. He also received the award for Outstanding Industrial Management Student.

**Nicole Murphy**, Class of 2010, was awarded the Omicron Delta Kappa Sophomore Leader of the Year award.

**Jaime Meyer**, Class of 2008, was recently honored at the recognition ceremony for the Mortar Board Passing of the Gavel as she was elected President of Mortar Board.

**Zach Gillerlain**, Class of 2007, has accepted admission into the Doctoral Program at the University of Rochester, majoring in Operations Management. He was also offered admission at Univ. of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign and the University of Cincinnati.

## Alumni News

**Ashley Cannon**, Class of 2005, recently took a new job with Financial Stocks – FSI Group. She also became a new first time homeowner! She is still living in Cincinnati.

**Josh Rowley**, Class of 2006, recently attended the 2007 TED Conference in Monterey, CA on behalf of BMW. The TED Conference featured leaders in the world of Technology, Entertainment and Design. A number of high profile people spoke at the event on various topics including President Bill Clinton, Kareem Abdul-Jabar, and Sir Richard Branson. BMW was on-hand to showcase the

Hydrogen 7, which is a bi-fuel efficient vehicle that runs on both gasoline and liquid hydrogen. The Hydrogen 7 is part of BMW's CleanEnergy initiatives and showcases that there are viable zero-emission alternatives to gasoline. Josh's duties at the conference were to administer test drives in the Hydrogen 7 along with BMW Engineers from BMW Group headquarters in Munich. Numerous celebrities took interest in the technology and/or test drove the vehicle including Forrest Whittaker, Goldie Hawn, Tony Robbins (pictured to the right of Josh, next column), Cameron Diaz, William Adams (Will.I.Am from

the Black Eyed Peas), and Chad Hurley (founder of YouTube.)



## Lindner Honors-PLUS Birthdays

### June Birthdays

Dan Cremons	June 3
Vladimir Leytus	June 4
Rob Haverkamp	June 11
Dan Larson	June 18
Tyler Bertke	June 19
Amy Englert	June 26
Jaime Lindemann	June 26
Kianna Herron	June 39

### July Birthdays

Stephen Repella	July 1
Patrick Fluegeman	July 3
Jeri Ricketts	July 4
Brian Rapien	July 10
Tori Sunderman	July 10
Zach Franke	July 10
Kathryn Johnston	July 11
Dan Holthaus	July 14
Donna Fisher	July 17
Neil Black	July 18
Nicole Meyer	July 18
Anndrea Moore	July 24
Kelly Borman	July 24
Erik George	July 25
Alex Hotte	July 27
Drew Smith	July 28
Jessica McDaniel	July 28
Mark Wood	July 29
Carly Weiler	July 30

### August Birthdays

Hanah Patterson	Aug 5
Maria Sunderhaus	Aug. 10
Tyler Drake	Aug 11
Ryan Atkins	Aug. 19
Nicole Murphy	Aug. 25
Johnnie Buttelerwerth	Aug. 25
Kevin Perkins	Aug. 26
Brad Stephens	Aug 30
Brian Sand	Aug. 30

