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Students Visit Nucor Steel

Seniors in Dr. Reed's Business Capstone class and Mrs. Williams's Business Strategy class toured Nucor Steel in Hertford County on Tuesday, February 18. The tour followed the steelmaking process from the scrap metal entering production through melting, casting, rolling, cutting, and shipping. The students also heard from School of Business alum, Carrie Cutchins Timberlake ('13) about how to be successful in the workplace by taking advantage of all the opportunities you are given.

Pictured are: Cristian Fuentes, Jose Zuniga, Courtney Lee, Donald Boone, Shannon Buchanan, Keitra Lloyd, Immanuel Perry, Harley Williams, Armani Hardy, Courtney Vinson, Tour Guide Jimi Jilcott, Denzel Hines, Sarah Busam, Wyatt Beakler, Tour Guide John Spring, Dan Ivankouski, Kevin Taylor, Patrick Egan, Leon Brown, Trey Bunche, Jacob Ferretta, Cody Wells, Tour Guide Corey Ivey, and Taylor Bostic.



Courtney Vinson – Student of the Month January 2020

Courtney Vinson is the January Student of the Month. Courtney is from nearby Courtland, VA and is a senior Business Administration Major with a concentration in Management.

Prior to coming to Chowan, Courtney earned her Associate's Degree in General Studies from Paul D. Camp Community College (PDCCC) in Franklin, VA. During her time at PDCCC, Courtney was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and graduated from PDCCC with honors.

Courtney cites the small class sizes and the "family-like" environment at Chowan as influencing her decision to attend Chowan. Moreover, Chowan's close proximity to her home allows her to commute (and the scholarships offered to her really helped seal the deal).



At Chowan, Courtney's academic performance has earned her a place on the President's List or the Dean's List every semester. She has also been inducted into the Sigma Beta Delta and Alpha Chi Honor Societies.

Beyond her academic pursuits, Courtney is an active member of Phi Beta Lambda, which is the collegiate division of Future Business Leaders of America, and the Rotaract Club, which is a community service club on campus.

Courtney's advice to underclassmen is "not to procrastinate." She has learned it is best to get all your assignments completed before the due date. She also adds, "Try not to stress." Lastly, she encourages underclassmen to get involved on campus!

Courtney is currently working at the Nucor facility in Hertford County as an intern in the Purchasing Department and plans to continue working there through her graduation in May.

We want to congratulate Courtney on all of her success, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors



Phi Beta Lambda Update

As of mid-February, Chowan's chapter was in the "Top Five" in membership numbers of all North Carolina chapters, ranking third behind Meredith College and Central Carolina Community College and ahead of Barton College and East Carolina University and Catawba College (tie). Since that time, three new members have joined. Additionally, we have increased our membership numbers over last year. Our final ranking will be revealed at the annual NCPBL State Leadership Conference in April. Currently, three members, Jarod Curley, Brianna Johnson, LaVonda Mitchell, and Chapter Adviser, Patsy Taylor are preparing to attend the NCPBL State Leadership Conference in Charlotte, NC.

Phi Beta Lambda members are currently busy preparing for the Relay for Life event to be held on Chowan's campus on Friday, April 17. The PBL team is getting ready for a fun-filled day to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Jarod Curley, PBL's President, is serving as team captain. Between the treat bags fundraiser held last fall and the Valentine's fundraiser held in February, CU's PBL team has surpassed the \$500 raised for last year's event. Many thanks to all those who have supported our fundraisers. Be sure to check out our booth at the Relay event in Squirrel Park on Friday, April 17.

For more information about PBL, email Patsy Taylor at taylop@chowan.edu or stop by McSweeney 113.

School of Business Students Tyler Bembry, Jarod Curley, Brianna Johnson, LaVonda Mitchell and Alexis Riddick were recipients of the Outstanding Student Award during the ceremony held February 19, 2020. Congratulations!

Cody Wells – Student of the Month February 2020

Please congratulate Cody Wells the next time you see him. The Chowan School of Business faculty has selected Cody to be the February 2020 Student of the Month!

Cody commutes to Chowan from nearby Jackson, NC. Before coming to Chowan, he attended Northeast Academy where he was a member of the Beta Club honor society and the football and basketball teams. Coming from a very small school where he knew every other student, he chose Chowan because he recognized that he would receive more individual attention here than at a larger institution.

Prior to enrolling at Chowan, he considered majoring in Sports Management but quickly decided that Accounting was his true calling.



Upon his arrival on campus, the University inducted Cody into Alpha Lambda Delta, the national honor society for first year students.

Later, the School of Business invited him to join Sigma Beta Delta, an honor society for exemplary students in business, management, and administration.

Last fall, Cody completed an internship with Hampton Farms where he honed his accounting skills in a professional setting. His effectiveness and work ethic so impressed the management team at Hampton Farms' parent company, Severn Peanut Company, Inc., that they hired him to a part-time accounting position for this semester and an offer for a permanent full-time position after his graduation in May!

Cody offers this advice to other students: "Take interest in whatever the subject is and try to apply it to the real world so you can better understand it. Keep up with stuff that's going on because if you know the reason why you're learning it, you'll understand it better!"



The School of Business Faculty are among the finalists in the 2019-2020 academic year.

Shannon Williams, Associate Professor of Accounting is one of five finalists for the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Hunter Taylor, Dean of the School of Business and Assistant Professor of Business and Sarah Reed, Assistant Professor of Economics are finalists for Advisor of the Year.

Congratulations!

Professional Development

Audrey Griffin, Associate Professor of Management and Information Systems attended the 50th annual meeting of Southeast Decision Sciences Institute in Charleston, South Carolina, on Feb 12-14.

School of Business Student, Ryan Martin, will attend and present at the Alpha Chi Honor Society national convention March 19-21 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Choose faith in your future.



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