

Launch Summer 2015

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Many projects evolve while in progress. These are the PROPOSED projects for 2015.

Scholar and Coach	Abstract/Goals/Deliverable
<p>Rachel Anderson Sarah Russell, Duke Global Advising</p>	<p>The Uplift Tour I will be synthesizing my growing interest in social determinants of health, sexually transmitted diseases and systems of oppression into a challenging and unique experience at the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) in the office of gender equality and diversity. I will be in Geneva from June 7th through August 8th as a part of the Duke Global Policy and Governance (DGPG) 2014 cohort. I am on the humanitarian action track and will take one week away from the internship placement for a faculty-guided immersion into international humanitarian assistance, human rights, and human experiences from the context of international law and international organizations.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn how to implement Uplift at Duke and beyond.• Learn how to plan a short-term independent project with visits to organizations in multiple locations• Strengthen my relationship with the Humanity in Action network and other foreign contacts I made throughout my travels last year• Improve my writing, photography, and technical skills by keeping a blog to raise awareness about Uplift’s mission and the gender gap in fitness• Practice making fitness a top priority in preparation for a life of travel and develop a sustainable self-care model to use for Uplift• Gain exposure to existing organizational models, and look for opportunities to collaborate <p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A blog where I will write about the experiences of other empowerment advocates, trainers, and female lifters, as well as my own experiences lifting as a solo female in foreign countries• 2. I would like to develop an online resource called the “Uplift Guide to Exercise” for people who are interested in learning to lift weights but don’t know where to begin.
<p>James Band Deo Fagnisse (Rob alum)</p>	<p>Launch Summer: Gresham Investment Partners My goal for this summer is to juggle two activities which I believe are of great value to my development of skills, as well as in their ability to determine my post-college plans. My main activity for my summer will be to work for Gresham Investment Partners in Sydney, Australia. Here I will be learning valuable financial analysis skills, and gaining an understanding of a broad range of industries that will complement my science degree. Additionally, I will spend my free time, as well as a trip to California, working on a venture I am working on called DipTerra.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clearly identify and establish a plan of action as to which path I wish to follow after graduation.• “Hit the ground running” at Gresham—start where I left last summer and learn as much as I can.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juggle the decision to work in Sydney with the ongoing work with my venture, DipTerra. <p>Deliverable: Business plan/investor presentation (latest plan) for DipTerra, and a brief description of my post-graduation plans.</p>
<p>Joseph Calder Carl Ernst, UNC Religious Studies</p>	<p>Why They Left – Thesis Research on American and Europeans who join the Islamic State This summer, I hope to complete two main tasks. First and foremost, I would like to conduct interviews and research in Europe that will aid me in writing an honors thesis next fall and spring. Secondly, I plan on using part of my summer and my stipend in order to study for the LSAT, which I hope to take in October of 2015.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview 15 academics for my thesis • Type transcripts of and code each interview • Continue doing background reading and research for my thesis • Complete a draft of my literature review for my thesis • Complete an LSAT prep course <p>Deliverable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis chapter (by Fall 2015), Literature Review and Draft Table of Contents (September 2015) • Secondary deliverable: I hope to complete some creative writing while I'm in Europe, but this is of lesser concern
<p>Thomas Cole Andrew Sugrue, Catterton Partners (Rob alum)</p>	<p>Triangulating the Americas: Arts, Travel and Industry My summer experience will be a launch of my passions for creative arts, social issues, cultural immersion and professional development. It will further my long-term goals of working at a cutting edge intersection of finance, policy and social impact. I plan to begin the summer in San Francisco at the Sadie Valerie Atelier picking up where I left off in my art studies on my Duke in New York summer. I then plan to embark on an immersion in Central America, an area of relative unfamiliarity. I will then return to New York City to spend ten weeks at Bank of America in the investment banking division, before returning to Europe for two weeks in August to spend time with my family. This will add to the four 'buckets' that I am looking to fill through my life: creativity, exploration of social issues, professional development and family.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepen artistic ability and find a creative outlet • Gain inspiration for my senior year thesis and develop a long term career plan • Build artistic mentorships on the West Coast, and corporate mentorships on the East Coast <p>Deliverable: : A portfolio of drawings in hard copy, as well as a digital portfolio with a narrative of my experience, either in blog form or using a social media platform such as Instagram. I will also post photographs and sketches completed in Central America.</p>
<p>Jamal Edwards Sarah Rutherford and Alpha Tessema (Rob alumni)</p>	<p>Global Health Strategies and Consulting for a Maternal Health Foundation My launch summer 2015 will support the development of communications materials for <i>Merck for Mothers</i>, a \$500 million initiative to fight maternal mortality across the globe. I will also support research efforts and strategies to identify U.S. disparities in maternal death.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the role of stakeholders in global health initiatives • Gaining insight on the long-term impacts of public-private partnerships

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project management and coming up with innovative communications strategies for the Merck for Mothers initiative. <p>Deliverable: The main deliverable will be reports synthesizing media information and research as it relates to maternal mortality. These reports will specifically cover: health disparity information by race, media monitoring, corporate social responsibility, and 16 state fact sheets on maternal mortality in the U.S.</p>
<p>Nadine Goldberg John Burness, Duke Public Policy</p>	<p>International Perspectives on “Tuning” in Higher Education</p> <p>I will investigate the impacts of “tuning” higher education in England, Sweden, and the Netherlands in order to gain perspective on the potential consequences of bringing the tuning process to the United States. In addition, I will explore traditional Judaism at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies Summer Program in order to clarify my relationship with my religion and what it means for my future leadership.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain a better understanding of the international landscape of higher education and student affairs. • Study in depth an element of higher education abroad that will be relevant to my future work, and hopefully learn something that will be of use to those American higher ed. • Build connections with individuals in the field of higher education in Europe. • Clarify my relationship with Judaism and what it will mean for my future leadership. • Prepare to apply to graduate school in the fall. <p>Deliverable: An op-ed making recommendations about “tuning” in American higher education based on my research.</p>
<p>Pranav Haravu Lydia Thurman (Rob alum)</p>	<p>Immersion in Business</p> <p>This summer I will be gaining exposure and experience in the business world, starting in Europe and ending in Dallas. The first part, in Europe, will be as part of a project with other scholars to document how climate and labor intensive industries are utilizing the triple bottom line approach. My role in this project will be to understand the finances and profits within each of these businesses and compare best practices. Following this project I will be heading to the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) in Dallas, Texas, where I will be interning as a summer associate. As a summer associate I will be responsible for managing workflows, performing data analysis, developing project insights, traveling with the team, and taking on all the responsibilities of a full time associate.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge myself - a demanding workload at BCG and a novel approach to understanding profitability in Europe will test my time management and mental abilities. Furthermore, the work I will be doing at both BCG and in Europe will be vastly different from what I have done and will do in school, thus providing another aspect of challenge. • Develop my professional edge - I am a very laid back person, my natural environment is an impromptu documentary world, not a suit and tie interview. This summer should help me grow that skill but while in an environment that my creativity won't feel stifled. • Explore a new field - I have never really been a part of the business world, but consulting gives me an amazing way to enter it. Further, through the clients I work with I will gain exposure to many other sectors and industries. Our project in Europe will not only expose me to a new geographic region that I have never been to, but also issues, specifically food, climate, and labor, that I will learn about alongside fellow scholars. <p>Deliverables</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first, from our project in Europe, which will be a multimedia report focused on the three categories of people, planet, and profits, which will summarize our interviews and observations from site visits in Europe. • From my time in BCG I will produce a write up documenting my experience, the work I did, and the skills I learned.
AJ Hatzis ?	<p>Green energy in a profit driven world: working for a green energy investment bank</p> <p>This summer I hope to expand my knowledge of the business world while simultaneously working to further my passion of providing a sustainable and green future. I am working with Sustainable Development Capital LLP (http://www.sdcl-ib.com/), a company that funds both public and private sector projects that not only improve environmental performance, but also financial performance. By combining these two areas, companies are incentivized to switch beyond just the feeling that going green is the right thing to do.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand my knowledge of the business sector to help with job hunting in my Senior Year • Expand my network to get a job within the United States my Senior Year • Learn more about the cutting edge of green energy <p>Deliverables: An evaluation report comparing strategies utilized by for profit companies against not-for-profit companies.</p>
Fedor Kossakovski Gabrielle Calvocoressi, UNC Poetry	<p>Stories of Science</p> <p>My project will be to write a long form piece on the French 19th century photographer/aviator/color theorist Nadar in a unique and engaging style. This will be original work that synthesizes art and science, and I will work at the PBS documentary TV show Nova up in Boston in order to surround myself with others that work in the field of creative science communication.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write the piece on Nadar • expand Event Horizon, the arts and science magazine I run, to Boston • develop connections in the world of creative science communication in order to get a better chance of getting a job in that field following graduation <p>Deliverables: I will write the Nadar piece. I might also have other stuff I have done for Nova, although that could be their intellectual property.</p>
Joanna Kuang Keeva Kase, Bull City Forward	<p>Finding and Becoming the Adult I Would Like to Be</p> <p>This summer, I will continue deepening my involvement in the intersection between the private sector and public good, incorporating what I have learned from the last two summers and from travelling during my semester studying abroad. In May, I will travel in Europe, and continue observing, documenting, and studying what I experienced during my semester abroad studying food and climate change in Asia, the Middle East/Africa, and South America. Starting June 1, I plan to work at Wellington Management, a global asset management company, for ten weeks. While working, I also plan to volunteer at a non-profit to continue engaging with my interests in food and education, and take sailing lessons to deepen my involvement with outdoor education, which I have previously explored on NOLS and Outward Bound.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide what my next concrete steps in my career path are, specifically deciding whether I want to apply to jobs in asset management after college (with the intention of using that career as a future springing board) or focus more on other sectors (such as foundations, international aid, or social entrepreneurship).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain business and finance skills I lack- specifically, presentation skills, organizing and presenting information using financial language, and using Excel and Powerpoint to coherently make a point. • Interact with new professional mentors (specifically, female role models in private industries, as my direct boss and her boss are both women, which is rare in finance). • Gain professional social skills, which I will practice through interacting with business owners in Italy and Greece, and using my free time in Boston to connect with professional contacts from a variety of non-profits and businesses. • Graduate college with a comprehensive global understanding of the food climate and ways the negative effects of climate change are being combatted by different food initiatives, organizations and businesses on all continents (except Antarctica!) • Gain more independence living a balanced lifestyle in a new city. <p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I plan to contribute to a documentary project on sustainable businesses in the food industry addressing climate change (in addition to updating my food blog). • I also plan to create a portfolio of meetings with various professionals, so I can document the nuances of what I look for in a mentor. • Finally, I plan to continue looking for connections in food and education, and food and comedy (which I am writing a 40 page paper on for EATS 101, a class at UNC). I am not sure what form this deliverable will take, but I will write or document these connections in some way, to try to connect my interests in a web.
<p>Evan Lumbr Jacob Robertson, Venture for America (Rob alum)</p>	<p>Consulting and Catholicism In order to make my Launch Summer truly culminate my experiences as a Robertson Scholar, the summer will be two-pronged focusing on both my professional development and interest in religion. From June 8 through August 14, I will participate in the Associate Consulting Intern program in the Atlanta office of Bain & Company. In addition, I will begin research into a Religious Studies honors thesis exploring the marketing and branding of the contemporary Catholic Church in its efforts to recruit men into the priesthood.</p> <p>Professional Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through my consulting internship, I hope to increase my business & consulting knowledge to clarify my career goals and industry interests that I cannot fully determine in a classroom. • Secondly, I aim to make an impact through my work so that my contributions to the company will result in a full-time offer at the end of the summer. <p>Academic Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To begin research for an honors thesis in the Religious Studies department that reflects my academic career in that it will focus on the combination of religion and business in the contemporary age. • To gain valuable business skills and insight that will help me in the completion of my Business Administration major. <p>Personal goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I aim to create strong relationships with my coworkers in the Bain office and with my advisor and any experts or Church officials that could help me with my research. • I hope to find a connection between my research and my religion—whether that means a strengthening of my faith or greater understanding of the institution of religion today

	<p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will be submitting two deliverables—one for each prong of my summer. As a research deliverable, I hope to have a concrete argument and several interviews by the completion of the summer. I would submit something of an abstract for my topic argument as well as interesting or poignant excerpts from the interviews in writing to deliver. • As the second deliverable, I would submit a write-up of my Bain case. Specifically, I will deliver a write-up of the skills I gained, the relevance to my leadership development, and professional goals going forward.
<p>Sowmya Mangipudi Dr. Morris Weinberger, UNC Public Health, Dr. Tim Platts-Mills, UNC Emergency Med</p>	<p>Death Tour: The Aftermath</p> <p>Last summer, which became colloquially known as the “Death Tour 2014,” was perhaps the most defining nine weeks of my life. As someone who has operated within structured, clear-cut environments for most of my life, navigating the uncertainty of independent, qualitative research was at times frustrating, but mostly inspiring. I had finally found my passion: global health policy regarding aging, dying, and end-of-life care, and the subjective nature of the term “quality of life.” In combination with my classes in the School of Public Health, I now know that the intersection between medicine, health care policy, and human narratives of life is where I want to spend my time and energy. With that, I introduce “Death Tour: The Aftermath,” a summer of health policy research at The Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, personal discovery, and further development of something I realized was central to my own quality of life: personal relationships.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a better understanding of global health policy institutions, structures, policymaking, and outcomes. • Develop a better understanding of how to conduct and report health policy research in a formal, written format • Learn under the guidance of Dr. Harper more about the field of aging policy and its global impact • Establish personal and professional connections at The University of Oxford for possible graduate study in global health or public policy • Embrace living alone and becoming self-sufficient in a non-US city, including taking personal responsibility for my work/life balance • Stretch my artistic limits; Oxford and London are hubs for artistic activity, so taking full advantage of those opportunities is critical • Create and foster the important intellectual and personal relationships in my life, particularly with fellow Robertsons who have been pivotal in my intellectual journey throughout college. My goal is to have a lasting relationships with several members in the program such that our contact remains even after graduation. • Continue to look for the human side of health, the narratives surrounding health care and medicine that often go overlooked. • Create a substantial research deliverable for future academic or professional endeavors. • Continue to develop my love for travel and exploration without feeling burdened by the fear or uncertainty of traveling as a woman. <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5 page creative writing story on interactions and observations of Italian interpretations of quality of life, components of daily living that contribute to public health, and public perceptions of health care policies and resources in the area

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report or research manuscript of work from the summer in collaboration with Dr. Harper. Possible presentation of results at the Institute or back at Chapel Hill or publication alongside principal investigator. • Will also attempt to complete first draft of “Death Wish ,” the book I began last summer regarding “The Death Tour” • Brief summary of each university I visit, including descriptions of exact programs I’d like to apply for and people I’ve spoken to in order to make scholarship applications and decisions accordingly
<p>Tafadzwa Matika Elizabeth Mayer-Davis, UNC Public Health, Nutrition</p>	<p>Digging Deeper into Health Care in Zimbabwe Part II The goal of this summer is to continue investigating healthcare in Zimbabwe. The primary goal of this summer will be to further my knowledge of Zimbabwe’s health care systems by looking into diabetes and HIV co-infection via a pilot cross-sectional study. Individually, each disease has claimed and affected millions of lives in the country yet little has been done to look at intersections between the two. Lessons learnt from this summer will not only help me learn about two highly prevalent diseases in Zimbabwe, but it may reveal new insights on gaps in Zimbabwe’s health care system.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To collect data that I will use in my senior honors thesis • To expose myself to and familiarize more with contemporary issues in Zimbabwe healthcare system. • To build on my existing relationship with one of my mentor's Dr Makadzange and to make new connections with other doctors and healthcare personnel • To explore whether research and academia are possible routes that I would like to consider as potential aspects of my career <p>Deliverable: The primary deliverable will be data for my honors thesis.</p>
<p>Mehul Mehta Carolyn Krawczyk, Atherton Pictures</p>	<p>The Non-Traditional Career: Linking the American University Experience to Non-Profit Work Abroad My time teaching at an orphanage in India last summer inspired me to compose a journalistic nonfiction piece from a series of interviews I conducted to capture the essence of the thriving culture I got to experience there. I was absolutely blown away by the amount of learning and personal growth that came from that project, and would be eager to apply the same idea in a different setting this summer. I hope to produce a similar journalistic nonfiction piece centered on the untold stories of those fighting for issues like education equality and civil rights specific to their communities abroad. Through this, I aim to inspire myself, and hopefully others, to understand the human component of the joys, challenges, and paths inherent to a non-traditional career of service work abroad.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I hope to craft a vision for how service will fit into my future, and carry this vision with me as I leave Duke next spring. <p>Deliverable: I hope to create a piece that combines transcriptions of the stories I am able to hear with personal reflections and anecdotes to weave together a series of vignettes that tell a collective story of those who have dedicated themselves to issues worth fighting for.</p>
<p>Grace Oathout Amy Unell, Duke</p>	<p>ABC and Disney Professional Internship (20/20) ABC and Disney Professional Internship (20/20) would allow me to continue my interests in media. Specifically the internship applies to an internship for all news-content shows on any NBC Universal station that is run on the east coast. This includes NBC, but also MSNBC, CNBC and nbnew.com. The headquarters for most of these shows is in New York City, a city I was lucky enough to become familiar with last year. I hope this experience will perhaps ironically help launch my career following my graduation next year.</p>

	<p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on a news show that produces new content weekly • Make more connections in the media field (especially maintaining the connections I've already made in NYC) • Continue to analyze the effects of media • Continue to make observations about the switch television is slowly making toward web-based content - at what rate is this happening, what does this look like, what companies are helping lead this transition, is this something that I'd be interested in • Look into the values of the different large television networks, are they are fairly similar? What are ABC's values? <p>Deliverables: I will use my funding to make connections in the industry to help secure a job for next year as well as network within ABC. Specifically, I'll also want to see from first hands experience how the industry is being transformed by new media, what those changes look like, and where the most effective means of communicating via media are.</p>
<p>Nick Orr Andrew Patterson, New Zealand</p>	<p>Internship with United Nations Foundation (Nothing but Nets Campaign) Washington DC</p> <p>I have an internship from 11 May to 10 July with the United Nations Foundation, working on their Nothing but Nets program. The United Nations Foundation was set up with a billion dollar gift by Ted Turner in 1998. It connects people, resources and ideas with the UN to help solve global problems. Nothing but Nets has pledged to protect refugee families from malaria with 1 million nets by the end of 2016. I will be working in their office on Pennsylvania Avenue and through conversation, exposure and experience, hope to learn a lot about the interface between the political world and aid work.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To better understand the operational and organisational workings of the United Nations programmes, and also the interface between the political world and aid work in Washington D.C. To appreciate how the UNF's public policies are written, legitimated and implemented - how the idea of malaria nets written about in a Sports Illustrated column becomes a million malaria nets distributed in the developing world. • To carry out and execute my specific roles and responsibilities to the satisfaction of the personnel at the UNF. • To learn as much as possible from mentors and role models at the organisation and elsewhere this summer. <p>Deliverable: A write-up as if it were a piece for Nothing But Nets publicity or perhaps to persuade our donors/sponsors.</p>
<p>Tom Prebble Simon East, Oxford University</p>	<p>What Next? Exploring Post-Graduation Opportunities</p> <p>My summer will consist of three parts: first, the summer term at Oxford with an especial focus on French; second, networking and seeking out potential graduation opportunities in New Zealand; and third, completing a pre-professional internship at JP Morgan from June 29 until my semester at Duke begins.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve my French to a "business proficient" level so that I might be able to work and live in a French-speaking country in the future. A good grasp of French would also be beneficial if I ever work for a large international organisation in the future that uses French as one of its official languages (for example the UN, the EU, the IOC, the OECD, Interpol). • Figure out what I want to do after graduation and where I want to live! <p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of my language course I will complete a 15 minute project (in French) on a topic related to France, French culture, or French news. I intend to do my project on religion in France (either using the Charlie Hebdo attacks as a

	<p>starting point or looking more generally at the French principle of “laïcité”. I would like to provide this to the program (I believe it will be in a poster or PowerPoint format) along with an English translation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After talking to professionals in New Zealand and completing my internship at JP Morgan, I would also like to put together a document with what my options are post-graduation and what the various pluses and minuses are for each option. This give me some more clarity and be a good first step in my decision-making process.
<p>Jacob Rosenberg David Boyd, Duke Global Health</p>	<p>Two Sides of the World</p> <p>I want to use this summer as an opportunity to try new things while striving towards a possible career. I have always wanted a career comedy but before the Robertson was too scared to pursue it. Through connections and encouragement I’ve received two internships in comedy. I’ll be doing work with McSweeney’s Internet Tendency, a satire publication associated with the publishing firm of the same name. The website is run by a single man in Arlington, MA. I will work remotely for him doing general logistical work and furthering my skills in editing comedy writing. It’s a comedy publication I admire and will show me the way that comedy, with new media, does not have to spring from institutional sources. I will also be giving myself an experience in the more broadly known comedy world as an intern at NBC’s Late Night with Seth Meyers. This will give me a myriad of connections in the entertainment and comedy industry. Moreover, I will be able to work and live in New York city, a hub of comedy. For the first time, I will be able to consider a real career in comedy, by doing stand-up, working on a network show, and still writing and editing satire. However, I don’t want to lose sight of my other interests. Both comedy jobs will be less stress and more of the basics of an internship: administrative help, running to get food, and soaking in an environment I’d like to work for. During this time I will focus my mental energy on writing my own comedy and taking an LSAT course. To end my summer, I will be further ground myself by going to Lowndes County, Alabama in August for a fieldwork project, giving me a chance to remember the importance of helping my Southern neighbors in the struggle against oppression and discrimination. This summer I want to keep looking towards those high aspirations, while remember I always want to live a balanced and meaningful life of helping my communities.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come out of this summer with the options to follow mainly career paths (comedy, political, law school) • A clearer idea of what career path to follow • A feeling I have made the most of my time in college and seen/done a variety of things • A network of people in comedy to pursue job opportunities • A secure confidence in a future that is unclear but exciting. <p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A set of interviews with those in comedy with whom I will be networking as part of a larger project to collect oral histories of those in comedy. • A “spec” script that I will use to apply to jobs in comedy writing next year.
<p>Sophia Sennett Mark Hough, Duke Landscape Architect</p>	<p>Launch Summer: Design Research and Practice at Harvard University and a Final Reflection At Girls Leadership Worldwide</p> <p>During Launch Summer I will work as a research assistant for Professor Brad Cantrell (Harvard Graduate School of Design) and then attend a six-week landscape architecture/urban design program (also at Harvard). I will close the summer by returning to Girls Leadership Worldwide (GLW), located at Eleanor Roosevelt’s home in Val-Kill, NY. There I will mentor teens and engage in a final launch reflection by reconsidering my purpose as a female leader (seven years after I originally participated in the GLW program).</p> <p>Goals</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To acquire research and design skills that will help me prepare for a career as a landscape architect • To explore how “responsive design” practices can help communities in low-lying areas remain resilient despite the challenges associated with climate change and severe weather incidents. • To create several artifacts to be included in a portfolio that will be submitted for graduate admission to Harvard Graduate School of Design, University of Pennsylvania School of Design, and University of Virginia’s graduate program in landscape architecture. • To engage in a final Launch Reflection while also “giving back” to a program (Girls Leadership Worldwide) that was pivotal during my initial development as a leader. I will be by mentoring teen participants and supporting GLW media initiatives. <p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By the end of the summer I will have completed a number of deliverables that will be presented in the form of an abbreviated portfolio. The portfolio will include artifacts completed during the research assistantship with Professor Cantrell and design projects completed during the Career Discovery Program. Photographs of these projects will be accompanied by description and statement about the conceptual reasoning behind the piece. These artifacts will eventually be included in the portfolio I will be developing for admission to graduate school in Landscape Architecture. • At Girls’ Leadership Worldwide at the Eleanor Roosevelt Center I will be photographing and documenting the activities and I can provide to the Robertson Scholars Office with a sampling of those deliverables.
<p>James Smith Louise Ball, UNC School of Public Health</p>	<p>Foundations for a Career in Sustainable Business</p> <p>The focal point of my launch summer is an internship with Iwana Energy, a start-up, for-profit solar developer. My role will be the Finance and Business Strategy Intern in the London office, working directly under the CEO. This will be my first work experience with a for-profit company and will help me develop the skill set to work in any business setting, especially within the renewables, energy, and environment industry. While in Europe, I will seek to investigate how climate-dependent industries are adapting to reduce their global environmental impact and I will pursue long-time musical passions. In addition, I will deepen my involvement in music, a long-term passion, by taking instrument lessons.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have a significant personal impact on the goals and activities of Iwana Energy • To continue to develop life-long relationships with fellow Robertson Scholars and Alumni • To learn how to build a successful business, in order to pursue entrepreneurial opportunities after college or later in my career • To learn the intricacies of the renewable energy market (especially with respect to financing options in developing markets) • To learn how climate-dependent industries in Europe are adapting to reduce their global environmental impact • To deepen long-time musical passions <p>Deliverable: As of right now, I plan on writing a formal report about the prospect of reducing the impact of global climate change by implementing for-profit solar projects in developing nations, especially those in Latin America.</p>
<p>Devin Solanki Kelsey Woodford (Rob alum)</p>	<p>3 Weeks In Thailand: Leadership Through Connecting With a Lifelong Passion</p> <p>This proposal marks my first time out of the states in over 4 years for an experience that I have been looking forward to for just as long. I have always been passionate about bringing happiness to the lives of animals, but my rigorous work with my</p>

	<p>startup and academics has put that goal on the backburner. This semester, I realized I only have a limited amount of time to make an impact on what is truly important to me. Now, I will have the opportunity to work with some of nature’s most sensitive, highly endangered animals in their most abused state to make a profound impact as a TEEC volunteer at one of the largest elephant conservatories in the world in Thailand.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the well-being of elephants • Better realization about global diversity • Develop sustainable business plan for The Elephant Center <p>Deliverable: My initial plan for a deliverable is a presentation that I will give both to the management and, in an extended version, to the Robertson. The presentation will run through my experience as a volunteer—analogue to the customer experience in a normal business model—and then follow with recommendations to improve the conversation process. For the Robertson portion, I will add several slides on Thai culture from my excursions into the city and more information about the overall trip.</p>
<p>Michael Yang Nicolette Cagle, Duke Nicholas School</p>	<p>Launch Summer</p> <p>This summer, I will spend a month in Oliver Wyman in New York and in London. While the details are not 100% confirmed, most likely, I will be performing more of a research role in New York and continuing my previous work on surveys and partner feedback and doing some casework in London. The challenges and goals are to experience and excel in this different nature of professional research work in New York and to work even faster and smarter due to previous experience in London. After summer, I will evaluate and combine feedback and results into future development.</p> <p>Academic Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My goal is to finish the core preparation for consulting recruiting by end of May, mid-June at the latest. • Taking a few courses online at Coursera coupled with a few books on financial accounting and corporate finance. <p>Personal Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I want to identify these factors of good time management and effectiveness and be able to transition them over smoothly to my next semester. • Project more confidence in my own work. <p>Possible deliverable: Due to the sensitive nature of the work done at OW and a confidentially agreement which I’ll have to sign, I may not be able to submit concrete deliverables directly from my work there. However, I will provide a summary of goals accomplished and skills learned in a document, including those sought out on my own and not through OW, such as financial knowledge and case preparation.</p>