

## Summer is a Busy Time for CSB Faculty and Students

Over the past few months, CSB faculty members and students spent time traveling, studying abroad and doing volunteer work. Below is a look at what some members of the CSB family did during the summer break.

### Dr. Don Sparks

**Don Sparks**, Professor of International Economics, likes to escape the Charleston heat in the summer. He's been lucky enough to have a visiting appointment at Management Center Innsbruck, one of Europe's top business schools located in the middle of the cool Alps in beautiful Innsbruck, Austria. He's taught in Innsbruck every summer since 2000. Last summer he had a special guest give a presentation to his graduate class, Dr. Adel Beshai, a colleague from Cairo. When he is not in the classroom he and his wife, Katherine (a veterinarian) and their dog, Alp, can be found cycling or hiking. The Citadel offers a variety of opportunities for students and faculty to gain global experiences and Dr. Sparks is a big promoter of international study.



*Dr. Don Sparks and his dog, Alps, bicycled in the Czech Republic when he wasn't teaching at Innsbruck.*

### Cadet Marshall Harris III

Many students from The Citadel spend their summers abroad seeking to benefit or enhance their professional future; however, this was not the case for **Marshall Harris III**. A business major, Harris chose to spend the summer of 2014 on a mission trip to Guatemala. He went with a team of basketball players from colleges all over the country spreading the Christian word, displaying their faith through basketball. This impressive group of Christian student athletes is called Athletes in Action. The group spent 12 days in Guatemala hosting clinics for kids ages 6-15 and played basketball nearly every night in various areas of the country against local club teams. After each clinic and game, one person shared their personal testimony about how God had impacted their life. Now, those residing in Guatemala will remember Marshall Harris, a Citadel cadet and Business major, and the Athletes in Action and how God has impacted their lives.



*Cadet Marshall Harris poses for a picture in Guatemala*

### Cadet Will Adams

In order to succeed in the business world one must understand various markets on a global scale. Business major **William Adams III** experienced a new cultural awareness spending the summer in Ecuador. He journeyed with a group of cadets to a small Spanish speaking country near the Equator. His time there was spent attending classes to better comprehend the culture and language while gaining insight on the factors differentiating Ecuador from the United States. Contributing to his studies in business, Adams stated, "In the business world... many business men and women are given



*Cadet Will Adams (left) visited Laguna Quilotoa during his trip to Ecuador this summer.*

the opportunity to trade and work internationally,” which he may now view as a possible career choice. The Citadel cadets also took weekly excursions across the country visiting numerous different locations and admiring the beauty and distinctiveness of Ecuador. Will was thankful to have been given such an amazing opportunity and returned home with a greater respect for the fortune and privilege of being a United States citizen.

#### Professor Pat Manna

This summer, **Pat Manna**, Entrepreneur in Residence, went to California’s Silicon Valley area as a guest speaker at some of the nation’s most prestigious institutions and organizations including Stanford University and Google. Visiting family out west, Manna was invited to speak at Google from his former mentee, acquired through the CSB’s Mentor Association. His former mentee, Jules Schwerin, is now an employee of Google and a person who Manna considers “a mentee for life.” Being an entrepreneur, one is in the “relationship business,” according to Manna, and his efforts to create connections between Charleston, The Citadel, Stanford, and Google are examples of that mantra. One of his outreach efforts is to increase the publicity of the new Citadel [Bulldog Business Bowl](#). Connecting this competition with other universities and Google would be a cornerstone of a long-lasting partnership. Manna stated that many of those with whom he spoke with had already been aware of Charleston’s new and rising stature in the entrepreneurship arena. While the informal, young, and college campus type working atmosphere noticed at Google has not completely crossed all the way over to the East Coast, Manna believes there are small signs here now and more to come.



*Professor Pat Manna (left) stands with George Springer, Professor of Engineering (Emeritus), at the Stanford Country Club.*

#### Professor Maria Aselage

“Giving kids strength for the journey” – that is the slogan for Camp Rise Above. **Maria Aselage** serves as Board Chair of the non-profit organization that provides life changing camp experiences to children with medical illnesses, disabilities and life challenges. This summer, Maria volunteered at four, two-day day camps for children with heart and kidney disease, sickle cell anemia, brain tumors and kids living in group homes. Camp activities included: swimming, a rock climbing wall, archery, arts and crafts, group games, fishing, paddle boating and a kid-friendly martial arts program. “Camp Rise Above gives children the opportunity to have fun and to forget about their illness or life challenge for a few days,” Maria said. “It’s quite humbling to watch these kids just be kids and to experience the magic of summer camp.”



*Maria Aselage (bottom left) participates in one of the activities at Camp Rise Above.*