

MEET OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD



PRESIDENT - Andrew Fedele is a senior at the Smeal College of Business, double majoring in Accounting and Economics with a minor in International Business. During his four years at Smeal he has had the privilege to actively engage in several organizations and obtain leadership positions in both the Sapphire Leadership Council and the Smeal Student Mentors. As President of the Sapphire Leadership Council, Andrew oversees all of the operations of the organization and helps guide the future operations. For the Smeal Student Mentors Andrew is the Vice President. In his role he is responsible for the interaction with the First Year Seminar and attendance. Through his participation in various organizations, Andrew was able to secure an internship during the summer of 2009 in Chicago and in Johannesburg, South Africa, at KPMG in their audit division.



VICE PRESIDENT, CORPORATE RELATIONS - Christopher Gray is a Junior class member of the Sapphire Program, majoring in Finance and Economics. In addition to this double major, he is also working to receive a minor in The Legal Environment of Business. He has been very active in the Sapphire Program since his freshmen year, when he led the committee to update the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section on Sapphire's webpage. As a sophomore, he became even more involved, participating in a number of committees regarding corporate relations. He was elected in January of his sophomore year, giving him a position on the Sapphire Leadership Council Executive Board. In this capacity, he has continued to expose Sapphire to many different corporations and to strengthen the ties Sapphire has with these companies. This experience also landed him a summer internship with Kohl's Department stores. His future plans remain centered around finding a job in corporate finance with a Fortune 500 company.



VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS – Colin Matichak is a senior and currently Vice President of Communications for the Sapphire Leadership Council. He is a double major in Finance and Economics with a minor in International Business. Colin chose to study abroad in Florence, Italy in Spring 2007 and has recently been inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma honors fraternity. He interned at The Hershey Company in their Treasury department for summer 2009 and hopes to pursue a career in Finance or Corporate Law following graduation.



VICE PRESIDENT, RECRUITMENT - Courtney Powell is a sophomore majoring in Finance and Economics. She has worked on various projects to recruit the outstanding Sapphires of tomorrow, including multiple Offer-Visit Days, the Sapphire phone-a-thon, and high school visits. She is also a member of Smeal Student Mentors and the Business Book Club. In the future, Courtney would like to work in the non-profit realm and eventually start an NPO that will bring happiness to children all over the world.

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VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – Catherine Robertson is a sophomore studying finance and economics. From the first day of class, the Sapphire Leadership Program provided her with a peer group of like-minded students focused on both leadership and academic growth. As a freshman, she not only took part in leadership opportunities such as fundraising and community service projects, but also was elected to a Vice President position with the Sapphire Leadership Council. As is the case for many of her cohorts, the Sapphire freshman seminar not only helped Catherine decide the course of her academic study, but also supported her plans to remain active throughout her time here at PSU. She aspires to further leadership opportunities with the executive board and intends to pursue a career in wealth management after graduation.



VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE - Mike Tombasco is a sophomore finance and economics major from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. In his time as a member of Sapphire's executive board he has managed the club's budget, planned and implemented fundraisers with local merchants and collaborated with his fellow board members to continue shaping the direction of the program. Outside of his Sapphire involvement he is also the philanthropy chairman for the Penn State chapter of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, he is an intern in the Smeal College of Business' Trading room and served on the morale committee for the IFC/Panhellenic Dance marathon. In addition to his dual major he hopes to achieve a minor in International Business and one day work for a global investment banking firm.



VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS - W. Russell Wallace is currently a sophomore with plans to major in Supply Chain and Information Systems, with minors in both Spanish and Information Systems Management. He is involved in many organizations and clubs on campus. Through Sapphire, he has gained a new outlook on the business world, and finds himself more interested in the workings of corporations themselves. The opportunities that Sapphire has provided for him have really helped him stay secure in his choice to major in business. The opportunity for him to join the Executive Board has given him an early opportunity to lead, which has been incredibly valuable.



FRESHMAN REPRESENTATIVE - Benjamin Olsho is this year's Freshman Representative. As Freshman Representative, he is responsible for keeping his cohorts up to date on Sapphire Leadership Council happenings and communicating their suggestions and concerns to the Executive Board. He is currently a Management major in the Schreyer Honors College. At Penn State he plans to participate in Springfield Thon, Spanish Club, and the Schreyer Student Council. Ben sees Sapphire as an amazing way to network, meet new friends, build leadership experience, and have fun doing it. He is looking forward to his first year of participation in the program and is excited to have a leadership role so early on.