On March 4th, the Owl Leadership Fellows hosted the 2nd annual Metro-Atlanta Collegiate Leadership Summit. The theme for this year’s summit was Breaking Barriers which focused on challenging participants’ current understanding of leadership while also breaking down barriers imposed on identities owned by leaders. The summit hosted a total of 125 participants, six external institutions, 17 presenters, four speakers, and 15 volunteers. Overall, the day was a great success inspiring conversation about the future of leadership.

As part of the Global Leadership Exchange program, twenty-three students from The Center for Student Leadership spent their spring break working with United Saints Recovery Project in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. This is the third year that the CSL has partnered with United Saints to help rebuild homes and provide needed support for those still suffering in this storm ravaged area. “Until you go and see a place in person that has been devastated by a natural disaster, you can’t really understand what the residents went through. Hearing their stories and seeing the damage changes your perspective” noted Kylie Farley, a KSU first year student. Throughout the week, students assisted in the reconstruction of five homes, three of which were damaged during Hurricane Katrina and two of which were destroyed by last April’s flooding in Baton Rouge. Students learned about the ongoing impact of disaster response efforts through conversations with homeowners and community members. Haley Willingham, a KSU junior, summed up the impact of her experience, noting “I expected to go into New Orleans to make a change. Little did I know that it would be New Orleans that would change me. I am forever grateful for the opportunity I had to learn and grow from this experience, as a person and as a leader.”

Good luck on finals!
Congratulations Class of 2017!