

Global, Here and Now Podcast - Global Corps

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Hello and welcome to this episode of Global, Here and Now - a podcast where the Poole College of Management Global Programs team showcases a variety of unique ways to engage globally. I'm your host Kelsey Oberbroeckling. Today, we're going to talk in-depth about Global Corps, a group of student leaders that support the Global Programs team in Poole. Now, Let's Go Global

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(Kelsey Oberbroeckling)

Before jumping into the logistics of getting involved in Global Corps, let's first hear from Ellen Frost, Associate Director of Global Programs and advisor to the organization, as she shares the goals and vision of Global Corps.

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(Ellen Frost)

As a small team of four staff members, the Office of Global Programs in Poole relies heavily on student leaders to achieve our mission of providing international opportunities to help students become global business leaders. This group of around 15 student leaders makes up Global Corps, the student organization that serves as an extension of our office. Global Corps supports our office in a variety of ways including marketing study abroad programs and educating Poole students about the value of global experiences for academic, personal and professional development. In addition, the members of Global Corps serve as a focus group by providing the student perspective and feedback to our office regarding the types of programs we offer and the challenges students face when engaging globally. The student leaders in Global Corps are essential to the office's work and significantly impact the Poole student experience. It is one of the highlights of my position to advise Global Corps and I am grateful for the student leaders in Poole who dedicate their time to the organization.

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Because the members of Global Corps represent the office and contribute significantly to our mission, we look to recruit highly qualified students for the organization. Members of Global Corps are selected through a competitive application process and are trained in advising, marketing and overall communication about global experiences. To become involved with Global Corps, students must complete an application and go through an interview. This process takes place each Spring semester and students selected to the organization begin responsibilities in the following Fall semester. Global Corps aligns the application timeline with other student leadership organizations in the College such as Peer Leaders and Ambassadors.

Make sure you are watching your email closely in the beginning of each Spring semester for announcements about specific deadlines.

Specifically for Global Corps, members are student leaders who are passionate about international engagement and cultural awareness, and are trained representatives of Poole Global Programs. Members gain communication and marketing skills, mentoring and advising experience and a sense of giving back to Poole and its students. Applicants must be a current Poole major, a rising sophomore, junior or senior, have a strong academic record with a 2.5 GPA or greater and be in good standing with the University.

Now, let's hear from two current Global Corps members, Sheridan and Mark

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Kelsey Oberbroeckling: Welcome to the podcast you two! let's have you start by introducing yourself.

Mark Salama: You guys, my name is Mark. I'm a business major here at NC State with a concentration in information technology. I'm originally from Charlotte, North Carolina born and raised queen city, and this is my second semester now with global core and I'm excited to be here.

Sheridan Cooke: All right, I'm Sheridan Cooke. I am studying Business Administration, with a concentration in marketing and from walnut cove North Carolina and i've been on global course since fall of 2019 and been on the exact team as the treasure and events coordinator, since then, as well.

Kelsey Oberbroeckling: awesome yeah we're glad to have both of you here we have a veteran member of global core and a new member and exact Member and a general so this, this will be a great conversation so let's start with, can you tell me a little bit about what being in global core means to you.

Mark Salama: um so being in global core for me was this kind of just unique opportunity that I found to be able to broaden my international horizon in a way that I could actually do your in Raleigh or. Not having to be international so I thought that was a great opportunity for me to expand on some things that I find so important in my life is that understanding. International differences and cultural differences and how that applies to people that aren't outside of the country, but actually people that I interact with on a daily basis.

Sheridan Cooke: I think I totally agree with that. On top of that, too, it was a really great connection point for me to students and pool. I didn't have a solid way to meet other people other than like are in 100 class that we took freshman year. And I think definitely the

international perspective, you get from being in this club was really important to me because study abroad was something I wanted to do since way before I even got to college.

Kelsey Oberbroeckling: Right you both mentioned how an international perspective is important to both of you to like build and expand and global core. Absolutely does that, and you help bring that to other students so you're developing it like with within yourself but sharing it with others too. that's one of my favorite parts as an advisor of global core to kind of see that come to be because you're right Mark it is so important to build that cultural competency. So we know why what it means to you why should a student who might be interested in global core, why should they get involved.

Sheridan Cooke: i'd say and a lot of our other Members would attest to this, the professionalism that you get from being in this organization I. really great, especially since a lot of us are really close to that next chapter in our lives, where we're applying for jobs, looking for internships and. Personally I didn't have a solid resume I didn't have a linkedin profile, I did not know how to write a cover letter before I joined this organization and I think. Miss frost yours and Miss henderson's help in guiding us through that has been really beneficial to me in my professional life so far. And I hope it would be for Members who want to get involved.

Kelsey Oberbroeckling: All right, thanks for pointing that out Sheridan. I don't know if that's something that students think of immediately when they think of global core they're like Oh, we do. Student advising and promote international experiences, but also being a part of the organization, it does give you some of that professional development. Can you tell me like where have you gotten that from like what are the global core meetings like or what does a month in the life of a global core Member look like.

Sheridan Cooke: Well, we have two bi weekly meetings, a month and in those we can cover a really wide variety of topics on professional development, including we looked over each other's resumes we went over each other's. And we've had several alumni panels, with people who have previously been in our organization or giving us sort of inside tips on how they took their experience in our club and then brought that to their new job. outside of our meetings we also have a variety of events that happen every month those can be events with cool events we organize ourselves. Information sessions and student panels that are all connection points for us with students and pool.

Mark Salama: And so, personally, for me, I am you hit that really hit the nail on the head there, but I really love just the. it's really simple, but everyone hates. The ice breakers, that we do in every little intro class, but I love the ice breakers and global core because they're just like you know the people and they're not ice breakers at that point, so that you kind of just. getting to know them more but it's like still silly light hearted conversation, which I really appreciate and. So that that's definitely a highlight of a lot of the meetings we do, but we definitely do go into depth on how we can advance ourselves professionally and how we can help other students get into the position that we're in and help other students get into position again international where they can.

Sheridan Cooke: study abroad and other yeah I love that you brought up icebreakers too because. we've had a lot of bonding events in the past that were outside of the normal times for our meetings you are trying to incorporate some of those things in our meetings, now that they're all on zoom. But hopefully that's something we can look forward to in the future as well.

Kelsey Oberbroeckling: mark and shared and do not be ashamed of the love for icebreakers I share that love for ice breakers, and it is important right and you want like these students, we Have it's an application process to get into global core and we want students who are excited interested and they typically gel well together, like what's the membership experience like, how do you connect with the other Members in global core.

Mark Salama: I mean personally for me um as far as zoom experiences go because that's just have been global core has been for me that's just been a notch above and you have the zoom experiences i've had as far as online goes because It feels like you're you're not learning anything by the book when it comes to global core I mean there's definitely a set of procedures and policies that we go through, but. There's definitely leeway and freedom were given to input our own ideas, and I think that goes a long way with helping us all have our own sense of leadership and Our own sense of personal information that we can give to help others. Right that's absolutely true, like you, our student leaders and our office relies on global core to help us make these marketing decisions and program decisions like we need your insight as current students to help us out and you all consistently deliver and exceed our expectations so it's a good group so with That being said, what advice, do you guys have for someone who's looking to get involved with global core or any student leadership organization.

Sheridan Cooke: I'd say Consistency is probably the most important value that we look for and members and I'd say a lot of other student organizations would say the same thing. We want somebody who has that passion that drive for this, but also that wants to deliver throughout the Semester show up for meetings and absorb all the information we're giving them give that back to students. And I'd say consistency is also very important in the application process we've had a couple students who don't make it in on their first time applying. But later come back and they've learned a bit more, and they seem like they gel more with the team that we are developing and they get in and they make great great members.

Kelsey Oberbroeckling: Good point on consistency, do you have any advice mark yeah i'm.

Mark Salama: For advice I'll kind of just give what others gave to me when I was kind of growing up. For this for me it's just for study abroad and they they're the two words I always remember just do it. Do it and I, they said it would be or gratified didn't do it, and so global core for me is a way of me telling others just do it like your. Experience you'll never forget, and so students looking to get into global core i'd say it's a great sense of fulfillment that you really feel that you're helping others get an experience that's. kind of just off the books it's not the traditional experience for a lot of students and it's something that's in its own way, just so unique that you

can't grab at any other point in your life and so global core is an awesome opportunity for you to help resonate that with others.

Kelsey Oberbroeckling: that's wonderful I would agree with both what shared in and mark said, as far as advice consistency. And just do it, we are looking for students, if you're listening to this podcast we want you in global core like you are putting in that extra step, so any final thoughts, you want to share before you wrap up this interview.

Sheridan Cooke: i'd say even though. The Times we're living in are really strange for student organizations. We are doing our best as an organization to put our best foot forward and get as many students learning about. Global perspectives and uniting as many students as possible, so. I just hope that you applied and we'll be back to see you later.

Mark Salama: and global core is really has some great leadership, headed by Miss frost and Miss over broccoli so they always do a great job of you know, keeping things afloat, for us, keeping things interesting and and keeping things relevant, no matter the time so I highly encourage you guys to apply.

Kelsey Oberbroeckling: Wonderful well, thank you both for joining us.

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Let's recap those application details. In mid- February, there will be an information session showcasing all of the Poole Undergraduate Leadership Organizations. The application will open mid-February, and close early March. As part of the application, you will answer several short-response questions. Keep an eye on your NCSU email inbox for more specific dates, and the notifications of your interview and/ or acceptance to Global Corps.

If you have any questions about Global Corps or the application process, please reach out to us at poole-global@ncsu.edu or visit go.ncsu.edu/globalcorps to learn more.

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Being a member of Global Corps is an excellent way to share your love for international experiences and encourage other students to study abroad and explore the world. Thanks for listening to this episode of Global, Here and Now presented by the Poole College of Management at NC State. For more information and to listen to other episodes, please visit our website at go.ncsu.edu/pooleglobal. Stay safe, stay well and stay globally engaged.

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