

Caylee Reid had been eyeing the Wentworth Fellowship poster in Morton Hall with envy for years. “I could not believe a program like this existed... This program combines my two favorite things: travel and literature. It is a dream come true.”

Reid is a senior at UNCW. She is shy, quirky, and very curious. She is married and loves to read and travel. Enamored by adventure, she is eager to meet new people and experience other cultures. Reid is always learning from what is around her and is receptive to anything life has to teach her.

Thanks to the Wentworth Fellowship, Reid will utilize her spring break to travel to London, England where Woolf spent most of her time writing.

Reid will study Virginia Woolf. “She inspires me. She is an author that made her way through war on all fronts of her life: personally, physically, and mentally. And not only did she fight through those in her work, she did so with grace. She balanced the seriousness of her craft and her questioning nature that wanted to know it all. She was a woman who wanted answers and wrote her way closer to them.”

When she returns from her trip, Reid hopes to educate her peers on much more than an author. “I would like to highlight the human experience. One moment to the next—we are constantly shifting between the mundane every-day to the long-term impacts of our lives and actions.”

“Our culture is constructed and it constructs us. We know life to be a certain way. You start to realize things aren’t as simple as they may look... because diversity makes the world such a beautiful place. It is a great exercise to open your mind to someone else’s way of living. Traveling allows you to escape the confines of what you’ve always known and become something new, or see in a new light, the old.”