

This is a reflection about the annual Econ Club field trip that was scheduled for Dallas Texas from March 6-8. I am very pleased to report that due to an external grant I have been able to secure, the entire trip was covered with only ancillary expenses required of the students.

Unfortunately, our flight out of Manhattan on March 6 was cancelled due to inclement weather but despite some anxious moments, we all made the 1130 AM flight on March 7.

The following people attended this trip.

Dan Kuester, Director of Undergraduate Studies for Economics, Sarah Howe, Lead Academic Advisor for the Department of Economics.

Students Attending

Liam Aumann – Economics Major

Grace Hutchinson – Economics Major

Cody Murphy – Computer Science Major

Sydney Rehagen – Economics Major

Suzanne Roggenkamp – Economics Major

Chipo Sekabanja – Economics Major

Emily Thornton – Economics and Marketing Major

Travis Weibler – Accounting Major

Upon arriving in Dallas, we quickly traveled to First National Mutual Group 12801 where we met with Todd Fecht, President of First National. Todd treated the group to lunch and explained his business plan to the students.

We then traveled to the amazing campus at AT&T. We wish to thank Charlene Lake for setting up a series of great speakers who focused on data analysis and we heard about several different aspects of AT&T including environmental sustainability and data analysis.

Who we spoke with at AT&T

1. Welcome, Opening Remarks Cody Reed, AVP – Finance David Sedlock, AVP – Data Governance
2. Climate Change Analysis Tool Shannon Carroll, AVP – Global Environmental Sustainability
3. Chris Holle, Data Scientist
4. Chat with a Data Scientist Mark Austin, VP – Data Science
5. AT&T College Recruiting Steve Harris, Lead – HR Talent Acquisition

We then toured the amazing AT&T campus.



We then finished a hectic day on Monday with a social hour and dinner at Jaxson, Texas Kitchen and Beer Garden. This event was hosted by Tracy Turner who is a retired AT&T Corporate Attorney. We were also able to network with Audrey Mross, who is the President of the Dallas Chapter of our alumni association.



On Tuesday, we started the day with a tremendous experience at Wingstop where we met with Charlie Morrison, CEO, Alex Kaledia, CFO of Wingston and Dorothy Edwards, Director of Internal Audits and Mariclaire Ballentine, Corporate Recruiter



We met with several young professionals at Wingstop for a question and answer session as well.

We next traveled to Crescent Court and met with Spencer McGowan, President, [McGowan Group Asset Management, Inc.](#) where we “toured a money museum” and discussed macroeconomic analysis, applied technology and planning for retirement.’



Spencer then treated us to lunch at Sixty Vines which was a wonderful experience.



After lunch the group traveled to – [Aimbridge Hospitality](#) – Where we discussed careers in Data Analytics – We met with Thomas Nagle, Accounting Manager, and members of the data analytics team. We were also fortunate enough to meet with these individuals.

Corey Thatcher -Director of Business Analytics
Madison Austrich – Financial Analyst
Grant Stout – Accounting Manager
Molly Fait – Talent Acquisition
Juan Savaria – Accounting Manager of Core Accounting



After a group discussion, we allowed students to visit individually with the person who most closely matched their career interests.

Finally we arrived at [Munck Wilson Mandala Law Firm](#)

We discussed networking opportunities for those pursuing a career in the legal field. We also discussed their summer associate program and we met with Bill Munck who is a founding partner of the firm and Stephanie Elovitz who oversees recruiting.



We had just enough time to go back to the hotel and change, grab a Texas barbecue dinner and Hard Eight Barbecue and arrive back in Manhattan around 11 PM! This was a short trip but full of wonderful experiences for our students and faculty!