To me, the BCLC is a place where students can learn through experience, make valuable connections, and find their identity comfortably within a supportive community. Experiential learning comes to mind as being central to the BCLC. My peers and I have had the chance to accelerate our professional development and reach our highest potential in college and the business world through case competitions, field trips, and FYE courses. The BCLC is also an environment that fosters connections. Students have a truly unparalleled opportunity to network with professionals and build relationships with a wide variety of firms early on, which has an amazing impact on the trajectory of their future career. More than anything else, however, the BCLC is a community with a positive and supportive culture. As I reach a semester and a half of time in the BCLC, it is clear to me that the friendships made and values learned here stay with students far beyond their time in Belden. These three aspects encompass not only what the BCLC is, but also the ways it will continue to grow and expand.

- Nicholas Willett