



# Alumnus of the Month

**Name:** Bastian Thomsen

**Nationality:** USA

**Schools/Universities you studied at:** University of North Carolina Wilmington & Euromed

**Year of Completion:** 2012

**Specialisation:** Economic Development & Non-profit Management

**Job Title:** Adjunct Instructor & PhD Candidate

**Employer:** Wingate University

**Location:** Wingate, NC, USA

## What you liked about the Schools/Universities you studied at:

The University of North Carolina, Wilmington is exemplary for its faculty and staff, academic rigor and beautiful campus. Its location between the beach and riverfront is ideal and the quality of the program is outstanding. Although Euromed University (now KEDGE) is no longer part of the IBSA, the large international student body led to sustained friendships and business contacts in leading international organizations such as the UNDP and OECD.

## What do you do in your job?

I did not major in international business during my bachelor's degree. The IBSA program inspired me to pursue my PhD in International Business Management from the University of the Basque Country in Spain. In addition to working on my dissertation, I teach as an adjunct instructor at Wingate University in hopes of becoming a tenure-track professor. I am passionate about working with students and exposing them to international service-learning projects where they can apply skills from the classroom in real-world situations.

## Whom you would like to connect with in the Alumni Network?

I would be elated to hear from anyone working in the non-profit or social entrepreneurship sector that may be interested in having students conduct research for their organization. Also, I would love to talk with anyone who has questions and/or interest about continuing onto a PhD after the IBSA program.

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