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NEWSLETTER

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2009

MARK YOUR CALENDER

- ◆ Applications for December 2009 graduation are due **immediately**. The deadline is the second week of October. Please come to the Welcome Center for an application.
- ◆ Ford Motor Company is conducting campus interviews on November 10, 2009 from 9:00am–3:45pm. Resume submission deadline is October 23, 2009. Positions available are for a financial analyst and a summer intern interested in strategic management /product planning.
- ◆ The Detroit Economic Club's new season schedule can be found at www.econclub.org

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- The MBA program is sponsoring a trip to Barcelona, Spain May 2nd–7th 2010. For further details contact Bonnie Naski @ 313-993-1203, or Brad Haney @ 248-462-3131.
- The 2010 Presidential Management Fellows Program is seeking graduate students. Information is available online at www.pmf.opm.gov

WHAT'S NEW

Two new faculty members have joined the College of Business Administration:

Robert Hutchinson, Assistant



Professor of Accounting, received his B.S. in accounting at Duquesne University, and his MBA from the University of Notre Dame. He also received his Ph.D. in manufacturing cost accounting at the University of Toledo.



Omid Sabbaghi, Assistant Professor of Finance, received his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley

with a triple major in economics, statistics, and applied mathematics. He completed his Ph.D. in finance and econometrics from the University of Chicago.

WHAT'S NEW, CONTINUED

Careers

Consult the UDM Career Education website for information on job postings, interviews, and other career related information at:

www.udmercy.edu/cec

GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Randy Elder, CBA, Accounting, 1979, is Senior Associate Dean of the Whitman School of Management, Syracuse University. He is the "right hand man for the dean", and is also Professor of Accounting. Randy's mother, father, and three brothers also graduated from U of D - all in business, except one brother in engineering. Randy's father taught at the downtown Dowling Hall Evening College of Business for decades.

Dr. Ryuzo Sato, CBA, MBA, 1959, recently visited the campus and the College of Business. He is recently retired as Starr Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for Japan-U.S. Business and Economic Studies at The Stern School of Business at New York University. Dr. Sato is one of the preeminent economists in the world, has authored many books, and has had a conference dedicated to his life's work.

Congratulations to Assistant Professor **Omid Sabbaghi!** He is the recipient of the Standard & Poor's Best Paper Award in Investments; the topic for his paper was Asset Pricing. He competed with faculty from around the world at the 2009 Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting held in Chicago.. **Robert Hutchinson** is also an award-winning new faculty member here at The University of Detroit Mercy. He is the recipient of the "William M. Lybrand Award for Outstanding Article of the Year in 2007". Titled "Linking Manufacturing Strategy to Product Cost: Towards Time-Based Accounting", which was presented at the Institute of Management Accountants' National Convention in Tampa, Florida.

Two faculty members were recently appointed as Directors of Undergraduate and Graduate Programs.

Accounting Professor, **Dr. Jeanne David** is the new Director of Undergraduate Programs. Academic Discipline Coordinator

Academic Discipline Coordinator for Decision Sciences, **Dr. Gregory W. Ulferts**, is now the Director of Graduate Business Programs. Both directors have posted advising hours in the Welcome Center, Commerce & Finance, room 115.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This fall 35 freshmen business majors are taking “**Business as a Profession**”. This new course is designed to examine the functional areas of business including strategy, management, marketing, decision sciences, information systems, accounting and finance. The importance of integration of these functional business areas is discussed in the context of internal and exter-

nal factors. In addition, the course is designed to include social responsibility, career services, and team-building.

The first year of the **5 Year BSBA/MBA Program** began this September. The highlight of this program is that students will be mentored by working professionals from companies like Butzel Long, Plante & Moran, SKF USA, and Fox Hills Country Club.

The first mentors meeting will be on October 20th.

The Student Advisory Board will host the **Annual Dean’s Dogs Event** October 8, 2009. The event will start at 12:30pm. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. It is always a fun event for the students, faculty and staff.

INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS

Gregory W. Ulferts, travelled to Jamshedpur, India in June to participate in the Global Knowledge Network for Jesuit Business Education. The theme of the week’s event was “Taking The Lead Towards Sustain-



able Development”. Along with presenting a Synthesis & Action Plan on June 10th, Dr. Ulferts also interacted with local communities in an effort to improve the availability of fresh water for villagers. Jamshedpur, India is also known as

“Steel City” because it is host to Tata Steel, which is India’s oldest and largest steel producing facility. Tata has made recent headlines here in the United States for its purchase of the Jaguar auto line from Ford Motor Company. Dr. Ulferts had the privilege of touring the Tata Motors facility while in Jamshedpur.



The Jesuit Community is “Taking The Lead Towards Sustainable Development” throughout the world.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Gerald Cavanagh, S.J. chaired a session, “Ethics and Management: Contracts and Justice,” at the August International Academy of Management meetings in Chicago. Cavanagh also published *American Business Values: A Global Perspective*, 6th ed. (Prentice Hall, 2010). He continues as Interim Dean

of the College of Business Administration until a new dean is appointed.

Mary Ann Hazen, Ph.D., Discipline Coordinator for Management, was recently published in the September 2009 issue of *Organizational Dynamics*. The articles title is “Recognizing and Responding to Workplace Grief”. Dr.

Hazen also serves as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Management Education*.

Tom Mawhinney, Professor of Business Administration, authored an article titled “Identifying and Extinguishing Dysfunctional and Deadly Organizational Practices” in the *Journal of Organizational Behavior Management*.

