Great news! AACSB International has extended our accreditation of the business degree and accounting programs has been concurred with by the Maintenance of Accreditation and Accounting Accreditation Committees and ratified by the Board of Directors. Congratulations to you, the faculty, students, staff, and all supporters of the business programs.

Dean’s Update

Faculty and Staff news

Congratulations to the following:

Dr. J. Kirk Ring has successfully defended his dissertation on March 27, 2009
Dr. Jim Wolff is promoted to Full Professor
Dr. Khawaja Saeed is promoted to Associate Professor with tenure
Dr. Charles Martin is affirmed on his Professor Incentive Review (PIR)

CEDBR Director Named

Jeremy Hill has been appointed as the new Director for the Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR). He comes with a wide research background in business, nonprofit, and community development.

Jeremy Hill has over ten years of experience working with a similar type of center, where he specialized in economic impact modeling, public policy, and planning for regional local governments in Southeast Georgia. He has helped communities to both create growth opportunities and to handle excessive growth problems. In addition to his extensive community development background, he has done a number of survey projects, feasibility, and cost/benefit studies for both small and large businesses working within the United States and those seeking to develop an international market.

Jeremy will start at the Center for Economic Development and Business Research on May 15, 2009.

Tristian Arthur Delgado

Geri Markova had a baby boy on Saturday, March 7th at 6:16 p.m. He was 6 pounds 14 ounces and 20 inches long. They named him Tristian Arthur Delgado. Congratulations.
Commencement
Saturday, May 16, 2009
Charles Koch Arena
Check in: 7:00 am
Processional: 8:00 am
Recessional: 9:45 am

Check in at 7:00 am in the Media Room. Parking will be in Lot 2.

There is a reception for the graduates and their family following the commencement ceremony in the 2nd floor lobby area of Clinton Hall. You are invited to stop by and visit with our new graduates.

End of Semester Party
Thursday, April 23 2 – 4p.m.
RSC Ballroom
This event has been especially organized for the international students in the Barton School and other business students. Presentations will be made by African students on their wedding customs and Chinese students on the Chinese New Year. This will be a great way for business students to learn about other countries and cultures.

Refreshments and drinks will be served. Please RSVP if you plan to attend by e-mailing ann.burger@wichita.edu

Advising Center
Closed Class Policy
Students wishing to get in a closed class must contact the Advising Center. Academic advisors will evaluate the student’s specific circumstance, prerequisite requirements, and classroom capacity. The instructor, program chair, and/or Jim Clark will be contacted concerning requests.

Beta Gamma Sigma Initiation and Student Awards
On May 19th the Barton School of Business initiated 22 new members into Beta Gamma Sigma. The student awards which were given out on Sunday:
Neff Outstanding Junior—Amy Latta
Neff Outstanding Senior—Cachet Hancock
Richard Homburger Award for Excellence—Olivia Smith
Wall Street Journal Award for Academic Excellence—Joy Osborn

Habitat for Humanity
The several women from the Barton School of Business worked on the Habitat for Humanity Women Build house. They did siding, roofing, insulation and built a safe room in the house. Lots of hammering went on, they have smashed thumbs to prove it. They had an awesome time and feel like they learned some new skills.

International Business
WTC Meeting on Thursday, April 23rd “Doing Business with Turkey” at the Olive Tree Banquet Hall.
Keynote Speaker Hon. Kenan Ipek, H.M. Consul General, Turkish Consulate General, Chicago. A unique networking opportunity for “Doing Business with Turkey”. There is going to be a Turkish Spoon Dance, Turkish Oriental Dance, and Karsilamas Dance in Romany Costume & drum solo presented by Safira’s Center for World Dance.
Reservations can be made by through email wtc.ciba@wichita.edu or by contacting us through our website www.wtc.wichita.edu
Shocker Business Plan Competition

The Center for Entrepreneurship is hosting its third annual Shocker Business Plan Competition. It is a state-wide competition for undergraduate and graduate students competing for a first place prize of $10,000.

The plans are judged in three phases. In the first phase or Screening Round, the plans are reviewed by a panel of judges. The next phase of the competition takes place on Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Marcus Welcome Center. In a trade-show-like atmosphere, the plans will be evaluated by representatives from the local business community. The plans which garner the most Shocker Dollars will move on to the final round of competition on Friday, May 1.

If your schedule permits, we invite you to join us on April 24 between 3—7 for a fun and informative learning experience. Refreshments will be served!

Dean Headley at AQR Press Conference

The 19th annual Airline Quality Report is co-authored by researchers Brent Bowen, an aviation expert from St. Louis University, and Dean Headley, a professor from Wichita State University. The Airline Quality Rating is a joint research project funded as part of faculty research activities at St. Louis University and Wichita State University. The AQR report named the best and worst airlines based on the four main criteria of baggage handling, on-time arrivals, denied boarding and customer complaints. This year the performance of the nation's leading carriers improved for the first time in five years, according to the 19th annual national Airline Quality Rating. For more information on the AQR go to www.wichita.edu/thisis/wsunews/news/?nid=620.

34th Annual ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING CONFERENCE

May 20 and May 21, 2009

A few topics being covered this year are: International Accounting, Ethics, Tax Update, Accounting and Auditing Update and Employee Stock Option Planning. For more details on the conference see the School of Accountancy’s website.

Questions contact the School of Accountancy.
April 23  International Student reception
May 12  Faculty/Staff meeting
May 14  Roger Jones’ retirement reception
May 16  Commencement
May 20-21  Accounting & Auditing Conference

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