Announcements

**Book buyback** – The bookstore will be at Biltmore Park this Thursday, December 12 to buyback your books, from 4:30-6:30pm in office suite 355.

**Attention Graduates!** – For details on commencement (when to arrive, where to park, etc), visit [http://www.wcu.edu/academics/campus-academic-resources/registrars-office/graduation/information-for-graduation-ceremonies.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/academics/campus-academic-resources/registrars-office/graduation/information-for-graduation-ceremonies.asp).

**Business Competition Registration Extended!** Due to the hectic time of year, we have extended the deadline to register your business competition teams through Sunday, December 15. Visit [http://goo.gl/0qFLQE](http://goo.gl/0qFLQE) to register.

**Biltmore Park Hours Dec 13-Jan 10** – Starting Friday, December 13 the Biltmore Park facility is only open 8am-5pm (Mon-Fri). We close at the end of the business day on Friday, December 20 and reopen at 8am on Thursday, January 2. From Thursday, January 2 until Friday, January 10 we are only open 8am-5pm.

**Graduate Student Research and Creative Projects Award Recipients** – Congratulations to Jennifer Speier and Corinne (Cory) Lininger!

Jennifer will be working under Dr. Ed Wright's supervision on development of a business plan needed to apply for a grant funding the creation of an in-house medical clinic in the Health and Human Sciences Building. The development of the clinic is a collaborative effort between WCU, MedWest and the Jackson County Health Department.

Cory will be working the guidance of Dr. Steve Ha, conducting research to determine market interest in a vegetarian-vegan diner in west Asheville with "sliding scale" pricing. This research will help her determine the feasibility of opening such a restaurant after she completes her MBA.

**GBSA Activities**

T-shirts are here and ready for pickup! You may pick them up in the student common area of Biltmore Park through Thursday (December 12) from 5:00 to 6:00 pm each afternoon. As a reminder, please make checks out to "WCU Foundation" with "MBA Program" in the memo line. If you need to make special arrangements to pick up your shirt, please email Meredith at gbsa.wcu@gmail.com.

--Didn’t order a t-shirt but wish you had?? Good news! We have a extra shirts in varying sizes (S-M-L) and the cost is $15 each. Supplies are limited, so act fast to get yours!--

**Calendar of Events**

Commencement – Sat, Dec 14 at 4pm
New Student Orientation – Thurs, Jan 9 at 6pm (BP 346)
Spring payment due – by Mon, Jan 13
Drop for nonpayment – Fri, Jan 17
First day of classes – Mon, Jan 13
Opportunities

1st Annual MBA Business Competition – Timeline/Deadlines:
Students register (teams of 3-5) - by December 9
Case study example and rubrics provided to teams - December 16
Competition case study released to teams - January 3
Teams have 10 days to complete the work - January 3-13
Submit paper and 2-3 page executive summary - January 13
Presentation to the judges/reception/awards - January 17

Register your team today! http://goo.gl/oqFLOE

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