Welcome to MBA Weekly

We will be sending this email bulletin every Tuesday to keep you updated on MBA Program information, student/faculty/staff announcements, job and internship opportunities, Graduate Business Student Association activities, and Career Center Services opportunities.

If you would like to contribute information, an event, or an announcement to MBA Weekly, please submit to the MBA office by Mondays at noon.

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MBA Program Announcements

- **Office personnel changes:**
  Dr. Steve Henson has stepped down from his position as MBA Program Director and returned to teaching full-time.

  Dr. Steve Ha, associate professor of economics, is the new MBA Program Director. He may be reached by email, iha@wcu.edu, or by phone, 227.3008.

  Kelly McIntyre is the new full-time office associate for the MBA program. You may reach her by email at kumcintyre@wcu.edu, or by phone, 227.3588.

- **Math review courses:** We will be offering math review courses this semester, created by Dr. Tilt Thompkins and led by Matt Leech and Michael Kimmel. These sessions will cover basic skills in algebra, probability, and financial mathematics. This is especially recommended before or during MBA 606 or 608, but is available to any students who feel they need a refresher on basic math skills.

  Dr. Thompkins will host sessions at UNCA from 4:30-5:30 on Aug 23, 26, 30 and Sept 2. Check with Asheville Graduate Center for location.

  Matt Leech and Michael Kimmel will host sessions at WCU. Dates, time and location TBD. Matt and Michael will also be available to help throughout the term if additional tutoring is necessary.

- **Concentration coursework:** In an advising meeting last week it came to our attention that some of our students had been told it is possible to graduate with a general MBA and continue on taking courses to gain a concentration. The Graduate School has informed us that this is not true. You must either extend your graduation date in order to take the necessary courses and finish with a concentration, or you may graduate with the general MBA and re-apply as a non-degree seeking student and take up to 9 hours of coursework that way - not officially considered a concentration within your degree. Please contact Kelly, kumcintyre@wcu.edu or 227-3588, with any questions.
• **Appointments:** If you have not already done so, please set up an appointment time with the MBA Program. This is required for new students, and preferred for other current students. Please review your previous Advising Appointments email correspondence for available Cullowhee and Asheville days. Email kumcintyre@wcu.edu with your preferred date and time.

• **Graduate Assistant Meeting, Wed 8/25:** We will have a meeting for all graduate assistants on Wed, Aug 25 from 12-2pm at WCU, Forsyth building - Faculty Lounge, room #231. Lunch will be provided. Graduate Assistants, please stay tuned to your email for additional information.

  **MBA Program Events**

  • **Information Session for Prospective Students** - Thurs, 8/19 from 12-1pm, UNCA Karpen Hall. Not sure if an MBA is right for you? Interested in what we have to offer? Come find out more!

  • **Registration** - Thurs, 8/19 from 4:30-6pm, UNCA Karpen Hall. Haven't decided on classes? Come get course information and register with the MBA program.

  • **WCU Asheville Programs & MBA Program Orientation** - Thurs, 8/19 from 6-8:30pm, UNCA Karpen Hall. Come enjoy snacks and refreshments and meet students from the Masters in Accountancy and Public Affairs programs as well as the new MBA students. Learn about available Asheville resources and the WCU library. Hear two alumni and two current students share their experiences and learn ways to get involved.

New students are expected, current students please RSVP by the end of the day today.

  • **Graduate School Orientation** - Thurs, 8/19, 12:30-2pm, WCU's UC Grand Room. Learn more about being a graduate student at WCU.

  • **College of Business Golf Classic** - Sat, 8/28. There are still a few spots left for the golf outing taking place at the Rock Barn Golf and Country Club on August 28th. The cost is $65 which includes driving range practice, lunch, golf, shirt, drinks, awards, raffle and auction. Please respond to mattjleech@gmail.com ASAP if you are interested in attending!

  **GBSA Activities**

  • **Happy Hour** - Sept 3 from 5-7pm. Downtown Asheville (stay tuned for specific location). No RSVP necessary.

For more information on GBSA or events, contact Ann Whitaker Thompson: annwhthompson@gmail.com