As always, please remember to check your Catamount email regularly.
If you would like to contribute information, an event, or an announcement (personal or professional!) to MBA Weekly, please submit to the MBA office by Mondays at noon. 
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UP-FRONT NEWS

- **Exciting Opportunity!** Check out [www.jetpitch.com](http://www.jetpitch.com) - go to the upper right hand corner search box 'candidate code' - and enter one of the candidate codes provided in this email, to see examples of what Jet Pitch provides to premium subscribers. Sample candidate codes: 5YJW, UHJM, VSXS. Since this is a new recruiting program, Jet Pitch is providing these premium level services (professional video production) to both our MBA and MAcc programs FREE. Sign up by emailing kumcintyre@wcu.edu ASAP.

- **Boot Camp/MBA reference books.** Please purchase ASAP if you have not already done so! We need to turn in the money so we can pay the invoice.

- **MBA Speaker Series.** Speakers brought by Dr. Ed Wright (MBA 601). This series is open to all students as well as prospective students!
  Monday, October 24; 5:30-6pm
  Karpen Hall 038, UNC Asheville
  Bill Murdock, CEO Eblen Foundation

  See attachment for the full *updated* semester schedule! Now including Ron Paulus, CEO of Mission Hospital!

Announcements

- **Advising.** The MBA coordinator will be available at UNCA Tuesday, October 18 before 11am and after 2pm. The MBA director will be available at UNCA Monday, October 24 after 4:30pm. Contact kumcintyre@wcu.edu or 828-227-3588 for an appointment.

Jobs & Internships

- **Internship - The AVL/Buncombe Food Policy Council (AB-FPC).** Assist in goal creation and implementation with the new food policy council. If interested see attachment for more information.
• **Internship – Homestrust Bank Compliance Auditing.** Home Trust Bank has an immediate PAID internship opportunity for a graduate student in the WCU MBA or MACC programs in their compliance audit department. The position is for 20+ hours per week with flexible hours between 8:45 – 5:00pm in Asheville. This is independent of any other interviewing the bank is currently doing at WCU. The intern will do loan analysis work including investigating and preparing a narrative about the data. The work is highly detailed and analytical and good business writing skills are also required. Confidentiality is an absolute must. The position can start immediately. Please email your resume to kumcintyre@wcu.edu.

• **Internships - Fox 5 Atlanta.** WAGA-TV/FOX 5 Atlanta has internships in many areas including finance, promotion, HR and operations. Deadline for summer internships is March 20. See attachment for more information and to apply.

*Please let us know if you find any job opportunities you think other students or alum would be interested in.*

**Opportunities**

• **Africa: The New Business Frontier** - A workshop designed for anyone interested in entering and competing in African markets. It will feature leading Africa business experts discussing critical tactical topics. November 3 & 4 in Chapel Hill. Space is limited. Register by Friday, Oct. 14 and save! GET DETAILS AND REGISTER AT [www.kenaninstitute.unc.edu/BABAfrica](http://www.kenaninstitute.unc.edu/BABAfrica)

• **TEDxAsheville & TEDxKatuah** - Share stories. Expand perceptions. Engage with your community. These are some of the goals of two TEDx events being held in the region this fall. TEDxAsheville 2011 and a new science-focused event, TEDxKatuah (led by our own MBAs!), are independently organized events, licensed by TED, and devoted to showcasing great ideas, performances and technology. Space is limited so get your tickets now! TEDxAsheville.com and TEDxKatuah.com. (see attachment)

• **NC Natural Products training** - Interested in farming or harvested medicinal herbs, or producing medicinal herb products? Attend a "train-the-trainer" program on November 3rd near Asheville, NC. This training is designed with extension agents, NRCS personnel, marketing specialists, forest service employees, and community college instructors in mind but will be useful to anyone who advises farmers, forest landowners, wanna-be herb growers, and new business start-ups in the natural products/medicinal herb arena. Visit [http://ncnaturalproducts.org](http://ncnaturalproducts.org) and see attachment for more info.

• **Funding for graduate students assisting with graduate faculty research.** Opportunity for Graduate Student Research Assistant employment for graduate students engaged in research and creative scholarship under the direction of a Graduate Faculty mentor. The Graduate Faculty mentor must have Graduate Faculty status approved by the Graduate Council. If the research or creative work is approved, a stipend of $1,000 for 50 hours of
work will be paid to the student in equal installments throughout the 2012 spring
term. *Graduate research and scholarship are defined as: An inquiry, investigation, or
significant creative achievement conducted by a graduate student with a Graduate Faculty
mentor and designed to make an original intellectual or creative contribution to the
discipline with an expectation of dissemination.* For more information regarding general
requirements, eligibility, funding, application process, and selection criteria go to www.wcu.edu/253.asp. The application deadline is **October 20, 2011**.

- **New study abroad partner: Glasgow, Scotland.** Glasgow Calendonia University offers a
variety of master’s level business courses our MBA students can take. [http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/postgraduatecourses/](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/postgraduatecourses/). If you are interested in studying for spring semester, please contact our study abroad advisor: John Schweikart, jschweikart@email.wcu.edu or his assistant, Josie Bewsey, jbewsey@email.wcu.edu. Group Study Abroad advising sessions occur each Wednesday at 4 p.m. and every Thursday at 11 a.m. in our office – Cordelia Camp Building. Call 227-7494 to make an appointment.

- **Introduction to Excel 2010.**
*Perfect for MBA students with limited experience and understanding of Excel, who need to learn the fundamentals of this program.* Not for credit.
6 weeks of instructor-led online course work. $86.
Sessions available beginning: October 19; November 19.
For more information and to enroll, visit [http://www.ed2go.com/wcu/online_course/ixt/detail/Introduction_to_Microsoft_Excel_2010.html](http://www.ed2go.com/wcu/online_course/ixt/detail/Introduction_to_Microsoft_Excel_2010.html).

- Other Face-to-face and online enrichment courses available in web design, Ballroom
dance, blacksmithing, and more! For more information and more classes, visit [http://learn.wcu.edu](http://learn.wcu.edu)

**GBSA Activities**

- **GBSA First Friday** – November 4, 5-7pm. Location TBD.

- **International Covered Dish Dinner** – Wednesday, November 2 (advising day – no classes). Bring your family and your favorite international/cultural dish to share. Location TBD. RSVP to Shruti at shmajithia1@catamount.wcu.edu.

See all activities and updates, and RSVP to events, at [http://www.facebook.com/#I/pages/Western-Carolina-University-GBSA/151984034856289](http://www.facebook.com/#I/pages/Western-Carolina-University-GBSA/151984034856289).

**Student & Alumni Announcements**
If you have any personal or professional announcements to share, please submit them to Kelly by noon on Mondays.

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