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

- **JET PITCH UPDATE:** We needed 25 people signed up in order for filming to be scheduled. We only have 9. Therefore, we are pushing back this opportunity to the spring semester. We are very sorry for those who were excited about this opportunity and we hope you will remain on our list for spring filming (we will honor the sign up for those who are graduating in December).

- **Registration.** See the attachment for MBA and elective courses available for spring semester 2012. Everyone should be clear to register by Nov 2, but certainly no later than Friday, November 11. You will be emailed as soon as registration is enabled.

- **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 31; 5:30-6pm
  Karpen Hall 038, UNC Asheville
  David Gantt, Chairman, Buncombe County Commissioners

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

Announcements

- **Advising.** The MBA Director will be available at UNCA this Thursday beginning at 1pm. Contact kumcintyre@wcu.edu or 828-227-3588 for an appointment.

- **WCU Career Fair** - Thursday, October 27th, 1-4pm, UC Grand Room. Bring a resume, employers are hiring! See http://wcu.experience.com/stu/cf_registered_employers?fhnd=5169 for an up-to-date list.
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 – Hometrust 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

• Graduate Research Symposium - March 22 on the WCU main campus. Use this opportunity to present research you are doing in class or as a graduate student, and positively represent the MBA and CoB in the process! Register via http://www.wcu.edu/1149.asp and see an informative video on abstract writing and paper presentation on the same Web page!
• **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. GET DETAILS AND REGISTER AT 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 and see attachment for more info.

• **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/. 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: November 19. For more information and to enroll, visit 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

GBSA Activities

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

• **International Covered Dish Dinner** – Wednesday, November 2 (advising day – no classes), 6-8pm at the Biltmore Lake club house. Bring your family and your favorite international/cultural dish to share. *Please RSVP by Monday, Oct 31* to Shruti at shmajithia1@catamount.wcu.edu. Directions will be sent prior to the event.

See all activities and updates, and RSVP to events, at http://www.facebook.com/#!/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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