Announcements

**Asheville Hours** – The MBA coordinator will be available in 120 Karpen Hall on Thursday, February 9 from 9am-6pm and Friday, February 10 from noon-5pm. Contact the MBA office to make an appointment.

**JetPitch professional tool** – Receive assistance in creating your elevator pitch and have it professionally produced for **FREE. Please sign up for this opportunity through our MBA program!** To see sample profiles, visit jetpitch.com and enter candidate codes 5YJW; UHJM; or VSXS. Allow recruiters to find you, or use the profile link in your own job search or professional networking as you see fit. **Sign up by February 15 – email kumcintyre@wcu.edu.**

**MBA Ambassadors** – We are seeking ambassadors to represent the MBA program through formal networking and recruiting opportunities. Please contact the MBA office if interested.

**GBSA Activities**

Those who want to be involved with GBSA should email Levi Grindstaff at qlgrindstaff1@catamount.wcu.edu with your availability and what you are interested in working on.

**Calendar of Events**

**Young Professionals of Asheville Monthly Social.** Thursday, February 9, 5:30-7:30pm at Roux, Hilton Asheville Biltmore Park.

**Graduation.** Apply for May 2012 by Friday, February 10. (Online via MyCat)

**MBA Prospective Student Information Session.** Monday, February 20, 6-7pm in KH016.

**International Covered Dish Dinner.** Tuesday, February 21, 6:30-8:30pm at Biltmore Lake Clubhouse.

**Opportunities**

**Available IT trainings and workshops for students.** Find more at [http://www.wcu.edu/27150.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/27150.asp)

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**20th Annual Graduate Research Symposium – Thursday, March 22, 2012.** The Symposium is a forum for graduate students to present the results of their graduate research (written paper, creative works, applied research, artistic presentation, etc.) to the Western Carolina University community.
There is also a Research Competition opportunity for graduate students to submit a research and/or creative works paper for blind review and ranking. Awards will be presented in a number of academic categories.

Symposium entries are not required to enter the Competition, but work entered in the Competition must be presented at the Symposium. There will be a Graduate Research Awards Ceremony and Reception at 5:00pm in the Grand Room of the University Center. All Symposium participants and faculty advisors/mentors are invited to attend.

Abstract Submission Deadline: February 21, 2012  
Research Competition Paper Submission Deadline: March 5, 2012  
Participation and Competition Registration Form and Guidelines: [http://www.wcu.edu/1149.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/1149.asp)

**Chancellor’s Fellowship** - These merit-based awards encourage and assist superior students in pursuing graduate studies. Each fellowship has a value of $4,000 per academic year and carries no work requirement. You must be registered for a minimum of nine semester hours each semester. Please see the application for eligibility requirements and directions on how to apply. Visit [http://www.wcu.edu/263.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/263.asp) to apply.

**Graduate School Study Grants** - Each academic year, the Graduate School awards a limited number of Graduate School Study Grants. Study Grants are awarded to exceptionally promising students in order to relieve financial pressures so they may devote more of their energy to study and research directed toward completing their graduate work. Please see the application for eligibility requirements and directions on how to apply. Visit [http://www.wcu.edu/263.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/263.asp) to apply.

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