Heads up to Alumni: We send you this newsletter because all alumni are encouraged to get involved, attend MBA & GBSA events, take advantage of Career Services/Job opportunities, and more!

Current Students: If you are not doing so, please check your Catamount email and reply to your email from Erika (mba@wcu.edu), so we can keep the most up-to-date information on file. This will be especially important as we begin spring registration.

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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MBA Program Announcements

- MBA in Asheville - Wednesday, October 27, before 5pm.
  Advising with the MBA Program Director will be offered at UNC Asheville on Wednesday, October 27, in the WCU Asheville Programs office - Karpen Hall 120.

New Students: If you have not already done so, you must schedule an appointment to meet with Dr. Ha.

To schedule an appointment, email kumcintyre@wcu.edu.

- MBA Program Graduate Assistant Small Groups.
  We would like to invite you to join our graduate assistants as they work on projects aimed at improving the MBA program, including Graduate Student Business Association (GBSA), Branding, Recruiting, and Curriculum. Please contact the GA's listed below if interested.

GBSA - Ann Whitaker Thompson, annwthompson@gmail.com & Matt Leech - mattleech@gmail.com
Branding - Jason Markey, jmmarkey1@catamount.wcu.edu
Recruiting - Meghan Adams, adams.meghanl@gmail.com
Curriculum - Sarah Withrow, sarahwith@hotmail.com & Kimberly Waggle, waggle.kimberly@gmail.com

MBA Program Events

- CEO Speaker Series - MBA 601.
  Outstanding local CEOs will talk about personal and organizational leadership. Open to all MBA students. Sessions are Monday night at 6pm, at UNC Asheville in Ramsey Library room 11 (the Square D Teleconference Center).

  Nov 1 - Bill Murdock, CEO, Eblen Foundation

Watch online, 24 hours after: https://www.mcnc.org/video-streaming/MBA601.

Opportunities

- TODAY! Interviewing Skills for Jobs & Internships. Tuesday, October 26 from 12:30 - 1:30pm. Call UNCA Career Center at 828-251-6515 for location on UNCA campus.

- Career Services Week!
  Wednesday - Engineering, Computer Science and Math Career Fair. Wednesday, October 27. WCU campus, UC Grandroom, 11am - 2pm.

  Thursday - Criminal Justice & Social Work Career Fair. Thursday, October 28. WCU campus, UC Multipurpose. 1pm - 4pm.

• Graduate Research Symposium - Thursday, March 24, 2011 in the University Center.
This will be a great opportunity to present any research you have worked on during your MBA program experience. For more information and to register, go to http://www.wcu.edu/1149.asp.

Student Resources

• MBA student Google calendar: http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=waggle.kimberly%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York
This calendar, created by Kimberly Waggle, is primarily helpful for the cohort in MBA 609-612. However, it has a wealth of information that may be useful to other students as well. We are interested in creating and updating calendars for each course and cohort. If you are interested in getting involved, email Erika at mba@wcu.edu.

• Library Resources - Betsy Clementson, MLIS
MBA Research Library Resource Guide - http://researchguides.wcu.edu/MBA. Contact Betsy at clement@wcu.edu or 828.227.3413.

• Career Services
MBA students have access to a host of career services through both WCU and UNC Asheville’s Career Center. WCU Career Services - http://career.wcu.edu
UNCA Career Center - http://www.unca.edu/career

GBSA Activities

• TOMORROW - GBSA Speaker Series.
Mark Upright JD, MBA. Mark is the President and CEO of Eliada Home. Eliada Home is a non-profit organization with the mission of "Helping Children Succeed" and does amazing things for the community. Mark will speak about leading this non-profit organization.

• MBA Volunteer Day at Eliada Home's Corn Maze.
A very special thank you to the following MBA students who came out on Sunday to volunteer at Eliada Home's Corn Maze:
  - Mike Kimmel
  - Matt Leech
  - Lauren Percilla
  - Sarah Withrow
  - Madison Flego (WCU ESL Master's Student)
Students spent the afternoon manning the corn gun station, the maze entrance, the pumpkin house and hand-stamping at the ticket booth - and enjoying fried oreos at the concession stand! We hope to do this event again next year, with increased student participation!

• Flickr account. Review the good times you had at happy hour, golfing, volunteering and even in class. Or, catch up on the GBSA events you missed! View photos at the Flickr account http://www.flickr.com/photos/wcumba/

Student Announcements

• Congratulations Sarah Withrow!!
Sarah is in her last semester in the MBA program and has accepted a job offer! She will be the newest Research Analyst at Addison Whitney in Charlotte, NC. Addison Whitney is a full-service global brand consulting firm who has named and branded the Cadillac Escalade, Microsoft Office Outlook and a plethora of domestic and international pharmaceuticals including Boniva and Restasis. For a full list of clients and projects, please visit www.addisonwhitney.com