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.

Office: 121 Forsyth
Email: mba@wcu.edu
Phone: 828.227.3588

Commencement reminder! Commencement is THIS Saturday, December 18. If you plan on walking, you will need to contact the WCU bookstore to order your cap, gown and hood. If you do not plan on walking, you will need to contact the registrar’s office at 828-227-7216 to let them know so they do not read your name. It is important to keep an eye on your Catamount email, because this is where the Registrar will send you more information regarding graduation and commencement.

MBA Program Announcements

• MBA Advising in Asheville.
  Until spring semester, advising with the MBA Program Director will be available by appointment only at UNC Asheville in the WCU Asheville Programs office - Karpen Hall 120. To schedule an appointment, email kumcintyre@wcu.edu.

• MBA Ambassadors.
  We are starting a new initiative to have current students from a variety of cohorts, full time and part time, serve as ambassadors to prospective and incoming students. Ambassador duties will include: meeting or communicating with prospective students via phone or email to give the ‘student perspective’ on the program; representing the program at MBA fairs, graduate school fairs, and information sessions; attending and presenting at new student orientation; attending other MBA and GBSA events as necessary. We hope to have enough active ambassadors that each ambassador needs to only participate in a couple of events per semester, since we know you all have very busy schedules.

  If you are interested in volunteering to be an ambassador, please contact kumcintyre@wcu.edu. We will also be contacting our own nominees for ambassadors soon.

• MBA Program on Facebook and Twitter!
  Facebook: Western Carolina University MBA Program
  http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Western-Carolina-University-MBA-Program/110713389999770
  Twitter: @wcuMBA http://twitter.com/#!/wcuMBA

Opportunities & Events

• Wayte Scholarships – Deadline Wed, Dec 22.
  We have Wayte Scholarship money available for spring semester. If you are interested in applying, please send a personal statement detailing your academic history and demonstrating your financial need. Email kumcintyre@wcu.edu.
• **Summer Fellowship - Environmental Defense Fund Climate Corps Public Sector Fellow.**
Paid fellowship in Durham, NC - $1000/wk for 10 weeks. Fellows will help reduce public sector building emissions by developing economically viable energy efficiency plans for partner organizations. This is a hands-on training for students who are interested in sustainability, energy management and/or operations and who want to drive environmental change within the public sector. Deadline is Feb 11, but positions are appointed on a rolling basis so apply early! See attachments for more information and application procedures.

• **Internship – Diamond Brand Outdoors.**
Paid internship in marketing with marketing manager Sarah Merrell, MBA alum. See attachment for more information.

• **Internships – Blueprints for Business.**
Multiple internship positions available, paid after 60 day trial period, with business consulting firm. See attachment.

• **Graduate Research Symposium - Thursday, March 24, 2011 in the University Center.**
Deadline to submit a proposal is February 21, 2011.
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.

• **2011 Graduate Liberal Studies Regional Conference – April 8-9 at UNC Asheville.**
Deadline to submit a proposal is February 1, 2011.
The Master of Liberal Arts Program at the University of North Carolina at Asheville invites you to submit proposals. See attachment for more information.

### Student Resources

• **Library Resources - Betsy Clementson, MLIS**
*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](http://career.wcu.edu)
*UNCA Career Center* - [http://www.unca.edu/career](http://www.unca.edu/career)

### GBSA Activities

• **GBSA MANNA Food Drive**
As our final volunteer project of the semester, GBSA has teamed up with MANNA Food Bank. We appreciate any donation that you can make to help feed the hungry in WNC. We will be accepting donations over the upcoming weeks outside of the MBA office in Cullowhee and the WCU graduate office at UNC Asheville **until this Friday, December 17.**

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