Announcements

Attention Graduate Assistants! – Our start of semester meeting will be in room 334 at Biltmore Park, tomorrow at 2pm.

New Student Orientation – TOMORROW! Required for all new, incoming students. Professional attire.
5-5:30pm – Check in and professional head shots
5:30-6pm – Reception with light refreshments
6-6:30pm – General Biltmore Park orientation
6:30-7:30pm – Business Student orientation (meet the Dean, faculty, current students, and alumni!)

Student Billing & Payment – You must pay your bill in full by August 23 or you will be dropped from your courses. For more information, instructions on paying your bill, and payment options, visit http://www.wcu.edu/current-students/student-accounts-office/

Ordering books. Visit http://books.wcu.edu. Click on “WCU Bookstore” then the link for “textbook ordering.” Best results occur when you select department (MBA) and course number. You may order for delivery to Biltmore Park (free of charge), your home (pay for shipping), or you may look around online for cheaper options. Stats students please note you may purchase the previous edition to save money. Keep an eye out for an email from Dr. Moss for details.

Waiving health insurance on your bill. If you have health insurance through your parents, your spouse, work, or an individually purchased plan, you can waive the $688 fee from your student bill. Visit http://www.wcu.edu/student-life/division-of-student-affairs/departments/student-health-services/student-health-insurance/how-to-waive.asp. You can even do this from your smartphone! You can select to automatically input your waiver information for the spring semester, but you will need to renew your information each fall for the academic year. If you take no action, you will automatically be enrolled in the student health plan through Blue Cross Blue Shield August 1.

GBSA Activities
College of Business Golf Classic - Please reserve August 24th at 10 am for the WCU College of Business Golf Classic at the Rock Barn Golf & Spa in Hickory, NC. All alums and all Golf Classic participants and sponsors are invited to a reception the evening before, August 23rd at 6 pm, at Rock Barn. Hotel arrangements will be available and sent to you upon request. You MUST RSVP to attend the Reception. RSVP to gbsa.wcu@gmail.com if interested in participating.

And if you don’t want to play, but still want to get involved...we need volunteers!

We are doing things a little differently this year and breaking the day into shifts:
12:00 – 6:00pm: You will be hanging-out on the course helping watch the holes, directing traffic, etc. Your day starts with lunch and you get snacks and beverages on the course!

2:30 – 8:30pm: You will help relieve the folks who have been out on the course since t-off and assist with flag-gathering and clean-up once play is complete. You also get to partake in snacks and beverages on the course and we’ll take you out for pizza once the clean-up is complete!

Sounds like fun, right? Email Emilie Berls at esberls@wcu.edu with your preferred shift. If you have already volunteered, contact her for more details.

Calendar of Events


Thurs, Aug 15 – Graduate Assistant Meeting, Biltmore Park room 334, 2pm.

Thurs, Aug 15 – New Student Orientation, Biltmore Park, 5-7:30pm.

Sat, Aug 23-24 – College of Business Annual Reception (Friday) and Golf Classic (Saturday).

Opportunities

JOB! Business Counselor Assistant, SBTDC (Asheville) - This position will provide project support for the western regional office of the Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) in our work with startup and existing small businesses. For more information on the SBTDC and our work, please visit www.sbtdc.org. Major Duties include: Providing support for the center’s business counseling activities, to include: conducting market research for clients and managing start-up business concerns; assisting with reporting of
student team work hours and time logs for specific clients; editing business plans and providing follow-up assistance with selected clients as well as miscellaneous administrative activities as requested by the director or business counselors; Providing support for the western regional center’s effort to plan, execute and follow up on small business-related training events and a larger regional conference. The assistant may help with coordination and support work for all aspects of these events. **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities include:** A broad general knowledge of the principles and practices of business is required. Knowledge and experience with event planning is preferred. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are required along with computer skills associated with Microsoft Office Suite programs; experience with Office Suite 2010 or later is preferred. The candidate must have the ability to handle multiple assignments, organize work and establish priorities with minimal supervision. The candidate should also be able to keep information confidential and in a safe place; meet personal commitments and promises; deal effectively with various groups, clients or individuals being served; and move through a broad variety of tasks requiring different approaches, knowledge and concerns. **Work Schedule/Location:** Approximately 20 hours per week working in the Asheville SBTDC office, located at 46 Haywood Street in downtown Asheville. Days are flexible and subject to scheduling changes. Pay is $12/hour. **To Apply:** Please send a resume and cover letter to Noah Raper at nraper@sbt.nc.org.

**Social Entrepreneurship Conference Project and Presentations.** All WCU graduate students and programs are invited to participate – two teams will be selected! The 2014 Social Entrepreneurship Conference sponsored by UNC-General Administration. At this conference graduate student teams will be asked to work with a non-profit organization in NC on a project the nonprofit has identified – either a) developing a business plan to assist the nonprofit in developing a new product or service or b) helping the nonprofit create a new revenue-generating product or service that supports the nonprofits core mission. Or graduate teams can submit their own project proposal which meet the conference guidelines. The Conference will be an opportunity for graduate students at UNC campuses to learn from engaging speakers about topics relevant to social entrepreneurship and present their ideas for innovative, sustainable, business-oriented solutions to problems in communities across our state. This is an all expenses paid trip (room, board, and conference fees) to the Social Entrepreneurship Conference and a chance to win prizes!

Build a team (in or out of class), develop an innovative idea to a social problem, and submit the information to Dean Mimi Fenton by September 9!
Timeline:
Teams and Proposals – September 9, 2013
Interview – September 12, 2013
Approved Graduate Teams Submitted to UNC-GA – September 16, 2013
Social Entrepreneurship Conference – February 2014 (day TBD) at the North Carolina Agriculture & Technology (NCA&T) in Greensboro, NC

Contact: Dean Mimi Fenton mfenton@email.wcu.edu x7398 or visit the following website - http://www.northcarolina.edu/sec/index.htm for more information.

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