Announcements

Registration – You will receive an email by Friday, November 1 with instructions on what to register for in spring 2014. You will not be able to register before you receive that email.

Summer term survey – Please provide your feedback so that we can benchmark demand for summer term classes going forward. This will be used to help determine whether or not to offer summer core courses as part of our master schedule. [Link]

Graduates – If you do not want to attend commencement, please complete this form [Link] and submit to the Registrar’s office as soon as possible.

Academic Support/Tutoring Services – Struggling with quantitative courses? Need someone to help you copy edit that semester paper? Take advantage of the free services provided by the Writing and Learning Commons’ online resources, and be sure to check out Smarthinking.
WaLC: [Link]
WaLC online resources: [Link]
Smarthinking: [Link]

ATTN ALUM: Annual Alumni Survey – So far, only 10 alumni have responded. We need at least 15 in order to get specific benchmarks for our program! Please help us gather information about our alumni employment histories, career development, school affiliation, and the role graduate management education plays in career progression. This is about a 15 minute online survey, completed in ONE session. Please complete the survey by November 15, 2013 using the following link (or copy and paste the URL address into your web browser window): [Link]. In appreciation for completing this survey, you will receive an interactive Comprehensive Data Profiler that will allow you to compare your responses to those of your peers across many different demographics, such as graduation year, program type, and industry. Participants can also choose to enter into a drawing of 5 gift checks each equal to US$100. (See Terms and conditions). Thank you!

GBSA Activities

TONIGHT! Join us at 6pm at Biltmore Lake Clubhouse with your favorite international (yes, “American” and even “Southern” DO count!) dish to share. This is advising day, which means no classes, so we hope to see everyone there – family, including kids, are more than welcome. Dr. Ha (dish: Korean BBQ), Kelly (dish: Mediterranean pasta salad), and faculty members will be available to answer your advising questions. You don’t want to miss out on the most popular GBSA event of the semester. See y’all there!
Note: please remember to bring the appropriate serving utensil with your dish.

Student Body Meeting – This Thursday, October 31 from 5-5:30pm, Biltmore Park room 335.

First Friday – This Friday, November 1 from 6-8pm at Wedge Brewing Company, 125B Roberts Street, Asheville, NC 28801 (in the River Arts District)

Coming soon:
November 10th: BWAR Outdoor Hiking Club, 10:30am - 12:00pm
November 14th: Wilsonart Tour, 12:00pm - 1:00pm**
November 16th: GBSA/GSA Tailgating + Catamount Football Game (VS. Furman / Senior Day), 3:30pm
November 27th: Thanksgiving Volunteer Project with Eblen Charities, 9:30am - 4:00pm**
**We will provide more information about these events at a later time, but please note that the Wilsonart Tour and Thanksgiving Volunteer Project require an RSVP. If you already know you will attend, please email gbsa.wcu@gmail.com
Calendar of Events

GBSA student body meeting – Thurs, Oct 31, 5-5:30pm. Biltmore Park room 335
Registration begins – Wed, Oct 30
First Friday – Fri, Nov 1, 6-8pm. Wedge Brewing
Last day for a simple withdraw from class/university – Fri, Nov 8 at 5pm
Outdoor Hiking Club – Sun, Nov 10, 12-1pm. Brother Wolf Animal Rescue Shelter
WilsonArt Tour – Thurs, Nov 14, 12-1pm.
GBSA tailgate and Catamount football – Sat, Nov 16, 3:30pm
Eblen Charities Thanksgiving volunteer project – Wed, Nov 27, 9:30am-4pm
Thanksgiving holidays – no classes Wed, Nov 27; university closed Thurs and Fri, Nov 28-29
Last day of classes – Fri, Dec 6
Final exams – Mon, Dec 9 – Fri, Dec 13
Commencement – Sat, Dec 14 at 4pm

Opportunities

PAID RESEARCH! Graduate Student Research and Creative Projects award. The award will provide funds to graduate students engaged in research and creative scholarship under the direction of a Graduate Faculty mentor. If the research or creative work is approved, $1,000 will be awarded in the 2014 spring term. For more information regarding general requirements, eligibility, funding, application process, and selection criteria go to www.wcu.edu/253.asp. The application deadline is November 8, 2013. Please view attached guidelines.
Note: Dr. Ha expects to see applications from all of his MBA advisees! He is on the selection committee and is looking forward to a good representation from MBA students!

Leadership Asheville Forum – Free Address from Mission Hospital CEO Dr. Ron Paulus! October 30 from 7-8pm in the OLLI Center at UNC Asheville. As Asheville’s single largest employer, Mission Hospital is of vital importance to the entire community. And Mission is facing some significant challenges right now. Plans are underway to expand both the hospital’s physical plant and its geographical reach. At the same time, the administration is gearing up for the rollout of the Affordable Care Act -- better known as Obamacare. Come hear Dr. Paulus address these and other pertinent issues.
Dr. Ronald Paulus has been CEO of Mission Hospital and Mission Health System since September of 2010. Before joining Mission, he was Executive Vice-president for Clinical Operations and Chief Innovation Officer at Geisinger Health System. He received his MD degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and his MBA, (with concentration in healthcare management) and BS in Economics from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Paulus has published numerous peer-reviewed articles and speaks frequently on the subjects of health care quality, efficiency and innovation.

WCU Career Day and Graduate School Fair – Wednesday, October 30, 2013, 1-4pm, University Center Grand Room (MAIN campus). Already 66 organizations are registered and the list is still growing! Bring your resume and network with HR representative looking to fill positions with WCU students and graduates. To check out the list, go to: http://wcu.experience.com/stu/cf_registered_employers?fhand=6285

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