Announcements

**Asheville Hours** – Thursday, February 2 - The MBA coordinator will be available in 120 Karpen Hall from 10am-6pm. Friday, January 3 – The MBA director will be available after 1pm for advising in 120 Karpen Hall. Contact the MBA office to make an appointment.

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**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**

**MBA Prospective Student Information Session.** Friday, February 3, noon-1pm in KH113.

**GBSA First Friday!** February 3, 5-7pm at Neo Cantina.

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

**Opportunities**

**YPA Morning Networking**

**Professional Networking // Oscar Wong // Highland Brewing Company**

**Friday, February 3 // 8:30 am - 9:30 am // Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room**

Join YPA (and your MBA Coordinator) Friday, February 3rd for our YPA Morning Networking featuring speaker Oscar Wong of Highland Brewing Company. Oscar was a registered professional engineer in seven states across the country who started his own engineering business working on the structural and mechanical safety of nuclear power plants. Eventually, the company morphed into nuclear waste processing facility design and the operation of those units. He then sold the company to a publicly traded waste disposal firm. After a short attempt at retirement, Oscar began consulting on nuclear waste procedures but withdrew from that to pursue a serendipitous opportunity to start a brewery. His lifelong appreciation for beer has now culminated in the first legal brewing operation in Asheville since the repeal of Prohibition.

**Summer Internship** – **WestWater Research** is seeking graduate students pursuing Economics, Finance or an MBA that have completed his or her first year of studies, or a recent graduate, for a summer
intern position. During the internship, the successful candidate will develop a market analysis of water right trading within a defined geographic region of the United States. The intern will be responsible for developing a detailed market analysis for water right trading within a geographic and market region of the United States. The selection of the market region will be done in cooperation with WestWater senior staff. Specifically, the market analysis will include a review and assessment of trading activity. This will be done by collecting price and transaction information through contacting and interviewing active participants in the market. Information from this analysis will be incorporated into WestWater Research’s market pricing database. Market and price data will be adjusted to account for attributes and variations in the transactions, so attention to detail is imperative. Once the transaction dataset is compiled the intern will analyze the information to identify market trends and key pricing metrics. The market analysis will assess the size of the market, trading volume, price levels and volatility, characteristics of buyers and sellers, as well as prospective future supply and demand conditions. The analysis will be incorporated into and guide an overall water right acquisition and investment strategy. Candidates will be contacted by the end of February 2012.

New Generation Initiative

As announced at the 2011 Rural Partners Forum in November, the Rural Center’s New Generation Initiative will provide $3.6 million in resources to engage rural youth and young adults in the life of their communities. By involving thousands of young people statewide, the initiative will foster the next generation of rural business owners, skilled workers and economic and community leaders. Encompassing four distinct programs, the initiative works on multiple fronts simultaneously. Organizations or individuals in North Carolina’s 85 rural counties are eligible to apply for the programs.

--New Generation Leaders helps young people become more active in civic and economic affairs, in part through engagement in a community improvement project. Grants for community projects will be awarded to 30 communities over the next three years. Apply now.

--New Generation Careers assists the development of locally based strategies to train and place rural young people in high-demand career fields. Apply now.

--New Generation Ventures offers business counseling and business-related scholarships to help young adults launch or grow small businesses. Applications will be available starting Feb. 15.

--New Generation Communities provides resources and training for rural communities that seek to more fully engage youth and young adults in economic and community life. Training programs will begin this summer.

To learn more about how you can become involved, visit the Rural Center's website.

Jobs
**Finance Assistant**, Bellamy for Congress 2012. Essential duties include regular database maintenance, daily mailings, donor prospect research, debriefing and call sheet production, staff all fundraising events, secure and supervise finance interns, daily contributions record, phone coverage. Must be willing and able to work long hours (sometimes as much as 80 per week), must have high-level interpersonal and written communication skills. Contact Erica Palmer with questions, or to apply. Erica@bellamyforcongress.com. 

*Note: Not recommended for a currently enrolled student due to hours required.*

**Scheduler**, Bellamy for Congress 2012. Essential duties include managing candidate calendar, protect candidate call time with finance staff, serve as point of contact for all events, send and distribute press clips daily, identify occasions for important contacts and coordinate card mailing, compile background and preparatory information for candidate for all events, provide phone coverage, address general constituent needs and requests for information, direct callers to appropriate staff. Must have high-level interpersonal and written communication skills. Contact Erica Palmer with questions, or to apply. Erica@bellamyforcongress.com.

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