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SPRING 2009 CALENDAR

3/9-15	Mon-Sun	Spring Break
4/6	Mon	Last day to withdraw classes
4/9-12	Thurs-Sun	Easter Holiday (Grad. classes are off Holy Thursday)
4/13	Mon	Classes resume
5/2	Sat	Last day of class
5/4	Mon	Final exams begin
5/9	Sat	Final exams end
5/11	Mon	Graduating students grades due
5/13	Wed	Non-graduating students grades due
5/15-16	Fri-Sat	Commencement weekend

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER NEEDED FOR MAY

The Graduate Business Office is taking applications for a Commencement Speaker. If you are a September 2008, January 2009, or May 2009 graduate of either the MBA, MSFS, MSBI, MSHRM, or MIM Programs and you would like to speak at the Commencement Ceremony on May 16, 2009, please submit a three minute Commencement Address to the Graduate Business office by April 13, 2009.

Speeches may be submitted to Anita Brusstar through email (abrussta@sju.edu), faxed to 610-660-1599, or dropped off in the Graduate Business Office (MV 284).

The Graduation Committee will review each speech and notify the top three candidates to give an oral presentation of their speeches. Final decisions will be made by May 5, 2009.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Students intending to graduate at the end of the Summer 2009 semester are reminded that they must complete the Intent-to-Graduate Form by March 2, 2009.

If you intend to graduate at the end of the Spring 2009 semester, please note that the deadline for submitting the form has already passed, and you should submit it as soon as possible.

Forms are on the web at <http://www.sju.edu/resources/registrar/intentgrad.html> and can be submitted electronically.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY!

The Graduate Business Office would like to welcome the following new faculty members to the Graduate Business Programs:

Mr. Jeff McCrindle,
Adjunct Professor of Decision & System Sciences

Dr. Scott Testa,
Visiting Professor of Marketing

Howard Yermish,
Adjunct Professor of Decision & System Sciences

JOIN THE MBA FACEBOOK GROUP

Keep connected to current and former MBA students by visiting our new fan page on Facebook, located by searching "Saint Joseph's MBA" on the top right corner of www.facebook.com and clicking the "Pages" tab.

GREAT MBA NETWORKING EVENTS

February 20, 2009: SJU will host an event at the Pyramid Club (1735 Market Street, 52nd Floor) in Philadelphia from 5:30-9:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to meet with your fellow MBA students and alumni to network. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drink specials available. RSVP requested to Jessica Dustman at 610-660-3294 or jdustman@sju.edu.

Pyramid Club:

1735 Market Street, 52nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA
215.567.6510

April 17, 2009: The SJU Graduate Business Office invites you to join us in supporting the World Champion Philadelphia Phillies as they take on the San Diego Padres. The game begins at 7:05 PM at the Citizens' Bank Park. Tickets are \$20.00 per person; friends and family are welcome. Space is limited and tickets are first come, first serve. RSVP prior to Friday, February 20th, by contacting the Graduate Business Office with your name, program, number of tickets requested, email address, and phone number. Payment is due Friday, March 13th, details to follow. Please direct any inquiries to the Graduate Business Office at sjumba@sju.edu or (610)-660-1690.

WHAT IS THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK (YPN)?

The Young Professionals Network (YPN) of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce is a professional development program designed to provide young professionals in the area with an insider's view of the Greater Philadelphia business community. Members make valuable connections with peers from various industries and have access to the region's most prominent and influential leaders.

As a member of YPN, you will have opportunities to:

- Claim affiliation with one of the largest and most powerful business organizations in the country.
- Interact with more than 800 young professionals from across the region.
- Improve your networking skills and expand your contact base to advance your career.
- Gain committee and board experience.
- Learn about the region's rich cultural attractions.

To join YPN and see a list of upcoming YPN events, please visit www.ypnphilly.com.

We are raffling free memberships. If you would like your name to be considered, please contact us via email at sjumba@sju.edu, by calling 610-660-1690 or stopping by the Graduate Business Office in MV 284!

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Career Development Center at Saint Joseph's University provides assistance to students of all majors and class years, as well as to alumni. The office is located in Moore Hall (formerly Overbrook Hall), on the corner of City and Overbrook Avenues right across from the Executive House Apartment Complex. The CDC is open Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm and on Friday 8am-5pm. To find out more information, go to www.sju.edu/careers. Members of the Career Development staff can also be reached by phone at 610-660-3032 or by email at careerhelp@sju.edu. Visit the CDC website at www.sju.edu/careers.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Chartered Financial Analyst Society of Philadelphia is an organization that brings together people from the investment community to further the interchange of information and opinions. The CFA Society has a Luncheon Program that is held throughout the Philadelphia and Delaware area, and business leaders from the local community speak about an array of investment topics such as economics, industry outlooks, fixed income, quantitative theory and application, new investment products, international investing and new legislation. It is a great opportunity for networking, and the Society also offers CFA preparation! As an MBA or graduate business student, you are eligible to become a member of this organization for a fee of \$50. Current financial analysts are also invited to join. Please see www.cfaphil.org to learn more about the CFA Society of Philadelphia.

ARE YOU "LINKEDIN"?

Touted as the Facebook for professionals, LinkedIn helps you find past and present colleagues and makes staying in touch easy. Discover inside connections when you're looking for a job or new business opportunity. You'll find experts in your network who can help answer your questions. For more details, see www.linkedin.com

WANT TO MEET WITH AN MBA PROGRAM ADVISOR?

Do you have questions regarding what courses to take next semester or what your degree requirements are? The Graduate Business Office has two MBA Advisors available to help! Advising hours are available most Mondays through Thursdays from 4:30-6:30pm.

Interested students may visit www.sju.edu/mba and click the "Meet an Advisor" link to make an appointment with Professor Sarnacki (Mon/Thurs) or with Janine Guerra (Tues/Wed).

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

How to Interview Like a Top MBA

By Shel Leanne

(McGraw-Hill, 2003)

In today's market, it is imperative that one has excellent interviewing skills in order to obtain a coveted position. This book helps you answer the tough questions that many face in interviews. Industry insiders, headhunters, corporate executives, MBA program administrators, and interviewers provide you with key advice and insights on the DOs and DON'Ts of interviewing. *How to Interview Like a Top MBA* also features worksheets and tools to help you come up with a game-winning strategy and plan of action for edging out the competition. You can learn more about this book at Amazon.com. Stay tuned for next month's recommendation!

TIPS ON HOW TO STAND OUT IN YOUR PROFESSION

The following are some helpful tips, techniques, and strategies to help serve to advance your career and to stand out at work. It's only through perseverance and determination that you are able to accomplish those things that seem impossible at times. Here are some attributes to assist you in your pursuit of success.

1) KNOW YOURSELF - YOUR STRENGTHS, ABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS.

Once you know your major characteristics you will be able to pinpoint the career path you should take and put all of your energy attention and passion into that endeavor. There is nothing worse than giving something your all while you are speeding along on the wrong career path, putting all your talent and ability to work doing things that you can never be the best at.

2) BE A PRUDENT RISK TAKER.

Think Big. To stand out at work and get ahead of the times calls for you to take risks. You should take risks only when they have been well thought out and planned. Think big and try to develop win/win situations whenever possible. When you develop a plan of action it should encompass the entire organization or an entire department. It should never be just about you. Think in terms of impacting the entire organization.

3) SET GOALS THAT STRETCH YOU.

Learn to get out of your comfort zone. Establish some attainable goals. When you have such goals, chances are you're excited, enthusiastic, passionate, and energetic in the pursuit of those goals. Goals that are easily attained don't ignite any type of fire within.

4) KEEP YOUR HORIZONS AND INTERESTS BROAD.

Do not limit your career perspective and outlook. There are always other possibilities and different roads to travel. Learn new things at every opportunity because you never know when your increased knowledge base is going to enable you to take on greater responsibility in the form of a promotion.

5) LEARN FROM FAILURE.

It is okay to have set backs. Every person that has achieved any type of note worthy success will tell you that they have failed at some point in their career. Use your failures as learning experiences that catapult you forward to take on the next challenge. Make amendments and adjustments based on the lessons learned from past failures.

6) REMEMBER THE FIRST PERSON PLURAL.

Think in terms of we. Share your best demonstrated practices with your co-workers, teammates, department, and the entire organization if possible. Look for ways to help others.

7) KEEP YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR.

Never get characterized as a person who can never have fun or is always serious. You can be perceived as unapproachable and this can limit your career advancement and keep you from getting ahead and standing out.

8) DEVELOP YOUR INTERPERSONAL SKILLS.

It is imperative that you enhance your ability to communicate effectively. Listen to what co-workers say and make your points clear. If you are able to communicate with every level of employee within an organization, including upper management, this will do more to help you stand out.

9) HAVE A STRONG WORK ETHIC.

Be the first one to work and the last one to leave. When you work on a project try to get it done efficiently and effectively. Make working hard a habit. Become known as the person who works harder and smarter than all others within your department.

10) SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY AND THE CREDIT.

Look for ways to recognize your peers and upper management. Be quick to praise others for their accomplishments.

11) KEEP YOUR WORD.

Develop a reputation for integrity and honesty. Do what you say you will do. Others will begin to trust you and look to you for answers and you will become known as a person with a good reputation.

(Adapted from <http://blog.ysn.com/?p=337>)

5 FIRMS THAT ARE HIRING AND WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR

Edward Jones-Financial	<i>Advisors and branch office administrators.</i>
Ernst & Young	<i>Assurance, tax, and several of the advisory practices.</i>
KPMG4	<i>Positions range from administrative assistants to IT associates to tax and audit managers.</i>
PricewaterhouseCoopers	<i>Assurance, tax and advisory.</i>
Accenture	<i>Specific IT skills, such as Java, J2EE, industry expertise and government secured clearances. Also hiring for corporate roles that include finance and sales development.</i>

CONGRATULATIONS JANUARY 2009 GRADUATES!

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FEEDBACK

We want to hear from you!

Are there any ideas that you think could enhance the MBA program? Are there any topics you would like to see covered in the Haub Street Journal? Let us know, we want your opinion. Send an email to: sjumba@sju.edu with the subject line "feedback."

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