Faculty Kudos

David Lavin's paper, "Taxes: An Interface of Professions Challenging Higher Education," has been accepted for presentation this coming February in Las Vegas at the ninth annual meeting of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences. It also was accepted for publication in the meeting's proceedings. Additionally, Dr. Lavin has served as track chair for marketing research and development for the Society.

Emmanuel Roussakis published an article in the most recent issue of Revista Latinoamericana de Administración. This journal is the publication of the Latin American Council of Schools of Business Administration (CLADEA). The article, "Latin American Banking at the Start of the Millennium: Consolidation and Opportunities," is his second published article on Latin American banking.

Leonardo Rodriguez has been elected to serve as first vice-president of the InterAmerican Accounting Association until 2003, at which time he will take over as president of the organization until 2005. The Interamerican Accounting Association is the premiere accounting association in Latin America. The election took place in Punta del Este, Uruguay, during the XXIV InterAmerican Accounting Conference.

Manuel Dieguez has been appointed associate director of the School of Accounting.

College forms Beta Gamma Sigma Chapter

On March 15, the College will hold a Student Recognition and Awards event which, in addition to announcing the Net-Biz Challenge winners, will feature the first induction of our top undergraduate students into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. The event will be extended next Fall to include induction of our top graduates from the Chapman School as well.

Officers of the CBA Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma are as follows: President-Joyce Elam; Faculty Vice President-Earnest Friday; Secretary-Barnett Greenberg; Treasurer-Don Fair; Student Vice-President (graduate) - Juvenal Alonzo; and Student Vice-President (undergraduate) Ferederic LaFleur. Cliff Perry, whose initiative led to the formation of the Chapter, will serve as its faculty advisor.
Attention!

If you haven't yet done so, please sign up for a time slot during the final make-up photo session, which is scheduled for January 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in GL 180. It's essential that you participate, as these professional photos will be used in public information materials about the College--media releases, experts' guide, print collateral, etc.--as well as in our internal contact directory.

CBA in the News

The announcement of Dr. Jose de la Torre's appointment was featured in El Nuevo Herald (http://www.fiu.edu/~ECba/images/ElNuevo-delaTorre.htm#delaTorre) and The Daily Business Review (http://www.fiu.edu/~cba/images/DailyBusinessReview.htm).

For the latest on the Zdanowicz/Pak grant, go to http://www.fiu.edu/~ECba/pakzdannews.htm.

For more of "CBA in the News,” go to http://www.fiu.edu/~cba/news.htm.

WELCOME ... Say hello to our new faculty & staff!

Duane Truex - Assistant Professor, Decision Sciences & Information Systems.

Juan Sanchez - Associate Professor, Management & International Business.

Welcome back to Andrew McCosh - Chapman Eminent Scholar in Management & Ethics, Knight Ridder Center.

If we forgot to mention your name in last month's E-CBA This Month and you have joined the College since the end of October, 2001, we apologize. Please let us know...email us at gallions@fiu.edu.

Call for Nominations: CBA Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame

The CBA is now accepting nominations for potential inductees into the Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame. Nominees must be graduates of the CBA and not only be successful entrepreneurs, but also have contributed significantly to the entrepreneurial business community. Visit the Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame website at http://www.fiu.edu/~cbalumni/ehof-index.htm for more information and to nominate a candidate online.
Extra! Extra!

Blues Brothers and Sisters showcase CBA talents

Special thanks to CBA faculty and staff members of the “Blues Brothers and Sisters” who entertained the crowd at the BEA’s Annual Celebration for Children on December 6th: Isa Barzana, Gladys Bellon, Cindy Brouillette, Monique Catoggio, Joyce Elam, Don Fair, Dana Farrow, Ken Henry, Mo Izadpanah, Vicki Nagy, Lea Pacheco, Jill Reilly, Jocelyn Reyes, Dawn Rodak, Donald Roomes, and Ken Setzer

Superb choreography by Monique Catoggio (the “star” of the show) and hours of rehearsal by all participants led to a performance that brought applause and holiday cheer to everyone there.

To see photos and video of their performance, go to http://cba.fiu.edu/public/bea/index.html.

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Heads Up!
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Jan. 23 - External Relations Committee Retreat

Jan. 24 - Board of Trustees Breakfast Roundtable

Jan. 24 - Dean’s Coffee Club, Management & Int’l Business

Feb. 1 - Celebration of our Colleague, Dr. Richard Hodgetts

Feb. 6 and 7 - Faculty Annual Goal-Setting Conference

For more details and a listing of other upcoming events, go to http://cba.fiu.edu/dirtec/calendar/calendar4.htm#January 2002.

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Did you know...
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...that CBA Secretary Mercedes Kuper is an artist whose paintings have been published in FIU’s art publication, VOX, and also have been sold at auction to benefit AIDS research?

...that in U.S. News & World Report’s special report on e-learning (October 15, 2001), our gEMBA program was listed in their 25 “Best of the Online Graduate Degree Programs?” among regionally (SACS) and professionally (AACSB International) accredited schools? The report was based on a study of 2,000 business schools. To access the article, go to http://www.fiu.edu/%7Ecba/pdf/usnews.pdf.
FYI...Here are some recent happenings in the CBA.

Undergraduate CBA Study Abroad programs are back in full swing. Although the December trip to Croatia had fewer students than usual, no doubt in response to the September 11 attacks, the Paris program response has been so overwhelming that study abroad staff reserved additional seats and expects to sell out soon. Students already are signing up for the program in Spain, and the staff expects good participation in the programs in Japan and Greece later in 2002. Kudos to the administrative support staff at CIBER, International Studies, and University Outreach. To learn more about CBA Study Abroad, go to http://www.fiu.edu/~ciber/studyabroad.html.

Kim Taylor and John Nicholls report that students love their "Marketing Tools" course, which covers topics related to their career development--professional attitude/image; teambuilding and leadership; resume and business writing; presentation skills; listening skills, and diversity and global business etiquette. The course is designed to polish students to prepare them for all aspects of the job market--from job search to actually working on the job.

A reminder: Don't forget to take advantage of your access to Reuters Business Insight reports, available to faculty and students and covering topics ranging from e-commerce and technology to financial services, healthcare, consumer goods, and energy. To access the site, please go to http://www.ReutersBusinessInsight.com/autologin.asp.

The first-ever MSF-Fast Track class just graduated from the Chapman School (also a first). Jihyun Oh, a member of this graduating class, was singled out at the CBA Commencement on December 18 as the only graduate student from the School who had earned a cumulative 4.0 GPA. At the December 16 graduation celebration, the class presented several awards: Best MSF professor 2001 went to Arun Prakash and Simon Pak. Best Class of 2001 went to "Financial Management Policies," taught by Simon Pak. The 2001 Student Choice Award was given to Viktoria Nagy; the 2001 Best Student of the year was given to James Ead and Jihyun Oh; and the 2001 Director's Award went to Jihyun Oh.

Special recognition was given at the CBA Commencement on December 18 to two other students from the Finance Department: Therese E. Pactwa, who became the first graduate to receive a Ph.D. from the Chapman School, and Adriane P. Silva, for earning her BBA-Finance with the highest GPA (3.92) among undergraduates attending the ceremony that day. She graduated Summa Cum Laude.
To increase our efficiency and productivity, the CBA is consolidating its advising effort through the use of technology and a new schedule for face-to-face advising at the Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC). Through the e-Advising system (available to all undergraduate students during scheduled office hours) and the video-conferencing available to students at BBC, both the quality of service and numbers of students served are expected to increase. Starting January 7, 2002, face-to-face advising at the BBC will be available only on Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The newly-reorganized CBA Dean’s Council, which continues to acquire new members, will work closely with Dean Elam on the College’s immediate and long-term development. To date, its members include: Carlos Migoya (BBA-Fin ’74/MBA-Fin ’76), First Union National Bank of Florida; Barry Goldin, Trinity Capital; Jorge Diaz, Arthur Andersen, LLP; Oscar Suarez, KPMG, LLP; Augusto Vidaurreta (BS ’80), 2001 Hall of Fame Inductee, and most recently, co-founder of RAM Strategy, Inc.; Diane Sanchez, Internet Coast Exchange; Edward Glab, ExxonMobil Inter-America; Gabriel Sanchez-Zinny, Egon Zehnder International; Gerald Grant (BA-Man ’78/MBA ’89), AXA Advisors; Jeanne Moreno, Citrix System, Inc; Robert Bell (BBA ’81), Sea & Ski Corporation, and Daniel Aronson, Greenberg Traurig, P.A.; Patricia Dahne, Arvida Realty Services; and Jose Valdes-Fauli (BA ’75), Colonial Bank.

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