

Simmons School of Management MBA Update*

November 30, 2006

The mission of the Simmons School of Management is to educate women for power and leadership. Our management degree programs are designed to enhance the competence and confidence of women as they begin, further, or change their careers. Simmons students receive high quality management education in the functional, strategic, and behavioral aspects of business. Integral to our program is the recognition of the role of gender in organizations.

MBA OFFICE UPDATES

Note from Mary D.

Hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving!! You have three weeks left and you should remember that in many courses there are still a lot of points on the table for class participation, deliverables, and finals. Do not take anything for granted, make sure you give it your best effort, and take care of yourself in the process.

Quote of the Week

“Have great hopes and dare to go all out for them, have great dreams and dare to live them, have tremendous expectations and believe in them.” -- *Norman Vincent Peale*

Spring Registration Information and Updates

- Finance has been combined to one day section (A1) with Indra teaching, as the undergrad program needed additional faculty to fill the finance demand.
- Gender and Leadership has been cancelled for the Spring term. Students who registered for this course will be contacted to see if they have any other choices.
- Entrepreneurship is full and a waiting list has been started.
- Public Speaking is full and a waiting list has been started.
- The IT Management and International Marketing electives still have space available, so please contact paula.donaldson@simmons.edu ASAP to enroll.
- Internships have been voted by the Curriculum Committee and the faculty to be a credit-bearing elective for the spring and summer terms. Internships will be two credits of electives.
- There was an error on the Spring 2007 synopsis. GSM 450 is NOT a pre-requisite for GSM 441 LGA.

Schedule Reminders for the Week of December 2nd-December 9th

- Friday, December 1st, International Student Meeting, 12:30pm, CR1
- Saturday, December 2nd, Econ (A) Review, 10:00am-1:00pm, CR2
- Growth Strategies course, all weekend, 9:00am-5:00pm, Purple Room
- Monday, December 4th, Leading, 1:00-4:00pm
- Wednesday, December 6th, No Econ (A) class

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- Friday, December 8th, Econ (A) Final, 10:30am-1:30pm
- Saturday, December 9th, Econ (B) Review, 10:00am-12:00pm, CR2

2007 SOM Leadership Conference - MBA Student Volunteers Needed!

Interested in volunteering for the 2007 SOM Leadership Conference?

There will be a mandatory informational meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd from 5:15-6:00pm in Caserom 2 in the Mockler Building for those interested in volunteering for the Leadership Conference. If you plan on attending/volunteering, please sign up on the sheet posted in the Mockler Building.

Volunteers are essential to our success. **In exchange for your contribution, you will be permitted to attend the conference FREE.** (Conference fees are \$520.00 for SOM students)

- All volunteers may attend Queen Latifah's closing keynote address.
- All volunteers will receive a complimentary conference bag.
- Volunteers have the opportunity to network with corporate sponsors and to interact with nearly 3,000 attendees from the nation's major corporations.
- Volunteering for the Leadership Conference shows your active support for the SOM. This is a "hands-on" way to show your support for your school.

Volunteering for the Conference requires the following minimum commitment:

- Attendance at the Tuesday, January 23rd meeting.
- One additional pre-Conference instructional meeting and tour to be held in April (2 options will be offered) at the Seaport World Trade Center.
- Half-day of work at the Leadership Conference.

SOM Leadership Conference Date: Saturday, May 5, 2007

We need and genuinely appreciate your support. Your time and effort directly supports the SOM. **All proceeds raised by the Leadership Conference fund SOM MBA scholarships.**

Questions welcome:

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Spring Semester T-Pass Information

T-pass applications for the Spring semester are now available online at:
<http://my.simmons.edu/life/leadership/student-resources.shtml>.

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Please note that the discounted student passes for the Spring are for the months February through May, so you will need to arrange for your own T-pass for the month of January, and for the summer months (June-August).

Also, there have been changes to the T-pass structure, so please be sure to carefully read through the general information from the MBTA at the above site before sending your order form and check to:

Simmons College
Attn: Office of Student Leadership and Activities
300 The Fenway
Boston, MA 02115

All order forms are due by January 17, 2007. Late applications will not be accepted, so please sign up at your earliest convenience if you are interested.

Spring Course Material Information

Information about Spring course materials was emailed out this week to all SOM students, and can be found online at: <http://my.simmons.edu/som/resources/packs.shtml>

If you have questions about a book or coursepack for a class, please contact Carolyn in the MBA Office at carolyn.bogle@simmons.edu. If you have questions about online ordering, please contact the Simmons College Bookstore at 617.521.2054. **Please note:** all online orders placed for SOM students will be processed mid-December, so please disregard any message from the Bookstore that makes reference to a January ship date.

A Special ODAR Thank You to SOM Student Janet Takaringwa '07

The Office of Development and Alumnae Relations would like to thank Janet Takaringwa '07 for volunteering her time to make calls with other volunteers at the 2006 Fall Phonathon. Janet's enthusiasm and dedication added a lot to the Phonathon efforts and brought the school closer to the fund raising goal for the year! Thanks again Janet, you really made a difference!

CAREER SERVICES UPDATES

Interested in Partnering with Career Services?

We are delighted to announce the forming of the first-ever Career Services Student Task Force. The charge for this task force is to be both thinking partners and ambassadors for the Career Services Office (CSO). Ideally, we'd like to form a group of 5-8 students who represent the full-time, part-time, and 2-year day tracks. The time commitment would be monthly meetings (beginning in January), most likely held from 5-5:50pm. In addition, we'd like to have occasional email dialogues to gain your valuable feedback on CSO initiatives, and to learn what you are hearing amongst your fellow students from a "career interest/job search" standpoint.

Please contact Lisa Toby at lisa.toby@simmons.edu by December 10th (we have extended the deadline) if you are interested in participating, or if you would like more information.

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Reminder! - Career Services Student Survey

If you haven't had the chance yet, please take a moment to complete the career services student survey you received on Friday, November 10th via your SOM email address. Thank you in advance for your participation, we greatly value your feedback.

You can also view and complete the survey at:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB225UKU7KDJ9>

Outside Networking and Career Events

Contact Lisa Toby (lisa.toby@simmons.edu) in Career Services for financial assistance opportunities with admittance fees to career events.

- ***The Massachusetts Conference for Women: featured speaker Dr. Maya Angelou, December 6th***
Hear from more than 75 diverse and dynamic speakers and experience extraordinary personal and professional growth at the second annual Massachusetts Conference for Women. Register online at: www.MAconferenceforwomen.org

Cost: \$50 for students, must prove student status within three days of registering for event, \$135 for an individual

- ***Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA)***
ALPFA is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to be the leading Latino professional association dedicated to enhancing Opportunities for CPA's, accountants, finance and related professionals and students while expanding Latino leadership in the global workforce. 50% of the Boston Chapter of ALPFA are women! Get involved. For more information, please go to www.alpfa.org.
- ***The National Asian American Professionals Organization***
<http://www.naaapboston.org/Membership.do>

Partnerships

Simmons SOM has been accepted as an Alliance of Bridgestar (<http://partners.bridgestar.org/simmons/>), a non profit organization that got its start via Bain Consulting. Bridgestar offers nonprofit board and senior leadership opportunities for Simmons students and alumnae.

Recent Job Postings - Visit Career Connect

- Senior Staff Auditor, Americas - Perkin Elmer Life and Analytical Sciences
- Sr. Financial Analyst, LAS Operations - Perkin Elmer Life and Analytical Sciences
- Managed Care Officer - Hershey Medical Center, Penn State University
- Strategic Marketing Director - Pyramid Research

As a reminder, please keep your [Career Connect](#) profile up to date. If you forgot your username and password, please contact julie.barenholtz@simmons.edu or 617.521.3857. Please do not re-register yourself as past information about you will be lost. Any questions about Career Connect? Please do not hesitate to contact Julie.

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Interesting Career Articles

Sharpen Your Aim When Job Hunting Online

By Sarah E. Needleman

As Internet job boards continue to evolve, it can pay to stay current on the latest search tools and tactics. By learning how to use them, job hunters may be able to boost their chances of securing interviews.

Please see online job hunting tips at: http://www.careerjournal.com/jobhunting/usingnet/20061128-needleman.html?cjpos=home_whatsnew_minor

Strategies for Balancing Home-Life Issues with Work

By Erin White

From The Wall Street Journal Online

Since Hurricane Katrina all but destroyed his parents' New Orleans home last year, Atlanta financial adviser Mike Davila has spent countless hours helping them relocate to his home city. But he holds a very demanding full-time job, and needs to stay focused on that too.

Please see strategies at: <http://www.careerjournal.com/jobhunting/jungle/20060823-jungle.html>

SOM LIBRARY UPDATES

Reference Appointments

For help with research projects, please email Linda (linda.wolf@simmons.edu) or Kathy (kathleen.berger@simmons.edu) to schedule an appointment. Times are available throughout the day. As always feel free to come by for any help you need using the databases and finding answers to homework questions and more...

Worth a Read...

- Check out the "Social Capitalist Award Winners" in the most recent issue of Fast Company magazine.
- Take a look at the 25 leaders profiled in the most recent issue of Business 2.0 magazine.

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