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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

University to Offer Graduate Dual-Degree Business Programs

Starting in the fall 2009 semester, Marymount's School of Business Administration will offer graduate dual-degree programs that will combine a Master of Business Administration with a second degree in a specialized field: Health Care Management, Human Resource Management, or Information Technology. Also to be launched in the fall is a Health Care Management/Information Technology dual degree.

These dual degrees can be completed in far fewer credit hours than would be required if each degree were pursued separately.

James Ryerson, dean of the School of Business Administration, explains that Marymount developed these innovative programs in response to the increasingly competitive nature of the business sector.

Dean Ryerson elaborates, "Dual degrees enable students to combine the breadth of business knowledge offered by the MBA with a great deal of depth in specific fields, such as human resource management, health care management, or information technology."

He adds, "Rather than having to choose between breadth and depth, they can have both. And having two advanced degrees in today's highly competitive job market is a distinct advantage."

More information about all of these master's degrees, plus certificate options, will be available at a Graduate Business Programs Information Luncheon on Friday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m. at the Ballston Center.

To reserve a spot at the luncheon information session, please contact **Johnnie Johnson**, associate director of Graduate Admissions, at ext. 5902.

FYI

New Option for Marymount ID Card

Marymount has established a partnership with PNC Bank, N.A., that will enable faculty, staff, and students to add banking functions to MU's multi-purpose ID card, called the BlueCard, starting in fall 2009.

Services will include the ability to link your BlueCard to a PNC account and use it as an ATM card (there will be two PNC ATMs on Main Campus and one at Ballston); financial education workshops; customized Web sites, hosted by PNC, where students and employees can complete account applications, manage finances, and find financial information; and PNC AutoAlerts via e-mail and/or text message, to help monitor account balances.

Whether or not you choose to take advantage of the banking functionality offered through PNC, you will receive a new Marymount ID card in the fall. Please keep your current BlueCard; you will need to turn it in when you get the new one.

More details on the expanded BlueCard options will be available this summer and at the beginning of the fall semester.

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR OPINION

The InsideMU Readership Survey is your chance to give us your input on Marymount's faculty/staff newsletter. The survey can be completed online (<https://vovici.com/wsb.dll/2a5eg3ce2b>) or on paper (a copy is attached to this issue) and the deadline for submission is Wednesday, May 13. Also, please remember to complete the annual Faculty/Staff Survey at www.marymount.edu/irap by Friday, May 15.

Employee Appreciation Day!

Are you feeling lucky? *Vegas Times*, the annual Marymount Employee Appreciation Day, will be back on Friday, May 15, when Human Resource Services stages an afternoon of casino games, a comedy show, and door prizes for staff and faculty.

Drop in and try your hand at poker, black jack, roulette, and more! Is bingo your thing? Then play “Bingo with Bing” — James “Bing” Hobson, HR executive director, that is!

A free, special-menu lunch will be served in the Gerard Phelan dining room from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be a drawing for several prizes that range from gift cards to tickets to a Nationals game. After lunch, enjoy casino games from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Lee Center atrium. The Comedy Sportz Group will make you laugh at Bernie’s from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Watch your e-mail for more details!

TIAA-CREF Sessions

Human Resource Services announces that the May 5 and 12 one-on-one counseling sessions with a representative of TIAA-CREF are open for registration. Each day, the one-hour counseling slots will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. and take place in the Reinsch Library’s Boldt Room.

More sessions are being scheduled for the summer and fall, and those dates will be announced by e-mail and in this publication.

Reserve your spot online at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc, or call TIAA-CREF’s Yolanda V. Hernandez at (703) 460-7107.

PLAUDITS

Dr. Ken Yusko, associate professor of Human Resources, was interviewed by journalist Nina Totenberg on NPR on Wednesday, April 22, in a report about the

firefighter promotion case before the U.S. Supreme Court. The audio is at www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=103289178.

Dr. Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Dr. Edward Cannon, Dr. Chip Cooper, recent alum and Graduate Admissions staff member Jordi Izzard, and 22 students attended the March 18-22 American Counseling Association International Conference in Charlotte, NC.

Counseling student Stephanie Smerdzinski co-presented a roundtable discussion on the topic *How Well Do Counseling Programs Integrate Spiritual and Religious Issues in the Training of Future Counselors*.

Dr. Jackson-Cherry and four students prepared a poster presentation entitled *The Importance of Assessing Religious and Spiritual Customs/Rituals in Working with Clients Faced with the Death of a Loved One: A Review of Eight Religious Worldviews*.

Chi Sigma Iota, the Counseling Honor Society, received a national recognition during the conference and was represented by Dr. Cooper and three students.

Sister Patricia Helene Earl, IHM, Ph.D., associate professor of Education and director of Marymount’s Catholic School Leadership Program, gave a presentation on April 15 at the National Catholic Education Association annual conference in Anaheim, CA. The conference draws administrators and teachers from Catholic schools throughout the United States as well as other parts of the world. Her talk focused on her NCEA publication, *Building the Builders: Faith Formation in Virtue*.

Lorri Cooper, associate professor of Human Resources, School of Business Administration, presented a paper at the MOBTC 23rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Organizational Behavior Teaching Conference on March 21 at Temple University in Philadelphia. Her paper was entitled *Design*

Matters: How Understanding Concepts and Principles of Design Guides Managers in “Minding the Gap” Between Knowledge and Application.

Bridget Murphy, associate professor and chair of Graphic Design and Fine Arts, and Robin Wagner, associate professor and assistant chair of Interior Design, were recognized recently when Graphic Design USA presented Marymount University with a 2009 American Inhouse Design Award for the environmental design project *A Point of Inspiration*, which runs along the walls of the University’s Reston Center. The project combines photography, illustration, typography, and sweeping lines of color on a journey of ideas and emotion.

People Welcome

Jamshed Bokhari, Webmaster, University Communications, ext. 6982.

Julianna Hutchins, coordinator, School of Business Administration program initiatives, ext. 5914.

Mohammad-Ali Minaie, security guard, Campus Safety, ext. 1600.

Kim Wallace, mail services assistant, Auxiliary Services, ext. 1494.

Transitions

Ralph Critten has been promoted to associate director for the Career and Internship Center. His previous title was assistant director at the CIC.

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Saturday, May 9 — Recognition Day: Baccalaureate Mass, 5 p.m.; Awards Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., both in the Lee Center. President’s Reception after the Awards, in Gerard Phelan Dining Room.

Sunday, May 10 — Commencement, D.A.R. Constitution Hall, Washington, DC; Undergraduate Ceremony, 10 a.m.; Graduate Ceremony, 2 p.m.