



COB Student

eNewsletter

September 19, 2005

The College of Business Student e-Newsletter is sent to all COB undergraduate students periodically throughout each semester from the Dean's Office to share information about upcoming events, scholarships, etc... The newsletter is also available as a (pdf) on the "Current Students" tool bar on the COB website. [The submission deadline for news items is 8:00 a.m. on the following publication dates: Sept. 30; Oct. 14, 28; Nov. 11; Dec. 2.](#) Send all news to Norris Porter, Assistant to the Dean for Student Services at neporte@ilstu.edu.

COB Student Organization News

Mark Your Calendars – Get Involved!

Detailed listings of College of Business events including upcoming student organization activities are available on the COB web page on-line at <http://www.calendar.ilstu.edu/eventrange.taf?catid=bus&Go.x=46&Go.y=8>. These events link to the University web calendar and are also picked up for publication by the *Vidette* and *Pantagraph*.

Get involved today and begin to develop your teamwork and leadership skill sets. Employers look for more than a good GPA during the interview process. More information about COB student organizations including contact information is available on-line at http://www.cob.ilstu.edu/general/student_organizations/.

Student Organizations Host Activities in September

- 9/20 – Business Administration Club meeting – 6:00 p.m. – COB 131
- 9/20 – Pi Sigma Epsilon meeting – 7:00 p.m. – CVA 149
- 9/20 – American Marketing Association meeting – 7:00 p.m. – COB 357
- 9/20 – Student Accounting Society meeting/PricewaterhouseCoopers – 7:00 p.m. – CVA 151
- 9/21 – Sports Marketing Student Association meeting – 7:00 p.m. COB 368
- 9/23 – Sigma Iota Epsilon member cookout – 4:30 p.m. – park south of COB Building
- 9/26 – General Business Week meeting – 8:00 a.m. – COB 412
- 9/27 – General COBEC meeting – 3:30 p.m. – COB 412
- 9/27 – Pi Sigma Epsilon meeting – 7:00 p.m. – COB 149
- 9/28 – Society for Human Resource Management meeting – 7:00 p.m. – COB 367

COB Student Needed for Technology & Physical Environment Team

The Technology and Physical Environment Team is one of four teams that help govern the activities of the College of Business. This team shall recommend, implement, and oversee activities and resources directed toward advancing and enhancing technology and the physical environment for teaching and learning in ways that support and enhance the college's mission and strategic plan.

Dean Dixie Mills is currently seeking a COB student to serve as a member of this team. Interested students should send a brief statement explaining why they are interested in serving on the team to Norris Porter, Assistant to the Dean for Student Services at neporte@ilstu.edu. Students should also include their involvement in other COB and University organizations/activities. Tech. PE meetings are held on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The deadline for applications is Monday, October 3rd.

Orientation Meeting for COB Summer Study Abroad

An orientation meeting related to COB summer study abroad opportunities will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at 8:30 p.m. in COB 366. Hundreds of COB students have participated since 1983. Students recognize the study abroad programs as some of the most memorable experiences they have had at ISU. This coming summer the COB will offer five programs: Bristol, England; ESSCA, France; ESIDEC, France; Chuo University, Japan; Queretaro, Mexico. Direct questions about COB summer study abroad programs to Dr. Iris Varner, Coordinator of International Business Programs, at izvarner@ilstu.edu.

College of Business Events

College of Business Alumni Hall of Fame Panel Presentation

The panel presentation is open to the ISU community/general public and will feature alumni speaking about their business experiences while also fielding general questions from the audience. The panel will take place on Friday, October 7th between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. in the Bone Student Center – Old Main Room. The College of Business honored the first inductees into its Alumni Hall of Fame in 2002. Each year the College names a small number of alumni to the Hall of Fame from nominations submitted by alumni, friends, faculty, and staff. Alumni are recognized for significant career accomplishment and outstanding service to others. A committee of faculty and staff assembled by the dean chooses the honorees from those nominated. The inductees are honored on a permanent display in the College of Business. Inductees for 2005 include:

- **Lucinda M. Baier '84, M.S.'87** of Great Falls, Virginia, earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1984 and her master's degree in accounting in 1987. She is President and Chief Operating Officer of Whitehall Jewellers Inc.
- **Willie Brown '73** of Bloomington, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1973. He is Executive Vice President of State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company.
- **James Hudson '80** of Carlinville, Illinois, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1970. He is President and CEO of H&H Construction Services, Carlinville, Illinois.
- **Robert Rush M.S. '79** of Bloomington, earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1968 and a master's degree in accounting in 1979. He is senior vice president of COUNTRY Insurance and Financial Services and a member of the COUNTRY Management Committee.
- **Steve Skinner '74, M.S. '76** of Lexington, Kentucky, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1974 and a master's degree in business administration in 1976. He is the Rosenthal Endowed Professor of Marketing in the Gatton College of Business and Economics at the University of Kentucky.

College of Business Family Weekend Activities

Join the Dean Dixie Mills along with department chairpersons, faculty and staff for a continental breakfast and building open house from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 22nd. Breakfast will be served in the lower level atrium; self-guided tour maps will be available so families can explore the new building at their leisure. At 10:00 a.m. there will be a presentation on summer study abroad opportunities in COB 366. From 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. several specialized technology rooms will be open including: COB 336 Focus Group Room, COB 22 Main Computer Lab, COB 151 Financial Markets Lab, COB 152 Professional Sales Learning Center, and COB 430 The Executive Classroom.

Campus Events/Activities

Homecoming 2005 – Redbirds in Paradise

The University Program Board's Redbird Spirit Committee is sponsoring several activities for the 2005 Homecoming Celebration "Redbirds in Paradise." Activities include: 10/3 Diversity Dinner & LUAU on the quad; 10/4 Reggie's Games at Hancock Stadium; 10/5 Homecoming an evening of fun in the BSC; 10/6 Battle of the Bands in the BSC; 10/7 Torchlight Parade, Bonfire, and Pep Rally. For a full listing of events and information go on-line at <http://www.homecoming.ilstu.edu/>.

Employment Events/Career Planning/Workshops

Fall Employment and Internship Fair

September 20th - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Bone Student Center Ballroom. This is a professional dress event! A listing of employers who plan to attend may be found on-line at <http://www.careercenter.ilstu.edu/students/events/FallEmploymentFairEmployersAttending.asp>. Make contact with over 150 employers looking to hire full-time professionals and interns.

Professional Sales Career Fair and Networking Reception

Participate in the third annual Professional Sales Career Fair & Networking Reception to be held Wednesday, October 12, 2005 in the Ballroom of the Bone Student Center. The event is being sponsored by the Professional Sales Institute and will provide company representatives an opportunity to interact with students who are interested in pursuing a career in sales from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and enable recruiters to follow-up with students they would like to "get to know better" at the Networking Reception immediately following the Career Fair (4:00 – 5:00 p.m.). The combined event will provide the formality of a traditional career fair plus a more informal setting wherein company representatives can socialize with high-potential candidates. This is a professional dress event. For a listing of employers and more information look on-line at <http://www.cob.ilstu.edu/profsales/whathappening.shtml>.

Workshops Provided by the Career Center

The Career Center is offering several workshops to help students with resume writing, preparing for internships, etc..... You can access the complete listing of workshops on-line at <http://www.careercenter.ilstu.edu/downloads/pdfs/FallWorkshops&Events2005.pdf>.

Career Center Staff in the College of Business Building

Staff will be available in the lower level atrium to answer career questions, review resumes, demonstrate how to use eRecruiting, and speak with students and faculty about the resources offered through the ISU Career Center. Dates and times include: 9/27 – 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; 10/5 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 10/11 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; 10/19 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 10/25 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; 11/2 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 11/8 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Maureen Roach from the Career Center at maroach@ilstu.edu or by phone at 438-2200.

GRE and GMAT Free Practice Tests and Strategy Seminars

GRE and GMAT free practice test to be held on Sept. 24th. GMAT will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in CVA 147. GRE will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in CVA 151. Pre-register at 1-800-KAP-TEST. Strategy seminars will be held on Sept. 28th with GMAT from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in CVA 145 and GRE from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in CVA 151.

Graduate Professional School Fair

Students can meet with recruiters from graduate programs and professional schools from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on September 26th in the Bone Student Center Ballroom.

Scholarships

College of Business Caterpillar Excellence Fund Scholarship

Applications are available on-line for the 2005/2006 COB Caterpillar Excellence Fund Scholarships. Seven \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in December prior to winter break. The application deadline is Monday, October 10th. Qualified students must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative ISU grade point average, be enrolled full-time as a COB student for both the fall 2005 and spring 2006 terms, and be classified as a

sophomore, junior or senior. The (pdf) application is available on-line at http://www.cob.ilstu.edu/general/scholarships/additional_isu.shtml.

University Annual Fund Seeking Student Workers

The University Annual Fund is seeking student employees. More information is available on-line at <http://www.annualfund.ilstu.edu>.

College of Business News/Updates

Changes in Internship Coordinators

Edgar Norton will assume the responsibility for the coordination of finance internships and Iris Varner will coordinate international business internships. Internship coordinators are listed on-line at <http://www.cob.ilstu.edu/general/contactinfo/display.asp?n=internship>.

College of Business Computer Labs

Information about the hours and policies of the College of Business computer labs is available on-line at <http://www.cob.ilstu.edu/justforyou/current/computerlabs.shtml>.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found for the College of Business is located in the Dean's office. Please bring all found items to COB 401 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Report lost items there as well.

Show your COB Spirit!

Buy a College of Business shirt for only \$20. We currently have men's sizes in S – XXL; polo: red, white; long-sleeved, button-down: black, and stone. Women's sizes are available for order: pre-payment required. To purchase a shirt – or one of each – come to the Dean's office in COB 401 or call 438-2251 with the size and color you want, and we will have your shirt ready for you!

COB Advisement News/Updates

COB Advisement Center Hosting Sophomore Group Meetings

Sophomore business majors should have received a letter announcing group meeting opportunities. Group meetings are designed to help students transition from the University College Advisement to the College of Business. Areas covered in the meetings include: understanding and following your major and graduation requirements, registering for all of your classes, reading your undergraduate catalog, paying attention to prerequisites – University & COB policies, making appointments and utilizing assistance from the COB Advisement Center. Several meeting dates are available, but students must sign-up at least one week in advance. This will be your first and only opportunity to meet with a COB Advisor before spring registration begins on October 10th. Please check your notice for more information or contact the COB Advisement Center at 438-8385 or in person at COB 129.

Advance Registration for the Spring 2006 Semester Begins on October 10th!

Don't wait until the last minute to schedule a planning appointment with your College of Business Academic Advisor. Make an appointment today! Business majors who have completed 24 or more semester hours are advised in the COB Advisement Center (COB 129). Due to a staff change, advisement loads have shifted slightly and you may be seeing a new Academic Advisor for the fall 2005 semester. For more information about scheduling an appointment visit the Advisement Center on-line at <http://www.cob.ilstu.edu/advisement/appointments.shtml>.

Spring 2006 Advance Registration News

The Office of the University Registrar will mail Advance Registration Entry Notices to all students on Tuesday, September 27th. A week prior to advance registration students will receive an e-mail directing them to their portal accounts for additional information. The first day of Advance Registration for the spring 2006 semester will be October 10, 2005.

Military Withdrawal and Re-enrollment Procedures

Due to the global climate since September 11, 2001, the number of Illinois State University students who have been called to active duty in the military has increased. A task force has created an on-line checklist resource for students providing information for students both before activation and upon return to the University. These checklists are available in (pdf) form at <http://www.enrollmentmanagement.ilstu.edu/military/>.

Self-help Workshops and Tutoring

Student Counseling Services – Coping with College Workshop Series

The workshop series “Choices” offers programs that will empower you to make good choices about your relationships, life balance, career and more. Topics include the choices I make, relationships that work, stress management, and choosing careers. More information is available on-line at http://www.cob.ilstu.edu/justforyou/faculty_staff/pdf_docs/SCSCWCCchoices.pdf.

University Center for Learning Assistance

UCLA provides free tutoring in a variety of subject areas, study skills assistance, a grammar hotline (309) 438-2345, and workshops on time management, using notes and textbooks effectively, test taking, stress management, successful writing, and the writing process. For more detailed information visit UCLA on-line at <http://www.ucla.ilstu.edu/>.

Diversity Events/Resources

Minority Student Academic Center

The Minority Student Academic Center (MSAC), a component of University College, is designed to provide an array of inter-connected, coordinated academic support programs and services for undergraduate minority students in a supportive, comfortable environment. MSAC is located in the Campus Religious Center building just across from Manchester Residence Hall. One of the most popular services is the lap top computer/study lab which features free laser printing. For more information about MSAC programs and services, please visit their web pages at: <http://www.msac.ilstu.edu/>.

Cultural Career Network expands

On behalf of the Cultural Career Network Program, I want to invite you to the first Fall 2005 Business Dinner Series at Biaggi's. **The event will be held on Sunday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m.** The Cultural Career Network Program is a collaborative effort between Illinois State University's Career Center, the Diversity Advocacy Office, and numerous dedicated business people in the Bloomington-Normal community. The program was created to provide students of diverse backgrounds an opportunity to learn first hand some of the skills necessary to be successful in their careers.

The goals of the program and the dinner series are:

- to give students a chance to network with employers in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere
- learn effective communication skills
- find out what skill sets employers look for
- learn more about internship opportunities
- learn resume writing and interview techniques
- ask questions about majors/minors and career or graduate school options

At this first meeting you will meet the members of the Network, learn more about the program and the opportunities available to you, and enjoy a wonderful dinner. **Dinner is provided to you at no cost. However, you must RSVP by Tuesday, September 20th, 2005 in order to attend.** If you have additional questions feel free to contact Angela Davenport, Diversity Advocacy Coordinator, at (309) 438-8968. Learn more about the Cultural Career Network on-line at <http://www.careercenter.ilstu.edu/students/culturalcareernetwork/>.