



# Biographies

## 2007

# Award Winners



MQM Department  
College of Business  
Illinois State University

### **Dan Bergman**

#### **MQM Foundation Award for Citizenship and Service**

Dan is a senior from Lake Zurich, Illinois, with a major in Organizational Leadership. In addition to involvement in leadership training programs, Dan has participated in a New Orleans Hurricane Relief project during spring break, 2005, and a Memphis Tennessee Urban Outreach project during spring break, 2006. His professional goal is to work in an organization that helps others.

### **Jo Beth Borowiak**

#### **International Business Service Award**

Jo Beth, a senior from Lincoln, Illinois, is a double major in International Business and Spanish. She is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and the Golden Key International Honour Society. She is a College of Business Ambassador and has been involved in the National Multiple Sclerosis Society walk since 2001 and the Relay for Life since 2002. She will be joining other students this summer in New Zealand as a part of the Export Project and looks forward to a future opportunity to live and work in Spain.

### **Sheila Carsky**

#### **Outstanding Junior in International Business**

Sheila is from Bloomington, Illinois, with a double major in International Business and Finance and a minor in Stage Management. She is active in theatre and music and is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. She is combining theatrical elements with business with the intent to open her own theatre on an international level.

### **Erica Claxton**

#### **Bloomington-Normal HRC Award for Outstanding Senior in Human Resource Management**

Erica is a senior with a double major in Human Resource Management and Finance. She is currently the president of the ISU SHRM chapter and a member of the College of Business Executive Council. She works at a local staffing agency as a client services supervisor where she has the opportunity to interview candidates and assess their skills, coach and counsel employees and conduct employee orientations. Her goal is to manage the Human Resources Department of a company or financial institution.

## **Natalie Drew**

### **Outstanding Senior in International Business**

Natalie's home town is Buffalo Grove, Illinois, and she is majoring in International Business and Marketing. Natalie is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma; has been a Presidential Scholar Award recipient since 2004; was a Freshman Honors Scholar Award recipient in 2004; and a Bone Scholar nominee in 2007. She is a COB Student Ambassador and has served as a volunteer at BroMenn Healthcare and Heritage Manor. She hopes to work in a management position in Brazil upon graduation.

## **Renae Hansen**

### **ISU SHR Citizenship and Service Award**

Renae is a senior from Geneseo, Illinois. She has been a member of the ISU SHRM chapter for the past four years and is its current treasurer. She recently completed an internship in the ISU Human Resources Office, focusing on Labor Relations where she had the opportunity to participate in a broad scope of employee-related matters including attending labor negotiations and grievance procedures. For the past two years, she has worked as a customer service representative for a local bank. Renae intends to complete her MBA and pursue a position in a growing company as its Director of Human Resources.

## **Zachary Jeremiah**

### **Outstanding Junior in Management**

Zachary is from Peoria, Illinois, and is a Presidential Scholar. He is a member of the Presidential Scholars Club, Beta Gamma Sigma and Sigma Iota Epsilon and is on the University Program Board. Zachary's main interest is baseball, and his goal is to run a major league baseball club as a general manager.

## **Brittany Lodge**

### **Outstanding Senior in Management**

Brittany, a senior from Chicago, Illinois, is a member of the Red Tassel Mortar Board Society and the Golden Key International Honour Society. She has been involved in the community through Partners in Reading and as a technology tutor for underprivileged children. She hopes to combine her love for children and her business background by owning her own daycare learning facility.

## **Daniel Peterson**

### **MQM Outstanding Junior in Business Administration**

Daniel is from Orland Park, Illinois, is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and was a Bone Scholar nominee this year. He enjoys sports and has worked for the Village of Orland Park Parks and Recreation Department for the past four years during breaks in his school schedule. One of his goals is to open a sports equipment distribution company.

## **Brett Schnepfer**

### **MQM Outstanding Senior in Business Administration**

Brett, a double major in Business Administration and Political Science, is from Champaign, Illinois. He is a student trustee on the University Board of Trustees, is the Speaker of the Assembly in the Student Government Association and was the president of the Sigma Chi Fraternity in 05-06. He served an internship in Congressman John Conyer, Jr.'s office in Washington, D.C., during the summer of 2005 and is currently a bank teller at a local bank. His ultimate professional goal is to serve as a vice-president of a company that does business on an international level.

## **Daniel Simnick**

### **MQM Foundation Award for Citizenship and Service**

Daniel, a senior from Naperville, Illinois, has a major in Business Administration and a minor in Insurance. He was the recipient of the Gateway Commissioner's Academic Excellence Award in 2005 and is a member of the ISU varsity football team. He has been active in the community during the past several years by participating in the State Farm "Just Read" Program for children, the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Relay for Life and the Harvest of Hope Food Drive. He intends to complete his MBA then look for work opportunities in the municipal bond trading environment.

In early 1857, legislation was enacted to establish Illinois' first public university, what was then called Illinois State Normal University. Local businessman Jesse Fell donated money and land to establish the school, which originally served as a teacher training institution. Fell's attorney friend, Abraham Lincoln, drew up legal documents to help establish the University. Charles Hovey was named the school's first principal, and the first class of 43 students began their studies in October 1857.

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