



The MBA Update

For Working Professionals

Highly Effective Job Search Strategies Seminar

Clemson MBA presents a brown bag seminar the last Tuesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the University Center of Greenville. The seminar is available to MBA students and alums. Please RSVP to gdeprie@clermson.edu if you would like to attend. Space is limited.

MBA Directory

Photographs and bios will be featured in a student directory. Students and alums have expressed an interest in having better access to each other and we have listened! Photographers will be onsite prior to class at the University Center of Greenville on September 16, 17, 28 and 29.

MBA Alumni Society

Social director Jen Blocher invites current MBA students and alums to meet for drinks at the Irish Pub (across from the University Center of Greenville) on September 30 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The event is posted on the MBA Alumni Society Facebook Page. Come out to learn more about the MBA Alumni Society and meet fellow MBA students.

Networking at the University Center of Greenville

Meet your fellow MBA colleagues at a common class break time this fall. September 28 through October 1, a light dinner will be served from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bring your appetite and some business cards!

Networking on Main Street... MBA Fall Social at Soby's Apartment

Everyone loves this event! Last year, we had a record turn out of current MBA students and alums. It was the best networking yet! Join us again on October 16, 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Clemson University Spiro Institute's Annual Master Panel of Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Finalists

This year's panel discussion will be on October 8 at the Westin Poinsett Hotel in Greenville. There will be a 5:30 p.m. reception with the panel discussion at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please visit www.clemson.edu/spiro. spiro@clermson.edu.

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Meet Rich Morris, Clemson MBA, Class of 2003

Recently named the Vice President of Assembly at BMW, Richard Morris is a 2003 graduate of the Clemson MBA program, a 1990 graduate of the General Motors Institute, and a third generation autoworker. Richard chose to earn an MBA at Clemson, because he wanted real professors with real students while he attended classes in the evening.

Rich states that getting his MBA really brought things together for him, allowing him to put into perspective all that he had learned in his past work experience. He is an advocate for delaying the start of an MBA program. "Work first, so you can get the most from business school when you go."

According to Rich, BMW is a work environment where you are judged both on performance and character. The best employees have both, performing with excellence and with character. Rich believes it is important for the long term health of an organization to create an environment of both high performance and character.

One of Rich's favorite classes, while earning his Clemson MBA, was a management course in which transformational leadership was introduced. Rich believes

inspiring employees for better performance is essential. He does so with a leadership model that is based on listening, serving and coaching, as opposed to the traditional management style of telling, ordering and instructing. "My job is to choose the best idea and act on it, not just my idea, but the best idea." He indicated employees must always be heard. He wants them to open up and share their ideas, whether all or part of their ideas are utilized.

According to Rich, BMW promotes an environment of family and diversity. "Diverse perspectives are required to produce BMWs, because they are both built by and driven by a diverse spectrum of people all over the world." The hope is that this respect and value for diversity will also spill into the community.

His advice for job seekers and students - "Choose a company whose culture matches your values, a culture you can believe in and support."

Rich still talks "shop" with his 94 year old grandfather about leadership and motivating employees. For Richard Morris, building cars with pride and passion is a family tradition.



Clemson MBAs Give Back to the Upstate

The Clemson MBA Student Association is now partnering with the Triune Mercy Center, a homeless shelter in Greenville. Students are providing website redesign, as well as clean up and reorganization of the computer lab.

Also getting in on the action is the **MBA Alumni Society**. On October 22, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., Rick Ammons, president, will be the guest bartender at Soby's Restaurant on Main Street in Greenville. 20% of profits will go to the Triune Mercy Center. For more information on the MBA Alumni Society, please contact Rick Ammons at rammons577@alumni.clemson.edu.

To learn more about Triune Mercy Center, visit www.thetriunemercycenter.org.

Clemson MBA Website

The Clemson MBA website has been redesigned! Be sure to check it out at www.clemson.edu/mba. There is a section specifically for current students, including the upcoming class schedules and announcements of student events.

If you would like to be featured on the site, please be sure to contact the MBA office.



Dates to Remember

November 2: Registration begins for Spring/Summer 2010
 December 17: Fall Graduation
 January 4: Spring classes begin

Planned MBA Courses for Greenville

*Please Note: Classes are still being finalized. These are subject to change.
 For questions or more information, please contact Dr. Kim Dawson at dawson@clemson.edu.*

Classes planned for Spring 2010:

MBA 819 - Introduction to Accounting and Finance
 MBA 829 - Marketing Foundations
 MBA 809 - Organizational Behavior and Human Resources Development
 MBA 870 - Strategic Management
 MBA 861 - Management Information Systems
 MBA 854 - Managerial Accounting and Information Systems
 MBA 807 - Financial Management
 MBA 860 - Advanced Marketing
 MBA 862 - Managerial Economics
 MBA 845 - Technology and Innovation Management
 MHA Elective (probable; not confirmed) - TBD

Classes planned for Summer 2010:

MBA 859 - Managerial Decision Modeling
 MBA 803 - Business Statistics
 MBA 806 - Operations Management
 MBA 807 - Financial Management
 MGT 869 - Project Management
 MBA 809 - Organizational Behavior and Human Resources Development (not confirmed)
 MBA 860 - Advanced Marketing
 MBA 870 - Strategic Management
 MBA 899 - Creativity
 MGT 888 - Doing Business in China (trip to China)

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Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce PULSE Event

Professionals United for Leadership and Social Enrichment, PULSE, is an organization designed for young professionals with ages ranging from 22 through 39. PULSE provides opportunities for social, professional, and leadership development. The Clemson MBA program will sponsor the 4th Annual Birthday Bash for PULSE on October 6 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Wild Wing Café in downtown Greenville. The event is for PULSE members only and is free of charge. Individuals interested in PULSE may join at this event. For more information on PULSE, visit www.greenvillepulse.com.



Welcome to the New Clemson MBA Working Professional Students!

Tatiana Ackerman	Meredith Kuna
David Atchley	Stephen Layton
Andrew Boland	Lauren Madsen
Sarah Brown	Kristin Maglia
Anne-Marie Davis	Sujay Math
Theron Davis	Joseph Nichols
Natalie Dennis	David Pruitt
Stephanie Gaillard	Michael Schempp
Steven Gaines	Katherine Snipes
Gregory Grabert	Joshua Tarbutton
Ashante Jefferson	Xi Wang
Richard Kornacki	Jonathan Weldon
Jayesh "Josh" Kotecha	Leslie Williams
Alison Kubiak	

Clemson MBA Student Advisory Board for Working Professionals

The Clemson MBA Student Advisory Board for Working Professionals will meet on October 1.

Thank you to the following board members for serving:

Angela Elliott
 Josh Grein
 Farai Gwata
 Ashante Jefferson
 Richard Kornacki
 Steve Layton
 Ashley Reis
 Paul Sasser
 Jim Storey
 John Tarala
 David Whelchel

If you are interested in serving, please contact Gail DePriest at gdeprie@clemson.edu.