

The Finance Focus

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Graduating soon? Please keep us informed of what you are doing after graduation by emailing scbfinance@gvsu.edu.

Event Focus ~ Careers & Curriculum in Finance 2006

With the finance department faculty, several guest speakers and about 90 students in attendance the Loosemoore Auditorium housed the first annual Careers & Curriculum in Finance night. Guest speakers from GVSU included Associate Dean Dr. John Reifel, on behalf of the Seidman College of Business Dean's office, Leigh Brownley, the Director of the Undergraduate Business Programs who addressed advising and Alexandra Schmid, Coordinator, Special Programs from the same office discussed internship and study abroad opportunities. Finally Troy Farley the Assistant Director of Career Services focused on the functions of the Career Services office.

Topics addressed by guest speakers from the field of Finance included Corporate finance, Investments, Banking, and Financial Planning. These speakers included Sandy Bloem from the Economic Development Foundation, Chris Rieddle of Fifth Third Bank, Kevin Schafer and Thomas Hakim from Mercantile Bank and Asa Lakeman from John Hancock

Financial.

The IPO Club was also involved by having key members speak and hosting a table for students to gather additional information on what the club is involved in.

The evening concluded with time to interact among the faculty and guest speakers, door prizes and food. Next year's date has been set, September 27, 2007. We hope to see you there!



Faculty Focus ~ The New Department Chair

Professor Sridhar Sundaram isn't new to GVSU, only to the Chairperson position. Going into his sixth year Professor Sundaram was nominated by the Finance Faculty for a three year term.

His visions for the department includes servicing the students and faculty as well as forming relationships with potential employers and alumni.

For current students he wants to ensure that the curriculum is updated so graduates will be well prepared. He sees himself as a coordinator for the faculty where he can help provide an atmosphere in which they can be productive. In reaching out to potential employers and alumni he hopes to build a relationship with them and assist with the place-

ment of students graduating with a finance major.



Finance Class Focus ~ FIN 320 Managerial Finance

Course description: Financial policies and practices that lead to the maximization of the value of a firm. Major topics include risk and return, management of current assets, capital budgeting, sources of financing, optimum capital structure, and international finance. Prerequisites: ACC 212 and MTH 110. Offered every semester. Three credits.

Now what does that mean?

The learning objectives outlined for this class include the following: 1. Understand Time Value of Money problems including annuities, intra-period compounding, mortgages, net present values and internal rate of return; 2. Be able to measure

risk and return of a risky asset and understand the relationships between risk and return. 3. Be exposed to a variety of financial decision faced by corporate managers; 4. Understand competency in the use of elementary models used to value both bonds and stock; 5. Understand how financial statement ratios are used in financial analysis; 6. Learn how financial managers maximize the value of the firm within a set of corporate risk-return characteristics; 7. Be sufficiently prepared to pursue more advanced reading and courses in financial management.

Expect 3-4 exams, possible homework assignments, quizzes and/or group projects.

As with any of your classes seek help from the instructor, other students, or tutors for assistance if needed. Don't be afraid to ask questions!



IPO Focus ~ Investment Portfolio Organization (IPO)

The Investment Portfolio Organization (IPO) at Grand Valley is a place for students to learn from each other. We manage a real portfolio worth over \$32,000. Our goals for the semester are to buy and sell a few stocks and to learn some of the tools for analyzing equity. During the semester individuals will be involved in a stock game to see how well their portfolio did. We have intramural sports teams in almost

every sport. Also, we take fun trips to Chicago and Dayton along with volunteer work through Junior Achievement and Habitat for Humanity. Our meetings are held every Thursday night at 6pm in the Devos Center room 125A. The meetings are open to all majors and we hope to see as many people as we can. For further information regarding IPO please send an email to invest@student.gvsu.edu or check

out our website at www.gvsu.edu/invest.

Mark Chisolm, IPO President

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Undergrad Advising Office Focus ~ Will I have an advisor?

Yes, more than one! The staff at Seidman College of Business Undergraduate Student Services are your curricular advisors throughout your academic career at GVSU. They are available for appointments by calling (616) 331-7500, or on a walk-in basis. The advisors will review with you your degree analysis, outlining your completed coursework and the requirements remaining for your degree. The advisors are also available to assist you in setting your

schedule and dropping or adding classes. When you declare your finance major, you will be assigned a finance faculty advisor. Your faculty advisor will assist you in career planning (such as courses needed that will fit a particular finance focus) and graduate school options. If you would like to, you are welcome to explore career options with any faculty member before one is assigned to you.

Information from www.gvsu.edu/business

Please note that the registration system is changing this year from SISWeb to Banner. Be prepared, especially current sophomores, by checking out the GVSU website or stop in to the Undergrad Advising office at 101B Devos.

