Seidman Outstanding Students

Every year, the Seidman College of Business recognizes outstanding senior-level business students in each of the eight majors. As in past years, the students were recognized at the annual Seidman Honors Banquet and the All-University Honors Banquet.

Congratulations to this year's outstanding Seidman College of Business majors:

Rachel Davidson, Accounting
David Lemmon, Business Economics
Kendall Koning, Economics
Laura Decker, Finance
Michelle Place, General Business
Jessica Peterson, International Business
Amy Manning, Management
Jenna Bernott, Marketing

Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key

Each year, Delta Sigma Pi, a co-educational, interdisciplinary business fraternity, awards the Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key to the graduating Seidman senior achieving the highest level of scholarship. The 2006-2007 recipient of this Key is Casey Shelters, who has an overall grade point average of 4.0.

Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi is one of the two most exclusive honor societies in America. Membership is for life, and achieving such distinction is a universally recognized sign of academic ability and motivation. The following business students were initiated into Phi Kappa Phi this year: Jenna Bernott, Janet Bruner, Cody Cagwin, Ryan Curtis, Gregory Erickson, Rane Fifolt, Jeremy Fisher, Gabriela Gutierrez-Baca, Kelly Hallenbeck, Laura Hancock, Aubrey Healey, Mark Hoppe, Amy Manning, Jason Mast, John Milne, Ashley Morris, Steven Stinchcombe, Ina-Maija Tillmanns, Jessica Tilton, Lindsey Weber, Paul Weis, Heather Wittenmyer, and Ryan Yonkman.
This past March, a number of bright students and faculty were inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, an academic honorary society for the top ten percent of juniors and seniors in the Seidman College of Business. While this organization has a long standing history of inducting members of the highest quality and achievement, it seems that there is a lack of knowledge about the prestigious organization amongst Seidman students.

Such unawareness is obviously detrimental to the growth of Beta Gamma Sigma, but more importantly, it is disadvantageous to the Seidman student body. Many seem to be under the impression that joining the society obligates them to attend weekly or monthly meetings while others assume it implies yearly dues. Some mistakenly associate membership with joining a fraternity or sorority, or they feel that they are simply too busy to join. The reality is, there are no mandatory meetings to intrude on a busy schedule, there is a single lifetime membership due, and Beta Gamma Sigma is not associated with any form of Greek life. Upon hearing this, many inquire into the purpose of being inducted into the organization.

Beyond the satisfaction of being recognized for hard work and success, aside from a noteworthy addition to the bottom of a resume, membership means belonging to a network of driven individuals throughout the business community. This means having a connection with a vast number of professionals in a wide array of fields. Such a connection is an invaluable resource for finding employment as well as gathering insight from those who have achieved great success. As up and coming leaders, members of the organization are given easier access to the types of opportunities that will allow them to reach their full potential. Such ambition epitomizes the very essence of Beta Gamma Sigma. Congratulations to the most recent inductees.

The 2007 junior inductees are: Scott Asselin, Tobias Bailey, Cody Cagwin, Jessica Carlson, Emily Chauvin, Debra Cutter, Jeffrey Fedewa, Nathan Fredrickson, Matthew Genzink, Nathaniel Jones, Lindsay Miller, Gina Niswander, Anastasia Nowak, Brian Patterson, William Putnam, Laura Strong, Bradley Stutzman, Leslie Taylor, Kristen Ward, and Ryan Yonkman.


Faculty members also recognized for distinction by being inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma are Mike Cotter (marketing), Cheryl Dunn (accounting), Zeynep Emden (marketing), Rita Grant (accounting), Cathie Jones-Rikkers (management), and Claudia Smith (economics).
Glenn A. Niemeyer Awards

The Glenn A. Niemeyer Awards are the most prestigious academic awards presented by Grand Valley State University. They are named in honor of Glenn Niemeyer, GVSU’s first Provost, who acted in that capacity for more than 20-years. Each year, two faculty members, two undergraduate students, and one graduate student are chosen as recipients of this award from among university-wide candidates. The Seidman College of Business is honored to have a faculty member chosen as an awardee this year.

Dr. Steve Goldberg (accounting department), was one of the two university-wide faculty recipients. Faculty members are honored for their excellence, enthusiasm, and loyalty to teaching, scholarship, and service. Faculty recipients have a superior student-centered approach to teaching with continual development of excellence in the classroom that instills the love of learning in their students.

Seidman Faculty Award of Recognition

Dr. Gregg Dimkoff (pictured at left), Finance Department, was the 2007 recipient of the Seidman Faculty Recognition Award for his outstanding contributions to the Seidman College of Business and Seidman alumni.

Dr. Dimkoff’s teaching and research interests include business and personal finance. He is also the director of the Seidman Financial Planning Certificate Program.

Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Grand Rapids

Every year, BOMA awards a $1,000 scholarship to a Seidman junior with a 3.0 or higher GPA and either a major in real estate economics or an interest in real estate. The 2007-2008 recipient is Moses Ndungu, who is majoring in finance.

L. V. Eberhard Scholarship

The new 2007-2008 recipients of the L. V. Eberhard Scholarship are Maria Ahern, Jason Berkenpas, Heather Cardneau, Amy Erva, Alison Gailey, Joseph Kettinger, Courtney McCotter, Melanie Marr, Jason Thompson, and Michael Turczynski. The L. V. Eberhard Business Scholarship provides a distinguished award to entering undergraduate students in the business program. The scholarship requires students to have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and a minimum 29 ACT composite score. The scholarship amount is $1,000 and is renewable for four years.

American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS) Scholarship

APICS scholarships are given annually to students interested in production and inventory control. The students are selected based on scholarship. The Grand Rapids Chapter of APICS provides the $500 awards. This year’s winners are Jenna Bryans, Jeremy DeJong, and Joseph O’Rourke.

Wall Street Journal Award

This year’s Wall Street Journal Award winner is Mark Chisolm. Every year, the Wall Street Journal awards a one-year subscription of the Journal and a paperweight to an undergraduate business student. The Seidman faculty selects the recipient based on academic excellence, business leadership, contribution to the university, and the promise of success.

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Seidman Service Award

The Seidman College of Business is proud to announce that Dylan Davis, finance major, is this year’s recipient of the Seidman Service Award. This award honors students for their outstanding service to Seidman, the university, and the community.

In addition to conducting Junior Achievement sessions and assisting with Habitat for Humanity, Dylan was president of Delta Sigma Pi, the co-educational interdisciplinary business fraternity, for two years. During this time, he also planned and orchestrated two successful Dress for Success events, one for Career Services, and one for the Seidman Professional Development Series.

Accounting Department Awards

Accounting Alumni Scholarship
Amy Beebe
James Bonovich
David Collado
Christopher Dye
Jeffrey Fedewa
Erica Jones
Jeff Kladder
Sara Knoper
John Manilla
Lora Ringnalda
Erika Sundstrand
Joe Trombka
Kristen Ward

BDO Seidman International Accounting Scholarship
Laura Strong

Becker CPA Course Scholarship
Keith Hayes

Crowe Chizek & Co., LLC Outstanding Accounting Student Scholarship
Kenneth Greenop

Clipper Belt Lacer Company Award
Lindsey Weber

Beene Garter & Co. Accounting Excellence Award
Jason Mast

Ernst & Young Accounting Senior Excellence Award
Leigh Blanchard

Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols and Carter Accounting Scholarship
Erin Healy

Plante & Moran PLLC Excellence in Accounting Scholarship
Laura Strong

Michigan Accountancy Foundation Fifth/Graduate Year Scholarship
Leigh Blanchard
David Collado
Dennis Glandon
Evann Meerhof
Casey Shelters

Richard H. Giles Memorial Scholarship
Janet Bruner
Dennis Glandon
Nathan Herrygers
James Lettow
Ashley Prins
Casey Shelters
Heather Wittenmyer

TEI Accounting/Tax Scholarship
Ashley Prins
Lindsey Weber


GVSU had more awardees than any of the other university in Michigan this year.