

Regional Highlights – Region 7

Grand Valley State University - Seidman College of Business continued to engage in minority affairs throughout 2007. They were actively involved in the Regional Alliance for Diversity in Public Purchasing, attended the Legislative Forum Conference at the Hispanic Center and participated in discussion with the Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs pertaining to entrepreneurship within the Latino community.

Region 7 was also involved with the Veteran Small Business information session at the West Michigan Armory, the Vetpreneur's Conference in Flint and the Minority Business Showcase in Muskegon. Business Consultant Jeanne Ferro was a panelist on the Alliance of Women Entrepreneurs conference, the region sponsored and Dante spoke at the Huntington Bank Women's Luncheon and taught the CAP West contractor program in Muskegon.

Dante Villarrel also worked on the development of linkages between resource providers in Mexico to provide support to Michigan entrepreneurs who are seeking new markets. He also became NASBITE Certified.

The Seidman College of Business co-sponsored the IRS Seminar in Grand Rapids and participated in the two day Teen Academy for Entrepreneurship at Grand Valley State University.

