

Mihaylo College's 14 Centers of Excellence address issues and needs in the community, provide an array of services to business and government sectors, and provide academic and practical learning environments for our students. These centers are supported by research grants and private donations.

CENTER FOR CORPORATE REPORTING AND GOVERNANCE

Center Joins a Select List of Schools with Prestigious Designation



The Center for Corporate Reporting and Governance is now accredited by RiskMetrics/ISS as an Accredited Corporate Director Education Program. The center joins a list of select schools and programs that have earned this prestigious designation. Corporate directors of public companies participate in educational conferences like the center's highly regarded annual SEC Conference. "Having a well-educated board of directors increases the quality of oversight and financial reporting, reduces litigation, and lowers the [the corporation's] cost of capital. It also helps their stock price," says center director Vivek Mande.

The center's 7th Annual SEC Conference was held on September 19 at the Irvine Marriott. More than 350 directors of corporate boards, auditors, and accounting, finance and legal professionals from Southern California were in attendance. Updates from the SEC, FASB and PCAOB as well as changes in US GAAP and Sarbanes-Oxley were presented by speakers including Craig Olinger, SEC; Greg Fletcher, PCAOB; George Curtis, SEC; and Robert Wilkins, FASB. In the planning stage is a conference to be held in Shanghai, China, in spring 2009.

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CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Faculty Exchanges and New Summer Study Programs in the Works



Center for International Business Director Katrin Harich and Associate Director Bruce Xiao spent the summer months traveling to northeast China where they met with university representatives and corporate executives in Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai and Xian. They discussed student and faculty exchanges and a summer study program for

Mihaylo College students. A forthcoming proposal includes short-term faculty exchanges for teaching and research collaboration, furthering the college's commitment to global perspectives in business education. A three-week summer course would take students to universities in China for a combination of seminars and lectures, field trips to corporations, and cultural learning via sightseeing and participation in cultural events and programs.



At Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, CIB directors Bruce Xiao and Katrin Harich met with university officials to plan faculty and student exchanges.

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THE FORUM FOR ADVANCED SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES (FAST)

The Forum for Advanced Security Technologies (FAST) was established to research and develop computer technologies and associated processes to enhance the security of the United States. This includes software applications to automate homeland security as well as the development of processes associated with implementing secured software and computer infrastructure. Clients of this Mihaylo College Center of Excellence are both public and private and are part of the economic infrastructure, first responders and industries such as biotechnology and medical services. "Cyber security and technologies developed by the FAST Center will help Wisconsin law enforcement agencies respond to any cyber threat to our infrastructure," says Special Agent Smith, Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation. Current projects of FAST involve securing the patient information database of one of the largest health care providers in California and similarly, securing the customer and products database of a Southern California biotechnology firm.



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REAL ESTATE AND LAND USE INSTITUTE

Real Estate Program Receives Funding for Training and Scholarships

The Real Estate and Land Use Institute (RELUI) at Mihaylo College recently received funding from the Real Estate Education Fund (REEF) to provide faculty training on ARGUS software. The software system, donated to the college by ARGUS Software Inc. earlier this year, is a widely used application for analyzing real estate investment and financing decisions. "ARGUS is the gold standard in terms of real estate investment property analysis. Many investment properties are marketed today not with an old-fashioned paper prospectus, but with an electronic ARGUS file. Thanks to this program, students at Cal State Fullerton will have the opportunity to become ARGUS-certified, providing them with a competitive advantage in the job market," says Michael LaCour-Little, co-director of the institute. In addition, REEF donated \$22,500 in scholarship funds to support students studying real estate. "Our real estate program is the number one recipient of real estate scholarship funding in the Cal State system," states co-director of the institute, Don Valachi.



ARGUS Software donated real estate investment analysis software to RELUI.

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THE INSURANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Insurance Studies Looks to Expand to an MBA Concentration

The Insurance Education program at Mihaylo College, directed through the Center for Insurance Studies, continues to grow and expand. "The need for talent with insurance and risk management background continues to grow," says center director Weili Lu. To meet that demand, the center is in the process of developing a new concentration at the MBA level in Risk Management and Insurance. "The industry leaders on our advisory board work closely with us; we are responsive to the marketplace and its needs," adds Lu. The center recently collaborated with the college's marketing department to offer two symposia and a course in insurance marketing and entrepreneurship. Student course enrollment and industry-sponsored scholarships reached a record high during the 2007-08 academic year. "We foresee growth in enrollment and financial support based on the quality and reputation of the Mihaylo College insurance studies program," says Lu.

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JOIN THE BUSINESS TITANS!

All Mihaylo College of Business and Economics alumni are invited to join the brand new Business Titans Alumni Chapter, the business chapter within Cal State Fullerton's Alumni Association chapter program. More than 265 business alumni have already joined the Business Titans, making it the largest alumni chapter at Cal State Fullerton! Becoming a member of this alumni group will offer opportunities for networking with fellow alumni and allow alumni to reconnect to their alma mater. Membership in the Alumni Association offers many benefits, including access to all 23 CSU libraries; three complimentary, one-day parking passes to Cal State Fullerton; alumni newsletters; and invitations to special alumni events. Visit the Business Titans Alumni Chapter Web site to learn more about this chapter and to sign up online at www.fullerton.edu/alumni/business.

CALLING ALL MBA ALUMNI ...

Mihaylo College's MBA Alumni recently enjoyed a networking mixer with the college's Executive Council, a group of more than 65 business executives that serve the college in several capacities. If you are interested in attending networking gatherings and other similar activities, please consider joining Mihaylo College's new MBA Alumni Chapter of Cal State Fullerton's Alumni Association. To learn the details on becoming a founding member of this dynamic group, please call Ginny Pace at 714-278-2566 or e-mail gpace@fullerton.edu.