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The theme of this Walsh Journal is “giving back”. As our region’s economic pressures intensify, members of the Walsh College community have reached out to share their time, treasure, and talents with their neighbors.

We have all observed firsthand the effects of unemployment and foreclosure. Our faculty stepped forward to offer their teaching expertise to those affected. In January, the College responded with nine free “Take Charge” seminars covering a variety of skills.

The response was overwhelming; within a week, all seminars were full. We added a second session of the most in-demand seminars, and those filled in a week.

As of March 17, more than 675 people had signed up for at least one seminar. More than 1,277 seats were filled.

We are gratified to meet and assist individuals through this difficult passage. Participants tell us that the seminars are practical and useful – which aligns with our teaching philosophy.

Our students also feel the economy’s effects, and Walsh employees see this daily. We created an Emergency Assistance Fund that provides $1,000 to each student in need. The fund was established with dollars intended for the College holiday party and received additional funds donated by the staff.

The administration also wanted to relieve economic pressures facing students, and lowered the minimum registration fee.

Our alumni are wonderful examples of giving back to Walsh College. In this issue we profile Dick Pearson, a donor who believes that it is a moral duty to give back and help those in need. We also highlight alumnus Richard DiBartolomeo. Corporations such as Chrysler also have a generous history of giving back to the community. Four of our MBA students recently received $2,500 scholarships to continue their Walsh educations.

As an individual, you have so many opportunities to give back. You could contribute to a scholarship fund, volunteer in the community with fellow alumni, or serve on a fund-raising committee.

One upcoming opportunity is the annual Walsh Wine Gala. This year it is Friday, April 24, at Andiamo Italia in Warren. Please plan to join me and Walsh alumni and friends for a way to “give back” while enjoying a wonderful evening of fine food, wine, martinis and, for those inclined, cigars. I hope to see you there!

Stephanie W. Bergeron
President

Barbara Mahone and A. Mark Zeffiro were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Trustees in November.

Mahone is retired from General Motors, where she was executive director, Human Resources, Global Product Development. She had also served as group director of human resources for the GM Truck Group.

In 1983, Mahone was appointed by President Reagan and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as chairman of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

She is a member of the William Beaumont Hospital board of directors and has served on the boards of Charter One Bank and the American Society of Employers; the Advisory Council of the City of Detroit Cultural Affairs Department; and Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village President’s Advisory Board.

Mahone holds a bachelor of science degree from Ohio State University; a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan; and completed the Harvard University Program for Management Development.

Zeffiro is chief financial officer of TriMas Corporation of Bloomfield Hills.

He has more than 20 years of financial, operational, and business leadership experience with companies such as Black & Decker and General Electric. Prior to joining TriMas, Zeffiro was vice president of finance for the Black & Decker Global Consumer Products Group.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in quantitative analysis from Bentley University in Waltham, Mass.
255 Receive Degrees at 92nd Commencement

Two hundred fifty-five members of the graduating class of 470 attended the 92nd Commencement ceremonies on January 27 at Zion Christian Church.

Walsh awarded 134 master’s degrees at the ceremony, including the first for the Master of Science in Strategic Leadership. One of the MSSL graduates, Melissa Fury, addressed the audience on behalf of all graduate students.

The College awarded 121 bachelor’s degrees at the ceremony. Cherron Jackson, BBA MGT, addressed the audience on behalf of the undergraduates.

James Farley, vice president of marketing and communications, U.S. Marketing, Sales and Service for Ford Motor Co., received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

The graduating class of 52 percent men and 48 percent women ranged in age from 21 to 61. Online students traveled from six states and Canada to attend Commencement. Those graduating on student visas represented 13 countries.
AS ECONOMY TIGHTENS, WALSH GIVES BACK ...

Walsh is reaching out to the community’s workers in transition by doing what it does best: teaching practical business skills.

Walsh faculty volunteered to teach in various specializations such as project management, information security, leadership assessment, and advanced Excel, among others. Career Services would offer job search strategies.

“Wonderful support from Walsh College. I’m so impressed with all the people involved in sponsoring and presenting this class.”

—Linda Kreuter, Novi

The result was nine free “Take Charge” seminars designed for workers in transition. These would help individuals with their job search and offer paths to begin and pursue new careers in business.

Response from the community was immediate.

Within a week, the nine seminars were full. A second set of project management, Excel, and information security seminars filled in another week. More than 100 people were contacted individually from a waiting list.

As of March 17, more than 675 people had signed up for seminars. There were 1,277 seats filled. Project Management; Leadership Assessment; Security and Excel seminars filled the fastest.

Attendees say the seminars are “comprehensive and professional”, “extremely useful”, and “valuable”.

Roger Clark of Macomb attended the Feb. 20 Project Management seminar. “Just when you think you know everything, there is so much more,” he said. “Thank you for this opportunity to advance my project management skills.”

Eva Kroupa of Rochester said the job search strategies seminar “motivates me to be more proactive” in my career transition. “It was a great opportunity to hear a new perspective.”

The Development office is writing grants requesting funding to continue the “Take Charge” seminars at no cost throughout the year.

STATE, COUNTY EFFORTS

At the state level, Walsh is part of Governor Jennifer Granholm’s Keep Michigan Working Coalition. The College is a member of the College and University Economic Talent Action Team. Assistant Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services Vickie Scavone serves on the Auto Industry Talent Retention Team, whose members are linking their curriculum to the needs of Michigan’s ten emerging sectors.

Walsh assisted Oakland County by providing free space in 16 classrooms to educational and non-profit agencies offering workshops through Michigan Works!

ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL PROFESSIONALS

Walsh has also actively addressed the downsizing faced by engineering/technical professionals and Chrysler employees.

In January, Career Services offered displaced Chrysler workers job search strategies and resume tips at a very well attended free session at the Troy campus.

Career Services Director Laurie Siebert and Admissions Director Jeremy Guc spoke at “Alternative Career Choices for Engineers and Technical Professionals” at the Rock Financial Showplace on Jan. 28 in Novi. They informed displaced engineers about the steps and skills needed to make a career change, and how Walsh College programs can help with the process.

MINIMUM REGISTRATION DEPOSIT REDUCED

Recognizing financial hardships that some students may be experiencing due to the economy, the College reduced its minimum registration deposit from $400 to $125 per semester. In addition, the College waived the $25-$50 application fee at the December 16, 2008, open house for prospective students.

EMERGENCY AID FUND

Walsh employees daily observe the economy’s effects on students. An Emergency Assistance Fund that provides $1,000 to each student in need was created, established with dollars intended for the College holiday party. Additional donations were made by the staff.

The one-time aid is limited to $1,000 per student, who must file the FAFSA (Federal Financial Aid Application) form. Additional contributions to the fund are welcome.
FOR DICK PEARSON, HELPING OTHERS IS SECOND NATURE

Hard work, luck, timing, and a wonderful family: to these Dick Pearson (Institute '61) attributes his success.

Now retired from a diverse career that included working for others and owning his own businesses, the Walsh alumnus has always believed that giving back to others—especially those in need—is a moral duty and responsibility.

“It’s an important investment in the future,” Pearson said. “What you give away comes back to you. We should realize that life is very short and precious and we will all realize that life is very short and precious and we will all — your parents expected to contribute,” he said. “Your parents were working hard, too.”

At age 11, he cut lawns, shoveled snow, had a paper route, delivered groceries, and in between played games of scrub football and baseball with the neighborhood boys. At 14, the Detroit Times gave the young businessman an award for a 450 percent sales increase on his newspaper route.

Pearson loved math and science, and knew he wanted to be a CPA. Denby High School was where he first heard of Walsh Institute, when he wrote an essay about his future career in finance.

Since expense put college out of reach, Pearson enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduating from Denby. Over the next four years, he put in 102,000 miles of sea duty in the Far East, based in Sasebo, Japan.

“I went to see the world and to grow up — and I did,” he said. He spent another six years in the Naval reserves.

While home on leave, Pearson met his future wife, Elaine. More than a year later, when he was discharged from the Navy, the couple was married. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2008.

“We GIs would come in, and Archie Waring and Clara Warner made us feel special,” Pearson said. “The Walsh students were very serious, and their average age was pretty high. Many of the instructors were practicing lawyers, economists, and CPAs.”

Through Walsh, Pearson obtained a part-time position with automotive supplier C.M. Hall Lamp Co., “where I could put my theory into practical use.”

In 1961, after writing a final thesis on the New York Stock Exchange individual investor and passing Walsh’s rigorous final exam, Pearson earned a diploma in finance and accountancy.

C.M. Hall Lamp Co. hired Pearson as assistant controller after he graduated. At Hall and in future endeavors, Pearson would help Walsh students “get the same shot at success” that he had. “In 1987, I was doing well, so I wanted to set up a scholarship fund at Walsh.”

Two years later, Pearson made an initial contribution of $20,000 and a pledge of $100,000, to establish the Richard E. Pearson Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Fund would assist financially disadvantaged undergraduate students who graduated from a Detroit high school or transferred from a community college in Wayne County.

Since 1989, 64 students have received Pearson Endowed scholarship funds.

Cherron Jackson, BBA ’08, the undergraduate student speaker at January Commencement, received two Pearson scholarships. After becoming divorced in 2004, Jackson was a single parent raising three children, working, and beginning college courses at Wayne County Community College District.
Walsh Alumnus Creates Annual Scholarship

Master of Science in Finance graduate Richard DiBartolomeo (‘90) and his wife, Susan, have created the Richard & Susan DiBartolomeo Annual Student Scholarship for undergraduate or graduate students studying Accounting or Finance.

“I have always believed in the importance of supporting the schools that I attended,” DiBartolomeo said. “I have been blessed with a wonderful family and career, and Sue and I both feel strongly about the importance of education. When we were approached about naming a scholarship, we thought it would be a great opportunity to help someone who is trying to pursue their advanced education.”

DiBartolomeo explained that as a retired partner of Deloitte, he has the benefit of participating in its matching gifts program. “This allows me to double my contribution to Walsh on an annual basis.”

To learn more about this and other scholarships, contact the Financial Aid Office, (248) 823-1665. For information on naming a scholarship, contact Andrea Richards in the Development Office, (248) 823-1204.

Chrysler Foundation MBA Scholarship Recipients

Through a $10,000 grant from The Chrysler Foundation, the following students have each been awarded $2,500 MBA Scholarships:

- Michelle Beattie
- Brandon Bessler
- Anthony Gemolas
- Michael McGavin

Recipients must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and be U.S. citizens, resident aliens, or documented with unrestricted right to undertake employment in the U.S. Now in its 56th year, The Chrysler Foundation is the primary source of charitable grants made by Chrysler LLC. Its efforts focus on programs that develop a skilled workforce; support healthy communities; encourage employee involvement; and respond to public policy and marketplace issues.
New Faculty

Cathy Agnello, adjunct instructor, Communications

John Bordeaux, adjunct assistant professor, MBA

Julie Borkin, adjunct associate professor, Communications

Joseph Corace, adjunct instructor, Marketing

Thomas Deska, adjunct instructor, International Business

Richard Foytek, adjunct instructor, Finance

Theresa Hilliard, associate professor, Accounting

Mariam Iskandarani, adjunct assistant professor, Finance

Carol Jackson, adjunct assistant professor, Communications

Michelle Lange, adjunct instructor, Marketing

Mark Lee, adjunct instructor, Marketing

Kathryn Schaefer, adjunct associate professor, Accounting

Robert Uptegraff, adjunct assistant professor, Finance

Obituaries

Rene George “Dan” Danneels, 91, Diploma ’38, CAFA, CPA; on January 10, in Macomb Township. Professor Danneels was a member of the Accounting and Taxation faculty from 1947 until 1970. He was the owner of Danneels & Company in Harper Woods and founder of Dancher, Inc. in Sterling Heights.

E. Dawson “Duke” Fisher, 82, on July 1, 2008, in Kentwood, Mich. Professor Fisher joined the faculty in 1974. He created the College’s Business Communications department, taught Communications and Marketing from 1975 through 1982, and served as the College’s director of Development. Professor Fisher was vice president of sales promotion for J.L. Hudson Co., bringing the International Freedom Festival fireworks to Detroit. He was also vice president of community relations for the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Adjunct instructor Carl P. Ammaccapane, 56, on October 12, 2008, in Beverly Hills, Mich. Professor Ammaccapane was to be ordained this year as a deacon for the Archdiocese of Detroit. He retired from a 30-year business career in the wine and spirits industry and founded and served as president of Wellspring Resources, a consulting firm.

Retirements

Edna Buday ‘closes’ file on teaching, ‘saves’ fond memories

Adjunct Instructor Edna Buday retired last year after teaching Business Information Technology at Walsh since 1995.

“I’ve closed a wonderful chapter in my life,” she wrote in a letter to Chair Jeffrey Livermore, PhD.

“I have fond memories of the many students, faculty, and staff I have met over the years,” Buday added.

“Being a small part of helping students achieve their goals has brought me great fulfillment. Just recently I received an e-mail from a current student who wrote, ‘thanks for offering such a ‘relevant-to-real-life’ class.’”

Appointments

Novi

Donna Dunford, to advisor, from Davenport University.

Beverly Jackson, part-time campus representative, from TEK Systems.

Katie Molina, academic advisor, from career development facilitator, Holly High School.

Diane Strates, to campus representative from part-time campus representative.

Troy

Curtis Brown, to advisor, from Davenport University.

Michelle Candela, to part-time Admissions representative, from temp, University Center.

Shelley Dronzkowski, to part-time Multimedia Support, from Target.

Jill English, to administrative assistant, Career Services, from Renaissance Home Health.

Stacy Johnson, to advisor, from Davenport University.

Maja Lulgjuraj, to part-time Records representative, from Metro Finish LLC.

Jennifer Mazurek, to Faculty secretary, from administrative assistant, Academic.

Brenda Meller, to Marketing manager, from marketing manager, Business Development, Pitney Bowes Marketing Solutions.

Amanda Ming, to Records evaluator, Admissions & Advising, from coordinator, University Center.

Andrea Rickert, to part-time testing assessment, from Macomb Community College.

Evelyn Stokes, to Marketing research analyst, from BBDO Detroit.

Stephanie Touchette, to full-time secretary, Faculty, from part-time Records representative.

Samantha Vandenbussche, to part-time Financial Aid representative, from Etkin Equities.

Karen Van Houzen, to part-time call-in receptionist, from Fraser Schools.

University Center

Angela Boesler, to coordinator, from administrative assistant, Career Services.
Accomplishments

Cathy Agnello, adjunct instructor, Communications, received an honorable mention award at the 2008 international competition for the Insurance and Financial Communicators Association for her “Italy Travel Incentive Brochure”. This award recognizes marketing, communication, creativity, design & writing.

Lucy Benham, JD, adjunct assistant professor, Business Law/MBA, was appointed a hearing panelist for the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board.

Helen Bojarczyk, PhD, adjunct associate professor, MBA/Management, received a doctorate in Educational Leadership (Higher Education Cognate) from Oakland University and was selected as Commencement speaker.

Maria Bolen, CPA, adjunct associate professor, Accounting, was named chief financial official for the Brighton School District, from executive director, business/finance, Oak Park School District. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in educational administration from Michigan State University.

Barbara Ciaramitaro, PhD, assistant professor, BIT, earned the new Certified Secure Software Lifecycle Professional (CSSLP) designation from ISC2. Dr. Ciaramitaro also co-authored a juried journal article, “Secure Software Development – The Role of IT Audit”, with Jeffrey Livermore, PhD, and Ozelem Aras (MSBIT ’08).

Lisa Foster, (BBA ’02; MBA ’04), PMP, adjunct instructor, BIT, led a virtual dissection of computer components for eighth through twelfth graders at Cranbrook Institute of Science as part of an American Association of University Women event.

Daniel S. Hoops, JD, LLM, associate professor, Business Law and Taxation, was a contributing author to the 2008 Book Award from the State of Michigan Library: “Connecting the Dots: Tyree Guyton’s Heidelberg Project”. He also recently published “Common Mistakes of Business Owners” in the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce e-newsletter.

Bill Lehrer II, CISSP, CCDA, adjunct assistant professor, BIT/IA, earned the Cisco Certified Design Associate (CCDA) certification.

Javad Katibai, adjunct instructor, Quantitative Methods, took a new GM job assignment as chassis architect for the Chevy Volt electric crossover vehicle. He is responsible for integrating the vehicle chassis with the electrical powertrain.

Michael P. Levens, PhD, chair, undergraduate Business Administration programs and associate professor, Marketing, authored his first textbook: Marketing: Defined, Explained Applied, published by Prentice Hall in January. He also wrote a supplement to Marketing Management by Kotler and Keller, published by Prentice Hall in December.

Jeffrey Livermore, PhD, chair, BIT and MSIS, published “Our Electronic Witness” in Tidings magazine (2008) and co-authored a juried journal article, “Secure Software Development – The Role of IT Audit”, with Barbara Ciaramitaro, PhD, and Ozelem Aras (MSBIT ’08).

Peter Lund, adjunct assistant professor, Finance, was elected to a first term in the Michigan House of Representatives, representing the 36th District (Bruce, Shelby and Washington Townships). He had been a Macomb County Commissioner for 11 years and owns a small business, Direct Mailers.

Richard Mintz, JD, adjunct professor, Business Law, was honored by the Oakland County Bar Association for 40 years of service to the legal profession.

Thomas Petz, adjunct instructor, IA, and director, Office of Online Learning, earned a Master of Science in Information Assurance degree in December.

Nan Poulios, CISSP, CISM, PMP director, Information Assurance Center and assistant professor, BIT, completed doctoral coursework and has begun her dissertation at Nova Southeastern University.


Matthew Wirga, adjunct assistant professor, Finance, coached the Walsh Association for Corporate Growth team in the Feb. 21 MBA Case Competition. The team placed second by two-tenths of a point against UD Mercy (see page 10).

He is co-author of “A New Fairness in Fairness Opinions”, published in the February online Directors & Boards Corporate Governance newsletter, as well as of “Fairness Opinions: No Longer a Laughing Matter” in the Winter Thomas M. Cooley Law Review. He presented a paper, “Technical Notes on Leveraged Buyout Valuation Analysis”, at the Investment Banking Training Seminars in December.
The Walsh team placed second at the annual Association for Corporate Growth MBA Business Case Cup finals held at the Troy campus on Feb. 21.

The University of Detroit Mercy took first place by just two-tenths of a percentage point. They received $10,000 in prize money.

The Walsh team of Kathleen Dobrovic (MSF), Jennifer Gasiecki (MBA), and Jordan Ruder (MSF) received $3,000 in prize money. Each will receive a spring semester three-credit course scholarship.

Competing teams from Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, and Wayne State University each shared $1,000 in prize money.

Judges praised the Walsh team for opening its presentation with the executive summary, its competitor section, and the Internal Rate of Return sensitivity analysis.

In the end, the competition “was extremely close,” said Mike Malaga, the judges’ representative. “The decision was based on 20 to 25 factors graded by team and given a weighted analysis.”

Competition Director Matt Wirgau, adjunct assistant professor, Finance, coached the Walsh team.

Business Communications Professor Linda M. Hagan, PhD, provided coaching sessions in presentation skills. Also assisting the Walsh team were Chief Academic Officer Bob Minter, PhD; Michael P. Levens, PhD, chair, undergraduate Business Administration programs; BIT Chair and Associate Professor Jeff Livermore, PhD; Finance and Economics Chair and Professor Linda Wiechowski, PhD; MBA/MSSL Director and Associate Professor Sheila Ronis, PhD; and Associate Professors of Finance John Moore and Gregory Todd.

“Our team brought an unparalleled level of maturity and a unique perspective to their case,” Walsh President Stephanie Bergeron said. “Their presentation was phenomenal.”

National ACG Chief Operating Officer Brad Hughes attended the finals. This year, students at 100 schools from 16 nationwide chapters are participating in the competition, he said, adding that the ACG plans a North America business case competition in 2010.

**VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE:**

**WCAA, Friends to Donate 500 Hours in 2009**

Last year, Walsh alumni and friends donated more than 200 volunteer hours to the community. This year, President Bergeron challenges the Walsh College Alumni Association (WCAA) to complete 500 volunteer hours.

Based on the anticipated number of volunteers and scheduled opportunities, the number of hours is expected to exceed 750.

Be a part of the challenge! Sign up for any or all of these opportunities:

Two to three Saturdays this year, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen will need 10 alumni and friends to serve meals for three hours.

On Saturday, June 6, the River Rouge Clean-Up Project needs approximately 50 alumni and friends who will be assigned a day-long riverside clean-up task.

This summer and during the holiday season, 60 alumni and friends are needed to deliver meals to the elderly and less fortunate for Focus: HOPE.

To volunteer, contact the Office of Alumni Relations, alumni@walshcollege.edu.

**A Walsh Love Story**

“Every time we look at this photo, we think of when we fell in love in Mr. (George) Gardner’s class.

“I met my husband, Kaul Lefief, in May of 2000 while we were both getting our Bachelor of Business Administration degrees in finance. I gave the Commencement address when I received my Master of Accountancy degree in January of 2005.

“We were married on October 14, 2005, at St Anastasia in Troy, and the reception was at Petruzzello’s. So it was very convenient to stop at Walsh for a few photos.

“Thank you, Walsh College, for changing our lives both personally and professionally.”

Sincerely,
Kaul (BBA ’01) & Jennifer (BBA ’01, MAC ’04) Lefief
Madison Heights, Michigan
Faculty Service Anniversaries

5 YEARS
John Alfonsi, adjunct assistant professor, Tax
Michael Curry, adjunct assistant professor, Finance
Erik Hughes, adjunct assistant professor, BIT
Ted Lakkides, adjunct instructor, Finance
Joseph Lipiec, adjunct instructor, Accounting
Glenn Moots, PhD, adjunct associate professor, Ethics
Jill Peplinski, adjunct assistant professor, Business Communications

Tom Petz, adjunct instructor, Information Assurance
Jennifer Sanderson, adjunct instructor, Accounting
Terri Washburn, adjunct associate professor, Management

Daniel Leary, adjunct assistant professor, Finance

15 YEARS
Nicholas McCracken, adjunct assistant professor, Accounting
Ralph Schmitt, adjunct assistant professor, Marketing

10 YEARS
Louise August, PhD, adjunct instructor, Finance
Christopher Clark, adjunct instructor, International Business

Leonard Sholtis, adjunct assistant professor, Management

20 YEARS
Judge Dennis Drury, JD, adjunct professor, Business Law

25 YEARS
Jeffrey Hustick, adjunct assistant professor, Ethics

30 YEARS
Barbara Alpern, PhD, professor emerita, Business Communications

Fall 2008 Conference, IT Technology Society

Keynote speaker Dave Nehra, chief information officer, Motor City Casino, talks with Bob Minter, PhD, executive vice president and chief academic officer, during a break in the conference for IT alumni and students.

Louise August, PhD, 10 years of service; Stephanie Bergeron; Leonard Sholtis, 15 years of service.

Jill Peplinski, John Alfonsi, five years of service; Stephanie Bergeron.
Accounting and Tax Network Reunion

The new Accounting and Tax Network (ATN) welcomed more than 150 accounting and tax alums and other professionals to its first reunion last fall at the Troy campus.

Taxation and Business Law Department Chair Mark Solomon and Accounting Department Chair Rick Berschback formed the network as a way for graduates to connect and re-connect with fellow colleagues. The network also includes current and past professors, non-degree alums, and members of the advisory committees.

Graduates who make a minimum, tax-deductible contribution of $100 or more each year to any of the College's fundraising efforts automatically qualify for membership.

The ATN’s 2009 reunion is Friday, October 23, at the Jeffery W. Barry Center on the Troy campus.
2008

Karol M. Clason, MBA; BBA ’04, was promoted to manager, Corporate Planning, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Matthew Fuerst, MAE, accepted an adjunct teaching position in the Economics Department at Baker College, Auburn Hills.

Mohan S. Jhand, MST, joined Magna Services of America as a tax analyst.

Jesse Lambert, MBA 2008, BBA ’06; 24, funded his own campaign and was elected in November to a four-year term as supervisor of Holly Township. Lambert is improving the township Web site and using public education and government cable TV fees to broadcast township information on public access cable.

Robert P. Schmansky, MAE, joined Northern Financial Advisors in Franklin as an associate.

Mehr Nisa, BACct, joined Grant Thornton LLP as an associate in the firm’s tax practice in Southfield.

2007

Carol Carano-Youngblood, MBA; BAcct ’97, was promoted to corporate controller for HP Pelzer Automotive Systems, Inc., Troy.

Rogers G. Roy, BBA, was elected treasurer, City of Warren Crime Commission.

Alicia Washeleski, MSM, joined Plante Moran, Southfield, as a senior project manager.

2006

Lorena C. Bencsik, MSF; MSA ’04, CPA, joined Trinity Health, Novi, as staff accountant and was named adjunct professor of accounting, Henry Ford Community College.

Andrea C. Duncan, MSM, joined Automation Alley as director of Member Services, from marketing manager, PMV Technologies, Troy.

Randy M. Fike, MBA, was promoted to director at Alix Partners, Southfield, from vice president.

Tammé Quinn-Gryzbek, MSM, joined Automation Alley as change agent for the Walsh Business Leadership Institute’s 2009 Extreme Business Makeover companies.

Jason A. Scian, MSF; BAcct ’02, was promoted to manager of Workouts and Court Receiverships at Kenneth J. Dalto & Associates, Farmington Hills.

Mark L. Schmidt, BBA, joined The Rehmann Group, Troy, as a staff auditor.

Benjamin K. Smyth, BAcct, a junior accountant with Weinlander Fitzhugh Certified Public Accountants & Consultants, Bay City, passed the Michigan CPA examination.

2005

Oliver Meyer, MAC; BAcct ’03, joined Metaldyne Corp., Plymouth, as a senior corporate accountant in the Financial Reporting Department.

Leslie Schemanske, BBA, joined Brumark Total Flooring Solutions of Marietta, Georgia, as senior account manager, from the Donald E. McNabb Company.

Kenneth J. Wessel, BBA, was elected partner in the Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP Real Estate Department. He graduated cum laude from the Wayne State University School of Law.

Jeffrey Wong, MBA, joined Buffalo Wild Wings as director of Franchise Real Estate.

2004

Matthew K. Foley, BBA, joined Strategic Retirement Services of Troy as a financial advisor.

Ronald D. Johnston, BBA, joined Walker-Miller Energy Services in Tech Town Detroit as vice president, energy and power systems.

Scott D. O’Rourke, MTS, was promoted to senior manager, accounting and auditing department, Gordon Advisors P.C., Troy, from manager.

2003

Nicole W. Doak, BBA, was promoted to vice president, Quality Assurance Manager, Campbell-Ewald, Warren.

Rebecca Merriman, MAC, was promoted to manager, Audit Practice, Grant Thornton, LLP.

Tina M. Talley, MSF, joined ShoreBank in Chicago as a portfolio analyst, from senior credit analyst, Sterling Bank & Trust, Southfield.

2002

Alesha Berkholtz, BAcct, was promoted to tax senior associate at KPMG, LLP.

Jennifer Kwasny, BBA, joined the Oswald Companies as a client manager, personal client management division.

Stephen Potter, MSBIT, was named one of Crain’s Detroit Business Class of 2008 “40 Under 40”.

Karen L. Saxton, BAcct, was named CEO of Amalgamated Credit Union, Saginaw Township, from CFO/COO, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union.

2001

Ronald W. Bennett, MBA, was promoted to vice president, APG operations analytics at Sallie Mae.

David C. Brandt, BBA, chief financial officer for E&A Credit Union, has been accepted into the 2009 class of Leadership Michigan.

2000

Andrew S. Daitch, BBA, was promoted to vice president, investments, at Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Services.

Jeffrey T. Harris, MBA & MSM ’00, joined Acxiom in Southfield as a decision support analyst.

1999

Shelley M. Dickerson, BBA, joined Huron Valley State Bank, Highland Township, as assistant vice president and branch manager.

William Barnes, MST; BBA ’87, earned the Certified Valuation Analysts (CVA) designation from the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA).

Jeffrey J. Phillips, MSF, was promoted to director of operations - chief investment officer, The Rehmann Group.

1998

Gwendolyn S. Bresinski, BAcct, was promoted to manager at McBride, Manley & Miller P.C., Marine City and Chesterfield Township.

Alumni in Action continued on page 14.
1998
James Kaza, MSF; BBA '90, was featured on Fox 2 News regarding his business, SailTime Detroit.

1997
Robert McCormick, MSF, was promoted to advisory manager, KPMG, LLP.

1996

Mark A. Cleland, MSF, joined Donnelly Penman & Partners as chief financial officer.

Michael J. Lynch, MSF; BBA 1992, was promoted to controller at American Axle & Manufacturing, Detroit.

1995
Donna R. Frye, MST; BAcct 1986, joined Ernst & Young LP as manager of transfer pricing.

Mike Kenny, MSF, was promoted to global director, business development, Hayes Bicycle Group Division, HB Performance Systems.

Barbara A. Murphy, BBA, joined the Art Institute of Michigan as director of student affairs and career services.

1994
Jeffrey M. Hewson, BBA, joined Great Lakes Christian Foundation, Birmingham, as executive director.

1993
Susan D. Cathcart, MSM, was promoted to chief academic officer of Baker College, Auburn Hills.

1992
Dean A. Bell, MSF; BBA 1983, joined Leonard & Co. Inc., Troy, as senior vice president of investments.

Sean M. Donovan, BAcct, was promoted to director of auditing, Tama, Budaj & Raab P.C., Farmington Hills, from audit manager.

1990
Deborah A. Thompson, MSF; BAcct 1983, was appointed chief financial officer, Birmingham Bloomfield Bancshares, Inc. and The Bank of Birmingham.

1989
Steven E. Reynolds, BBA, was named Accident Fund vice president, strategic planning and corporate secretary, from vice president, innovation and planning, Lansing.

1988
Matthew T. Chappelle, MSF, was promoted to senior vice president in charge of finance, The Christian Company, Lansing.

1987
Kevin P. Smith, MSA, was appointed vice president of finance, DMC Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, Detroit.

1980
Tim McAndrew, BAcct, was elected to a three-year term on the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce.

1977
Nancy Malovey, BAcct, was promoted to Hospice of Michigan corporate director of contracting and reimbursement.

1975
Patrick D. Campbell, BBA, was elected to the board of directors of The Stanley Works. He is senior vice president and chief financial officer of the 3M Company.

ENGAGEMENTS
2007
Tamera M. Dafoe, MBA, of Commerce Township, to Joshua DelCorvo of Farmington Hills. A May 30 wedding is planned in Mt. Pleasant.

2005
Brett E. Foster, MBA, to Ashley Bainbridge of Chicago, on August 30.

1997
Jennifer E. White, BBA to Todd Lowrie, MSF 2007, of Troy. An October 2010 wedding is planned in San Diego.

MARRIAGES
2008
Stephanie Doyle, MBA, to Alex Geralds of Troy.

2006
Candice W. Lazar, MSM, to Aaron Alper, D.O., of West Bloomfield, on August 31, 2008.

Christina Spadafore, BBA, to Brian Valenti on October 4, 2008.

2004


Theresa M. Yaklin, BAcct, to Darin Snider on September 27, 2008, in Grand Haven.

1996
Former adjunct professor George W. Rendziperis, MSF, to Kelley M. Hart on November 15, 2008, in Austin, Texas. They received juris doctor degrees from the Michigan State University College of Law and are tax consultants at Ernst & Young in Chicago.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS
November 8, 2008, Brent Martin Wohlfield, 7 lbs, 10 oz; 20”. Second son of Management adjunct instructor Tina Wohlfield, MBA 2004 and Kirk Wohlfield, BBA 1998; MSM 2001; MBA

DEATHS
1996
Steve Kenneth Schafer, CPA, 39, BAcct, of Roseville, on October 1, 2008.

1982
Ruthie A. Urban, BAcct, on September 20, 2008.

1979
Patricia Ann Simmons, BBA, on July 23, 2008.

1940
Archie Waring Society to Recognize Planned Giving Donors

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