MSU College of Business
Students of Excellence
2007-2008
More than 152 scholarships and awards for students majoring in business options at Montana State University College of Business were given in the spring for the 2008-2009 academic school year. The scholarships, announced Monday, March 31st at the College’s annual scholarship banquet, were provided through endowments and funds set up to specifically grant financial aid to students enrolled in the MSU College of Business. About 350 people, including family and friends, were in attendance.

Rick Reisig ('82), director of audit for Hamilton Misfeldt & Company, P.C., was the banquet’s keynote speaker. He delivered an entertaining and lively presentation that drew many chuckles from the audience.

Reisig is a major supporter of the College of Business and is very active in the community. He has served on the MSU College of Business Advisory Council, and presently is a member of the MSU Accounting Advisory Council. He also serves as the Treasurer for the MSU Alumni Board of Directors, and is a non-voting member of the MSU Foundation Board of Directors. He also serves as a committee person on the “Bringing the U to You” lecture series, a Great Falls committee consisting of MSU and UM alumni.

MSU College of Business inducts new Beta Gama Sigma Members

Twenty-seven Montana State University COB student names were added to the prestigious list of Beta Gama Sigma (BGS) inductees at the annual initiation luncheon. BGS, an international honor society started in 1913, provides the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in an undergraduate or masters program at a school accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

During the initiation luncheon held on April 8, students were welcomed by BGS President, Matthew Pugh and encouraged by VP of Membership, Lindsey Pierce and VP of Programs, Joseph Ottoy to live by the standards of Beta, meaning honor, Gama, meaning wisdom and Sigma, meaning earnestness.

COB professor of management, Dr. Mike Reilly, was honored with the Beta Gama Sigma Professor of the Year Award. Reilly has been a professor of marketing for the College of Business for more than 20 years. He was also one of two visiting professors who taught strategic management at the International Business School at Vilnius University in Lithuania. Reilly received both his Ph.D. and M.B.A from Pennsylvania State University and taught at Pennsylvania State University, his alma mater, and the University of Arizona, before joining the College of Business in 1984.

Following the Professor of the Year Award, David K. Palagi ('76), Branch Manager for Smith Barney was recognized as the Chapter Honoree. He imparted knowledge by talking about the book, Cowboy Ethics by James P. Owen. He stressed that “The Code of the West” is very applicable to life and business. The code consisted of ten items: Live each day with courage; take pride in your work; always finish what you start; do what has to be done; be tough, but fair; when you make a promise, keep it; ride for the brand; talk less and say more; remember that some things aren’t for sale; and know where to draw the line. After his speech, Palagi gave a copy of the book to the College of Business.

2008 BGS Inductees Include:

Masters – Heather Budd*, Victoria Hayden, Elizabeth Vanderby

Seniors – Dane Anderson, Jacquelyn Bodfish*, Rayla Brandewie, Anne Delaney, Mara Hoefler, Shadriae Johnson, Brooke Metcalf, Fraiser Opel, Brandon Perkins


* in absentia

Please note: Every effort has been made to include each student and academic group or club who has been selected for an award. If your name has been inadvertently omitted or misspelled, please accept our sincere apologies.
Thirty-Sixth Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet
March 31st, 2008

Jim Alderson Scholarships
Presenter Scott Bryant with Julie Banuchie and Stephanie Retter.

Farmer Anderson Scholarship
Julia Schicktanz with presenter Mike Kroff

Armistead International Scholarship
Presenter Mike Gold with Mitch Nesset

Beta Alpha Psi
MSU Accounting Scholarship
Joey Chugani with presenter Sara Titensor
Boeing Scholarship
Presenter Laura Black with Daniel Huffman

Bough Russia Program Scholarships
Presenter Susan Dana with Kelsea Husar and Abigail May

Bowen Memorial Scholarships
Jackie Hill, presenters Caroline Bowen and Jennifer Simon, and Megan Chancellor

Bracken International Scholarships
Matt Pugh, Courtney Larson, Tegan Molloy, Drew Nash and Sarah Saxby

Bracken Scholarships
Back: Carlee and Kevin Bracken
Front: Morgan Legerski, Brittany Maroney and Ashley Gilchrist (not present)
Bullock Memorial Scholarships
Back-Front, Left-Right: Nathan Knutson, Grant Jamieson, Lorena Birkley, Justin Christman, Collin Thomas, Shersha Greene, Kyle Blessinger, Susan Bolstad, Katie Goodhart, presenter Dave Foster, Morgan Rangel and Anne Delaney

Carlvon Family Foundation Scholarship
Rebecca Friend and presenter Christie Johnson

COB Entrepreneurship Scholarships
Drew Nash, Callan Shumway and presenter Gary Bishop

COB Board of Advisors Scholarship
Kelsey Borge with presenter James Taylor, Jr.

DA Davidson & Co. Scholarship
Andrew Garber and presenter Bill Stoddart
Deloitte & Touche Scholarships
Sarah Leavy, presenter Anne Christensen
and Nathan Deibert

EideBailly LLP Scholarship
Presenter Susan Dana with Lindsey Pierce

American Bank/Carolyn Erickson Finance Scholarships
Back-Front, Left-Right: Cairn Clark, Joseph Bogen,
Grady Toews, Drew Lesnik, Sarah Saxby, Melissa Bird,
Brooke Griffin, presenter Leon Royer, Austin Owens
and Megan Lunney

Erlandson Scholarship
James Fulkerson, presenter Gillian Erlandson
and Sara Ley

Ernst & Young Scholarship
Tiffany Cuerth, presenter Bonita Peterson Kramer
and Emily Quinn
Joseph Eve Scholarships
Stephanie Simmons, Leah Kraft, Joelle Starr and presenter Don Jones

Golf Tournament Scholarships
Presenter Kathleen Tonkovich with Nobu Aoki, Jessica Bowman and Ryan Mikkola

Galusha, Higgins & Galusha Scholarship
Presenter Becca Spencer with Heather Budd

Russell B. Hart Scholarship
Abigail Olp with presenter Bruce Raymond

Haynes Mentoring Scholarships
Melinda Monroe and Jacey Peters
Scott & Barbara Heck Scholarship
Brad Hoffman with presenter Marc Giullian

J&H Office Supply Scholarship
Presenter Graham Austin with Julie Watson

JCCS Scholarships
Jeanne Freeburg, Melissa Mikesell and presenter Terry Alborn

KPMG Scholarships
Left-Right: Fraiser Opel, Rebekah Stanley, Colin Dean, Alexa Lucas, presenter Jeff Appelt
Front: Whitney Griffin and Key Spokas

Howard Kelsey Memorial Scholarship
Presenter Kyleen Kelsey, Mindy Trzinski and presenter Kelly Kelsey
Alice Knowles Scholarship
Kimberley Hutchinson

Harvey A. Larson Scholarship
Mitchell Nesset and presenter Harvey A. Larson

Robert W. Martin, Jr. Scholarship
Cori LaFever with presenter Bruce Raymond

Michael McCue Scholarship
Presenter Sandra McCue and Sheena Brake

Montana Bankers Association
25 Year Club Scholarship
Justin King

Eli Lilly & Co. Scholarship - Recipient, Matthew Helgeson in absentia
John T. Cadby & George Bennett (MT Bankers Association) Scholarship
Sarah Saxby

Montana Society of CPAs Scholarship
Andrew Durkin and presenter Kyla Stafford

Montana Society of Public Accountants Scholarship
David Petroni and presenter Anne Christensen

Elizabeth Seitz-Moyer Memorial Scholarship
Corinne Harris, Daniel Judge, Tania Mittleider, Kale Norwood and presenter Micki Munro

Bettie Eagle Nelson & Peggy Roman Taylor Scholarships
Timothy Lehner, Ashley Kropp, Jack McKinley, Amanda West and presenter Harry Benham
Parent Family Association Scholarship
Allison Haux, David Kovas, Ben Stambaugh and presenter Jodie DeLay

Harlan F. Patterson Scholarships
Presenter Tim Alzheimer, Jolyn Deshler and Casey Hendrickson

Frank Preston Scholarships
Presenter Craig Ehlert, Desiree Arguellez, Jayme Larson, Elizabeth Nelson and Zac Rohrer

Pricewaterhouse Coopers Scholarships
Presenter Dennis Schmidt and Joey Chugani

Jeanne M. & Harold Roby Scholarships
Presenter Pat Dunn and Gina Gregory
Robert Simkins Scholarship
Matthew McKinley

Jerry D. Trainer Scholarship
Elizabeth Vanderby and presenter Gary Bishop

US Bank-Bozeman Scholarship
Presenter Barry Jeide and Nathaniel Pehl

Grace Rosness Scholarship - Recipient, Shannon Walter in absentia

David W. And Dorothy E. Patterson Scholarships

Left-Right, Back-Front: Dane Anderson, Tyler Bryant, Patrick Brady, Amy Brown, John Bishop, Thomas Chapman, Jessica Briceno, presenter Mike Reilly, Mitchell Clark, Morgan Brennan and Colin Albee in absentia.
David W. And Dorothy E. Patterson Scholarships

Left-Right, Back-Front: Shersha Greene, Stephanie Cole, John Devine, Kristin Dornton, Crystal Garland, Dan Huffman, Kelsea Husar, Kimberley Hutchinson, presenter Omar Shehryar, Laura Ingalls and Shardae Johnson,


Left-Right, Back-Front: Renee Moreland, Daniel Newell, Joshua Reissig, David Rabenberg, Kelsey Rice, Larene Newman, Joseph Ottoy, Kristin Principe, Stephanie Sanders, Jeffrey Seward, presenter Jerry Carvalho, Rebecca Neer and Ilima Orser-Cameron both in absentia.


Anderson ZurMuehlen & Co. Scholarship - Recipient, Krissa Sprenger in absentia
The annual Awards for Excellence banquet, sponsored by the MSU Alumni Foundation and the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce was held on Tuesday, February 19, in the Strand Union Building (SUB) ballrooms. Thirty-nine of Montana State University’s top seniors and their faculty or staff mentors were recognized. Seven students and six faculty from the College of Business received an award.

Each student was nominated by faculty in their college or department and then chosen by an award selection committee. The student in turn, selected a mentor who has contributed to their success as a student. Student and mentor were then honored together at the event. All the students must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA and must be involved in campus leadership and have demonstrated an active role in the community to be nominated for one of these awards.

The senior College of Business students and mentors who were honored at this year’s banquet were: Jacquelyn Bodfish, management, selected Gary Bishop, M.A.S., adjunct instructor of management; Nathan Deibert, accounting, selected Dennis Schmidt, Ph.D., professor of accounting; Daniel Huffman, management, selected Jerry Carvalho, M.B.A., adjunct instructor of management; Fraiser Opel, accounting, selected Ilse-Mari Lee, Ph.D., professor of music; Emily Quinn, accounting, selected Mary Ann Jacobson, D.M.A., professor of music; Karoline Teien, management, selected Susan Dana, J.D., Associate Dean for the College of Business; Jessica Burch, graphic design and marketing, selected Laura Black, Ph.D., assistant professor of management and Jessica Gausman, political science, selected Carmen McSpadden, adjunct instructor of management.

Emily Quinn was honored with one of two 2008 Torleif Aasheim Community Involvement Awards as the female senior at Montana State University who best embodies the spirit of community service. The other honoree was Troy Lodmell, a history major from Malta.

Quinn is an accounting major and from Bozeman who is very active on campus and in the community. She is a member of the Beta Alpha Psi/Accounting Club, Mortar Board, Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, Septemviri, the MSU Honors Program, Advocats, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the MSU Symphony Orchestra as principal clarinetist. Quinn also spends her time volunteering in the community participating in events and programs such as Relay for Life, Bowl for Kids’ Sake, Up ‘til Dawn, Red Cross Blood Drives and Habitat for Humanity.

The College of Business can be credited with many of Quinn’s successes. “The COB has provided me excellent teachers and mentors that have inspired me to enjoy learning. The high quality education I received at MSU has provided me an invaluable foundation that will enable me to succeed in my chosen career path. In addition, the COB has provided me valuable networking opportunities, enabling me to feel more comfortable interacting with business professionals. Most importantly, the COB has provided me job opportunities that would not be as easily accessible elsewhere.”

She plans to be a summer intern at Ernst & Young in San Jose, California before returning to complete the Masters of Accountancy Program.

Torleif Aasheim Community Involvement Award
2008 Special Awards

Alfred L. Day/Wall Street Journal Academic Excellence Award
Mitchell Clark and presenter Chris Lamb

Beta Alpha Psi Superior Chapter Award & Scholarship *(funded by KPMG Foundation)*
Sara Titensor with presenter Christie Johnson

Dean’s Award for Excellence - Graduate
Presenter Marc Giullian with Erin Ahlgren

Montana Society of CPAs Medallion Award
Presenter Kyla Stafford with Lynn Spokas

Female CoB Student Athletes Honored
Montana State Women’s Center Director Betsy Danforth and Alumni Association Director Jaynee Groseth hosted the annual Student Achievement Awards banquet at the SUB Ballroom on Tuesday, March 25, which featured 11 female student-athletes from various Bobcat teams including golf, tennis, track and field, skiing, and women’s basketball. Six of these students were pursuing College of Business options or minors.

Stephanie Simmons (golf) Accounting
Erin Goodman (basketball) Business Marketing
Frasier Opel (nordic skiing) Accounting/University Honors
Karoline Teien (nordic skiing) Business Management
Nuria Hernandez (tennis) Business Management
Tegan Molloy (former ASMSU President) MTA/Int’l Bus. minor
The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) has granted the Montana State University College of Business full, unconditional reaffirmation of its accreditation. AACSB is an international organization dedicated to the evaluation collegiate programs in business since 1916. Only 555 programs in business worldwide have achieved AACSB accreditation.

To achieve accreditation, business programs must satisfy the expectations of a wide range of quality standards relating to strategic management of resources, interactions of faculty and students in the educational process, and achievement of learning goals in degree programs. These standards are mission-linked. During the accreditation process, the College of Business at MSU was visited and evaluated by business school deans with detailed knowledge of management education, applying accreditation standards that are widely accepted in the educational and business communities.

We are honored and extremely pleased to maintain this prestigious and rigorous accreditation by AACSB particularly since it was reaffirmed unconditionally. said Rich Semenik, Dean of the College of Business at MSU. Only the finest programs in the country achieve and maintain this accreditation. Employers and students look to AACSB accreditation as verification of the quality of a program’s curriculum, faculty and staff. The College of Business at MSU has maintained continuous accreditation by AACSB since 1981.

This year marked the 85th anniversary of the Day of Student Recognition ceremony. The focus of this day is exclusively on MSU students who are outstanding in the areas of leadership, service and scholarship. Superior academic performance also plays a significant role in the Day of Student recognition; however, a strong emphasis is placed on qualities that are integral to being or becoming exemplary leaders within the campus and global community. Since service is a natural extension of true leadership, it is also an important facet of the ceremony.

2008-2009 Mortar Board Members
A national senior honorary with membership based on leadership, service and scholarship.

Joseph Bogen - Finance
Katharine M. Bergsgaard - Management

Alpha Lambda Delta Individual Awards
Awarded to the full-time student having the highest GPA in the sophomore, junior and senior classes based on credits carried at MSU.

James Trotter - Junior (Accounting)

Cole Tierney African American Award
Awarded to an outstanding student leader by MSU alumni Lee Tierney and his parents, Lee and MaryLouise Tierney. This award is named in honor of the grandparents of Lee Tierney.

Jason Manning - Senior (Marketing)