MSU College of Business
Students of Excellence
2008-2009

Excellence in Undergraduate Business Education &
Master of Accountancy Program
With budgets tight, the Montana State University College of Business (CoB) still presented more than 100 scholarships and awards for students majoring in business options for the 2009-2010 academic year. The scholarships, announced Monday, April 6th 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 CoB. More than 250 people, including family and friends, attended the event.

Scott Holton (’98 MPAc), partner of Rudd & Company PLLC, a small regional CPA firm, was the banquet’s keynote speaker. He talked to the scholarship recipients about many lessons that he has learned since graduation, such as the importance of relationships, especially those with faculty. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of opportunities to join service groups and be active in the community. “Be true to yourself” was another important lesson. Holton talked about being prepared to work hard, setting one’s self apart from the rest and being able to laugh at yourself. He ended the inspiring speech with a quote from Thomas Jefferson, “I’m a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.”

Fifteen Montana State University College of Business (CoB) students and two CoB faculty 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 accredited, Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), undergraduate or master’s program.

During the initiation luncheon held on April 7, BGS Advisor, Dr. Susan Dana, welcomed students. Sarah Smith, Vice President of Programs, and Anne Delaney, Vice President of Membership, encouraged the inductees to live according to the standards of Beta, meaning honor, Gama, meaning wisdom and Sigma, meaning earnestness.

BGS also recognized John Murdoch, founder of Murdoch’s Ranch and Home Supply, as the Chapter Honoree. Murdoch talked about starting and growing his own business, attributing his success in life to passion and integrity. He encouraged students to find ways to live their own lives with these qualities. Challenging students to question themselves, he asked them, “What do you do when you think no one’s watching?” Murdoch stressed the importance of respect and talked about GET—the golden rule, excellence and trust—which he tries to instill in his employees. Murdoch ended his acceptance speech with two thoughts—life is a journey, not a destination, and it is important to strive for excellence along the way.

These words of wisdom have served Murdoch and Murdoch’s Ranch and Home Supply well. The business has grown to 14 stores, staffed with nearly 700 devoted employees. As a product of their success, Murdoch’s is also able to support 4-H, the Humane Society and dozens of other charitable organizations. Murdoch’s recently gave the CoB seed money for its new social entrepreneur class.

2009 BGS Inductees:

SENIORS – Erin Burchett, Joey Chugani and Karen Heller.
JUNIORS – Jackie Art, Kyle Blessinger, Kelsey Borge, Cori Bryant, Matthew Helgeson*, Lindsey Juelfs, Amanda Manuel, David Model, Jann Spizziri, Collin Thomas, Barbara Todd and Mindy Trzinski.

* in absentia
Jim Alderson Entrepreneur Scholarships
Presenter Scott Bryant with James Garland and Tyson Johnson.

Farmer Anderson Memorial Scholarship
Lindsey Juelfs with presenter Charlie Pinkava

Anderson ZurMuehlen & Co.
Presenter Stefani Freese with Andrew Durkin

Mary Frances Bennett Memorial
Presenter Robyn Jarnigan with Joell Starr

Beta Alpha Psi & MSU Accounting Scholarship
Whitney Griffin and Shardae Johnson with presenter Tiffany Cuerth
John W. Blankenhorn Scholarship
Presenter Harvey Larson with Courtney Holmberg

The Boeing Business Scholarship
Presenter Bill Brown with Kyle Blessinger

Mike Bowen Memorial Scholarship
Presenters Jennifer Simon, Carol Bowen and Scott Reese with Tara Lindblom

Gary K. Bracken International Study Fellowships
Presenters Dotty and Roger Bracken with Austin Owens and Sarah Saxby

Gary K. Bracken Scholarships
Presenters Dotty and Roger Bracken with Meghan Cyr and Kate Padula
Donald W. Bullock Memorial Scholarships
Presenter Pat Dunn with Katie Swindal and Meghan Doyle in absentia

COB Board of Advisors Scholarship
Presenter James Taylor, Jr. with Julie Schicktanz

Gil Crain Memorial Scholarship
Luke Gallagher with presenter Christie Johnson

Deloitte & Touche Scholarship
Presenter Gary Caton with Tyler Rutz and Kay Spokas

EideBailly LLP Consultants/CPAs
Leah Kraft and presenter Scott Nelson
American Bank/Carolyn Erickson Finance
Back-Front, Left-Right: Collin Thomas, Joe Bogen, Mikel Erickson, Garrett Lommatsch, Anna Glowacki, Morgan Legerski, Kevin Louden, Brooke Griffin, Meghan Lunney and presenter Bryan Klein

Joseph Eve CPAs Scholarship
Whitney Griffin and presenter Jenny Gondeiro

Friends of the Open Classic Golf
Jason Heffner and presenter Kevin Doran

Galusha, Higgins & Galusha
Presenter Vicki Tischendorf and Melinda Monroe

Russell B. Hart Memorial Scholarship
Mary Baker-Youderian with presenter Christie Johnson
Harold & Reta Haynes
Student Mentoring Scholarship
Jaci Cebuhar with presenter Gary Bishop

Scott & Barbara heck Scholarship
Presenter Myleen Leary with Amanda Gengenbacher

J&H Office Supply
Marcus Mantik with presenter Dave Foster

JCCS Scholarships
Steven Jackson and Kristin Reynolds with presenter Frank Kerins

KPMG LLP Scholarships
Brittany Maroney, Joey Chugani, presenter Billie Gunn, Janel Nordhagen and David Petroni
Howard Kelsey Memorial Scholarship
Presenter Martha Kelsey and Mindy Trzinski

Alice Knowles Scholarship
Elizabeth Nelson and presenter Nancy Dodd

Harvey A. Larson Scholarship
Rachel McGinnis and presenter Harvey Larson

Eli Lilly & Company Scholarship
Presenter Mike Gold and Jacqueline Hill

James B. & Margaret L. Lyons Scholarship
Presenter Graham Austin and Austin Trimbach
Mary Elizabeth McClure Memorial
Presenters George & Elizabeth McClure
with Morgan Legerski

Michael McCue Memorial Scholarship
Presenter Mike Kroff with Morgan Rangel

Montana Bankers Association
25 Year Club Scholarship
Presenter Bruce Raymond and Matt Helgeson

John T. Cadby & George Bennett
(MT Bankers Association) Scholarship
Presenter Bruce Raymond with Justin King

Montana Society of CPAs Scholarship
Kate Oswald and presenter Marc Giullian
Montana Society of Public Accountants Scholarship
Courtney Wendland and presenter Anne Christensen

Elizabeth Seitz-Moyer Memorial Scholarship
Ashley Kropp and Mariko Shimada

Bettie Eagle Nelson & Peggy Roman Taylor Scholarships
Kelsey Borge and Ben Stambaugh with presenter Bruce Raymond

Parent Family Association Scholarship
Makenzie Nehls, presenter Bruce Raymond and Sophie Mumford

Harlan F. Patterson Scholarships
David Kovas, Lacey Ryan and presenter Marc Giullian
Pricewaterhouse Coopers Scholarships
Laura Ingalls and presenter Angela Woodland

Frank Preston Scholarships
Tim Lehner, Marie Kaufman, Katie Maurillo, Cody Neves and presenter Minette Jessup

Jeanne M. & Harold Roby Scholarship
Presenters Pat Dunn and Jeanne Roby with Allison Haux

Jerry D. Trainer Scholarship
Presenter Bonita Kramer and William Kolski

US Bank-Bozeman Scholarship
Presenter Barry Jeide and Jeffrey Lee
David W. And Dorothy E. Patterson Scholarships

Left-Right, Back-Front: Nobu Aoki, Cy Baldwin, Robert Bertrand, Mikel Erickson, Gehrig Dye, Shersha Greene, Clifton Griffing, Dane Hancock, Sheena Brake, Morgan Brennan, Jessica Briceno and presenter Craig Ehlert


Left-Right, Back-Front: Anthony Layton, Kevin Louden, Garrett Lommatsch, presenter Jerry Carvalho, Shardae Johnson, Alexis Lindberg, Lindsay Korth, Kelsey Ladenburg, Dawn Kellam, Jenna Lang, Samantha Kujala and Holli Hashley in absentia

Left-Right, Back-Front: Joshua Reissig, James Trotter, Jay Trotter, presenter Omar Shehryar, Stephanie Sanders, Brooke Senner, Kelty Wallace, Sarah Smith, Jann Spizziri and Barbara Todd
We, the students of the MSU College of Business, understand that in choosing to enroll at MSU we are investing in our professional futures. Therefore, we proudly commit to the following Code of Excellence.

Performance
I am accountable for and take pride in my own learning and conduct.

Respect
I treat with respect all members of my community, including peers, staff and faculty.

Integrity
I am ethical in all that I do.

Diligence
I do my best work at all times.

Engagement
I challenge myself to invest proactively in my academic, professional and personal development.
2009 Special Awards

Alfred L. Day/Wall Street Journal Academic Excellence Awards
Shardae Johnson and James Trotter with presenter Chris Lamb

Beta Alpha Psi Superior Chapter Award & Scholarship (funded by KPMG Foundation)
Presenter Robyn Jarnagin with Tiffany Cuerth

Dean’s Award for Excellence - Graduate
Mitchell Clark with presenter Bonita Kramer

Montana Society of CPAs Medallion Award
Heather Budd with presenter Marc Giullian

Bracken Professionalism Award
Austin Owens with presenter Susan Dana
Forty of Montana State University’s top seniors and their faculty or staff mentors were recognized at this year’s annual Awards for Excellence banquet. The MSU Alumni Association and the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce sponsored the event, on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 in the SUB Ballrooms.

An award selection committee chose qualifying seniors nominated by faculty in their college or department. All students maintained a minimum 3.5 grade point average (GPA) as well as demonstrated campus leadership and community service.

The senior College of Business students and mentors who were honored at this year’s banquet were:

- **Jackie Art**, management and finance / **Greg Durham**
- **Christopher Baldus**, finance / **Greg Durham**
- **Mara Hoefer**, marketing / **Dave Foster**
- **Austin Owens**, finance and economics / **Gary Caton**
- **Drew Nash**, mechanical engineering technology / **Dave Foster**
- **Clarissa Ivie**, English, psychology and Spanish / **Carmen McSpadden**, adjunct instructor of management

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**Professional Thursdays**

This year a group of our CoB students decided to take professionalism to the next level and started a new tradition - - Professional Thursdays.

Their idea was that business professionals have “Casual Fridays” so why not start “Professional Thursdays” for business students. Posters went up stating that Thursdays were now days devoted to putting on some professional attire and having fun.

From then on, students and professors alike when seen wearing professional attire on Thursdays.
This year marked the 86th 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. There were 19 students honored this year, two of whom were College of Business.

**Max Worthington Service Award**

The award honors a member of MSU’s “Golden Bobcats” basketball team who went on to hold several positions at MSU, including dean of Student Affairs and Service.

**Austin Owens - Senior (Finance & Economics)**

**Outstanding Junior Award/Septemviri**

Septemviri is a senior honorary that recognizes seven outstanding juniors based on extraordinary scholarship, leadership and service to MSU. The Outstanding Junior Award recognizes one woman and one man who have contributed to MSU and show promise for the future.

**Matt Smith - Junior (Pre-Business)**