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News from Valparaiso University's Graduate Division

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Spring Symposium Celebrates Students' Scholarship

It's April again. You know what that means? The Office of Graduate Studies hosted its annual Graduate Research Symposium. All graduate students graduating this May or August were invited to attend on Friday, April 17th at 6:00 pm in the Duesenberg Recital Hall at the VUCA to listen to fellow graduate student presentations. Graduate presenters included Emily Mangiaracina on "The Lady's Magazine" and Susan Moreno on "Making Sense of Autism Spectrum Challenges."

The presentations were followed by a dinner banquet in the VUCA lobby and an award ceremony by Dean David Rowland for students graduating with distinction.

Graduate Students Part of Winning Team

Jaichitra ThirumangaramPrasanna and Lauren Kawecki are members of VU's SIFE team (Students in Free Enterprise), which won a regional competition held on April 2 in Chicago and will now be heading to Finals in Philadelphia in May. Congrats and good luck to Jai and Lauren and the SIFE team!

The SIFE team is also featured in an article in Inside Indiana Business, which can be found online at www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?id=34907.

MBA Plus Certificate

Valparaiso University's College of Business Administration will be offering a new MBA Plus Certificate for VU graduate students. It will consist of 4 courses, 8 credits, focusing on sustainability. This certificate will also be offered online through a real-time web camera program where students can be halfway across the world and still interact with the professor and class as though they were on campus. Bruce MacLean, the Director of Graduate Programs in Management, believes the MBA Plus Certificate "will be a unique program. There is nothing like it in the U.S. right now."

Courses include *Managing Sustainability*, which involves students studying new technologies for innovation; *Forces Affecting Sustainability in Business*, which involves how legal, legislative, and market forces affect sustainability practices in the global business world; *Case Studies in Sustainability*, which allows students to examine sustainability programs initiated by companies worldwide; and *Fieldwork in Sustainability*, which allows students to participate in team field projects in sustainability. These courses will teach students how to save the environment while also making a profitable business. MacLean believes that sustainability is an important "mindset" that is about "good environmental practice and good business."

This certificate will first be available for all MBA students in Fall 2009, and then for other VU graduate students starting Fall 2010. For more information on the new MBA Plus Certificate, please contact Cindy Tuholski at 219-465-7952 or Cindy.Tuholski@valpo.edu.

Important Dates & Reminders

- ⇒ April 16 to May 10: Registration for Fall classes
- ⇒ May 2: Valpo Sesquicentennial Gala Event
- ⇒ May 5: Last day of Spring classes
- ⇒ May 6: Reading Day, no classes
- ⇒ May 7 to 12: Final Examinations
- ⇒ May 17: Commencement
- ⇒ May 10 to June 26: Summer Session I
- ⇒ June 29 to August 7: Summer Session II
- ⇒ August 25: Fall classes begin

***Congratulations to all of the
May and August 2009 Graduates and
good luck in your future endeavors!!!***

***- From the Graduate Studies staff and
The Graduate Newsletter***

Graduate Student Summer Plans

As the semester comes to an end, VU graduate students are already making plans for their summer. English Studies and Communication graduate student Coco (Jia) Zhang will be spending her summer working for Valparaiso Parks and Recreation as a camp counselor for local elementary kids. She came across this opportunity at a campus job fair where the Department of Parks and Recreation had a stand set up with camp employment information. This summer position is especially exciting for Coco because it will be her first off-campus job in America: "I have some experience working with kids already, so I want to find out whether American kids are different than Chinese kids."

Summer camp counselors are in charge of organizing activities based on different weekly themes: "We are working hard to provide a safe and friendly environment for kids to spend their summer holiday."

Meet Your Fellow VU Graduate Students

Jonathan (Fan) Ouyang started at VU in August 2007 and is earning his Master of Science in Sports Administration degree. Jonathan is originally from Hengyang City in the Hunan Province of China. He chose to attend VU because he believed VU would offer high student-oriented service from professors. "The reason I choose this program was because I have a strong passion for sports business," says Jonathan.

Over the last few semesters with the Sports Administration Program, Jonathan has enjoyed his many internship experiences with different sports organizations, such as USOC and PGA Tour. In the future, Jonathan would like to pursue a career in the sports industry.

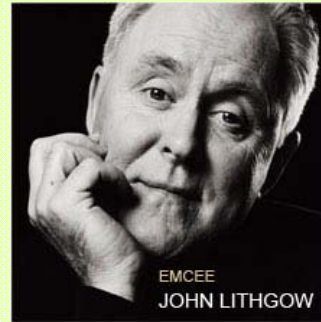
New Master of Science Program at VU

Valparaiso University is proud to announce a new MS program in International Economics and Finance beginning Fall 2009. This 36-37 credit program is geared towards students with some previous training in economics and math, and it is designed to be very applied with a wide range of training in Economics, Mathematics, and Finance, which will help students apply their skills in a broad spectrum of careers. Classes are designed to help students use statistical programs and apply them to economic problems. The MS in International Economics and Finance program director, Jaishankar Raman, believes that these skills are "in demand in many industries and thus our graduates would be able to find better employment prospects with this degree."

Interested students can find out more information on the Graduate Studies website at www.valpo.edu/grad/ief/ or by contacting Professor Jaishankar Raman at 219-464-6814 or by email at Jaishankar.Raman@valpo.edu.

150th Gala Celebration

Be a part of Valpo's history! In honor of our long, rich history, Valparaiso University will be holding a 150th Anniversary Gala Celebration. The black tie optional gala will be held at the historic Brown Field in a formal lawn pavilion. Guests will have the chance to dance to the classic and upbeat jazz of the Duke Ellington Orchestra, laugh at the entertainment of the Master of Ceremonies John Lithgow, and join together with campus presenters in celebration of our 150 years as Valparaiso University.



Valparaiso's alumni, friends, and community members are all invited to join in the festivities; however, due to space limitations for this grand event, tickets will only be sold until April 17, 2009, or until they sell out. Tickets can be purchased by calling 877-488-4252, online at www.valpo.edu/150/events/event-detail/gala.php, or by stopping by the Harre Union Welcome Desk.



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