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Derrick Buffalo Visiting Executive Program Spring 2019

Derrick Buffaloe, Delivery Partner Executive with IBM, was the School of Business Visiting Executive March 6. He spoke in Dr. Taylor's Project Management class about obstacles he faced along his career path. Overcoming those obstacles resulted in rising to the position he holds today at IBM. He noted that taking on new roles and challenging tasks helped him to grow, gain expertise, and establish his reputation. He had a dream, set a goal, and never stopped believing in his ability to accomplish his dream.

Vaughan auditorium was filled for Mr. Buffaloe's presentation "Designing You!" He related the path of his long career with IBM and gave suggestions for career planning. He advised students to reach for their dreams by setting goals and putting in the extra time and effort required to achieve those goals. In doing so, he added, it is important to observe and understand the environment in the workplace and learn how to take advantage of opportunities. A key component of his success has been his willingness to seek and accept criticism. He advised students to avoid feeling offended by constructive criticism, as that is what leads to an understanding of expectations and helps one focus on improvement efforts.



Mila Vejnovic Student of the Month March 2019

When Mila Vejnovic came to visit Chowan, she saw the bridge at Lake Vann, the fountain, and all the nature around campus and she knew it was the place for her. Her home country, Serbia, is full of beautiful views and sights, and the campus of Chowan brought back memories of the nature she had left two years earlier. She liked the small, friendly campus and quickly found she could make it her home away from home. After completing two years at a Garden City Community College in Kansas, she transferred to Chowan to complete her bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in information systems.

Volleyball was one of the main reasons Mila chose Chowan for her last two years of college. She says she was drawn to the sport because it's not just about being physically active, but also about the intellectual part of the game. She loves the strategy involved and that a player must constantly think about the next move to be effective.



Mila credits volleyball and her year as a team captain for developing leadership skills that she will use in her future.

Mila made a name for herself in the classroom too. She is an outstanding student, earning the President's List or the Dean's List each of her four semesters at Chowan.

She was inducted into three honor societies: Sigma Beta Delta, Chi Alpha Sigma, and Alpha Chi. Her achievements led to her internship this spring in Chowan's Development Office.

Being away from home for four years with only one trip back to visit her parents and family has been very challenging for Mila. She adjusted to being on her own and learned to be very independent. Mila was always taught to "work hard while you're young, things will be easier later," advice she believes helped her overcome tough times.

After next month's graduation, Mila plans to return home to Serbia and attend a programming school there to secure a job as a software developer. She looks forward to returning home and putting the knowledge she gained at Chowan to work. Congratulations, Mila, on your selection as the Student of the Month!

PBL RELAYS



Phi Beta Lambda members participated in the Relay for Life event on campus on April 12. "Because more birthdays mean eating more cake" was PBL's team theme. Slices of homemade cake were available for sale. A series of cake walks, which are a version of musical chairs where the last person left wins a cake, provided some healthy competition and definite entertainment for participants and onlookers.

Thank you to faculty, staff, and students for your donations and support of Phi Beta Lambda's Relay for Life fundraisers.



Alex Dendy Student of the Month April 2019

Alex Dendy is the Chowan School of Business Student of the Month for April 2019. He is also a Sigma Beta Delta Business Honor Society member, member of Alpha Chi, and President's List honoree.

Alex commutes to Chowan from his home in Tyner, NC. When considering colleges to attend, he had no preconceived notions of where he wanted to go – he just knew that he wanted to be close to home. When he visited Chowan, he liked the general vibe of the campus and, once he arrived, appreciated the small classes and teacher engagement. He also likes that Chowan, though a Christian school, doesn't attempt to force a particular belief system. He attends his home church, Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church and has participated in mission trips since the 7th grade.



Alex began his Chowan experience as a psychology major but quickly decided to change to business for the improved career choices. Once he took his first accounting class with Mrs. Shannon Williams, he knew he wanted to become an accountant.

He has always been strong in math and accounting seems a good fit. He interned at Nucor Corporation in Cofield, NC and is currently in their Human Resources department. He hopes to secure a permanent position there in production quality control.

When asked for advice to pass on to other students, Alex stressed the importance of being realistic about one's own dreams. "You may *think* you know what you want to do with your life but let experience lead the way. In your first two years, discover who you really are." Then, to first year students in particular, he added, "Go to class and do the homework. Don't procrastinate."

Congratulations, Alex, on being an exemplary student in the School of Business. We look forward to celebrating your graduation on May 11!

School of Business Etiquette Dinner



The 9th Annual Etiquette Dinner was held on March 20 in the Chowan Room with 26 students attending. Faculty played the role of potential employers hosting applicants at a dinner interview. The meal was designed to present challenges to the diners while the speaker provided recommendations on appropriate etiquette in a professional setting.

Attendees are grateful to Pioneer Catering and its staff for an excellent meal and dining experience.

Chelsea Rose Student of the Month May 2019

Chelsea Rose is May's Student of the Month. Chelsea is a native of Murfreesboro and thus has always been familiar with Chowan University. After she attended high school at Northeast Academy in Lasker, she decided to enroll in the School of Business because it was close to home and she received a scholarship to play golf. This May, Chelsea will finish her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a concentration in Accounting.

From her first semester, she found she loved the family-like environment, the one-on-one relationships she has built with her professors, and the small class sizes that have allowed her to make these connections. Of the professors in the School of Business, she says, they "have not only helped with academic and technical skills,



but also helped with employment skills that I will use to be successful in my career."

Chelsea was a member of the Chowan Women's Golf team from 2015 to 2018. She won the Sportsmanship Award (2015-16) and was

named to the 2018 Conference Carolinas Women's Golf Academic All-Conference Team. She is a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Sigma Beta Delta, and Alpha Lambda Delta. She also works on campus in Academic Success where she helps in retention efforts and, most recently, worked to develop videos to train students, faculty and staff in Aviso, the website used for student advising.

After graduation, Chelsea will work as an accountant at Johnson & McLean & Company in Murfreesboro. She plans to continue working towards earning her CPA license. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family. Congratulations, Chelsea, on this most-deserved honor!

Sigma Beta Delta

The Chowan University Chapter of Sigma Beta Delta, the international honor society in Business, Management and Administration, inducted 7 new members on March 20. Students inducted were Sarah Busam, Brianna Johnson, Kevin Taylor, Courtney Vinson, Cody Wells, Harley Williams, and Jonathan Wojciki. In addition, Dr. Sarah Reed, Assistant Professor of Economics, was also inducted.



School of Business Awards Recipients

Brianna Johnson, Drs. Vaughn &
Miles Outstanding Business
Student Award



Michael Todd,
Cheryl Joy Hobday McElheney
Business Award



Cynthia Carrier, Dr. DeJesus
Outstanding Student
in Economics Award



Harley Williams with Dr. Griffin,
Howard Award



Alex Dendy with Dr. Misenheimer,
O'Neil Award



Dr. Linda L. Miles received the Faculty Advisor of the Year Award at the University Awards Convocation on April 25. The annual award honors excellence in academic advising. Selection is based on availability to advisees, caring attitude toward advisees, monitoring of student progress toward academic goals, and knowledge of the university's regulations, policies and procedures.

PBL Members Recognized at NC PBL State Leadership Conference

Phi Beta Lambda members Jarod Curley, Brianna Johnson, Serenity Nichols, Alexis Riddick, and Allandria Sullivan attended the 65th Annual NC Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference April 4-7, 2019 in Charlotte, NC, along with Patsy Taylor, PBL Adviser. Each of the members participated in two competitive events and attended various leadership workshops. During the Awards Program on the last evening of the conference, the top eight participants in each event were recognized and presented a certificate. Brianna Johnson placed 1st in Accounting for Professionals and 5th in Job Interview. Allandria Sullivan placed 4th in Project Management. Jarod Curley placed 5th in Accounting Principles and 7th in Retail Management. Alexis Riddick placed 7th in Public Speaking and 8th in Macroeconomics.

Chowan's chapter also received recognition for "Third Place – Eastern Region Chapter Membership" behind Barton College in first place and East Carolina University in second place. Additionally, Chowan's chapter received recognition for "Second Place – Eastern Region Professional Division – Foundation Chapter Affiliation



Pictured above: Alexis Riddick, Serenity Nichols, Jarod Curley, Brianna Johnson, Allandria Sullivan and Mrs. Patsy Taylor, Adviser



Taylor Featured in Publication

Mrs. Patsy Taylor, Associate Professor of Marketing, was featured in the local publication of Crossroads magazine. She has taught in the School of Business for 28 years. We are proud of Mrs. Taylor and her commitment to Chowan and our students.

Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

School of Business Students Earn Six Sigma Certificates



Students in Dr. Misenheimer's Operations Management class studied Six Sigma, a means to improve processes and reduce errors in an organization. Certifications of mastery of the Six Sigma concepts are issued by many firms, with no single oversight group. A class assignment had students reviewing the video of The Council for Six Sigma Certification and taking the test on the material. Those passing the test were awarded the White Belt, signifying knowledge of the basic overview of Six Sigma methodology. Some students chose to continue to additional training to achieve the Yellow Belt from the Management and Strategy Institute. The Yellow Belt certifies that the individual understands the basic Six Sigma concepts and can work on local problem-solving teams supporting overall project.

Those earning Yellow Belt certifications are Tyler Bembry, Wyatt Beakler, Harley Davidson, Kevon Godfrey, Ioannis Kiotsekoglou, Mitchell Levi-Lewis, LaVonda Mitchell, and Demetrius Sanders.



Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

With Concentration

Alyssa Michelle Born

Management

Cynthia Jennifer Carrier

Accounting

Darell Cherubin

Information Systems

Harley Frederick Davidson

Marketing

Alexander Raven Dendy

Accounting

Charles Richard Donaldson, Jr.

Management

Jeremy Fischer

Management

George Charly Kattan

Accounting

Jessica Alyn Lewis

Marketing

Dwayne Oma Marshall

Management

DeShawn Jermaine Monroe

Management

Joshua Robert Nicholson

Management

Djordje Novovic

Marketing

Louis Adrien Proulx

Management

Steven Andrew Rhinard

Marketing, Management

Gabrielle H. Rodgers

Management

Chelsea Ann Rose

Accounting

Donya Casem Salman

Marketing

Michael Dillon Todd

Information Systems, Accounting

Milica Vojnovic

Information Systems

Allandria Tumria Yancey-Sullivan

Management

Mariano Lucas Yeh

Marketing

Bachelor of Arts in Business

Enrique Emilio Barge

Cionne Miarhi Bishop

Derek David Brown

Milton Khalil Brown

Drew Thomas Buck

Alesha Camille Butler

Adam Christopher Dunn

Octavio Guadalupe Espino

Kevon Alan Godfrey

Monique Katlynn Greene

Samantha Christine M. Griffin

David Frederick Harden

Kendrick Jihah Johnson

Demetrius Antwan Sanders

Shay Sessoms

Norman Tyler Webb

Dr. Miles Retiring, Dr. Hunter Taylor Appointed as Dean

Dr. Linda L. Miles is retiring in June to travel with her husband. She joined Chowan in 2010 as Dean of the School of Business and Professor of Finance. Safe travels Dr. Miles.

Dr. Hunter Taylor was appointed as Dean of the School of Business effective July 1. We look forward to the new school year and have faith in the future of the School of Business with Dr. Taylor at the helm.