



Special Edition: School of Business Graduates

Where Are They Now?

We hope you enjoy this special edition of the UPDATE in which we are highlighting some of our successful alumni from the past decade. See the success our former students are enjoying so you'll see why we have FAITH IN YOUR FUTURE too!

Choose faith in your future.

A Special "Thank You" to our Alumni

As the start of a new academic year approaches and a new group of students arrive, it is a great time to celebrate the accomplishments of those of you who have come before. You each have made this project a wonderful experience! It was wonderful to hear from each of you this summer and learn about all of the great things you are doing. We want to thank all of you for contributing to this special edition of the UPDATE. Please know that we are all very proud of your accomplishments, and we thank you for allowing us to be a part of it. Please continue to keep in touch!

If you were not in this edition, we would love to include your profile in future editions of the UPDATE. Please contact Dr. Hunter Taylor (tayloh1@chowan.edu) or Ms. Debbie Joyner (JoyneD@chowan.edu). We look forward to hearing from you.

A Word for Our Current Students

We hope each of you will read about the accomplishments of those who have come before you and will use this to encourage you as you keep reaching for your dreams. We know that we are facing a semester that will be like none other, but your professors care deeply about your progress and wish to help you reach and surpass your goals. We can all work together to embrace the opportunity to learn and improve each other so that when we look back on Fall 2020, we will see it as another point in Chowan University's long history where we have persisted and have overcome challenges to reach new heights.

Let's make it a great semester!



Patience Adams

Class of 2015, BSBA, Management

Murfreesboro, NC NCCTE Educator at Southeast Collegiate Prep Academy – Halifax County

“Chowan University has helped me in a number of ways. They have helped financially with my education; to offering me a job post graduation that helped me find my career of choice. I was not an Education major, however, with the help from the School of Business, I am now entering my 5th year in Education! Taking classes such as Finance with Dr. Miles and Accounting 1&2 with Shannon Williams has helped mold and prepare me to teach courses such as: Personal Finance, Principles of Business Finance, Microsoft/PowerPoint, and Sales 1&2. Also, I have been blessed enough to be the Volleyball Head coach, Assistant coach to Girls Basketball and the Assistant coach to Track & Field. Having those positions has helped me become a better communicator in my personal and professional aspects of life! I want to Thank Chowan University for having FAITH in me and MY FUTURE!”



Tyler Bemby

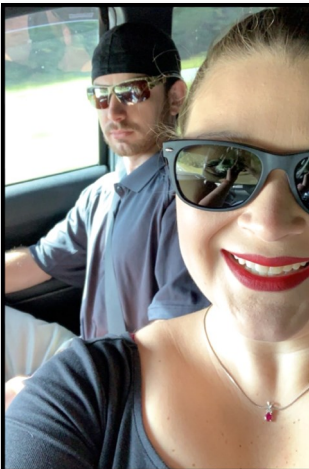
Class of 2020, BSBA, Management

Ashburn, VA

Shift Manager

Amazon

“Thanks to the professors from the School of Business, I was able to become more of a leader. Also, they constantly pushed and challenged me to be better. “



Sarah Capps

Class of 2015, BSBA, Accounting, Management Minor

Franklin, VA

Facility Buyer

International Paper



Brianna Cooper

Class of 2015, BSBA, Management

Seaboard, NC

Financial Aid Counselor

Chowan University

“The School of Business at Chowan University is a wonderful program and I’m glad that I decided to follow this path in college. I had a wonderful experience during my four years at the School of Business. I learned a lot from my professors and I’m very appreciative of the knowledge they shared with me. I liked how each of my professors was patient and willing to help me whenever I needed it. I am better prepared for working in the business field because of the education and experience received at Chowan.”



Kinsey Modlin Couch

Class of 2016, BSBA, Accounting Concentration, Management Minor

Hampton, VA

Junior Staff Accountant

National Institute of Aerospace

"NIA is a non-profit research and graduate education institute headquartered in Hampton, Virginia, near NASA's Langley Research Center, and a subcontractor to NASA. As a Staff Accountant Jr. I currently handle posting allowable direct, indirect, overhead, and G&A costs to the company's Chart of Accounts (Equipment, Petty Cash, Office Supplies, Prepaid Expenses, etc.) by processing hundreds of invoices and purchase requests each month. I also manage travel reimbursements while following Government Regulations and issue yearly 1099-MISC tax forms to all of NIA's subcontractors. I have learned a lot in my current position and still have much to learn. Chowan's School of Business not only taught me the basic foundations of accounting but how to be a reliable, respectable, and hardworking Staff Accountant in the field."



Morning Staar-Dukes

Class of 2018, BSBA, Management Concentration, Accounting Minor

Charlotte, NC

Billing Specialist

Charter Communications

"My experience with The School of Business at Chowan University was amazing. The professors I had truly cared about my success and when they saw me slipping up they would check on me to see what was going on. To future and current students just ask for help and talk to them. They will help you".



Adam Dunn

Class of 2019, BA in Business

Cary, NC

Production And Installation Associate

Graphix Solution

"The School of Business helped me to gauge what kind of businesses that I was interested in and wanted to be a part of. This allowed me to explore many options and feel comfortable with my choice. Ultimately, I felt that I was led into a position that is perfect for me. The bonus to this job is that it is owned by a Chowan alum, Stephen Dunn, and there are two other alums that work there too, JD Hoggard and David Cross. It felt like home on my first day!"



Shellee Fairless

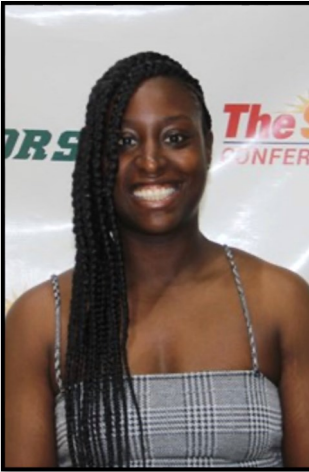
Class of 2011, BSBA, Accounting Concentration

Colerain, NC

Accounts Payable Clerk

Chowan University

"As a child I wanted to become an accountant but then when I reached college age, I changed my mind and went into the medical field. After spending 20 years at hospitals and doctors' offices, I was burned out and couldn't decide what to do with my life. So, 3 kids and a husband of 20 years later, I decided to go back to school and fulfill my childhood dream of earning my accounting degree. I love Chowan and it has been a big part of my life by being my alma mater, my job in my field for over 9 years now, and a Chowan graduate mom I wouldn't change a thing! "



Naima Harrington

Class of 2016, BSBA, Management, Marketing Minor

Lake Wales, FL

Program Director for Youth Sports

YMCA

“The School of Business has helped me evaluate my teams strengths and weaknesses. It has allowed me to realize what is needed to have a strong workforce. “



Adriea Herndon

Class of 2016, BSBA, Management, Marketing Minor

Oakland, CA

Technical Recruiter

LinkdIn

“The School of Business at Chowan was my home on campus. Everyone in the department looked out for each other from teachers to students. That community really helped me thrive during college. The experience really set me up with knowledge and soft skills to be successful today. “



TiJuan Jackson

Class of 2017, BSBA, Management

Richmond, VA

General Manager

MOD Pizza

“I wouldn’t be the person I am today without being at Chowan’s School of Business. It helped shaped the man I am today and the manager I’ve become.”



Brianna Johnson

Class of 2020, BSBA, Accounting, Economics Minor

Boykins, VA

Staff Accountant

Burgess and Company PLC, CPAs

“The School of Business provided me with the skills, professionalism, and knowledge to enter the workforce with confidence. Not only did I learn skills for the workplace, I also learned skills for life. At 22 years old, (and during a worldwide pandemic) I am working a full time job and I am officially a homeowner. Thank you to all of the School of Business professors and all of my other Chowan family for helping me reach my goals. Go Hawks! “



Shafiq Kuttub

Class of 2013, BSBA, Accounting and Information Systems, Minor in Management

Toronto, Canada

Senior Associate in Advisory

PWC

"The School of Business gave me the right tools to help me start my career confidently by providing important, relevant and interesting courses and by maintaining a very supportive environment. It's a place where I met amazing professors with whom I am still in touch and whose advice has helped me on many occasions. I am proud of the growth the School of Business has achieved over the years and I am proud to be an alumnus of the School of Business. "



Jodie Lawrence

Class of 2017, BSBA, Management, Marketing Minor

Washington, NC

Real Estate Broker

The Rich Company

"Forever thankful that the professors within The School of Business don't just care about your success while you're at Chowan, but instead care about your success after you've graduated too. After graduating from Chowan, I continued my education by obtaining a Master of Business Administration through an online only program at UNC-P, which meant my professors were not as readily available to me as I was used to. If it were not for Mrs. Williams caring about my success and continuing to help me even after leaving Chowan when I needed someone to work through an accounting problem with me in person, I'm not convinced I would have graduated. Thankful for the education, support system, and resources I was able to take away from Chowan's School of Business!"



Malek Leach

Class of 2018, BSBA, Management

Northern VA/Washington, DC

Data Entry/Control Clerk

Department of Commerce

"The School of Business has helped me tremendously in my experience in life since graduation. While the curriculum has helped overall, it was more of the relationships I built with the teachers and interacting with them that really has been beneficial to my success in life. Being able to discuss situations or hear stories about their experiences in the fields they are teaching really can assist you in seeing how others have achieved success and also how they have learned from the times when they weren't successful. Being a part of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) also valuable because I got to compete in categories that I was learning in my courses that I was learning from in the School of Business. This helped me to ensure that I was excelling in my categories that I could potentially have a career in. I am grateful to be a graduate of Chowan's School of Business, and will never forget the teachers, classmates, experiences, and lessons throughout my time at Chowan University. "



Talaya Lynch

Class of 2013, BSBA, Information Systems

Hampton, VA

Production Planner & Scheduler

Newport News Shipbuilding

"The school of Business was a close knit family when I attended. Being a student athlete, the teachers made sure I was always successful."



Alyssa Born McNicholas (Lulu)

Class of 2019, BSBA, Management, Marketing Minor

Crown Point, IN

Contract Specialist

Eagle Express Lines, Inc

"The School of Business helped create a strong foundation for me to build off of after graduating from Chowan. The faculty and staff cared about my growth as a business professional as well as an individual. I think of my time in The School of Business often and am incredibly grateful for the teachers and professors that have poured into my life, as well as the classmates I was surrounded by. I have been working for a trucking company called Eagle Express Lines since April of 2019. We are one of the largest contractors for the US Postal Service, hauling mail all across the country. My role as a Contract Specialist is to negotiate pricing for our contracts. It is a mix between a customer service representative and a sales account manager. Since graduating from Chowan I got married to Jamie McNicholas in August of 2019. We currently reside in Crown Point, Indiana, and run a small soccer coaching company together called NW Soccer Network. "



Alisha Mobley

Class of 2016, BSBA, Management, Accounting Minor

Raleigh, NC

Claims Adjuster Associate

Progressive Insurance

"The School of Business has helped mold me into the professional I am today as well as continuing my educational career. I received my MBA in 2018 and I am on track to graduate with my DBA next summer. Without the School of Business pushing me to be the best student possible I would not be where I am today. I know first hand how difficult some of the courses maybe but it will pay off tremendously in the end. The School of Business also has so many great faculty members that I am thankful for till this day. The one piece of advice that I have to current students is create a relationship with your professors because they can help you in so many ways. I will always be thankful for the School of Business and all that it has afforded me to be where I am today. "



La'Quan Nixon

Class of 2018, BA in Business

Robersonville, NC

Flex Stocker

Minges Bottling Group

"My experience in the School of Business was wonderful. The professors made sure that all my questions were answered, any problems along the way were solved. The journey to earning a bachelors degree was very challenging but the professors in the School of Business made sure that they would not leave my side and be there every step of the way. "



Donya Salman

Class of 2019, BSBA, Marketing, Management Minor

Glenville, WV

Graduate Assistant, Sports Information

Glenville State College

"The School of Business helped me create connections from around the world within our fellow classmates!"



Carrie Cutchins Timberlake

Class of 2013, BSBA, Management, Accounting Minor

Murfreesboro, NC

Buyer

Nucor Steel Hertford County

"Chowan holds a special place for me. My husband and I met there, we were married there by Dr. Brabban, and we purchased a house behind Chowan on Dogwood Dr. Since then we have had two children and often take evening walks together around Chowan's Squirrel Park. The four years spent there were some of the best years of my life. The professors were the absolute best mentors anyone could ask for! Many of them I still talk with to this day."



Michael Todd

Class of 2019, BSBA, Information Systems

Edenton, NC

Administrative Assistant

J Leek Associates, Inc.

"My time with the School of Business was enjoyable and memorable. I've come to realize how nice an understanding of business operations is to have. In my work life specifically, it's very helpful to be able to keep up with my boss when discussing invoicing, logistics, and business strategy. My Information systems concentration has been particularly helpful as I've been using that knowledge to create a miniature IT department within our office to assist our overhead IT support in Seattle with local technical problems. "



Mila Vejnovic

Class of 2019, BSBA, Information Systems

Subotica (Serbia)

Facility Lead for Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia

TMF Group

"I am very glad I had the opportunity to go through my undergraduate studies at Chowan's School of Business. Here, professors were very focused on student's academic success while also preparing us for the business life after college. From my personal perspective, writing reports and business communication in general are the skills that I was able to perfect and take away from my business professors during my two years at Chowan and I found them very useful in my current job. Even though I work in my home country Serbia, I use English every day, because I work for a foreign company, and I have had a lot of people complementing on my business communication skills. "



Stacey Vick

Class of 2011, BSBA, Marketing

Fort Myers, FL

Assistant Brand Manager

Priority Marketing

"I truly enjoyed my experience in The School of Business at Chowan University. I had professors that cared not only about my future but the goals I had set for myself. They gave me great advice and steered me in the direction of where I wanted to go. I can honestly say that Chowan lived up to their slogan; "Faith in your future".



Tyler Webb

Class of 2019, BA in Business

Edenton, NC

Sales & Social Media/Lot Manager
& Youth Pastor

Feyer Ford
& Access Point Church

"The School of Business not only helped me earn a degree but, taught me lessons and skills that I use in the real world. As a Social Media Manager, the classes I took in marketing, and social media marketing have been a huge help in the learning process. Also, my experience in sales throughout college gave me a little bit of an upper hand when applying at my current job. The Professors in the School of Business not only wanted to educate me, they wanted to show they cared for me outside of the classroom. The School of Business always felt like everyone was just a little more relaxed, and I think that's due to the upbeat energy the Professors of the department brought. "



Reginald Wiggins

Class of 2013, BSBA, Management

Murfreesboro, NC

Business Manager

D.W. Family Home Care

"The Chowan University Business Program gave me many of the critical thinking skills, and business capabilities I use everyday to manage the payroll, budgeting and accounting tasks I perform as a Business Manager. Dr. Miles who was my Academic Advisor, along with my other professors, gave me the individual attention and time I needed to gain a sufficient understanding of all areas of business. Receiving my Business Administration Degree from Chowan University gave me the credibility I needed to begin my career in the business world."

Changes Coming to the Newsletter

After the 2019-20 Academic Year, "The School of Business" will now be "The School of Business and Design", as we have added Graphic Arts, Graphic Communications, and Graphic Design (previously in the School of Fine and Applied Arts) to our offerings. The future editions of the newsletter will be titled, "The School of Business and Design Update." We look forward to the many great things ahead for all of our programs.

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