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Visiting Executive—Terry Stockman

Mr. Terry Stockman, Consulting Engineer with ClearShark came to campus on October 7 as the guest speaker for the Visiting Executive program. ClearShark is a technology company that provides security services to many customers, including the United States Department of Defense and the National Security Agency. His company is offering an internship that will require certifications and security clearance and will cover the cost of both for those students who are accepted for the internship.

Mr. Stockman spoke with the BUS 452—Global Environment of Business class about his career track and how students can best prepare for his occupation. He stressed the importance of problem-solving skills, noting that these are the most valuable skills in Cybersecurity. He explained how each course in the academic program is vital to their success and builds their knowledge and skill level. His company especially seeks individuals who are self-motivated and detail-oriented.

Turner Auditorium was the site for Mr. Stockman's presentation of 'The Little Things'. Students were attentive and participative as he addressed such topics as goal setting, attention to detail, and the pitfalls of social media. After the class, Mr. Stockman joined students Jasmine Livingston, Ryan Martin, Jayden Riley, Debonet Valentine, Kenny Wilkerson, and School of Business faculty for a networking luncheon.



Pictured are: Debonet Valentine, Jayden Riley, Terry Stockman, Ryan Martin, and Jasmine Livingston

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Tyler Bembry Student of the Month September 2019

Tyler Bembry describes himself as “one of those kids that is in the right place at the right time.” After receiving offers to play football at multiple schools, he decided Chowan was the right place for him to continue his education. Chowan wasn't too far from his home in Disputanta, Virginia, and he was excited to be able to play football on the next level.

It did not take him too long to become a well-known face on campus, becoming a part of many Chowan activities and clubs. He set out to “make the most of the 1440 minutes in a day.” Even with many of those minutes spent on athletics, his academic work didn't suffer. He earned membership in the freshman honor society, Alpha Lambda Delta, and earned the Dean's List many times during his years at Chowan. He was selected to serve as a Presidential Ambassador. He also joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a organization that he was drawn to because of their commitment to service and duty.



Tyler has made quite a name for himself with Chowan football. During his career, he was a 3 time All-CIAA pick. He was also the first Chowan player to become a member of the NFF's National Hampshire Honor Society for his academic achievements during his football career. He's also a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, where he serves on the Leadership Council. Tyler was

selected as the 2018 Mr. SAAC, once again the first ever for Chowan.

Tyler sees endless opportunities in his future. His internship in human resources this summer with HABCO in Connecticut gave him a real-life picture of what his career could be. He learned that he could adapt to situations and be a valuable member of a work team and he is excited for the next steps in his life.

When asked what advice he'd offer to underclassmen, Tyler says, “Be a business major. Persevere and see it through. If you start a task, finish it.” Tyler has demonstrated this advice works and will graduate in May with his degree in business administration with a concentration in management. Through his years at Chowan, he has definitely left a mark, and for that, the School of Business is proud to name him September's Student of the Month. Congratulations Tyler!

Academic Fall Fest

On September 18, a student panel of current School of Business seniors answered questions and provided advice to the freshman students in attendance. The panel spoke about factors that contributed to their success as a Chowan University School of Business student and passed along helpful advice about areas in which new students should focus on during their first year experience to improve their own education experience.



Pictured above are: Jarod Curley, Courtney Vinson, Brianna Johnson, Denzel Hines, Jayvon Bunche, and Serenity Nichols

Brianna Johnson Student of the Month October 2019

Brianna Johnson, a senior from nearby Boykins, Virginia is October's Student of the Month. Brianna is majoring in business administration with a concentration in accounting and is scheduled to graduate in May 2020.

Brianna began her college career at the University of Mount Olive, but transferred after her freshman year to be close to her family and friends. She returned home to live with her grandparents, whom she adores, and started commuting to Chowan. During her time at Chowan, she has become very involved in her classes and extracurricular activities on campus.

An honor student, Brianna is a member of Alpha Chi and serves as the treasurer. She is also a Presidential Ambassador and a Harris Scholar. Brianna is a member of Phi Beta Lambda and currently serves as vice president.

For the past two years, Brianna has represented Chowan's PBL chapter at NCPBL state conferences in Greensboro



and Charlotte. In November 2018, she was one of three PBL members in North Carolina to receive a \$1000 scholarship from the NCPBL Professional Division Foundation. In April 2019, she competed at the annual NCPBL State Leadership Conference in Charlotte and placed first in the Accounting for Professionals category.

Brianna is currently completing an internship at Burgess & Co., PLC CPAs, an accounting

firm in Franklin, Virginia, where she plans to continue to work full-time after graduation. In addition to her internship, Brianna works on campus in the Office of Academic Success. In her spare time, Brianna enjoys all kinds of watersports and spending time with all of her "zoo" of pets including two dogs, a cat, a rabbit, and a cow named Lady.

When asked what she feels has contributed to her success as a student at Chowan, Brianna noted that staying grounded, focusing on time management, and finding a balance between academics and social activities has been the key. Of course, studying is also a very important factor.

There is no doubt that Brianna's infectious personality, intellect, and positive attitude will afford her many opportunities in the future. Congratulations Brianna on being selected as the October 2019 Student of the Month.

Pre-Advising Day

Dr. Sarah Reed and Mrs. Patsy Taylor, with the help of other instructors in the School of Business, led a pre-advising session on October 18 in BUS 150, Foundations of Business, for freshmen who were preparing to register for spring semester courses. The purpose of the activity was to emphasize to students the importance of understanding program requirements and to help students become active participants in the advising process. The professors explained program requirements and demonstrated the use of myCU, after which students used the lab computers to complete trial schedules and select courses that best fit their schedule. Students took these trial schedules to their advising session on October 22 where they worked with their advisor to fine-tune their official schedule.

Academic Picnic

The School of Business held their annual picnic on August 27 in Squirrel Park. Students and faculty enjoyed pizza, cookies, and fellowship as we welcomed (and welcomed back) students to the School of Business.

President's List Spring 2019

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Shane Olmstead

Christian Lawrence
Cheyenne Smith

Julietta Lecce

Dean's List Spring 2019

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Shannon Buchanan
Tristan Council
Jealeah Delancy
Kayla Howard
Jake Jensen
Ryan Martin
Kevin Taylor
Courtney Vinson
Johnathan Wojciki

Aarion Booker
Sarah Busam
Jamil Danho
Ebony Graham
Karizma Hunt
Brianna Johnson
Serenity Nichols
Karly Timmons
Tyler Webb

Taylor Bostic
Kamillia Clark
Antonio Debnam
Chris Hernandez
Daniel Ivanouski
Ahmeika Jones
Lucas Pels
Emily Trueman
Harley Williams



PBL Sets a Record with Treat Bag Sales

Phi Beta Lambda's annual treat bags fundraiser was a success! Members assembled a little over 600 bags on Monday, October 28 and deliveries were made during the week. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to Relay for Life. Many thanks go to all those who supported this annual fundraiser and also to those members of the Chowan Fellows who assisted PBL members in assembling bags. Thanks to the generosity of those who placed orders and/or made donations, after expenses, PBL raised \$450.



Phi Beta Lambda is Ready for 2019-2020

Phi Beta Lambda is ready for the 2019-2020 academic year with a competent officer team in place. Serving as president is Jarod Curley, a junior from Eure, NC, majoring in business administration with a concentration in management. Brianna Johnson, a senior from Boykins, VA with a concentration in accounting, is serving as vice-president. Serenity Nichols, a junior from Chesapeake, VA, is working on a BA in business and is serving as treasurer. Karizma Hunt, a sophomore from Fayetteville, NC, with a concentration in accounting, is serving as secretary. Alexis Riddick, a junior from Hampton, VA, with a concentration in accounting, is serving as the SGA representative.

Phi Beta Lambda is a non-profit educational association of post-secondary students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. Membership in Phi Beta Lambda provides students opportunities to learn outside the classroom and, in addition, promotes a sense of civic and personal responsibility. All business majors or students enrolled in a business course are invited to join.

The national PBL theme for 2019-2020 is "A World of Opportunity." For more information about how you can become a member of Chowan's PBL chapter and explore a world of opportunity, please contact Patsy Taylor, faculty advisor, at taylop@chowan.edu or 398-6264. Scheduled meeting times for PBL are on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in McSweeney 112.



Pictured (L to R): Karizma Hunt, Brianna Johnson, Serenity Nichols, Alexis Riddick, Jarod Curley and Mrs. Patsy Taylor

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a successful business,
someone once made
a courageous decision."**

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