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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA OFFERING JOINT MBA PROGRAM WITH MODERN ACADEMY OF MAADI

CAIRO, EGYPT, March 18, 2006 – Students at the Modern Academy of Maadi will take their studies to a worldwide level this fall semester when the Academy begins offering an American-style Master of Business Administration program in conjunction with the University of Houston-Victoria (UHV).

Recent studies and statistics report that graduates of top-ranked MBA programs can anticipate more job opportunities and higher salaries when they graduate. And with this special MBA collaboration, students will address business issues that transcend national boundaries and learn about the values of other cultures while connecting with their counterparts around the world in a virtual classroom.

The partnership between UHV and the Modern Academy of Maadi will feature an innovative pooling of faculty and resources, with 75 percent of the classes taught by UHV faculty and 25 percent by MAM instructors. A combination of online and classroom instruction will be required, with all of the online classes being taught in English.

“UHV is excited about the synergies of our partnership with the Modern Academy in Egypt,” said Charles A. Bullock, Dean of the School of Business Administration at UHV. “Believing in the link between peace and commerce, we aspire to become a global leader in business education, in teaching MBA students from around the world how to conduct business in the global marketplace while respecting local values by connecting them to scholars, industry leaders and students from other cultures,” he said.

“Finally, we have reached an agreement that has brought a state-of-the-art American MBA within reach of students from Egypt and the Middle East—the modern American education offered by the University of Houston-Victoria is now available to all Middle Eastern students,” said Hussein Fahmy, Dean of Environment, Training, and Graduate Studies at MAM. “There’s no need to cross the Pacific to receive an accredited MBA from the United States.”

Tim Hudson, President of UHV, believes that the partnership can play a role in building a more peaceful and productive relationship between people in the U.S. and the Middle East. “We hope to develop an academic program of national and regional significance in the Middle East and to explore the creation of collateral partnerships that will facilitate the exchange of students, faculty and ideas between our two institutions,” he said.

MAM and UHV students will share the same cyber-classrooms, allowing Egyptian students to study both developing and emerging markets with leading political and business executives through meetings in the virtual classrooms where they will share their perspectives on best practices in their own country or region.

MAM professors will be able to seek out new research opportunities and collaborations with UHV colleagues, increasing their effectiveness in preparing students for multinational corporations that require managers who are familiar not only with business practices of their own countries, but with those of countries around the world.

The UHV School of Business Administration is accredited by AACSB International - the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the hallmark of excellence in management education. The move toward making its MBA internationally available represents the next step in the School of Business Administration’s development.

Already nationally recognized as a model for its online MBA offerings, the school is building a program that integrates the global realities of today’s economy. In addition to its partnership with MAM, UHV is expanding its international offerings through strategic alliances with reputable institutions in Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Partnerships similar to the agreement with Egypt are being formed in Mexico and China.

MBA CASE COMPETITION

Current and prospective MBA students are invited to watch team presentations at the upcoming MBA case competition on Saturday May 6th at UH System Cinco Ranch. The case competition is part of the capstone course, MGT 6359. The company chosen for this spring is Waste Management, Inc. This event offers an excellent opportunity to see first-hand what our students have learned during the MBA program.

Presentations will be held throughout the morning and the timetable is posted to our website: <http://www.uhv.edu/bus/conf/>. Visitors are asked to RSVP to McCuskerR@uhv.edu and to check in with SoBA staff on Saturday, May 6. Please be seated before each presentation begins.

For directions to UHS Cinco Ranch please visit <http://www.uhv.edu/bus/loc/cinco.asp>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Dearborn and Creggs is a highly regarded independent financial planning firm located in the Greater Houston area. They will be at the UHSSL campus on May 2, 2006, from 4-7pm in the Rotunda. Students who are interested in becoming financial advisors are encouraged to stop by their table. For more information, please contact Rick Kiley, Financial Representative, at (281) 277-6400 or rkiley@dearborncreggs.com.

SUMMER 2006 GRADUATION

As a SoBA student, if you anticipate graduating this summer 2006 you should consider submitting your graduation application directly to your advisor now rather than waiting until the June 9th deadline. This will give us an opportunity to complete your degree audit early and let you know if you need to make any changes to your registration in order to be eligible to graduate on schedule.

The commencement application packets are available online at www.uhv.edu/oar/Forms.asp.

***The Summer 2006 application
deadline is June 9, 2006!***

FALL 2006 CAREER EXPOS

If you will be completing your MBA during the next year, and you plan to seek a job, then you may want to consider attending one of these career expos next fall.

The National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) and the National Society of Hispanic MBA's (NSHMBA) have both scheduled their annual conferences and career fairs for 2006. These career fairs provide students with the opportunity to meet with prospective employers, explore job opportunities, and participate in onsite interviews. Some lucky MBA students leave the conference each year with job offers in hand. Details about each conference are included below:

National Black MBA Association
28th Annual Conference and Exposition
September 26-October 1
(Career Fair: September 28 and 29), 2006
Georgia World Conference Center
Atlanta, Georgia
For more details: www.nmbaa.org

National Society of Hispanic MBAs
17th Annual Conference and Career Expo
October 26-28
(Career Expo: October 27 and 28), 2006
Cincinnati Cinergy Center
Cincinnati, Ohio
For more details: www.nshmba.org

All MBA students are welcome to attend these career fairs, and membership in NSHMBA or NBMBA is not required. If you are interested in becoming a member, both organizations have Houston chapters.

MBA SUCCESS STORY

Rose Berberian, a 2004 MBA graduate, has accepted a position at Continental Airlines as Senior Sourcing Specialist.

Rose is also the newest trustee of Stafford Municipal School District board. As a trustee, she wants to get more SMSD students college bound and see more local businesses open their doors to SMSD students for internships and jobs. She will begin her three-year term on the board by listening to parents, teachers, children and administrators to find out what they believe is needed to make SMSD one of the state's top districts.

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

On Thursday, April 6, 2006, the University of Houston-Victoria, School of Business Administration was honored to induct its first group of students and faculty into membership in the Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) international honor society. Beta Gamma Sigma was established in 1913, and currently includes over 540,000 members in 435 collegiate chapters.

In order to be eligible for membership, graduate students must be in the top 20% of their graduating class, seniors must be in the top 10% of their class, and second-semester juniors must be in the top 7%. All students who meet these requirements are invited to join. Based on their Fall 2005 standings, the following students have accepted membership in Beta Gamma Sigma: *Jennifer R. Cerar, Jesse Frazier, Eric M. Griffin, Cheryl Lange, Hani Nouval, Benjamin O. Osaigbovo, David J. Shasteen, Pamela Stehle, Pamela S. Vollmar, Beverly W. Wortham, and Sarah E. Zeller.*



Pictured from left to right: Pamela Vollmar, Jennifer Cerar, Hani Nouval, Eric Griffin, and Jesse Frazier

The following faculty were also inducted: Joseph Ben-Ur, Charles A. Bullock, Jr., and June Lu. The dean of the University of Houston-Clear Lake School of Business Administration, Dr. Ted Cummings, and Professor of Economics, Dr. Dale Cloninger attended the ceremony to present UHV with its charter for the new chapter. Dr. Cummings and Dr. Cloninger also inducted the first group of students and faculty into membership. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the Rotunda at the UH System Sugar Land campus.

On behalf of the School of Business Administration we would like to congratulate all these students on their outstanding achievements. The second group of students will be inducted into membership during the Fall 2006 semester.



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Summer 2006 MBA Open Houses

A SoBA Open House is held at the Cinco Ranch location the last Wednesday of each month from 4 to 7pm, and at the Sugar Land location the second Wednesday of each month from 4 to 7pm. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.uhv.edu/bus/adm/openhouse.asp>

Summer 2006 GMAT Sessions

A SoBA GMAT Session is held each month at one of the three University of Houston-Victoria campus locations: University of Houston-Victoria, UH System at Sugar Land, UH System at Cinco Ranch. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.uhv.edu/bus/adm/gmat.asp>

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