

# NEWSLETTER

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### Fall 2006 MBA CASE COMPETITION WINNERS

The University of Houston-Victoria School of Business Administration is pleased to announce the winning teams from the Fall 2006 MBA Case Competition held on Saturday, December 2, 2006 at the University of Houston System Cinco Ranch campus in Katy, Texas.

The first place team, pictured below from left to right, included Angela Buttacavoli, Timothy Minor, and Mandy Gerik. The second place team included Hannu Rouhiainen, Mark Voss, and Julio Idrovo, and the third place team included Vicki Le, Kristy Hennessey, Kraig Warren, and Sam Shah.

Team rankings were based on a combination of the presentation scores and written case evaluations. This semester's winning groups were recognized at a reception following commencement on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at the Katy ISD Merrell Center. Members of all three teams will be invited to serve as panelists at future case competitions.

The MBA Conference, which was held for the first time in December 2003, is the culmination of the MBA program. Students enrolled in Seminar in Strategic Management, the capstone course of the program, participate in the event. Central to the MBA Conference is the case competition, which provides MBA students with the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the MBA program to real-world business situations. Teams participating in the competition this fall prepared original business case analyses on Nucor, the largest steel producer in the United States. The teams are evaluated on several criteria, including organization, subject knowledge, quality and use of visual aids, audience interaction, elocution, and teamwork. Because such a large proportion of UHV's MBA enrollment is now online, students often work in virtual teams, and the MBA Conference represents their first opportunity to meet their classmates. Participants report that the case preparation and presentation experience and the chance to interact with faculty and fellow students make this event worthwhile. Many UHV School of Business Administration faculty and MBA program alumni served as panelists for the case competition.

The Spring 2007 MBA Conference is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2007 at UH System Cinco Ranch. For additional information about the upcoming conference, please visit the SoBA website at [www.uhv.edu/bus/conference/default.asp](http://www.uhv.edu/bus/conference/default.asp).



## UHV SELECTS MASCOT

After an extensive process that involved input from students, staff, faculty and the community, *Jaguars* were selected as the UHV mascot from the 200 possible mascots that were submitted. According to an official UHV press release, “despite being nearly thirty-five years old, UHV had never adopted a mascot, an omission that became obvious when it launched athletics last fall by announcing its intention to field men’s baseball and women’s softball teams.”

Selecting the mascot is the beginning of an elaborate process to brand the university—as well as its athletic teams—in its ongoing efforts to be a university of choice. According to interim athletic director Ashley Walyuchow, “we expect to unveil team logos sometime this summer and introduce uniforms in the fall. UHV Jaguar merchandise will go on sale later this year.”

## ACC 6300 TO SATISFY CPA REQUIREMENT

The School of Business Administration has recently received approval from the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy to offer **ACC 6300--Ethics for Accounting Professionals**, which will satisfy the TSBPA Ethics course requirement for the CPA examination. The course will be offered face-to-face initially, with plans to move the course online at a later date. The course will be offered for the first time in Victoria during the summer 2007 semester.

## SPRING 2007 COMMENCEMENT

Andrei Codrescu, noted author and featured commentator on NPR's award-winning newsmagazine *All Things Considered*, will be the commencement speaker at the outdoor ceremony at the UH-Victoria campus on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Graduates, please report at 8a. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to Faith Family Church at 1pm, and guest tickets will be required due to space limitations. Graduates would report at noon.

## SUMMER 2007 REGISTRATION

Summer registration opened on Monday, April 16. The summer 2007 schedule is posted on the UHV website at [www.uhv.edu](http://www.uhv.edu) under Course Offerings, and textbook and syllabi information can be accessed on the School of Business Administration website at [www.uhv.edu/bus](http://www.uhv.edu/bus).

Don't forget to pay tuition and fees by noon on Friday, May 25 to keep your preferred schedule.

**April 16 ~ Register for summer classes**  
**May 25 ~ Pay tuition by NOON**

## PEOPLESOFT STUDENT SERVICES

When Fall registration opens in June, UHV students will use the upgraded PeopleSoft registration and records system. This upgrade will enable students to access the schedule and register through one portal. The system, which replaces the ADMIN system that has been in use for the last 17 years, will provide easier information retrieval for students, faculty and staff.

## ATTENTION BBA STUDENTS— COURSE OFFERING REVISION

Beginning Fall 2007, the BBA capstone course, MGT 4340 Strategic Management, will only be offered during the fall and spring semesters. The capstone course culminates in the BBA Conference, where students demonstrate that they can apply classroom learning to a real-world situation. Students develop a case analysis using the tools, theories, and ideas presented throughout the BBA program. At the BBA Case Conference, students present their individual analysis through a formal written document and an oral presentation to a panel of faculty and alumni. The topic for the Spring 2007 semester is Sysco Corporation.

To read more about the BBA Conference, please visit our website [www.uhv.edu/bus/bbaconference/schedule.asp](http://www.uhv.edu/bus/bbaconference/schedule.asp).

# BETA GAMMA SIGMA

On Tuesday, April 10, 2007, the University of Houston-Victoria, School of Business Administration was honored to induct twenty-one 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. Only AACSB-accredited schools are eligible to establish a chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma. The School of Business Administration inducted its first group of students and faculty on April 6, 2006.

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. The following students and alumni have accepted membership in Beta Gamma Sigma during the Spring 2007 semester: **Devendra Agrawal, Girish Ballal, Shon Bourgeois, Kimberley Garner, Ted Gilmore, Kelli Gonzales, Melissa Herring, Richard Hewson, Angela Ikhimokpa, Vicki Le, Susan Lee, James McCoy, Barry Moore, Leah Price, Hannu Rouhiainen, Timothy Smith, Jr., Beatrice Tuedor, Jinmei Wang, and Kraig Warren.**

The following faculty were also inducted: Ron Sardessai and Chun-Sheng Yu. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the UH System Cinco Ranch campus.

On behalf of the School of Business Administration we would like to congratulate all these students on their outstanding achievements!



Back row: Devendra Agrawal, Hannu Rouhiainen, Barry Moore, Hani Nouval, Angela Ikhimokpa and Beatrice Tuedor.  
Front row: Shon Bourgeois, Vicki Le, and Kelli Gonzales.

## Summer 2007 MBA Open Houses

A SoBA Open House is held at the Cinco Ranch location the last Wednesday of each month from 5 to 7pm, and at the Sugar Land location the second Wednesday of each month from 5 to 7pm. Presentations begin at 5pm and 6pm. For more information, please go to:

[www.uhv.edu/bus/admission/openhouse.asp](http://www.uhv.edu/bus/admission/openhouse.asp)

## SoBA Alumni Night

The University of Houston-Victoria Office of Alumni Relations and the School of Business Administration would like to invite you to be our guest at a special social event to be held at the *Hunter's Lair* in Katy. The SoBA Alumni Night is scheduled for **Friday, May 4 from 5:30 to 8:00pm**. For more information, contact Sarah May at [mays@uhv.edu](mailto:mays@uhv.edu), or Holly Verhasselth at [verhasselth@uhv.edu](mailto:verhasselth@uhv.edu). See you there!

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