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By Dannie Diego

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DC United Kick-Off to May Tailgate

This month, the PTMBAA kicked off of the summer months with a tailgate before the DC United vs. FC Dallas soccer game at RFK Stadium. The event took place on May 7th. Over 100 part-time students, guests, and newly admitted students attended the tailgate, followed by the soccer game. In addition to a wide spread of food and beverages, students played games and networked across cohorts and campuses, and mingled with newly admitted students. (Photos provided by Dannie Diego and Jaydeep Dhar)
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All stories written in the newsletter are provided by Smith Part-Time students, Smith Faculty, and administrators. To highlight the expansive professional network of our community each month you will have the opportunity to read profiles of students on each of our campuses. This edition also includes stories about the global study experience in Bolivia, as well as highlighting the participation of a group of DC 1st years in the annual DC Servathon community service day. This group not only served the greater community outside of the Smith School, but out of approximately 260 teams, the MBA Terps were ranked #1 in fundraising, surpassing their goal by over 35%!

The PTMBAA hosted its first major event of the summer with a tailgate party before the DC United soccer game. We were excited to see so many of our classmates from all three campuses come and enjoy an evening of fun. Over the next year, we hope that you will join us for campus wide events including a baseball game, a booze cruise, Fall Ball, and Monte Carlo Night. However, there are many smaller scale opportunities for you to take advantage of including club events, panel discussions, and speaker series. Additionally, the PTMBAA is excited to support cohort networking activities and we encourage you to form flag football teams, plan social activities like picnics, and engage in volunteer service.

The part-time student experience is unique; it is challenging to balance work, school, and personal life. However, we hope over the next year you will find an activity to participate in that enriches your MBA experience. If you have an idea for an event, let the PTMBAA Board know if we can help put your plan into action.

We want you to tell us about your participation! Please email stories and ideas for the newsletter to ptmbaa@rhsmith.umd.edu.

International MBA Association Sponsors Bowling Night in Shady Grove—A New Tradition

On April 15th, the IMBAA and PTMBAA hosted a second annual Bowling Night near Shady Grove Campus! This year, the event was a great success with 19 full-time students, 16 part-time students, and guests. (Photos provided by Lacey Nguyen, MBA Candidate 2012)
**Study Abroad Experience—Bolivia**  
*By Kevin Nee, DC 2nd Year*

As part of Spring break 2011, students from the full-time and part-time MBA programs traveled to Bolivia to take advantage of the Short-Term Study Abroad at Smith. The class was focused on doing business in Bolivia, specifically the microcredit, social investment and entrepreneurship opportunities in the area.

After adjusting to the altitude in the city of La Paz, the group held meetings with various organizations and their clients to gain insight into the complex field of social investment. This allowed students to trace the impact of social investment from donations, loans and investments to the entrepreneur recipients. Led by Professor Ethan Cohen-Cole and Co-Instructor Elena Pons-Conforto, students learned about the various incentives, barriers, and opportunities in this growing field. During free time, the group traveled to numerous sites throughout the city of La Paz. In addition, a day trip to Copacabana and Isla del Sol allowed students to experience Lake Titicaca, situated at an altitude of over 3800 meters above sea level. This area also included various archeological ruins dating back centuries to the Inca civilization period.

**Upcoming Events:**
- **Start of Summer Session:** May 31st
- **“Let’s Go O’s” Orioles Baseball Game:** June 10th
- **Night with the Nationals:** July 9th
- **Booze Cruise:** August, TBD

**DC Servathon Team—Smith MBA Students Serving the DC Area!**  
*By David Sober, DC 1st Year*

On April 16th, Team MBA Terps participated in the 2011 DC Servathon. Servathon is an annual volunteer event organized by Greater DC Cares - one of the largest volunteer organizations in the DC area. More than 250 teams participated in the event at various locations throughout DC and surrounding areas, and team MBA Terps ranked 2nd in overall fundraising as a team in the entire event. As a team, we participated in a major project at Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, VA, to build a memorial garden in memory of their alumni who have lost lives serving in the military. In addition to the garden, volunteers also did general landscaping around the perimeter of the school.

The event was a huge success. Team MBA Terps was recognized at a reception prior to the event thanks to our fundraising efforts. Approximately 20 students from the DC Evening program participated on the team.
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Who We Are

Founded in Fall 2002, the Part-Time MBA Association (PTMBAA) represents part-time students at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. This organization serves the interests of graduate business students on the Shady Grove, Washington, and Baltimore campuses.

Our Mission

The mission of the Part-Time MBA Association is to serve as a representative, governing body for the part-time students of the Robert H. Smith School of Business. The PTMBAA will speak as the coordinated voice of the students, serving as liaisons to the administration and faculty of the University of Maryland. The PTMBAA will work on behalf of the students to improve the quality of education, academic support, and professional offerings they receive. Additionally, the PTMBAA will foster a greater sense of community within its three part-time campuses and within the larger Smith family, including better coordination with full-time students and alumni. The PTMBAA will work to promote the R.H. Smith School of Business as the dominant business school in the area.

Meet the PT Terp Community! Student Profiles:

Each month, there will be three student profiles of part-time MBA Smith students. Students from each of the three campuses will be profiled every month. The purpose of the profiles is to highlight the talent and breadth of the part-time student community. Watch for your classmates to appear in the student profile section of the June newsletter!

Request to join the PTMBAA Smith School of Business Facebook Group!
Contact us: ptmbaa@rhsmith.umd.edu