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A Night at Nationals Park with the PTMBAA
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Baltimore Campus Brunch at Little Havana!
By Sophia Shahverdian, Baltimore 3rd Year

Part Time MBAs from the Baltimore campus gathered at Little Havana, in the Federal Hill neighborhood, on Sunday, June 26th to share bottomless bloody mary's, mimosas and scrumptious breakfast foods. Over 50 people attended the event sponsored by the PTMBAA and the Baltimore campus cohorts. (Photos provided by Matt Baker)
Study Abroad Experience—Finland
By Rich Strayer, DC 3rd Year

The beginning of the trip got off to a little bit of a rocky (GET IT??) start for Jason Paternostro, Adam Harrison, and myself, as we were stranded in Iceland for 3 additional days until the Grímsvötn volcano started to behave itself again. The three of us passed the time by stuffing our faces with Arctic Puffin, Pylsurs (hot dogs made with horse meat), and Hákarl (fermented shark that has a taste and smell I would imagine is similar to chloroform). Although we missed the sightseeing tour in Stockholm, the overnight cruise from Stockholm to Helsinki on the Tallink Ferry, and a visit to the Nokia headquarters, we were relieved to be picked up at the Helsinki Airport and reunite with the group on our way to Tampere, Finland. During our three days there, we visited the Nokia R&D factory, attended a lecture about the Tampere Chamber of Commerce, sang some karaoke, visited Finland’s 6th oldest newspaper, and took lots of naps. Before heading to Rovaniemi on an overnight train, we headed to a traditional Finnish spa where we participated in a traditional Finnish water aerobics class and hit golf balls at a traditional Finnish driving range. Once in Rovaniemi, at the edge of the arctic circle, we visited a Reindeer farm, a museum showing much of the history of Finnish Lapland, and Santa’s compound, which reminded me of the tourist trap “South of the Border” off Interstate 95. After a lecture at the University of Lapland on the tourism industry in that region, we set out to explore a bit.
Unfortunately, that night was cloudy, so the full effect of the “midnight sun” wasn’t experienced, but being outside at 2am and having it be light enough to read a newspaper was something those of us who were awake won’t soon forget. After our farewell dinner of Reindeer, Arctic Char, and a potato cube at Santamus (which was anything but short on presentation), we headed back to Helsinki on a night train for the long trip home. Great times were had by all, and a special thank you to Professor P.K. Kannan, and his Finnish counterparts for making the trip memorable! (Photos provided by Sam Bishop)

Upcoming Service Project: 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance with the PTMBAA
By Dana Fox, DC 1st Year

Commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9/11, Smith is partnering with Greater DC Cares for its 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance. We will be conducting a service project in the DC area on Saturday, September 10th from 9am-1pm with more than 10,000 volunteers. Project options include spending time with veterans, cleaning up parks, feeding the hungry, and restoring 9/11 memorials.

More detail regarding the specific project Smith will be participating in will be available in coming weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please register now at http://911.kintera.org/umdsmithmba. If you are unable to volunteer but would like to donate to this cause, donations are greatly appreciated and may be given on the same website.

We look forward to having a great turnout, with many Smith students coming together to participate in this meaningful opportunity to serve. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Fox at dana.fox@rhsmith.umd.edu

Upcoming Events:
- Incoming New Student Orientations in College Park: Aug 20 and 27th
- Start of Fall Term: Sat, August 27th
- Goodbye Summer/Welcome Back DC Sunset Cruise: Thurs, August 25th @ 7:30-10:00 pm, through Capital Yacht Charters
- 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance: Sat, Sept 10th in DC
- Towson vs. UMD: Oct 1st
- Boston College vs. UMD: Oct 29th
- Fall Ball at the Renaissance Hotel Downtown DC: Sat, November 5th
- Notre Dame vs. UMD: Nov 12th at FedEx
Meet the Part-Time Smith Community! Student Profiles:

Name: Robert Bloomer  
Home Campus/Expected Graduation: Shady Grove 2013  
Profession: Former Marine

**Favorite MBA class and why?**
My favorite class was "Leadership and Human Capital Management" with Karen Wouters. The hands-on style of the class forced us to really interact with and learn the material. Plus, it was fun. Also, I have really enjoyed Charley Olsen's "The Global Economic Enviroment". It is a great class for people who want to understand why the world is the way it is.

**Why I chose Smith?**
I chose Smith primarily because of its multiple locations in the DC area, large variety of classes, and because I had friends currently in the program who could attest to its quality. That I went to College Park for undergrad also played a role in my decision making.

**My favorite Smith experience?**
My favorite Smith experience has been getting to know my classmates at various social events. I feel sorry for people who take online MBA classes, they are missing out.

Name: Tri Phan  
Home Campus/Expected Graduation: DC 2013  
Profession: Consultant

**Favorite MBA class and why?**
My favorite class so far would have to be Global Economics. Having an engineering background, global economics was never in the forefront of my thoughts. This class exposed me to the broader economic bigger, the highly complex roles and inter-connectivity of the world. The class discussions led by the instructor were lively and it also showcased the wealth of knowledge possessed by my cohort.

**My future career goals?**
I will hope to leverage the school embodiment of entrepreneurial spirit and start my own venture. There are a few blueprints being sketched at the moment, but nothing concrete yet. I am hoping that it will be clearer as I reach the completion of my education here at UMD.

Name: Mike Kinsman  
Home Campus/Expected Graduation: Baltimore, May 2012  
Profession: Customer Support

**Favorite MBA class and why?**
Digital Business Markets. It covers the how and why for all the latest with Google, Facebook and Apple. Also Microsoft.

**Favorite MBA professor and why?**
Il-horn Hann. Very engaging class, with lots of ‘get out of your seat’ activities in his class. He also plays video games and writes code.

**MBA class that you have utilized the most in your current position?**
Cross cultural collaboration. I work with support groups around the world and this class hammered home the issues that teams spread around the world face when dealing with each other.
Smith Part-Time MBA Association Board:
Dannie Diego, President
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Dana Fox, Community Development
Ashton Jacob, Marketing
Jaydeep Dhar, Technology
Matt Baker, Finance

PTMBAA News: Did You Know???
The PTMBAA has a Facebook Group! This group page is exclusive to Smith part-time students, and is an open forum for you to post pictures, tag your friends in photos, ask questions, RSVP to upcoming events, and more! This is the place to connect with your peers from all three campuses, so request to join the group today to start mingling and networking with your Smith friends on facebook today! http://www.facebook.com/groups/RHSmithSchoolPTMBAA

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New, beginning this month, we will be including a section that highlights our peers “life events” while in school. These events will include recent accomplishments like promotions, marriages, births, races completed, etc. Really any milestone that people want to share! This month we are kicking off the column with a few student highlights. To be included in next month’s newsletter with your recent accomplishments, please email us at ptmbaa@rhsmith.umd.edu and tell us about your milestone event!

Name: Megan McMullen
Campus/Class: DC 2013
Employer: K2M Inc.
Accomplishment: Promoted to Senior Development Engineer where she will oversee the development of medical devices for specific projects in the Cervical and Lumbar Spine. She also received her first patent for a Universal Transverse Connector Device (#7,947,066).

Name: Bill Schilkie
Campus/Class: DC 2013
Employer: Deloitte & Touche LLP
Accomplishment: Bill recently joined the Deloitte & Touche Banking & Securities team as a Manager in the Governance, Regulatory, and Risk Strategies practice

Name: Dan Kim
Campus/Class: Baltimore 2011
Employer: Defense Contract Audit Agency
Accomplishment: Dan has had a "three way win" this year with earning his CPA, an upcoming graduation with his MBA and welcoming a new baby boy!