

# School of Business, Economics & Legal Studies Newsletter

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## School Business

### Scholarship Opportunities

There are currently 2 scholarship opportunities available to students in the School of Business, Economics & Legal Studies...

**Lamda Business Scholarship**—(\$500.00) awarded to a student of Junior or Senior status who has a 3.0 g.p.a. with a minimum of 26 credits from LSSU who has shown campus and community leadership. Applicants should submit a letter outlining qualifications for the scholarship, copy of transcripts and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member. Applications should be submitted to Sharon Dorrity at the LSSU Foundation. Deadline for applications is February 26, 2007.

**Hantz Award**— (one year full tuition) awarded to a LSSU student in any business degree program who demonstrates campus or community leadership and/or represents LSSU in any Division I or II athletic program. The successful applicant will also have a 2.5 or higher g.p.a., have junior status and be on track to complete degree in 4 years. The awardee will meet at least one time per semester with a Hantz Group representative and may participate in a one-week internship/orientation at Southfield Headquarters. An internship opportunity also exists. Applicants should complete a letter of interest outlining community and/or campus involvement. The letter will be accompanied by a copy of your resume including character references. Completed applications can be turned into Tracey MacQuarrie (LIB 217) by Wednesday, Feb. 7, 07. Interviewees will be notified after Spring Break and the award will be announced at the end of March or beginning of April.

Qualifying students are urged to submit applications for either or both of these award opportunities!

### Investment Club Update

The investment club portfolio currently stands at approximately \$10,500. The club has been focusing on learning the best time to buy and sell stocks to maximize their profits.

### SIFE Update

SIFE announces that Thursday, February 22, 2007 will be Pino's Thursday. Italian Sausages will be on sale at 11:00 a.m. SIFE is also planning a Customer Service Seminar for area high school students in February.

### SCHOOL NEWS



Save the Date!

### Graduating Seniors

The Senior dinner will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at the Sault Ste Marie Country Club. Watch your mailbox for more details.

Coffee Hour!

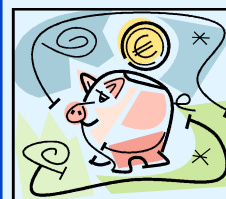


Join your fellow students and professors for the School of Business, Economics & Legal Studies Coffee Hour.

Wednesday, Feb. 14th

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Library 253



CLUB NEWS!

Investment Club—Thursdays

5:00 p.m. Marine Room—Lib

SIFE—Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.

Marine Room—Library

### Tax Preparation Class

Mindy Poliski, Accounting Instructor and Brian Zinser, SIFE advisor have teamed up to offer students a unique opportunity this spring.

ACTG300—Special Topics Income Tax Assistance was offered Spring semester. The class is offered in conjunction with the IRS VITA Program. VITA is Volunteer Income Tax Assistance which offers tax preparation help to low income tax payers.

The class is offering valuable experience to the 7 students who are enrolled. The students took tax preparation tests and were certified by the IRS to prepare tax returns. The students will prepare returns which will be reviewed by Professor Poliski. SIFE is providing marketing support, helping with clerical duties and greeting clients. Currently the class has 19 clients. This is an excellent opportunity for students to get real world, practical experience. Although most of the students are accounting majors, the class was open to any business student who had a interest and was willing to take the IRS testing. The tax preparation service is open to low income taxpayers in Chippewa County who meet certain eligibility requirements on a first come, first serve basis.

## Where Are They Now?

Recent graduate, Chad Osterhout, has contacted Dr. Erkkila about his new job with Quicken Loans in Troy, MI. According to Chad, Quicken Loans recently hired two LSSU graduates and are very impressed with the people coming from our school. Quicken Loans is expanding quickly and is a great opportunity for college graduates to get into the job market. Chad says that Quicken Loans takes very good care of their employees and any recent grads who might be interested in a job with the company should contact him to see if he could get an internal reference for them. If you would like to contact Chad, please see Dr. Erkkila or Tracey MacQuarrie for his contact information.

## Faculty Matters

Dr. Saluja recently had the opportunity to present the need for a new building for the School of Business, Economics, & Legal Studies to the LSSU Board of Trustees. Dr. Saluja has also been very active as the chairman of the fundraising committee for the new building.

### SAP Alliance Approved

Beginning March 1, 2007 students in the School of Business, Economics, and Legal Studies will have access to SAP, a leading Enterprise Resource Planning software package. Thanks go to Dr. Collette Coullard who spearheaded this endeavor. Starting after spring break, students in her Supply Chain Management course will be introduced to the software and its supply chain application module. Other modules included in this package are accounting, finance, sales, and human resource management. Faculty who teach in these areas will be attending training sessions over the summer to learn to implement SAP into LSSU business courses. This is a great opportunity for LSSU Business students to learn an ERP software that is used in 40 percent of businesses worldwide.

The School of Business, Economics & Legal Studies has started the process of advertising for a teaching position. The position to be filled is for a business faculty. The position should be filled for Fall 07 semester.

**The LSSU Board of Trustees recently granted Professor Linda Schmitigal a sabbatical for the spring semester of 2008. Professor Schmitigal plans to work on her doctoral dissertation during that time.**

*"Don't measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but what you should have accomplished with your abilities." John Wooden*