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Update from the Dean, Learning and Teaching

Welcome to PostgradPerspectives. This is our final edition for 2006. I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to those students who will be graduating in December. We hope you have enjoyed your time with the School, and will stay connected with us through the Griffith Business School Alumni Network.

The Griffith Business School Alumni Network was introduced to provide professional, educational and social opportunities for alumni that facilitate a lifelong relationship with each other, the Griffith Business School, and the University. Networking with fellow alumni has considerable potential from both a personal and professional perspective. Our alumni are working in a diverse range of public and private sector careers, and include many prominent and senior personnel. For further information on alumni activities, contact Ms Maggie Hsieh at m.hsieh@griffith.edu.au, telephone (07) 3735 7648, or visit www.griffith.edu.au/gbsalumni. To register, visit the Griffith Alumni website at www.griffith.edu.au/alumni.

As final assessment and examinations loom, I wish you all the very best of luck with your final assessment for 2006. For tips on exam techniques see the Academic Skills Self-Help Resources at www.griffith.edu.au/ins/training/study/content_studyresources.html#exams.

And finally, I wish you continuing success with your careers or your return to further study in 2007.

*Professor Lorelle Frazer
Dean, Learning and Teaching*

Industry Mentoring Program



Chris Taffs, a final-semester Master of Marketing Management student (pictured), is currently participating in the Industry Mentoring Program offered by the Careers and Employment Service.

Chris' Mentor, Peter Doggett, International Relationship Manager at Seaworld has provided valuable insights into relationship marketing, along with feedback on his CV, hints as to what employers are looking for, and the job market. Peter has also provided advice on which associations Chris can join to build valuable industry contacts.

"I highly recommend the Industry Mentoring Program... because of the networking opportunities it provides", Chris said.

The Industry Mentoring Program operates during second semester each year, and links final-year students with experienced professionals (mentors) from a related field. The Program provides a unique opportunity to kick-start your career. Mentees can apply for a place in the 2007 program from March. See the website below for more Program details: www.griffith.edu.au/ua/aa/ss/careers/mentoring

Graduations update

Graduation ceremonies will be held in December for all students who complete their program by the end of Semester 2, 2006.

If you are currently a final semester student, you will have received an email from the Graduations Office during the week commencing 16 October about your graduation eligibility status. Students who have a status of Conditionally Approved or Approved will be able to log in to Griffith Portal and register to attend a ceremony.

The deadline to register is 4 December! Please note: eligible students who do not register by the 4 December deadline will not be able to participate in the ceremony. Tickets for guests will be available from Monday, 30 October (this date is subject to change).

For further information visit www.griffith.edu.au/graduations



Making news

Griffith Business School's MBA program has received a prestigious five-star rating for the fifth consecutive year, cementing its reputation as one of Australia's top MBA programs. Griffith is the sole Queensland university and one of only three education providers across Australia to have consistently achieved this recognition since the Graduate Management Association (GMAA) of Australia began issuing its independent rating five years ago.

The GMAA is the national professional association representing MBA graduates. It assessed Australian MBAs for 2006 on the basis of the standard and value of each program and placed Griffith's in the top band in a field of 55.

Career Smarter

As many of you approach graduation, those of you who aren't currently working may have commenced searching for employment. The Career Smarter website offers training modules to help with job search techniques, strategies and resources to uncover 'hidden' jobs (Stand Out Job Search module); and to teach you how to 'wow' prospective employers with your application and interview technique (Stand Out Applications and Stand Out Interview modules).

To access these training modules, login to the Career Smarter website (www.griffith.edu.au/careersmarter) by entering your student ID with the 's' prefix (e.g. s1234567) and your password.

Semester 1, 2007 timetables

Timetables for Semester 1, 2007 will be released on Thursday, 26 October 2006. Enrolments will open on Wednesday, 1 November for Gold Coast students and Thursday, 2 November for Nathan and Logan students.

Making Connections...

The Griffith Business School continues to foster close working relationships with key personnel from local, national and international organisations. Such relationships enable us to draw on the expertise of industry professionals when designing program and course curriculum, provide mentoring opportunities for students, and opportunities for networking to maximize graduate outcomes. We encourage students to consider the benefits of professional memberships in their area of interest.

In this edition, we feature the CPA Passport (student network). CPA Passport is the student network of CPA Australia (www.cpaaustralia.com.au). Finance, accounting and business students can sign up for free membership which offers a range of benefits, including access to an international and Australian work experience program, career planning workshops and discounted products and services.

Further information about CPA Passport is available from the CPA Careers student website at www.cpacareers.com.au/passport/index.asp.

Griffith Business School Alumni Network Inaugural Dinner

Over 130 Griffith Business School alumni and friends enjoyed an evening of fine food and wine at the recent inaugural Annual Dinner held at the Brisbane Marriott Hotel. The event was a resounding success, with many old friendships reignited and new networks forged.

Apart from the wonderful dinner and surroundings, the highlight of the evening was the keynote address by President, BHP Billiton China and Griffith Asian Studies alumnus Clinton Dines. Clinton spoke about the emerging issues for China's economy and shared his experiences of life and business in China.

Read more at www.griffith.edu.au/school/gbs/alumni/news.