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Your Monthly News & Updates

It is with great pleasure that we are launching the first virtual newsletter of the College of Business. According to Victor Hugo, ***"Man's greatest actions are performed in minor struggles. Life, misfortune, isolation, abandonment and poverty are battlefields which have their heroes - obscure heroes who are at times greater than illustrious heroes."*** —During this past academic year, most of us have struggled in one way or another in one or multiple aspects of our lives. In the College of Business, our students have struggled with classes, financial issues and personal or family health-related problems; our faculty and staff have struggled to continue providing a high-quality educational experience while juggling too the myriad challenges in their personal lives; and, our alumni and industry partners have also struggled personally and economically while still generously supporting our students in terms of internships, jobs and scholarships. The content of this newsletter is a testament to the determination and resilience of our community to continue to do amazing things regardless of the momentous challenges faced worldwide and nationally.

College of Business Alumnus Provides Gift to Establish Funderburk Scholarship

Professor Emeritus Dale Funderburk created a legacy of excellence in the College of Business at Texas A&M University-Commerce during his 52-year teaching career. A new scholarship in his name will memorialize his impact.

The Dr. Dale Funderburk Honorary Scholarship will provide financial assistance to undergraduate business majors at A&M-Commerce.

Funderburk's former student, Timothy Meads, contributed $10,000 to begin the scholarship fund. Meads will also match additional gifts to the fund, up to $20,000.

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Highlights

Zenetta Drew APAP Nomination

The College of Business is proud to announce the nomination of our alumna, Zenetta Drew, for the APAP William Dawson Award for Programmatic Excellence and Sustained Achievement in Programming...

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Dan Bandi – Alumni Highlight and Event

Mr. Dan Bandi, CFA, spoke to students of the finance society and others on March 3, 2021 at 6 pm. The topic of his discussion was "Careers in Asset Management: Focusing on the importance of CFA". The meeting was virtual and hosted by Professor Ramya Aroul, advisor to the finance society. Over thirty students attended the event in addition to Drs. Aroul, Parnes and Nippani. The event, which lasted over an hour, was a grand success. Mr. Bandi spoke and then he and another colleague took questions from the students.

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New Dallas Location

As you have surely heard by now, Texas A&M University-Commerce has secured the 19th and 20th floors of 8750 North Central Expressway to increase our footprint in Dallas. The building is in a prime location across from NorthPark Mall, a few blocks from the DART, only a couple miles from SMU and surrounded by many prominent businesses.

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Awards & Celebrations

Congratulations to Amani Biggs

The College of Business would like to congratulate Amani Biggs for being selected as a Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Scholar. In recognition of her accomplishments, Amani will receive a scholarship in the amount of $10,000 for the 2021-22

College of Business Teaching Awards

Dr. Bo Han is the COB Teacher of the Year. The purpose of the COB Teaching Awards is to recognize and acknowledge the outstanding efforts of faculty who uphold a high standard of excellence in their classrooms.

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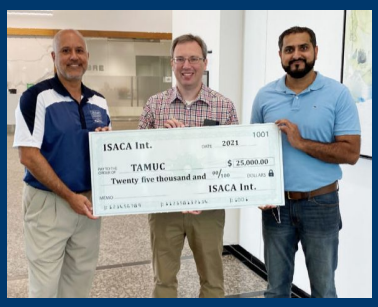

Information Systems Audit and Control Association's (ISACA) Donation

The department of Marketing & Business Analytics (MKTBA) at A&M-Commerce has received a $25,000 scholarship donation from the Information Systems Audit and Control Association's (ISACA) North Texas Chapter.

academic year.

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Graduates

Sayli Rohera

Sayli Rohera has a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electronics and Telecommunication. She graduated with a Master of Science degree in Business Analytics from TAMUC and is currently working as a solutions analyst for FedEx following her internship for the same company.

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Stephanie Moore

When Stephanie Moore started her academic career at A&M-Commerce as an honors college student, she lacked a vision for her future. What she discovered was a passion for international relations and business.

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Class of 2021 Honor Graduates

The College of Business (COB) had 5 Honors College graduates in May 2021. The Honors College recognition ceremony was held at 2:00 pm on Friday, April 23rd at Prairie Crossing which is a residential living center for the Honors College students.

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Graduate Reception

On Friday, April 30th, the College of Business (COB) hosted its traditional graduate reception. Faculty gathered to celebrate the achievements of our graduates and honor the dedication of their loved ones. Dr. Alex Williams was among the faculty, staff and graduate assistants who facilitated the event...

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Alumni

Attendees learned about the day-to-day functions of each job and what employers are looking for within these specific industries. The panelists provided information about how the industry is transacting client needs, customer relations and other business consulting needs. Data analysis strategies, security and risk management and business operations were all covered as well.

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Alumni Profile of Brandy & Wilfred Zoungrana

Brandy and Wilfred Zoungrana met at A&M-Commerce in 2013. Less than a decade after graduation, they bought their dream house and had their 3 daughters: Hazielle, Adar and Hasadia. This is what they had to say about their time with us and where they are now.

Brandy: “I obtained my social work degree in 2015 from A&M-Commerce....

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News & Events

Venture College Hires New Coordinator

Recently, we hired Mr. Anthony Pierotti, an A&M-Commerce alum, to be the full-time coordinator for Venture College. Anthony will be tasked with promoting entrepreneurial spirit and helping students, faculty, staff and community members execute their for-profit and non-profit initiatives.

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New Associate Dean

The College of Business would like to welcome Dr. Anil Kumar as Professor of Business Analytics and as the new Associate Dean of the College of Business. Dr. Kumar earned his doctorate at the University of Memphis and has been a professor at Western Illinois University, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and Central Michigan University.

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Female Entrepreneur Panel

On Wednesday, February 24th, the Marketing and Engagement Committee sponsored the traditional "Panels with Scott Series" on female entrepreneurs. This is the first virtual panel in a series on successful business people. Other subjects include CFAs, bankers, CIOs, CPAs and more.

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COB Surprises Local Nursing Home

On the 14th of February, 2021, the Marketing and Engagement Committee,

Finance Lab

The finance lab is a modern space with a trading room feel for College of Business (COB) students and faculty to use, learn

on behalf of the College of Business (COB) at A&M-Commerce, sponsored a COVID safe visit to the Woodmoore Nursing Home in Bonham, Texas.

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and apply current in-demand finance and analytics tools such as python, tableau, and Bloomberg.

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Annual COB Scholarship Banquet

The Marketing and Engagement Committee of the College of Business (COB) held its Annual COB Scholarship Banquet on Thursday, April 22nd. Because of COVID, a new format was tried this year and the event was conducted via Zoom because of the value and importance the college places on having this event each year.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Brianne Head graduated from A&M-Commerce in 2011 with a Bachelors in Accounting and MBA. She was a member of Beta Alpha Psi and at one of the meetings, she was introduced to the CFO of OneSource Virtual (OSV). She had just graduated and was looking for a job and OSV was looking for a staff accountant so it was a perfect fit.

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