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From the Dean's Desk....

As the silver highlights continue to spread along my temples, the diversity of God's work is becoming clearer and the challenge to the body of Christ to move forward has become urgent. I've recently been challenged anew to "refine" my equipping, position it rightly in the body, and also to challenge others not to settle for the mediocre. Pushing 60, the rearview mirror of life continues to teach me valuable life lessons. Here are but two: 1) My actions need to back up my talk and 2) ACT! (James 1:22-25) Let's continue to find and hone our place in the body my friends and act upon the needs around us. Onward!

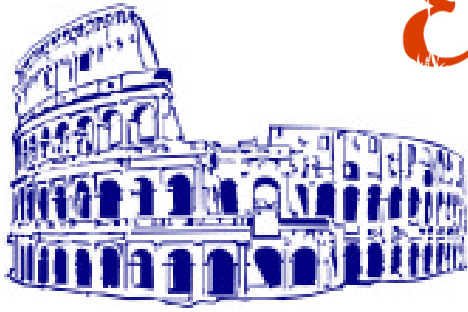


The world is our classroom

So many opportunities are opening up for our business students. Just recently at the end of May, we had a group of almost twenty students return from Europe on a class trip. They not only have some incredible stories and pictures but equally incredible business interaction experience as well. Overall, the trip proved to be an amazing opportunity.

The travels of our students do not end with those just returning. We are excited to announce that we are sending off seven students for Fall 2011 to study abroad through our Global Initiatives. Of the five study abroad options we offer, three of the options are being pursued by these students preparing to travel this fall. Through the CCCU, Morgan Thomas and Ashley McPhail will be studying through the Latin America Studies Program while Misty Raley spends the semester participating in the China Studies Program. Joy Copple was chosen to participate in the Oxford Scholar Program. Kate Hempel will be traveling to attend Uganda Christian University as part of the Uganda Studies Program while Jennifer Hamilton travels to China for an exciting internship opportunity. In addition, Julie Smith plans to spend the semester studying in Scotland at the University of Edinburgh. As we continue to give our students a more global view of business, it prepares them to go into every workplace and every nation.





European Business Experience

By: Liberty Gallagher

Throughout my time at LeTourneau, I have had the opportunity to study abroad twice. The first time was during spring break 2009 in Honduras for my International Business class. My second adventure took me to Sydney, Australia for an entire semester during the spring of 2010. Both of these experiences taught me incredible things about business, culture, art, language, history, and myself. Having the opportunity to travel for a third time to Europe and visit four countries in one trip seemed too good to be true. The trip was comprised of 19 students and 1 professor. Dr. Fairweather structured the trip to be worth 6 credit hours. Our schedule took us through Germany, France, Italy, and Switzerland into over twenty companies in a time period of three weeks. I was able to get an inside look at some of the most incredible companies in Europe!

My favorite company of the trip by far was Steelcase. If I could have a company designed to fit my personality and creative style, it would look something like Steelcase. The location of Steelcase we visited was in France but the company actually originated out of Grand Rapids, Michigan. They are currently one of the leading companies in the office furniture industry. Not only do they design office furniture but they are also constantly pursuing innovation in the workplace. The visit was incredible and had me convinced that Steelcase is a company I aspire to cross paths with in the future. It would be a pleasure to work with them.



My knowledge about business was definitely increased. However I did take the time to enjoy the beautiful cities of Europe. The two towns we spent most of our time in were Zurich and Zug. The few days we were in Switzerland are some of my most fondly remembered days from our trip. Between company visits, we were able to roam the streets of Zug. At the edge of all the shops was a reading park that looked over water and had an amazing view of the Swiss Alps. Staring out over the water was so peaceful and serene. It was almost as if time stopped for a moment.



The trip did indeed teach me about business, but it also taught me about beauty, culture, language, interaction with people, life, value, and more about myself. These countries are all incredibly unique and I feel privileged that I got to experience them. In reading my experiences, I hope you are inspired to venture out into other countries. You will come away with unforgettable memories and a greater appreciation for other countries and cultures around the world.

Crawfish Boil!



Congratulations
to our Spring graduates!



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Melissa Ann Cain

Maasa Migita

David Andrew Smith

Christopher Ryan
Stuckey

Management

Liberty Faith
Gallagher

Kelsie Mercer
Stephenson

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Austin Dale Watley

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Alexandria Flanagan
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