



# The MBA Reporter

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Congratulations to all our graduating students and welcome to all those who are just starting the MBA program. This cycle of beginning to ending and beginning again has been happening in the MBA program at UD for more than 50 years. This cycle brings inevitable change; changes in faculty, changes in students, changes in staff - but one thing remains constant - *community*.

As many of you know we are launching the new online MBA program (MBA@Dayton) in the fall. Part of the new online MBA program is an orientation class that all new students must take. In this class the students will learn a number of functional matters and they will get acclimated to UD and our culture via a series of videos. I had the opportunity to observe and listen in on the taping of these videos and I would like to share what I learned.

We had segments from President Eric Spina, Father Jim Fitz, 4 faculty members, 3 alumni and 2 capstone companies (and a partridge in a pear tree). Each person was asked to reflect on what makes UD special and what makes UD students different. Every person articulated the same theme - *community*. The people involved with helping film and produce the video were amazed at the consistency of the message from all involved.

As our program continues to evolve and change there is one thing that will always be at the core of the UD MBA program and that is *community*. Here is a snippet of text from one of the segments in the video.

"You will be different, not from other Flyers, but from other business professionals. You are now part of an ever growing community of people who utilize their gifts to improve the world around them. UD MBAs are different, we have excellent business acumen derived from the combination of experience and education, but we also take the human element into consideration. Business is not conducted in the absence of humanity but rather it is intertwined with a wide variety of stakeholders who are impacted by our decisions. It is this nexus of business acumen and humanity that makes us different, makes us a Flyer."

Welcome to our newest Alumni and welcome to all who are just starting. We look forward to you being part of this great community.

Scott E. MacDonald



# Congratulations Spring 2017 Graduates!!!

On behalf of the School of Business Administration, we would like to congratulate the following 2017 Spring Graduates. We wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors!!

Adrian Aschenbrenner	Joshua Forman	Samuel Markgraf	Matthew Ulrich
David Bailey	Christoph Gerwin	Samuel Meara	Kimberly Walsh
Leah Caldwell	Stefan Geutler	Moritz Mueller	Thomas Walters
Sharon Carty	David Gonzalez Elizondo	Nikoleta Mutafova	Shana Watson
Lisa Cary	Joshua Grilliot	Riley Quinn	Colin Wilson
Andrew Collins	Wei Guo	Rebecca Reisberg	Domenik Wurmseher
Frederic Conard	Peter Hohman	Jeffrey Repic	Daniel Yates
Marie Constanian	Timothy Holtz	Joshua Rinear	Xiaotong Zhou
Taylor Covers	Matti Huckestein	Matthew Sartschev	
Florian Dausch	Martin Jackson	Senay Semere	
Jonathan Diemer	Katharine Lachey	Lindsey Simko	
Ashley Follrod	Brian Markgraf	Eric Steffey	

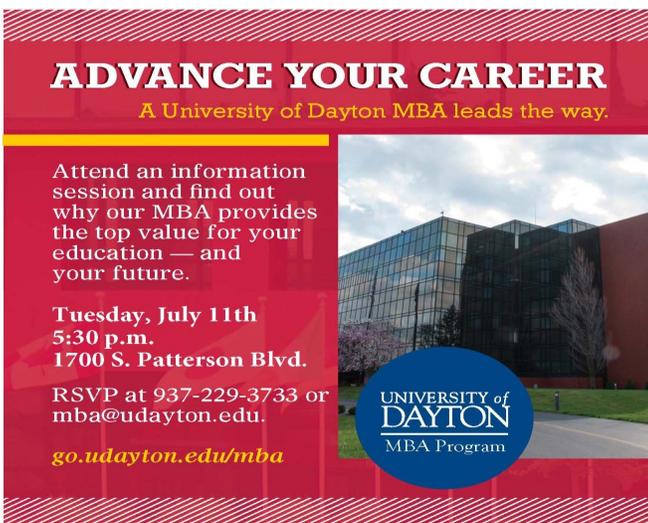
## Attention!! Fall Registration is underway!

- If you haven't already done so already, please register for fall term classes immediately. Classes are rapidly being filled!

## Key Dates

- May 29—Memorial Day—No Classes
- June 5—Last day to drop without record from 1st Session classes
- June 12—Last day to drop with record of "W" from 1st Session classes
- July 1—Last day for Graduate students to apply for August 2017 Graduation
- July 4—Independence Day—No Classes
- July 7—Last day to drop without record from 2nd Session classes
- July 11—MBA Informational Session at 5:30pm on River Campus
- July 17—Last day to drop with record of "W" from 2nd Session and full Summer term classes
- August 23—Fall classes begin

## MBA Informational Session



**ADVANCE YOUR CAREER**  
A University of Dayton MBA leads the way.

Attend an information session and find out why our MBA provides the top value for your education — and your future.

**Tuesday, July 11th**  
5:30 p.m.  
1700 S. Patterson Blvd.

RSVP at 937-229-3733 or [mba@udayton.edu](mailto:mba@udayton.edu).

[go.udayton.edu/mba](http://go.udayton.edu/mba)

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## Graduate Assistant Position Available—Apply Now!

The University of Dayton Bookstore is looking for an MBA, MPAcc, or MFin student to fill their vacant graduate assistant position. If you're interested, please send your cover letter and resume to Kathryn Overholser at [koverholser1@udayton.edu](mailto:koverholser1@udayton.edu).



DR. ANDREA ZAVAKOS

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### Which courses do you teach for the MBA program?

I teach the online and in-person versions of MBA 795: Organizational Behavior.

### What do you enjoy most about teaching at UD?

I am in love with working in a learning environment! This job challenges me every day to self-reflect, adapt my approach, acquire new knowledge and skills, and reach inside of myself to develop creative ways to teach the subject matter. Interacting with the amazing and diverse array of students we have at UD is also a great deal of fun. Since I began teaching full-time 2 years ago, a day hasn't gone by that I haven't thought to myself, "Oh, I need to build this thing into one of my classes!"

### What has been one of your major professional or personal accomplishments and why?

I'd say that my strongest "Act I" accomplishment was my military career. I joined the US Navy at 17 years of age and was an E-6 with a college degree from Chaminade University when I was honorably discharged 7 years later. In my "Act II," I built a very successful human resources consulting practice with hundreds of clients all around the Dayton and Cincinnati regions (I have maintained some of those clients with the small consulting practice I still have). I'm still working on my "Act III" accomplishments, which I hope will include mastering the art of teaching. I've gotten some very good feedback so far, so I think I am on the right track. But as so many of us, I would have to say my absolute best accomplishments are my two sons: David is a purple-heart decorated EOD Army man who has given me two fabulous grandchildren; and George is a rising Sophomore at UD (it's so much fun to see him on campus).



### What advice would you give MBA students?

Enjoy the ride! Please take your time, do the work for the sake of the work – not just to get the degree. I wish I hadn't rushed through my studies when I was in your shoes so many years ago. Keep your intellectual curiosity – it will serve you well in your career. Ask questions, challenge traditional thinking, and verify your sources.

### What book(s) have you read recently?

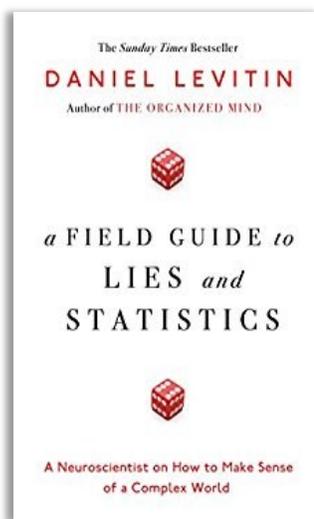
I have four or five books going at any given time. Right now, my favorite read is Daniel Levitin's *A Field Guide to Lies and Statistics*. It's amazing how people can take raw numbers and provide a narrative about them that promotes their own agenda. And the rest of us are so busy, that we create mental shortcuts to help us get through life. Put those two circumstances together, and there is a great deal of misinformation out there. I haven't finished it yet, but this book definitely has me thinking about being more critical about the information I take in from outside sources.

### You are stranded on an island, what is one thing you would want with you and why?

Since the question doesn't mention people, I'm going to assume my family has been stranded with me. In that case, I would want my favorite antique cast iron pot in which I've made at least a thousand meals for them. It would come in handy for all that fish and game they will have to catch to keep us fed!

### Share something fun, quirky, unusual, or unique about yourself that you would like to share with students.

I adore the culture, food, and clothing of India. Some of my best friends are from India; and I could eat Indian food for every meal.



## MBA STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### If you had to give an elevator speech about yourself, what would you say?

Hello, my name is Nikoleta Mutafova. I was born and raised in Plovdiv, Bulgaria and moved to Canton, OH with my family in August 2003. I chose to enroll in University of Dayton in 2012 and it has been one of my best decisions! I was fortunate enough to receive both my BS in Accounting and MBA in 5 years. Through my time at UD, I was involved in a number of organizations such as Delta Sigma Pi, Flyer Enterprises, and Junior Achievement to name a few. Although my time as a college student has come to an end, I am excited to turn the page and start my career.



NIKOLETA MUTAFOVA

### What has been your favorite class in the MBA program and why?

I have taken several interesting classes in the program; however, my favorite class was one I took in my last semester in the program: Critical Thinking and Data Analytics for Accounting Professionals with Dr. Castellano and Professor Stangel. Throughout the course, we had various speakers from the professional world which prompted some very interesting class discussions. This class gave me the opportunity to practice my critical thinking skills through real-world business problems. I encourage anyone in the MBA program to take this course!

### Where do you see yourself five years from now?

Currently, I have accepted a full-time auditing position at Deloitte & Touche in Chicago, IL, starting this September. In five years, I aspire to have obtained my CPA and to be in a managerial position at Deloitte.



### Would you like to share any other unique characteristics, accomplishments, and/or activities with your fellow UD MBA community?

Before I came into the MBA program, I had the amazing privilege of studying abroad in Rome, Italy for a whole semester. Through this experience, I gained so much knowledge and perspective which I continue to carry with me now. Traveling and meeting people from different cultures has become a passion of mine and through the MBA program I had the opportunity to interact with many of the exchange students. I am so glad to have worked with many of them in my classes and group projects.

## Study Abroad Opportunity

The MBA Office is proud to offer current students the opportunity to study international culture and business operations in Latin America. The course will take place during the January intercession. Please be on the lookout for more updates on this unique opportunity.



## Upcoming Events

### Northwestern Mutual Growth & Impact Networking Event

Wednesday June 14, 2017  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Basils on Market  
312 North Patterson Blvd  
Dayton OH, 45402

Parking available in the Water Street garage

Exciting things are happening at Northwestern Mutual—Dayton and they would like you to be a part of it! Learn more about the future of the firm, the importance of having a financial plan, and how both are vital in impacting this community in a positive way.

This is an open event!



Generation Dayton is a young professionals program of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. The goal of Generation Dayton is to bring young professionals together to network, learn, grow and establish themselves as integral components in the future success of the Dayton area.

Thursday, June 8th, from 5:30pm—7:30pm, Generation Dayton will be hosting a Young Professionals Networking Event on the bar and patio area at Coco's Bistro. We hope to see you there!

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: How do I register for classes?

**A:** On the first day of registration, **fully admitted students** should register online via Porches. **Conditionally accepted students** must call the MBA office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### Q: Can I register by e-mail?

**A:** No e-mail registrations will be accepted. You can register either online (if eligible) or by calling the MBA office on registration day.

### Q: What information do I need to register by phone?

**A:** To register by phone, please have the following information ready before calling the MBA office:

- ◆ Full Name (spelling your last name)
- ◆ Student I.D. number
- ◆ Desired courses with section numbers
- ◆ Call-back number

### Q: How do I order textbooks?

**A:** You may visit the UD bookstore website at: <https://www.udayton.edu/bookstore/>



### Q: What is the last day to drop a full-term class?

**A:** You may withdraw from class **without record on the last business day before the third scheduled class** session or you may **withdraw with record of "W" on the last business day before the sixth scheduled class** session.

### Q: Do I have to apply to graduate even if I don't plan to attend the ceremony?

**A:** Yes. All students who plan to graduate are required to apply for graduation, regardless of whether they intend to be present at the ceremony. If you do not apply for graduation, a diploma will not be generated.

## SBA MISSION

The School of Business Administration is a learning community committed in the Catholic and Marianist tradition to educating the whole person and to connecting learning and scholarship with leadership and service in an innovative business curriculum designed to prepare ethical leaders for successful careers in a global business environment.

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