

Spring 2008 Beta Gamma Sigma Induction Ceremony

Fourteen Inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma



Masters of business administration inductees into Beta Gamma Sigma, Andrew Welliver and Alissa Graffius, pose with Dr. James Pesek (left) and Dr. Jeffrey Eicher (right).



Senior inductees into Beta Gamma Sigma from left: Dr. James Pesek, Rozlynd Vares, Kenneth Hogue, Mallory Daniels, Dr. Jeffrey Eicher, and Britney Pniewski.



Junior inductees into Beta Gamma Sigma from left: Dr. James Pesek, Wendy Hollendonner, Sarah Wedekind, Kristofer Gregory, Shaelin Knebel, Dr. Jeffrey Eicher, Kimberly Chernosky, and Matthew Petruna.



Maria Kirby spoke at the induction ceremony.

Clarion University inducted 14 of its business students to the Clarion chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for the best business students in the world, during a ceremony in Moore Hall.

Induction into the society is a high honor, with only students ranking in the top seven percent of their junior class, top 10 percent of their senior class, and top 20 percent of master's programs at schools accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) eligible for invitation to join this society.

Dr. James G. Pesek, Clarion University Beta Gamma Sigma Chapter president and interim dean of the College of Business Administration, conducted the induction ceremony. College of Business Administration faculty members, Dr. Jeffrey Eicher, Dr. William Sanders, and Dr. Soga Ewedemi assisted.

The guest speaker was Maria Kirby, economic development specialist for Clarion County Economic Development Corporation. Her topic was "Work Ethic." Kirby received her B.S. in psychology and her M.B.A. from Clarion University.

Beta Gamma Sigma was founded in 1913 as a national organization. Its mission is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business and personal and professional excellence in the practice of business. The members must fulfill the principles and values of the society: honor and integrity and pursuit of wisdom and earnestness.

Induction in Beta Gamma Sigma is an international honor. With the expansion of AACSB accreditation internationally, membership is no longer limited to those who have studied in the U.S. or Canada. These students are now eligible for the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in an undergraduate or master's program at a school accredited by AACSB International.

The following students were inducted into the Clarion University chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma at the Spring 2008 Ceremony:

Master's of Business Administration:

Alissa Graffius is a daughter of Rick and Rose Graffius of Punxsutawney and is a graduate of Punxsutawney High School.

Gina Walker resides in Pittsburgh with her husband, Timothy, and is a graduate of Philipsburg-Osceola High School.

Andrew Welliver is a son of Robert and Carol Welliver of Williamsport and is a graduate of Loyalsock Township High School.

Adam Whitaker is a son of Carol Whitaker of Pittsburgh and is a graduate of Baldwin High School.

Seniors:

Mallory Daniels, an accounting major, a daughter of Andrew and Patricia Daniels of Butler and a graduate of Butler High School.

Kenneth Hogue, an accounting major, who resides in Leeper with his wife, Maudene, and is a graduate of Keystone High School.

Britney Pniewski, a finance/accounting major, a daughter of Robert and Beverly Pniewski of Ligonier and a graduate of Ligonier Valley High School.

Rozlynd Vares an economics major, a daughter of James Vares of Kaneohe, Hawaii, and a graduate of Kamehameha High School.

Juniors:

Kimberly Chernosky, an accounting major, a daughter of Janene Chernosky of Valencia and a graduate of Mars High School.

Kristofer Gregory, an accounting major, a son of Marlene Gregory of Cattaraugus, N.Y., and a graduate of Cattaraugus Little Valley Central High School.

Wendy Hollendonner, a marketing major, a daughter of F. Reed and Arlene Hollendonner of Carbondale and a graduate of Western Wayne High School.

Shaelin Knebel, a junior accounting major, a daughter of Kimberley Knebel of Cranberry Township, and a graduate of Seneca Valley High School.

Matthew Petruna, a finance major, a son of Linda Petruna of St. Marys and Dennis Walker of St. Marys and a graduate of Elk County Catholic High School.

Sarah Wedekind, an accounting major, a daughter of Sally Wedekind of Shippenville and a graduate of Keystone High School.