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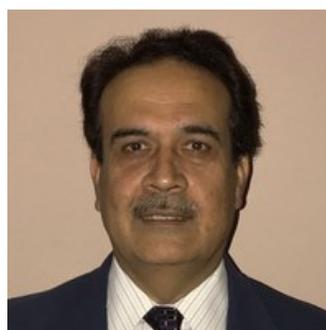


Business Achievers summer program participants: (L) Dr. Joe Ricks, Division Chair, Donovan Carraby, Talitha Degree, Thanh-Truc "Katrina" Nguyen, Frederick Quinn and Professor Clifford Wright

The Business Achievers (BA) Summer Program is for incoming freshmen who have been accepted for admission to Xavier as business majors. Participants enroll in the Introduction to Business course and earn 3 hours of college credit. Local business professionals, entrepreneurs, and Xavier alumni from our Business Advisory Council (BAC) facilitate presentations and serve as role models.



Dr. Joe Ricks, Chair, Xavier Division of Business served as President of the National HBCU Business Deans Roundtable executing the Roundtable's mission of addressing challenges faced by HBCU business programs and providing the tools for student success. His term closed out at the 2018 summit in New York City. A full day of the 2018 summit was held at the New York Stock Exchange, where Dr. Ricks and the Executive Committee rang the closing bell.



The Division of Business is excited to welcome back Dr. Anil Kukreja to the teaching faculty. For the last seven years Dr. Kukreja has served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. During the Fall Dr. Kukreja will take a study semester to reacquire himself with the new knowledge in his field in order to return to the classroom and his scholarly work in the spring.

2018 Class Placement

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2018, over 50% of the class has been placed. The Division of Business is excited to see our students bring Xavier values to corporate America.

Ariel Boone, Accounting Major from White Castle, LA has accepted a position as an accountant for Housing Authority in New Orleans.

Kenneth Clark, Sales & Marketing Major from New Orleans, LA. has accepted a position as a Sales Representative with Payjunction in New Orleans, LA

Javion Gutter, Accounting Major from New Orleans, LA has accepted a position as an accountant for the Urban League in New Orleans.

Johnathan Kirk, Accounting Major from Metairie, LA has accepted a account management position with Winn Dixie in New Orleans.

Troy Ladmirault, Accounting Major from New Orleans, LA has accepted a position as a staff accountant with Carriere and Dunn in New Orleans.

Myeshia Jackson, Accounting Major from Dallas, TX, has accepted a position as a staff accountant at Copart, Inc. in Dallas

Daniel Petterway, Finance Major from Alexandria, LA has accepted a position as a credit financial analyst with Neiman Marcus.

Jordan Smith, Accounting Major from New Orleans, LA has accepted a position with KPMG Master of Accounting with Data and Analytics program Master's of Accounting Program at Ohio State University.

Evan Reynolds, Management Major from Mobile, AL. has accepted a position as a project manager with NCBA Housing Development corporation in Washington, DC

Paul Waddell, Sales & Marketing Major from New Orleans, LA accepted a position as a operation manager for Sherwin Williams Manufacturing Facility in Chicago, IL.

Faculty Focus

Professor Clifford Wright and Mrs. Margaret Diaz-Fugetta presented a paper at the Academy of Business Research entitled “Will You be Paying Less in Income Taxes? An Overview of the Tax Cuts and Job Act.”

Mrs. Margaret Diaz-Fugetta made a presentation to Xavier’s Financial Aid Department in regards to IRS transcripts and tax forms utilized when verifying information provided by students on their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). She traveled to Washington D.C. to attend an event hosted by the Center for Audit Quality at the 2018 American Accounting Association Conference focusing on increasing minority representation in Master of Accounting programs.

Dr. Jose Bautista presented a paper, “Perfect Price Discrimination: A Moral Transgression or a Mechanism for Inclusion?” at the 11th International Conference on Catholic Social Thought and Business Education at the Ryan Institute for Catholic Social in Minneapolis.



Dr. Amanda Helm paraded in France as an official guest of the Mayor’s Office of Orléans, France, as a cultural ambassador from the New Orleans Joan of Arc parade as part of the recent joining of the City of New Orleans and the City of Orléans, France, as sister cities. She also presented the Xavier Division of Business blazer ceremony as a model program at the Sales Educators Academy conference at Aston University in Birmingham, England.



Dr. Caro participated in the Centers for International Business Education and Research Faculty Development program, visiting Dublin, Shannon, and Cork, Ireland. With a focus on building a sustainable, entrepreneurial future, the cohort spent their time visiting companies like the Guinness Enterprise Center, SMART! Dublin, the Henkel Corporation, and the Tyndall National Institute. The trip also served as introduction to the booming Irish economy, learning about how Ireland has formed partnerships with their national universities to attract and retain one of the largest Foreign Direct Investment portfolios in the world.

Summer Internship Highlights



Janelle Jones, Senior ,Accounting Major

This summer I did an internship at HP Inc in Houston, Texas. I worked as a business analyst in their Personal Systems division. My work centered around financial reporting, analytics, and modeling for HP’s offer of Device as a Service (DaaS). My main summer project involved improving the overall accuracy of a business forecasting model. At the end of the summer I presented my work to directors and managers around the world. I was offered the opportunity to extend my internship past the summer and will continue to work with the company through the 2018-2019 school year. I had such an amazing time this summer working as an intern for HP Inc. I learned so much about the company and myself during this brief time. I’m so thankful for this opportunity and will cherish the memories and connections I’ve made here!

Fun fact: Out of the 90 interns at the Houston site this summer I was the only African American female, and the only intern from an HBCU.



George Ellis, Sophomore, Accounting Major

This summer, I had the opportunity to intern with Deloitte in New York City. During the first month of my internship, I worked in the Audit & Assurance practice, servicing clients in the financial service industry. In this rotation, I worked with my engagement teams to prepare for the external audits that will be conducted soon. For my second rotation, I transitioned into the Tax practice. While in Tax, I worked in Investment Management, specifically in the Private Equity and Real Estate group. I had the responsibility of ultimately generating the Schedule K-1s that will be sent to the investors of the clients. I am very grateful that I could apply what I have learned at Xavier University of Louisiana to the largest Big Four accounting firm in the world. Because of my performance this summer, Deloitte has extended another offer for me to continue working in their Tax practice next summer. I had an extraordinary experience with this firm, and I look forward to whatever the future may bring!



Taj Dright, Junior, Sales & Marketing Major

This past summer, I had the pleasure of representing Xavier University of Louisiana as a 3M Frontline Sales Intern. 3M is ranked #101 on the Forbes list, number 21 on Forbes “World’s Most Admired Companies”, and has over \$30 billion in annual sales. During the 10 week internship, I had the wonderful experience of traveling to St. Paul, MN, for two week training, then moving to Austin, TX ,for the remaining weeks and working in 3M’s Electronic Materials Solutions Division as a field sales intern. I was able to gain an awesome experience, establish an amazing network of colleagues, and have an increased perspective on life in “Corporate America”. This internship exposed me to so much and allowed me to experience places and situations that I would have never had the opportunity to before. I met the CEO, Mike Roman, and had lunch with the Senior VP of the company, Paul Keel. I am thankful for my summer with 3M and everything that I learned!