

The background features a large, faint, circular seal of Stetson University. The seal contains the text "STETSON UNIVERSITY" at the top and "S. FLORIDA" at the bottom. In the center of the seal is a crest with a book and a torch.

**Stetson Business School Foundation, Inc.
and School of Business Administration**

*Honors
Banquet*

**Thursday, April 11, 2024
Stetson Room
Carlton Union Building
Stetson University**

THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Business programs at Stetson University began in the fall of 1897. As Florida's first business college and one of the oldest in the nation, the School of Business Administration has grown and developed over the years but has maintained a commitment to quality and the continual pursuit of excellence.

The undergraduate and graduate programs provide academic rigor and challenge our students to understand, learn and develop. The business programs build on the liberal learning base of the institution and prepare our graduates for positions of responsibility and leadership in profit-oriented, non-profit and government organizations.

The School offers an undergraduate degree with majors in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Systems and Analytics, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Family Enterprise, Finance, International Business, Management, Marketing, Professional Sales and Sport Business. At the graduate level, the school offers a Master of Accountancy, Master of Business Administration and Executive Master of Business Administration degree.

A variety of special programs and activities, including the following, further enhance the learning opportunities for our students:

- Business Study Abroad Programs
- Centurion Sales Program
- Family Enterprise Center
- J.J. Master Center for Professionalism
- Joseph C. Prince Entrepreneurship Program
- Roland George Investments Program

There are many ways to gauge success. Stetson's continued high ranking in U.S. News & World Report is one measure. Another is business and accounting accreditation by AACSB International. Most important to the School of Business Administration, however, is the continued success of our students.

THE STETSON BUSINESS SCHOOL FOUNDATION, INC.

The Stetson Business School Foundation, Inc. is an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation whose sole purpose and mission is to financially support the programs, faculty and students of the Stetson University School of Business Administration. The Foundation provides funding for business student awards and scholarships, business student participation in conferences and competitions, business faculty awards and faculty recognition events, faculty research and travel, and support for various business programs, among others. The Foundation also sponsors the annual School of Business Administration Honors Banquet. The Foundation is managed by an independent board of directors comprised of business professionals from the community and School of Business Administration, many of whom are Stetson alumni.

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HONORS PROGRAM

The Stetson Business School Foundation is proud to host the Honors Banquet of the School of Business Administration. This annual event provides an opportunity to recognize excellence and celebrate our student and faculty successes. While we are proud of all of our students, we take special pride in those who have distinguished themselves academically through their scholarship and leadership at Stetson. It is a privilege to join with the faculty in recognizing these special students.

Welcome

Yiorgos Bakamitsos, PhD

Dean, School of Business Administration

George Shierling

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Stetson Business School Foundation*

Invocation

Jim Johnson

Stetson Business School Foundation

Dinner

Dean Emeritus Presentation

Yiorgos Bakamitsos, PhD

Presentation of Student Awards

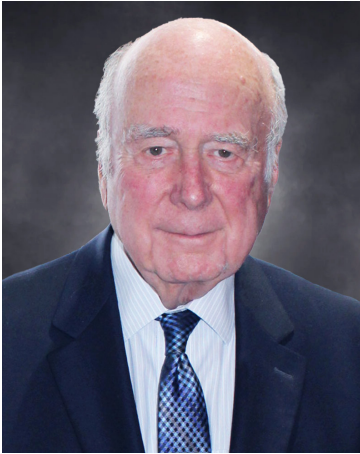
Associate Dean and Department Representatives

Presentation of Faculty Awards

Closing

Paul E. Dascher, PhD

Dean Emeritus



Paul E. Dascher served as Dean of the Stetson University School of Business Administration and Professor of Accountancy from 1993 to 2004. He returned to the faculty in 2004 and retired in 2011.

Dascher earned his PhD, Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees from Penn State. Prior to his appointment with Stetson University, he served as Dean of the College of Business and Administration at Drexel

University. He is a renowned author, having written and co-authored several accounting books, publications and articles.

During his tenure as Dean, he led the School of Business Administration faculty to capitalize on their strengths to achieve accreditation from the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and led the faculty within the School of Business to achieve the highest level of individual scholarship, as well as program development. His focus on increasing fundraising and endowments, along with his commitment to the values of Stetson University, were instrumental in acquiring the bank building which would become the Lynn Business Center.

To continually recognise his contributions to Stetson and the School of Business Administration, we award the Paul E. Dascher Outstanding Scholar Award. This annual award is given to the highest achieving graduating senior and is the most prestigious award given by the Business School Foundation.

Paul and his wife, Nancy, committed themselves to the DeLand community and we are proud to honor him with Dean Emeritus for his countless contributions to Stetson University with sincere gratitude and respect.

BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND ANALYTICS AWARDS

Presented by:

Joseph Woodside, PhD
Department Chair

Business School Foundation Kenneth Jackson Award for Decision Science

The Business School Foundation Kenneth Jackson Award for Decision Science is awarded to a deserving student excelling in one or more courses in Decision Science. Dr. Kenneth Jackson was Professor of Finance at Stetson University and developed the Roland George Investments Program.

Recipient: Sadie Jensen

Business School Foundation Theodore J. Surynt Merit Award for Business Systems Analysis

This award is presented to a graduating senior based on academic ability and performance. Dr. Ted Surynt was a professor of decision information sciences and a former associate dean at Stetson University. Dr. Surynt was also active in the community, serving on the West Volusia Literacy Council, United Way Board of Directors and as a Rotarian for 30 years.

Recipient: Kelly Liu

Business Systems and Analytics Outstanding Senior

This award is presented to a senior for outstanding ability, service and academic performance.

Recipient: Michael Schaefer

FINANCE AWARDS

Business School Foundation Eugene M. Lynn Merit Award for Finance

Eugene M. Lynn was chairman emeritus of the Lynn Insurance Group and a Stetson donor and former student. He received an honorary doctorate from Stetson in 1978 and received our most prestigious honor, the Doyle E. Carlton Award, in 1979. The recipient of this award is a graduating senior selected based on outstanding academics and contributions to the Department of Finance.

Recipient: Braden Hill

Presented by: Matt Hurst

Outstanding Certified Financial Planning Major

This award is presented to a junior or senior for outstanding ability, service and academic performance.

Recipient: Tyler Lewis

Presented by: Matt Hurst

Outstanding Senior Business Award in Economics

This award is presented to a senior in the Department of Finance for outstanding ability, service and academic performance.

Recipient: William Hubbard

Presented by: Matthew Imes

Outstanding Finance Student

This award is presented to an outstanding junior in the Department of Finance for their academic performance.

Recipient: Beatriz Vossen

Presented by: Matthew Imes

MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Business School Foundation E. C. Furlong Merit Award for Management

This award is named after Edward C. Furlong, retired dean of business and professor emeritus, who served 40 years as a faculty member at Stetson University and 30 years as business dean. The award is presented to a graduating senior management major based on outstanding academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Mira Piepenbrink

Presented by: Randall Croom

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Business Administration

This award is presented to a graduating business administration major for outstanding academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Hailey Arias

Presented by: Paula Miller

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Human Resources

This award is presented to a graduating senior human resource management major for outstanding academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Matthew Franks

Presented by: Paula Miller

Business School Foundation Merit Award for International Business

This award is presented to a graduating senior international business major for outstanding academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Graham Jump

Presented by: Jon-Michael Carrick

Chris Davies Business Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship is named in memory of Stetson student, Chris Davies. It is presented to a rising senior in the School of Business Administration who plans a career in small business.

Recipient: Skye Shapiro-Simmons

Presented by: Daniel Scott

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Prince Entrepreneurship Program

This award is presented to a graduating senior entrepreneurship major for outstanding academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Kim Calero

Presented by: Daniel Scott

Monique Forte Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship, named after late professor of business administration and former chair of the Department of Management, is awarded to a student, with preference to those with a major in Management, who has provided service to the School of Business Administration, the university, and the community. The award is based on both academic ability and financial need.

Recipient: Rosaileen Vega Acevedo

Presented by: John Riggs

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Professional Sales

This award is presented to a graduating senior professional sales major for outstanding academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Robert “Isaac” Choate

Presented by: John Riggs

Sport Business Scholarship and Service Award

This award is presented to a business student for outstanding academic ability and performance in sport business.

Recipient: Bailey Trinder

Presented by: Matthew DiFebo

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Sport Business

This award is presented to a graduating senior sport business minor for outstanding academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Eleanor King

Presented by: Matthew DiFebo

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Business Law

This award is presented to a graduating senior business law minor for outstanding academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Kijanne Alfred

Presented by: Elizabeth Galloway

MARKETING AWARDS

Presented by:

Carolyn Nicholson, PhD

Department Chair

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Marketing

This award is presented to a graduating senior marketing major for outstanding academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Ashlyn Prewitt

Distinguished Marketing Student

This award is presented to a senior marketing major for their exceptional academic performance.

Recipient: Gabriella Bramante

M.E. RINKER, SR. INSTITUTE OF TAX AND ACCOUNTANCY

ACCOUNTING AWARDS

Presented by:

Erin Nickell, PhD

*Assistant Professor of Accounting and
Director of Master of Accountancy (MAcc)*

Business School Foundation David M. Beights Merit Award for Accounting

David M. Beights is considered the “father” of the Stetson accounting program. He served as department chair for many years and was inducted into the Stetson Accounting Hall of Fame in 2016. An endowed chair, the David M. Beights Professor of Accounting, was established in his name. This award is presented to a graduating senior accounting major for outstanding academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Jackson Hockenberry

Business School Foundation George and Marie Putnam Memorial Accounting Scholarships

This scholarship is funded by earnings on significant donations made to the Foundation by the late George and Marie Putnam upon their deaths. These scholarships are awarded to undergraduate accounting majors or Master of Accountancy students based on outstanding academic performance.

Recipients: Phaedra Harper, Sadie Jensen, Samantha Kmetz, Owen Murphy, Matthew Pinder, Jordan Schaefer

George Putnam Accounting Scholarships

These scholarships are funded by an endowment established by the late George Putnam. The recipients are selected based on communication skills, interpersonal abilities, and campus and community involvement. The recipients must possess uncompromising ethical and moral standards and a high probability of success in the accounting profession.

Recipients: Beatriz Vossen and Nicholas Webster

Master Life Challenger Awards

These scholarships, awarded to Master of Accountancy students based on academic achievement, are funded by an endowment established to honor the late Joseph J. Master, a legendary Stetson accounting professor from 1964-1996 who served as accounting department chair and university trustee, and was one of the founders of the Stetson Business School Foundation, Inc. He was also holder of the Christian Lindback Chair.

Recipients: Silke Flynn, Sara Freeman, Mya Johnson, Thomas Keller, Michael Martinez, Tanner Nash, Suzanne Ombogo, Audrionna Rotoli, De'Ja Smith, Annabelle Standish, Alonso Tang, Ty Van Seters, Stephanie Vazquez, Wilmer Vindel

Roger Swanger Legacy Award

This award is named in honor of Double Hatter Roger Swanger, BBA '85, MAcc '86. Swanger was a 33-year veteran in the field of accounting, including 28 years at James Moore, where he served as a partner since 2001. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding junior or senior accounting student with excellent academic performance, as well as engagement on campus and within the community.

Recipient: Melody Ma

J. Stephen and Mary Beth Pullum Scholarships

This scholarship is funded by an endowment established by Stephen and Mary Beth Pullum. The scholarship is awarded to a rising accounting senior and is based on outstanding academic achievement.

Recipient: Michelle DiPuma

Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Scholars

These scholarships are awarded by the PCAOB to Stetson students nominated by the Stetson accounting faculty. The student nominees are selected based on academic achievement, financial need, and the likelihood of the student pursuing a career in auditing. The PCAOB Scholars Program is mandated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and is funded through monetary penalties collected as part of PCAOB enforcement actions.

Recipients: Stephen Bratcher, Michael Martinez and De'Ja Smith

FICPA - George E. Shierling Platinum Endowment Scholarship Award

These scholarships, named after Stetson alumnus and active contributor to the Stetson Accounting Program, George Shierling, are awarded to Stetson accounting students who plan to become a CPA and practice in the state of Florida. The awards are based on both academic ability and financial need.

Recipients: Madison Hanson and Samantha Kmetz

FICPA - James Wilcox Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship endowment is named in memory of James Wilcox, CPA, an FICPA member, established by a gift from the Coulter Foundation to continue Wilcox's commitment to opening doors in accounting for minorities. The recipient is a minority student who is pursuing a graduate degree in accounting at a Florida university.

Recipient: Sally Calhoun

FICPA - Robert R. Harris Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship, named after Stetson alumnus and former chair of the AICPA, Robert Harris, is awarded to a Stetson accounting student who plans to practice in the state of Florida as a CPA. The award is based on academic ability and financial need.

Recipient: Evan Cole

Florida Board of Accountancy Clay Ford Minority Scholarships

These scholarships were established by the Florida Board of Accountancy to encourage minority students to remain in school for the fifth year required to obtain a CPA license. These awards are based on financial need; ethnicity, gender or racial minority status; and Florida residency.

Recipient: Sarah Cowger and Christen Robinson

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Presented by:

Monica Mendoza, PhD, CPA

Associate Dean

J.D. Bond and Charles E. Bradley Scholarships

These scholarships are named in honor of J.D. Bond, Jr. and his son-in-law Charles E. Bradley in recognition of their monetary contribution to the Foundation that established the scholarship. The Bond/Bradley Scholarships are presented to rising seniors based on high academic performance and excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Recipients: Lea Alexander and Sugeeth Sathish

Business School Foundation Paul E. Dascher Outstanding Scholar Award

The Dascher award is named after former dean and Rinker Distinguished Professor of Accounting, Paul Dascher. Dascher served at Stetson from 1993 to 2012. Dascher continues to serve on the Stetson Business School Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. The award is the highest honor for a graduating senior based on outstanding academic performance.

Recipient: Audrey Berlie

James H. Maury, Jr. Memorial Scholarships

These scholarships are funded by an endowment established through the Stetson Business School Foundation by the late James Maury, Jr., a 1979 Stetson business graduate. The recipients are rising seniors majoring in a business discipline and are selected based on their academic achievements.

Recipients: Janelle Gilyard, Sydney Jenkins, Christopher Kennedy

GRADUATE AWARDS

Presented by:

Shan Yan, PhD

Interim Director of Graduate Programs

Business School Foundation Outstanding MAcc Student

This award is presented to a graduate student in the Master of Accountancy program for academic performance and character.

Recipient: Daniele Knapp

Business School Foundation Outstanding MBA Student

This award is presented to a student in the Master of Business Administration program for academic performance and character.

Recipient: Kyle Riedl

Top MBA Academic Performance Awards

These awards are presented to graduate students in the Master of Business Administration program for the highest academic performance exhibited in the program.

Recipients: Eric Melendez and Kyle Riedl

Top JD/MBA Academic Performance Awards

These awards are presented to graduate students in the Juris Doctor/ Master of Business Administration program for the highest academic performance exhibited in the program.

Recipients: Haylee Blessing and Eric Nelson

Top MBA/MS in Pharmacy Academic Performance Award

This award is presented to graduate student in the Master of Business Administration/Master of Science in Pharmacy program for the highest academic performance exhibited in the program.

Recipient: John Costanzo

Top MBA/MHA Academic Performance Award

This award is presented to a graduate student in the Master of Healthcare Management/Master of Business Administration program for the highest academic performance exhibited in the program.

Recipient: Josephine Inzillo

FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS

Presented by:

Yiorgos Bakamitsos

Dean

Staff of the Year Award

This award recognizes a staff member for exemplary service to the School of Business Administration.

Outstanding Teacher Award

This award recognizes significant instructional contributions by business faculty members who develop our students as productive citizens in their roles as business professionals.

Outstanding Researcher Award

This award recognizes faculty members for significant accomplishments in scholarly activity. Selection takes into account the significance of academic work and accomplishments.

Outstanding Service Award

This award recognizes significant service activity and outstanding contributions by faculty members toward the organization and administration of business and university programs, activities and committees.

Outstanding Innovation Award

This award recognizes faculty members who inspire students and enhance student learning through creative, engaging and innovative teaching methods and curriculum.

Outstanding Cultural Impact Award

This award recognizes that there are many ways to support and maintain an effective organizational culture, and as a result, we encourage faculty to nominate many kinds of culture.

University Partner Award

This award is presented to a partner within the university to honor and recognize their commitment and vital role in successful collaboration of ensuring the vibrancy and feeling of community in the School of Business Administration.

Community Partner Award

This award is presented to a community partner to honor and recognize their commitment and vital role in successful collaboration that brings the campus closer to the community.

Professor of the Year Award

This award, selected by the dean, recognizes a faculty member who has made significant contributions to foster the core values of Stetson University and the School of Business Administration in our students' intellectual development, personal growth and global citizenship.

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

Recognized by:

Monica Mendoza, PhD
Associate Dean

BBA Inductees

Lea Alexander	Gina Papa
Audrey Berlie	Connor Pearl
Gabriella Bramante	Mira Lea Piepenbrink
Sara Freeman	Klea Sirois
Christopher Furton	Anabelle Standish
Adam Gauthier	Ty Van Seters
Jackson Hockenberry	Beatriz Vossen
Max Miller	Colin Weber
Lucas Olivier	Ashleigh Wise

MBA Inductees

Devon Brewer	Eric Nelson
Victoria Crook	Smyrna Clark
Josephine Inzillo	Kyle Riedl
Eric Melendez	Vienna Sarno
Caroline Mulvihill	Angelo Sarno



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