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DO YOU KNOW?

How many alumni and friends have volunteered in the past academic year?

April is National Volunteer Month. As President Barack Obama calls for us all to become more involved through volunteerism, LFGSM reminds you that there are many opportunities at the school where we could use your help. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Serving on the Golf Outing Committee
- Serving on the Online Auction Committee
- Serving on the Hotchkiss Scholar Phone-a-thon Committee
- Participate in an LFGSM Focus Group
- Speaking on a MBA Preview Panel

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday
May 5
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Chi. Campus

Monday
May 11
6:30-8:30 p.m.
L. F. Campus

Thursday
May 14
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Sch. Campus

REFER A FRIEND TO AN LFGSM MBA PREVIEW
Know someone who can benefit from an LFGSM MBA?
Invite them to attend one of our upcoming MBA Information Sessions. A Lake Forest MBA provides the broad-based knowledge and business experience needed to advance careers. At our MBA Information Sessions, prospective students will meet current students, alumni and faculty, and get answers about financing, class schedules, and balancing an MBA education with a busy life. If you know someone ready to take their career to the next level, have them [RSVP today!](#)

>> Find additional information for all the upcoming previews [GO HERE.](#)

**NEXT
SEMINAR**

**Tuesday
April 28
8:00 a.m-12:00
p.m.
Lake Forest
Campus**

LFCE SEMINAR FOR MANAGERS OF TELECOMMUTERS

More and more businesses allow employees to work from home. What do managers need to know to effectively manage, measure and motivate these remote workers? Find out by attending one of several Telecommuting Seminars for Managers from **8AM to Noon** at the **LFGSM Lake Forest Campus**. Can't attend the next seminar? The last seminar for the year will occur on Thursday, May 28.

>> For more information or to register, contact **Ellen Myers**, Lake Forest Corporate Education, 847-574-5224 or emyers@lfgsm.edu.

**May 19-21
and
June 17-18
Lake Forest
Campus**

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Designed for IT Professionals and brought to you by Lake Forest Corporate Education (LFCE): Attend one of two 5-day learning experiences! LFCE has created a **program to help IT professionals expand their business and communication skills**. Learn to engage internal and external customers; define technology initiatives in a clear, concise business context; develop a more agile communication style; analyze and present the financial impact of your IT projects; and align your IT projects with corporate strategies.

>> To register or for more information, please **contact Carole Wald**, Account Manager, LFCE, at 847.574.5160 or cwald@lfgsm.edu.

**Thursday
April 30, 2009
5:00-8:30 p.m.
Lake Forest
Campus**

POLAND: YOUR STRATEGIC BUSINESS PARTNER IN EUROPE

Do you want to learn more about Poland and the exceptional possibilities for business and investment there? LFGSM presents a unique and influential panel of government, financial, private investment, and university leaders to share their insights on this growing market. **Honorable Waldemar Pawlak, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of the Economy of the Republic of Poland, will be the keynote speaker.**

>> For additional information and to register go to www.PartnerwithPoland.com or contact Jen Minarik at jminarik@lfgsm.edu or 847-574-5268.

**Thursday
June 25
10:30 a.m
Chevy Chase
Golf Course**

KEEP THE DATE: 2009 LFGSM GOLF OUTING & DINNER

Hit the links and **benefit the LFGSM Scholarship Fund!** Join over 100 Chicagoland business leaders and enjoy some of the best networking in the area. The best ball scramble format ensures everyone has a great time, regardless of skill level. Additional information and your invitation to this event are coming soon!

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SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Stories of high-achieving LFGSM Alumni to help you Stay Connected.

Connecting the Dots, Transforming a



Career

Jim Tulley (Class of 2003) used his LFGSM MBA to help catapult his career to the top at Sony.

>> Read more about Jim's success and his career [here](#) .

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FEATURED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

SUCCESS STORIES

In direct response to the alumni survey, the Success Story section of the Stay Connected @ LFGSM E-Newsletter was added to share stories of successful alumni and what they did to get there. We receive great feedback about the stories as it allows all alums to share in that success. **If you would like to share your success** with your fellow alums, we would love to hear from you. [Please go here](#) to tell us about how your LFGSM MBA has helped you become a great success!

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SCHOOL NEWS

LFGSM IN THE NEWS

LFGSM was recently featured on the "Inside Lake Forest" television program. John Popoli, President and CEO, represented the school well and gave a really great interview! Being part of a show that's hosted by one of our own students was also a big plus! View the piece by [going here](#).

LFGSM ANNOUNCES THE 2009 DISTINGUISHED EXECUTIVE AWARD

We are very pleased to announce that **David B. Speer, Chairman & CEO, Illinois Tool Works Inc.**, has accepted the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management (LFGSM) **2009 Distinguished Executive Award (DEA)**. Mr. Speer, a highly respected business and community leader, will be presented with the DEA award and will deliver the commencement address to the class of 2009 at graduation ceremonies held in the Navy Pier Grand Ballroom on June 28th.

ECONOMIC WEBINAR - AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND FOR FREE

Learn from Lake Forest MBA economics/accounting instructor and financial expert Bill Bridgman during a one-hour webinar event, "Making Sense of the Economy: A Fact-based Review of the Crisis." This complementary presentation examines the key events that caused the current economic crisis, outlines the stimulus package, and analyzes the latest economic forecasts. To view this event (originally broadcast on March 19, 2009), [go here](#).

WEB BASED SEMINARS IN JUNE

Innovating to Reduce Costs and Increase Profits

Designed to help develop a fundamental innovation action plan for driving efficiencies and cost savings. This workshop is a series of web-based seminars that covers the topics, methods, and tools to drive efficiencies and cost savings using a proven innovation process that gets results. Attend four web-based seminars on June 2, 9, 16, and 23. To **register or for more information**, [GO HERE](#) or contact **Carole Wald, Account Manager, LFCE**, at **847.574.5160** or cwald@lfgsm.edu.

Accelerate and Ensure your Success in Leading Remote Teams

Have you experienced the increased responsibility and complexity of leading a global virtual team? This workshop is a series of web-based seminars that covers topics, tools, tips, and case studies in leading global virtual teams. Each session builds on the previous session to help you become a stronger leader, gain trust, and build team momentum that leads to desired results. Attend three web-based seminars on June 4, 11, and 18. **To register or for more information, please contact Howard Prager, Director, LFCE, at 847.574.5212 or hprager@lfgsm.edu.**

LFGSM NAMED TO COMPANIES THAT CARE HONOR ROLL

For the 4th year in a row, LFGSM has been named to the Companies the Care Honor Roll. The organizations named to the list have demonstrated commitment to helping employees, families, and communities thrive. Each Honor Roll employer adheres to the [10 Characteristics](#) that describe a "Company That Cares." For the full list of companies, [GO HERE!](#)



BUSINESS EDUCATION FORUM - BREAK FROM THE PACK

Tuesday, March 31 saw another engaging, provocative **Business Education Forum** at our Lake Forest campus. **Dr. Oren Harari** shared insights from his 8th book, "**Break from the Pack: How to Compete in a Global Economy**" along with new findings from his next book. Some 200 people attended

the event and were riveted to their seats as he shared strategies for keeping your company -- and yourself -- competitive and relevant in an increasingly crowded marketplace and ever-changing world. Harari covered how to stay ahead of the curve and become the industry leader in your focused area. He also gave great examples of companies that currently adhere to this philosophy and are reaping the rewards. Attendees commented that the topic of "Breaking from the Pack" was extremely relevant and that the opportunity to network was plentiful.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN

We are pleased to announce the hiring of **Manish Shah as Associate Dean for the Chicago Campus**. Manish has a blend of corporate, entrepreneurial, and educational experience that made him ideal for this position. His talents will enhance and complement the Degree Programs team and provide energetic new leadership in Chicago. Manish's corporate experience includes positions with Motorola, PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Intel. In 2003 he moved to an entrepreneurial venture when he became owner and President of Midwest Law Printing. He holds an MBA from Kellogg, an MS in Computer Science from IIT, and a BS in Electrical Engineering from Birla Vishvakarma Mahavidyalaya in Anand, India.

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ALUMNI ACTION

HELP US RECOGNIZE FELLOW ALUMNI

We need your help to recognize LFGSM alums who have achieved great success in their career or who have loyally supported LFGSM.

Past Award Recipients include:

For Professional Achievement

- **Russell M. Flaum**, Class of 1984, Executive Vice President at ITW, Inc.
- **John Landgraf**, Class of 1992, President, Global Pharmaceutical Operations at Abbott Laboratories

For Service Achievement

- **Jeanne A. Minorini**, Class of 1984, Retired Plant Controller at Abbott Laboratories
- **James J. Leader**, Class of 1996, President & CEO of Third Millennium Associates, Inc.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized by the school? Then nominate them for one of LFGSM's **Distinguished Alumni Awards (DAA)**: Professional Achievement or Service to the School. [Choose here for the form](#) . **The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2009.**

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WORKING FOR YOU

LFGSM 2009 TALENT SUMMIT

Thank you to all who attended the **LFGSM 2009 Talent Summit**, part of the Career Transition Services series for those forced into career transition. The event was attended by 75 alumni, students, and friends. Below is feedback we received about this event:

"I was very impressed with how well organized this workshop was and the talented volunteers. Great work!"

"This was a great opportunity to get feedback and get me motivated again to get out there and secure my next position."

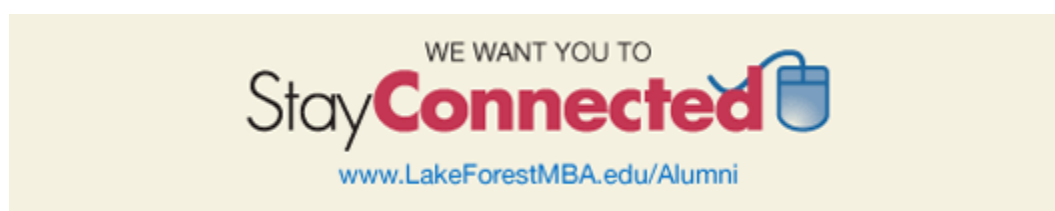
"I really needed this. It was motivational and gave me excellent advice in areas I desperately need help with."

The sessions covered topics like:

- **Resume Tune up**
- **Sharpening Your Interview Skills**
- **Promoting Yourself in Today's Job Market with Online Resources**
- **Secrets of a Corporate Headhunter**
- **Discover How to Market Your Unique Qualifications**
- **Current Market Overview**
- **Successful Networking**

Overall, this was a great event and provided those currently experiencing career transition with **valuable information and networking opportunities.**

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ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

See previous News Briefs or Share your News Briefs - your fellow alumni want to hear from you!

Class of 2007

Susan Besaw accepted a position of Director of Customer Service and

Logistics at Plus Diagnostics and has relocated to New Jersey.

Class of 2005

Paula Armstrong was recently promoted to Assistant Vice President-Regional Bank Group, at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Class of 2004

Armen Tatevosian has accepted the position of Vice President, Sales & Consulting with NetSolutions Group.

Class of 1995

Curtis Armstrong accepted the position of Director, Total Rewards at TrueValue in November of 2008.

Class of 1992

Mark Regensburger has retired from the U.S. Army music program after 23 years of service. He has accepted a new position on the management faculty of Fayetteville Technical Community College in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Class of 1990

Patty Katzfey recently received a M.Ed. in Community Counseling and is working at Washington University's (in St. Louis) Career Center and is developing her own private practice in career counseling.

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ANSWER TO "DID YOU KNOW?"

316 alumni and friends have volunteered at LFGSM in the past year. Thanks for your service!

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