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June 2009>> Golf & Graduation!

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DO YOU KNOW?

Since it began in 2003, how much money has the LFGSM Scholarship Golf Outing and Dinner raised for scholarship?

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SPECIAL EVENTS

**Monday
June 8
Begins at
9:00 a.m
Online Auction**

LFGSM SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION BEGINS JUNE 8TH

In conjunction with the 2009 LFGSM Golf Outing & Dinner, we are having an online auction that will convert to a silent auction at the event! Help students even more by bidding on fabulous packages including a 32 inch Sony flat screen HD TV, a signed jersey by Chicago Bears wide receiver Devin Hester, a Sony VAIO Notebook and much more. Don't miss this great opportunity to help LFGSM students.

>> For more information or to view all of the items up for bid [GO HERE!](#)

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

2009 LFGSM SCHOLARSHIP 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.

>> For additional information and to register go to www.LakeForestMBA.edu/golf.

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Designed for IT Professionals and brought to you by Lake Forest Corporate Education (LFCE): Attend a 5-day learning

**June 17-18
Lake Forest
Campus**

experience! 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

**Sunday
June 28
9:00 a.m
Navy Pier**

LFGSM HONOREE BREAKFAST JUNE 28th

Just hours before graduation, LFGSM board members, special guests and staff will come together to honor the recipients of the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Awards for Professional Achievement and Service Achievement. THANK YOU to all who submitted nominees for this award.

>> See the School News section of this newsletter to learn about this year's impressive honorees!

**Sunday
June 28
10:30 a.m
Navy Pier
Grand Ball
Room**

LFGSM GRADUATION 2009

We welcome the newest LFGSM Alumni at Navy Pier on this special day when graduating students celebrate their accomplishment with those who have supported them in obtaining their MBA. **David B. Speer, Chairman & CEO, Illinois Tool Works Inc.**, recipient of the 2009 LFGSM Distinguished Executive Award (DEA), will deliver the commencement address.

**Tuesday
June 30
Schaumburg
Campus**

EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE SERIES SPONSORED BY LFCE and CCFL

LFCE in collaboration with CCFL presents: The Lesser of Evils: Making Tough Decisions. Geared to finance professionals, hear from top level executives who have recently made tough decisions and the tools used to be effective. The discussion will be led by Richard Burger, Executive VP & CFO, Secretary & Treasurer for Coleman Cable.

>> For additional information and to register, please call 800-993-0393 or visit www.icpas.org.

**1ST
WORKSHOP
BEGINS**

**July 9th
11:30 a.m.-1:00
p.m.**

LFCE WEB BASED WORKSHOPS

Register for two new web-based workshops starting in July. Join us for a 3-part series on Success Strategies for Leading Global Virtual Teams and a 4-part series on Using Innovation to Drive Cost Savings and Increase Profits. Both are convenient lunch-time programs that are offered this summer and in the fall!

>> For additional information visit www.LFCE.org or register at www.SignMeUp.com/65329

**NEXT
SEMINAR**

**Tuesday
September 29**

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?

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

Find out by attending one of several Telecommuting Seminars for Managers from **8AM to Noon** at the **LFGSM Lake Forest Campus**. Seminars are scheduled for September 29, October 27, and November 17.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

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



Equipped with an LFGSM MBA, Pete Spinner is leading Hannah Banana to the top!

Pete Spinner (Class of 2002) used his LFGSM MBA to take his wife's small business, Hannah Banana, to the next level.

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

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FEATURED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Summer 2009 Elective Courses
Alums receive a 50% discount on all classes!

The following electives are offered in the Summer 2009 Term.

Summer Term Meets July 6th - August 6th

Registration Deadline for Summer Courses - June 19th

Chicago Campus

5802 Negotiations and Conflict Management

(Classes meet Monday & Thursday evenings)

Seats available = 2

Lake Forest Campus

5805 Team Dynamics

(Classes meet Monday evenings for 5 weeks)

Seats available = 4

5815 Managing & Coaching for Improved Performance

(Classes meet Thursday evenings for 5 weeks)

Seats available = 4

Schaumburg Campus

5855 Strategic Business Writing

(Classes meet Monday evenings for 5 weeks)

Seats available = 18

5865 Advanced Presentation Skills

(Classes meet Thursday evenings for 5 weeks)

Seats available = 19

**Accelerated Summer 2009 Elective Courses
Summer Term July 6th - August 6th**

Lake Forest Campus

5807 Ethical Leadership & Decision Making

Seats available = 6 Students are expected to attend all six sessions.

Course Dates and Times:

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday, July 9
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Friday, July 10
8:30 am - 3:30 pm	Saturday, July 11

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday, July 23
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Friday, July 24
8:30 am - 3:30 pm	Saturday, July 25

5880 Sustainable Business - one-unit of credit

Seats available = 15 Students are expected to attend all six sessions.

Course Dates and Times:

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday, July 16
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Friday, July 17
8:30 am - 3:30 pm	Saturday, July 18

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday, July 30
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Friday, July 31
8:30 am - 3:30 pm	Saturday, August 1

To register for a summer elective, contact the Registrar via:

Phone: 847.574.5208

Email: cperlstrom@lfgsm.edu

Access all [Summer Elective Course Descriptions](#) here.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Executive Roundtable Series for Finance Professionals

Lake Forest Corporate Education (LFCE) and the Illinois CPA Society's Center for Corporate Financial Leadership (CCFL) are jointly hosting an Executive Roundtable Series that addresses the needs and interests of financial professionals. Each of the breakfasts will be eligible for 2 hours of continuing professional education credits (CPE). All events will take place between 8am and 10am.

- **Tuesday, June 30, 2009: The Lesser of Evils - Making Tough Decisions** . Rich Burger, Executive VP & CFO, Secretary & Treasurer of Coleman Cable (a billion-dollar manufacturer of wire and cable products in Waukegan, Illinois) and LFGSM professor, will share his experiences and insight into making decisions that impact the people and financial health of an organization. Location: LFGSM Schaumburg Campus at Motorola's Galvin Center, 1295 East Algonquin Road, Schaumburg.
- **Tuesday, September 8, 2009: Transforming Finance from Watchdog to Strategic Business Partner**. Mike Muldoon, President, Muldoon Consulting and LFGSM and LFCE professor, will make a compelling case for creating and building a culture of internal consulting within finance organizations. Location: LFGSM Chicago Campus at the Federal Reserve Bank, 230 South LaSalle, Chicago.

If you are interested in attending any or all of the events in this series, please choose this link http://67.39.171.5/infoexpress/misc_emails/2009%20Misc/Lake%20Forest%20Executive%20Roundtable_Apr09.htm . Registration fee is \$50 for one event only, or \$135 for the entire series.

Global Practicum - Latin America

Seventeen students recently returned from participating in the Global Practicum - Latin America from May 6th to 17th. Students visited both Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, Brazil. In conjunction with educational partner BSP - Business School of São Paulo, students participated in lectures (Cross-Cultural Management, Brazilian Economic Business Environment, and Negotiating in Latin America) and company visits to surrounding organizations such as Embraer (Brazilian airplane manufacturer), Bovespa (Brazilian stock exchange) and Abbott - Latin America. Simultaneously, students completed consulting projects for 3 local companies and presented their results to senior management and in-country assessors at the close of the program. **For more information about LFGSM's Global Practicums to Europe, Asia and Latin America, contact Angela Thomas at athomas@lfgsm.edu or 847-574-5195.**

LFGSM Focus Group Opportunity - There is still room!

LFGSM is **looking for individuals in global business positions to participate in a two-hour focus group with other global business professionals on Thursday, June 4th, at the Lake Forest campus.** **If you are interested and are currently working with others globally, please contact Angela Thomas, Global Study Program & Project Coordinator, at athomas@lfgsm.edu or 847-574-5195 for details.** For your time and insights we are providing a \$50 honorarium and a casual dinner. Past participants in LFGSM focus groups report enjoying the experience.

2009 Donor Reception

On **May 13, 2009** the annual **Friends of LFGSM Reception** to honor and thank our most generous and loyal donors and supporters was held. These included members of the Dean's Club (Gifts of \$500 - \$999), President's Circle (Gifts of \$1,000 - \$2,499), Chairman's Circle (Gifts of \$2,500+), Investor's



(5 - 9 years of consecutive giving) and Partner's Circles (10+ years of consecutive giving), as well as the **2009 Scholarship Golf Outing & Dinner Sponsors** . Long-time scholarship donor, Dez LaPlace shared why he and his wife Jean have supported students working for not-for-profits for over ten years during the Legacy of Loyalty and Leadership. Attendees were also able to meet many of the 2008-2009 Scholarship Recipients, including Nikisha Hunter who gave a personal testimonial to Student Support: The Investment Multiplier. Additionally, Kathy Machak, Foundation Board Member at Trustmark Insurance Company, addressed the benefits of corporate support. Thanks again to all of our generous supporters.

Experts and Dignitaries Assemble to Promote Business Collaboration Between Poland and the U.S.

Nearly 200 business professionals gathered at LFGSM on April 30th — the eve of the 5th anniversary of Poland's inclusion in the European Union — to discuss the benefits of foreign direct investment in Poland. The evening featured a keynote presentation by Rafał Baniak, Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of the Economy in Poland. Mr. Baniak discussed Poland's improved infrastructure, tax benefits for investors, and its highly skilled and educated workforce.

Online Auction to benefit the Scholarship Fund

Bidding begins Monday, June 8th and runs through Tuesday the 23rd! More than 28 amazing packages including sports tickets, once-in-a-lifetime experiences and high-tech toys. [GO HERE](#) for a complete list of items up for bid. The Online Auction, benefiting our Scholarship Fund, is open to all so be sure to forward the auction home page to friends, family, and colleagues who may be interested in our unique prizes. In the past 18 months, the number of applications for scholarship assistance has tripled! Your participation helps us meet the needs of deserving students!

LFGSM Scholarship Golf Outing & Dinner June 25

Hit the links and benefit the LFGSM Scholarship Fund! Join over 100 Chicagoland business leaders and enjoy some of the best networking in area. The best ball scramble format ensures everyone has a great time, regardless of skill level. **To register, go to www.LakeForestMBA.edu/Golf. Hurry, the registration deadline is June 12!**

Distinguished Alumni Announced!

LFGSM is honored to announce the recipients of the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Awards:

- **Rick Surkamer** (Class of 1987), President and Chief Operating Office, Sun Times Media Group, will be presented with the Professional Achievement Award for his many career achievements.
- **Steve Gadomski** (Class of 2003), CEO, VantagePoint Benefits Advisors and UEQuest, will be presented with the Service Achievement Award for his dedication and service to the school and fundraising efforts.

Hotchkiss Phone-a-Thon

Calls have been made to all Hotchkiss Scholars in support of the Hotchkiss Scholar Scholarship Fund. We are now in the process of following up with emails and letters. It is not too late to give a gift if you have not had a chance to do so. **Please [GO HERE](#) to make your gift today.** Thanks in advance for your dedication to the students of LFGSM!

Introducing the Moose Dunne Legacy Circle

LFGSM is pleased to announce the launch of our Planned Giving program, and along with it, the establishment of the Moose Dunne Legacy Circle. This honorary giving club will recognize donors who have made legacy gifts to LFGSM-gifts that will be deferred to a later date. These include bequest, insurance policies, charitable gift annuities, and trusts.

The Moose Dunne Legacy Circle is named in honor of Maurice "Moose" Dunne, who served in a leadership capacity at LFGSM for 46 years, from 1946 to 1991. Donors who recognize LFGSM in their estate plans, recognize that they are planning for the future of the organization that has made a difference in their life. **For additional information, contact Jill Mesirow at 847-574-5243 or JMesiro@LFGSM.edu.**

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ALUMNI ACTION

Two Great Ways to Support the Students of LFGSM!

- **Spread the word and Bid in the upcoming Scholarship Online Auction.** Bidding begins June 8th at 9 am. There are many great prizes to bid on. To see a full list auction items and for more information [GO HERE!](#)
- **Register NOW for the 2009 Scholarship Golf Outing & Dinner.** For more information see below!

Registration Deadline: June 12, 2009

For more information and to register, [GO HERE.](#)

Registration is required...space is limited!

Agenda

10:30 a.m. Bag Drop and Registration
 11:30 a.m. Welcome & Announcements
 11:45 a.m. Shotgun Start
 5:00 p.m. Cocktails & Networking
 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Awards

Golf Outing & Dinner (\$175/person) includes:

Greens Fees	Cart With GPS
Buffet Dinner	Two Free Drinks
Foursome Photo	Closest to the Pin Contest
Longest Putt Contest	Longest Drive Contest
Hole-in-One Contest	

Includes a \$60 tax-deductible donation to the LFGSM Scholarship Fund
 Proper golf attire is appropriate for dinner. Locker room facilities will be available.

Also available - Dinner Only (\$60/person) includes a \$20 tax-deductible donation to the LFGSM Scholarship Fund

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WORKING FOR YOU

Enjoy the BEF Series Anytime!

Were you unable to attend a past BEF? Well the good news is that you can view any of the past BEFs at any LFGSM campus at no charge. Just call Olivia Townsend at the Lake Forest Campus at (847) 574-5005 to make a reservation. That's it, it's easy!

If you need more information or have questions, please contact Bea Emanuel-Sims, Manager Annual Giving & Alumni Relations at (847) 574-5246 or BEmanuel-Sims@LFGSM.edu.

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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 2008

Dennis Koletsos is Manager of Compensation and HRIS with Medline. He began this new position in May.

Rodrigo Santana is now Regional Director with SGS, a leader in inspection, testing and certification. He will relocate to Vancouver, Canada in June.

Class of 2007

Kate Colbert was promoted to Director of Marketing at the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

Class of 2005



Chris Gibbs and his wife Maryanna welcomed their first child, Carter Jayce, on April 5th, 2009.

Class of 2002

Kevin Chapman has begun a position with Sabin Robbins LLC as a Senior Sales Representative.

Cary Schmidt has recently begun a position at Baxter leading strategic initiatives.

Pete Spinner, Vice President of Hannah Banana Bread Company, a provider of fine baked goods based in Glencoe, IL, is currently seeking private investor partners for the company to address significant growth initiatives over the next three years. Investment dollars will primarily address strategic sales and marketing activities. The company was founded in a household kitchen in 2000 serving local specialty food retailers and is now shipping product both wholesale and retail across the country. Key customers include Whole Foods Market, Costco and Kehe Food Distributors. Hannah Banana™ Classic banana bread was named to "The O List" in *O, The Oprah Magazine* and the company has most recently been featured on FOOD Network and WGN TV. Equity positions in Hannah Banana Bread Company will be offered to investors. For more details, visit www.hannahbananabread.com or contact Pete Spinner at 847-242-9441 or pete@hannahbananabread.com.

Class of 2001

George Ernst has recently begun a position at Workday, a new start up company.

Class of 1993

Sister Christine Bowman started a new position with the Santa Barbara Navy League as an Office Administrator.

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ANSWER TO "DID YOU KNOW?"

Since 2003, when the LFGSM Scholarship Golf Outing & Dinner began, we have raised \$261,825 to support the Scholarship Fund and students in need of assistance.

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