

Niagara University

MBA News

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Business Faculty Recognized for Excellence in Research, Service and Teaching

The College of Business Administration recently recognized three members of its faculty for outstanding research, innovative teaching strategies, and service to NU and to the community.



Dr. Ian Burt, assistant professor of accounting, was honored with the college's Researcher of the Year award. Over the past year, Dr. Burt published both a peer-reviewed article and a peer-reviewed book chapter, and presented four papers at six conferences. His research interests include tax, management accounting, audit, and incentive research.



Dr. Anna McNab, associate professor of management, was recognized as Teacher of the Year. Over the past eight years, Dr. McNab has taught courses across all

levels of instruction in various formats, including on campus, hybrid and online, and introduced a new graduate course in creative problem solving.



Joseph Winter, assistant professor of accounting, received the Service of the Year Award. Winter is active on several local boards and is involved in a variety of leadership, faculty, and administration committees at Niagara University.

Read more here: news.niagara.edu/business-faculty-recognized-for-excellence-in-research-service-and-teaching/



CEO Magazine: Niagara University's MBA Program Among Best in the World

Niagara University's MBA programs are among the best in the world, according to rankings released by CEO Magazine.

The British-based magazine listed NU's MBA programs in its Top Tier of North American institutions, a distinction earned by only 68

colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Read more here: news.niagara.edu/ceo-magazine-niagara-universitys-mba-program-among-best-in-world/

Niagara University Launches Online MBA Program

Niagara University's College of Business Administration is now offering an online MBA program with a curriculum designed for individuals seeking an edge in understanding and competing in the digital economy. The strategic management concentration, which focuses on business analytics and creative problem solving, will begin this fall. Click here to find out more: news.niagara.edu/niagara-university-launches-online-mba-program/



Community Leaders Honored at NU's 27th Annual Business Banquet

The College of Business Administration recognized five area business leaders during its 27th annual Business Appreciation and Accounting Banquet, held April 20 at the Conference Center Niagara Falls. Pictured at left, William and Patricia Kraft, founders of Kraftwerks, accept

the college's Family Business of the Year Award from the Rev. James J. Maher, C.M., NU's president, Vincent Agnello, director of the NU Family Business Center, and Dr. Tenpao Lee, interim dean of the college. Read more here: news.niagara.edu/community-leaders-honored-at-niagara-universitys-27th-annual-business-banquet/



MBA Student Recognized for Service

Congratulations to MBA professional accounting student Caton Charleston, who was recognized for his outstanding service to Niagara University and the Niagara Falls community through the VITA program. Caton participated in the program for four years. In addition, Caton received a full-time job offer with Dopkins & Company, LLP. He is pictured here with Dr. Tenpao Lee, interim dean of the College of Business.

Faculty Research

College of Business faculty have been hard at work and have seen much success. Several professors have recently published scholarly articles discussing important issues:

Joseph F. Winter, CFE, CPA, MBA, assistant professor of accounting, and **William Kennelly, B.S.'91, M.S.Ed.'93**, administrative vice president at M&T Bank, presented "Generational Diversity and How to Work Effectively in this Environment," to the Buffalo Niagara Partnership in early March.

Dr. Hoontaek Seo, associate professor of finance, **Dr. Daniel Tompkins**, professor of finance, and Soohyung Kim University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, co-authored "Effects of Capital Infusions after IPO on Diversification and Cash Holdings" which was published in the 2016 Journal of Accounting and Finance.

Dr. Kristine Principe, assistant professor of economics, published "Creating 'Reflective Practitioners': Fostering Connective Learning in an Accelerated MBA Health Policy Management Course," in the 2016 Journal of the Academy of Business Education.

Dr. Jay Walker, assistant professor of economics, and Michael Jetter, Universidad EAFIT and IZA, co-authored "Good girl, bad boy: Corrupt behavior in professional tennis," which was published in the 2017 Southern Economic Journal.

Upcoming Events

Graduate Studies Larkin Square Filling Station Information Session

June 13, 4-7 p.m.

Learn about NU's 30 graduate programs and apply to your program of choice.

Click [here](#) for information and to register.

Open House

Coming in August

MBA Student Highlights

Shannon Truty, B.B.A.'16, MBA'17, is the recipient of a dean's scholarship from the College of Business, the Everett W. Ockerman Award for Academic Excellence in Accounting, and the John Kennedy Memorial Award. She is a member of Beta Alpha Psi, Delta Epsilon Sigma, and Beta Gamma Sigma, and started working at the Bonadio Group after receiving her MBA in May.



"I chose the Niagara University MBA program for many reasons. Along with the friendships and relationships I built in my undergrad (years) at NU, I wanted to continue studying at a school that actually cared about my education and success. At Niagara, we are more than just a number. Advisors and professors go the extra mile to make sure we have the guidance we need in order to succeed. I also really liked how Niagara makes it easy to complete your courses, as well as work full time, with their flexible night, online, and Saturday course offerings. Thanks to Niagara University, I had an internship at a top 40 accounting firm and a job upon graduation!"



Evan Castellani, B.S.'16, a student in the MBA healthcare administration program, is a fitness trainer at LA Fitness and has served as president for NU rugby. In 2013, Evan led the team to a New York state championship in a 30-25 victory vs. Colgate. He aspires to work in the finance department at a large healthcare company.

"NU is a place I grew to love over the past four years, and the MBA program gave me an opportunity to continue my education. My undergraduate experiences, peers giving the program an excellent review, and being able to stay engaged with the rugby team influenced my decision to stay at NU."

Shannon Chowanec, B.S.'16, MBA,'17, is an assistant marketing manager with Rich Products. She received a dean's scholarship from the College of Business and the Everett W. Ockerman Award for Academic Excellence in Marketing. She is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, Delta Epsilon Sigma, and Sigma Alpha Sigma. Some of her best experiences at Niagara University include serving as a student advisor for the Food Marketing Advisory Board and speaking at Accepted Students Day and at young alumni panels.



"The 4+1 program has made it very easy for me to work full time while also pursuing my MBA. That is one of the main reasons why I chose to stay at Niagara University. I built great relationships with my professors throughout my undergraduate experience, and I looked forward to having that opportunity again during my graduate work. The great part about the MBA program at Niagara University is that we learn and work alongside professors that have industry experience."

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