



Niagara University

MBA News

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Welcome New Faculty and Staff



Kelli Asklar joins the College of Business as assistant dean from her prior position in the College of Arts & Sciences. A native of Lewiston, N.Y., Kelli has

had experience in a variety of areas. Her background in higher education includes business studies and elementary education. She can be reached at kasklar@niagara.edu or 716.286.8183.

Bryan Semski, assistant director of graduate studies for the College of Business Administration Graduate Programs, has worked at Niagara University for 10 years in the undergraduate admissions office. Bryan, who will serve as the recruiter for the MBA & MSF programs, brings extensive experience in the recruitment process.



Matthew Green joined Niagara University as a part-time instructor in 2014, teaching classes in microeconomics, macroeconomics, money and banking, and corporate

finance. Prior to coming to Niagara, Green specialized in digital advertising platforms and media. He and his wife operate a wellness center on Grand Island.

Niagara University Team Wins \$500,000 at 43North Business Competition

A tech startup that features four Niagara University students and alumni among its employees was awarded \$500,000 during 43North business plan competition, Oct. 5.

Burner Fitness, an online fitness, nutrition and health training program marketplace is designed and operated by a team that includes NU grads as executives. It was the only local company that made it to the finals of the competition. Read more [here](#).

43North Chairman Bill Maggio, center, congratulates Burner Fitness CEO Oke Okaro, far left, and CTO Leo Schultz, a Niagara University alumnus, during the finals of the 43North business plan competition. (Photo by Nancy J. Parisi)



Niagara University Is Now Offering MBA Courses in Downtown Buffalo

Niagara University is now offering graduate courses to new and current students in downtown Buffalo. Partnering with Alliance Advisory Group, courses will be held for five-week periods offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Courses offered thus far include Corporate Financial Policy, Investments, Strategic Marketing, and Strategic Supply Chain Management. Read more [here](#).

Starting in the spring semester, we will be offering Certified Financial Planning certificate courses in downtown Buffalo. These courses are part of our master of science in finance program. For more information about the MS finance program, please contact Dr. Hoontaek Seo at hseo@niagara.edu.

Niagara University's annual Meet the Accounting and Finance Professionals Night, held Sept. 12, drew a capacity crowd to the Castellani Art Museum and was the perfect way to start off the semester, with students engaging members of the business community. Read more [here](#).



To learn more about the MBA program, please visit: <http://mba.niagara.edu/>

Facebook: MBA Program at Niagara University

Twitter: @NiagaraMBA

Instagram: niagamba

LinkedIn: MBA Program at Niagara University

Faculty Highlights

Joe Winter, assistant professor of accounting, was recently featured on WalletHub, providing tips on ways to build good credit and improving your credit. Read more [here](#).



Joe also recently passed the Certified Information Technology Professional Credential examination (CITP). Congrats, Joe!

Congratulations, also, to our very own **Todd Inouye**, assistant professor of management! He co-authored an article entitled “How does agency



workforce diversity influence Federal R&D funding of minority and women technology entrepreneurs? An analysis of the SBIR and STTR programs, 2001–2011” in the Small Business Economics journal. SBE is ranked three out of four stars in the Association of Business Schools journal list, and as an “A” in the Australian Business Deans Council journal list. Read more [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Hilbert College Graduate Fair
Oct. 26, 2017
9 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

Jobsapalooza (Buffalo Riverworks)
Nov. 8, 2017
1-4 p.m.

*Niagara River Region
Chamber of Commerce
Business Blender*
Nov. 16, 2017
5 -7 p.m.

*Supply Chain Management
Student Networking Event*
Nov. 30, 2017
Time TBD

Graduate Student Highlights



Konrad Zydowicz, B.S.'16, is pursuing his MBA in global business and supply chain management. Konrad is captain of the 2017 men's soccer team and was named to the MAAC All-Academic Team in 2014, 2015, and 2016. He recently completed an internship for Corning Inc., where he worked in the Global Supply Management division and gained experience in the entire end-to-end supply chain of products.

“I chose the Niagara University MBA program because of the Global Supply Chain Management concentration. While studying abroad during my undergraduate program at Niagara, I developed a passion for global studies, and that program has prepared me for my future career plans. Also, Niagara University gives the opportunity for students to work closely with professors and gain that necessary knowledge that will set them apart in the workforce. Thanks to Niagara, I had an internship at a Fortune 500 company, and I am excited to see what the future holds.”



Michelle Talarczyk, B.B.A.'17, will complete her MBA studies in 2018 and has already secured a full-time position with one of the nation's “Big 4” accounting firms. She has been an active participant in programs like VITA and the Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Society.

“This year, I am enrolled in the Niagara MBA program with a concentration in accounting, as well as actively studying and taking parts of the CPA. The MBA program offers a CPA review class that includes studying materials from CPA Excel, a top-rated CPA study program. I chose to stay at Niagara for my MBA because of the more intimate learning environment where professors truly put forward their all in making sure you get to where you want to be.

“Niagara helped me prepare for the internships I had throughout my undergrad years, the CPA exam, and in attaining a full-time position next fall with Deloitte. Niagara University, its professors, and all of the incredible people I met along the way have helped me become a confident and strong businesswoman.”



Yasser Altaweel, B.S.'13, will be graduating in January with his master of science degree in finance. He is a member of Beta Alpha Psi, Sigma Alpha Sigma, and Beta Gamma Sigma honor societies.

“Niagara University was on my radar for two years, since I was in Los Angeles, California. The university provides a unique program that fits my needs. With small class size comes a great opportunity to work closely with professors. With the help of professor Ed Hutton, who is president of the Finance Club and Financial Services Lab director, I had the opportunity to be on the New York Stock Exchange floor and meet with great leaders from large companies on Wall Street. Thank you will never be enough for this great university and its staff!”



Congratulations to **Isaac De Los Santos, MBA'17**, who was promoted from assistant branch manager to branch manager at M&T Bank after completing its Management Development Program this past year.

For more information on Niagara University's MBA program, contact the MBA Office at mba@niagara.edu or 716.286.8596.