

Friends of Finance

Meeting Our Mission

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It has been another successful year for Friends of Finance: eight outstanding executive luncheon speakers with an average registration of 431 per meeting; over 400 members; and contributions to the Finance Excellence fund approaching \$200,000. As we wrap up the academic year, it seems appropriate to reflect on our progress.

The Friends of Finance organizational meeting was May 7, 1985. Approximately 100 of us met on the top floor of the First National Bank. My memories are quite vivid, probably because it was my birthday and Bob Prince, Bruce Currie, and Chris Wolking brought out a surprise birthday cake, mid-meeting. Interest in starting an organization was high.

In those early days, Friends of Finance adopted this Mission: to provide active support of the Finance Department, the College of Business Administration, and The University of Tulsa in their quest to gain national prominence for their educational programs, student body, alumni, and faculty.

In 1985 the Department of Finance had six faculty members and 127 undergraduate finance majors. The College of Business Administration and TU had yet to achieve national rankings.

Twenty nine years later, in 2014, we are the **School** of Finance, Operations Management, and International Business with eight Finance faculty and 231 undergraduate finance majors. In addition, we have 44 Master of Science in Finance majors and 60 International Business and Language majors in our School. We also have eight additional faculty members in the other areas of the School, making 16 total. We

have more than doubled during this 29-year period.

In the last few years, the Collins College of Business has consistently been in the top 50 (undergraduate) or top 100 (graduate) US business schools, as ranked by Bloomberg Business Week. We hold the top rankings in Oklahoma. The University has consistently ranked in the top 100 of the nation's comprehensive doctoral research universities, again top in Oklahoma.

As a researcher, I understand correlation is not causality. However, the common theme for all this progress is *obviously* Friends of Finance. I think we are on the right track to meet our mission.

The future looks bright as well. Dean Sullenberger has provided funding to expand the Williams Risk Management Center. This home of our electronic software and hardware is really at the heart of many of our Finance courses, certainly the Student Investment Fund. With the expansion, we will go from 23 to 40 work stations, allowing more students to participate in the SIF every semester. We hope to add several new Bloomberg terminals in the Center, as well.

National prominence, reputation, requires outstanding faculty and students who build that reputation through expanding the set of knowledge in the field and in the workplace. Our academic programs are centered on our students. Without opportunities to apply what they are learning, our students will not be as well-trained as they could be. So we invite you to contact Judy Adair, Dr. Richard Burgess, or me with your internship opportunities and full-time positions. We appreciate all the Friends of Finance members do to help us meet the mission.

2014-2015 Executive Speaker Series Luncheons



Mark Casady
Chairman & CEO
LPL Financial
September 11, 2014



Steve Bradshaw
President & CEO
Bank of Oklahoma
October 16, 2014



Kimberly Bowers
President & CEO
CST Brands
November 18, 2014



Ben Nelson
Former Senator, Governor
CEO of National Assn. of
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January 2015



Michael Hagedorn
Vice Chairman
UMB Financial Corp.
February 18, 2015



Mike Dubose Global VP W. W. Grainger March 11, 2015



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Honors and Awards

The University of Tulsa's Collins College of Business dedicated an evening to the honor and recognition of student, faculty, staff, and alumni accomplishments at the annual Honors and Awards Banquet on Friday, April 25, at the Allen Chapman Activity Center. The School of Finance, Operations Management, and International Business was well represented.



Robert Russell, Collins Professor of Operations Management received the Mayo Research Excellence Award.

Tim Coburn, Professor of Energy & Operations Management received the Graduate Faculty Excellence Award.



Valerie Roarty (BSBA Finance & Econ. '14) and



Thomas Porter (BSBA Finance & Energy Mgmt. '14) were named 2014 David R. Lawson Outstanding Seniors awarded for academic



excellence, leadership and service to the College.



Chunyong (Louis) Luo (MSF'14) was honored as the Outstanding MSF Graduate student.

Phoebe Hardwicke (BSBA '14) was honored as the Outstanding Finance Undergrad for 2014.

Marina Haver (*BSIBL '14*) was honored as the Outstanding International Business and Language Undergrad for 2014

2013-2014 Finance Excellence Fund Honor Roll

Finance Excellence Fund Honor Members to date are:

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