



MIS Newsletter

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I. Spotlight on Student Success:

We are excited to see the success of our students in the MIS program! While we know that many of our students have successfully interviewed for positions after graduation, we want to highlight a sampling of that success. The following are some of our graduating seniors who have successfully obtained employment offers in their areas of interest.

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Danielle Borisovsky: “I started out in college as an undeclared major, but when I took my first economics course I realized that I wanted to go into business. I have always been very ‘tech savvy’, so when I found out about the MIS program, I decided to learn more about it and try it out. I ended up enjoying going through all of the classes in the program here at Ship, because of the way that the program is structured--each class builds upon the previous course, but they are also interesting and challenging. Another reason I fell in love with MIS right away is because it incorporates business concepts as well as technical skills that I think are crucial in the corporate world today. I am now set to graduate in May of 2014, and am going to be working at IBM as a SAP/Oracle/PeopleSoft Consultant. My long-term goals would be to move up the corporate ladder and make my way into project management--perhaps be able to travel to different countries for my job.”



Chelsea Manthey: “I have always known I was going to obtain a business degree, but I just never knew which field to pursue. The field of MIS seemed to encompass all the factors upon which I wanted to build my career. The challenging course work and professors who are always there to lend a hand have prepared me to enter the work force with confidence! Upon graduation, I will begin my career with IBM as a SAP/Oracle/PeopleSoft Consultant and look forward to an exciting and rewarding future in the MIS field.”



Danielle Prior: “Looking back on life, when I was trying to choose a college and decide what I wanted to study, I never would have thought that I would be where I am today as a graduating senior with a job offer accepted in the MIS field. The classes that I have taken have been both engaging and challenging, and all of the MIS professors encouraged me to go above and beyond. This benefited me and allowed me to develop into the person that I have become. With the confidence and knowledge that I have gained through the MIS program, I have an exciting opportunity to work as an IT Business Analyst at TE Connectivity. I can now extend the challenge from the classroom to the real world. I very much value and appreciate the support that the College of Business and the MIS faculty have given me to achieving my goals and dreams. The Career Center was also very helpful, assisting me with creating a resume, applying for a job, and preparing for the interview process.”

II. Upcoming Courses for Summer/Fall 2014

The scheduling process for summer and fall started on March 31. It is essential that you take this process seriously otherwise you may end up completing the wrong courses and delaying your graduation. You should already have a program plan that was developed in your Foundations course which outlines the specific courses and semesters in which you are to enroll in the business core and specific major courses.

Upcoming Courses

Below are the courses to be offered during Summer and Fall 2014:



| Summer 2014 | Fall 2014 |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| ISS 515 (May-June) | MIS 142 |
| MBA 547 (July-August) | MIS 240 |
| MBA 548 (July-August) | MIS 300 |
| | MIS 344 |
| | MIS 355 |
| | MIS 399 |

Please note that MIS 240, 344, 355, classes are offered only in the fall semester. Other courses such as MIS 242, 340, 420, 442, and 446 are offered only in the spring semester.

III. Internships

Although an internship is optional in your program, *an internship would be very helpful to your job search.* Given the competitive nature of the job market during the current economic conditions and that many organizations seek individuals with some amount of work experience, you will put yourself in a much better competitive position by completing an internship. In fact, many interns were eventually hired to full-time positions.



You are highly encouraged to **take at least one internship before graduating.** You can start planning for an internship after finishing your sophomore year. Juniors and seniors in the John L. Grove College of Business who are in good academic standing are eligible to participate in the Business Internship Program. Interns do major related work in business or the professions for free elective credit during the academic year or during the summer.

Suggested timeline

Students usually do their internship during the summer between junior and senior year. Below is a suggested time line for juniors during the spring Semester:

- Late Fall semester/ Early Spring semester: Prepare your resume
- Have your resume reviewed by experts in the University's Career Development Center
- Register with the College of Business's Internship Office and attend workshops to find potential internships
- Send your applications and prepare for interviews

A **professionally prepared resume** is a cornerstone of a successful search for an internship or a job after graduation. It is critical that you start preparing your resume well before applying for your internships or jobs. The University's Career Development Center offers services that assist students in developing and implementing their career plans, among the services offered are workshops on resume preparation. You can check the Center's website for more information at

<http://webspace.ship.edu/career/index.html>.

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IV. MIS Club and Faculty/Student Engagement



The MIS Club offers MIS majors with excellent opportunity to connect with other MIS students, engage in professional networking, enhance your education, and



participate in rewarding and fun club activities! As an MIS major, you are strongly recommended to join the MIS Club. This year, the MIS Club has been involved with volunteer work at the Shippensburg Senior Center to aid older adults with their computer issues. The MIS Club has also had a number of guest speakers covering topics such as mobile app development, project management, and web accessibility. They also coordinated talks and visits from prospective employers, including IBM and TE Connectivity. The MIS Club also organized the MIS Career Fair that was held on Tuesday, March 11. Our semi-annual MIS student/faculty lunch was held on Wednesday, April 2. This event is held each semester and is an excellent opportunity to connect with professors and other MIS students.



The MIS Club will hold their annual election at the next club meeting. All MIS students are encouraged to attend. More information about the club can be found on the club's website at <http://webspace.ship.edu/misclub/>

V. Graduate Program News

Shippensburg University recently began offering a Management Information Systems graduate certificate. This is an 18-credit program for working professionals who have an undergraduate degree and who seek to upgrade their management and/or technical skill sets in order to become more fluent in a technologically challenging environment. Students can complete this certificate by attending class one night a week for one-two years, and by taking one course at a time. Locations include Shippensburg or Harrisburg (Dixon University Center). A second option for graduate students is our 12-credit Letter of Completion program. Students can also use two of the four courses as the MBA electives if they choose to pursue the MBA program at Shippensburg. In addition to offering an MIS Graduate Certificate, the MIS department now offers an MIS Concentration in the MBA program.

For more information about the program, visit https://www.ship.edu/Business/Programs/MIS/Graduate_Programs/

VI. MIS Faculty News

Dr. Catanio: Dr. Joseph Catanio had his most recent research paper, “The Effects of Project Management Certification on the Triple Constraint,” published in the *International Journal of Information Technology Project Management*. He also published an article about a related area of research in the *Journal for Advances in Information Technology*. Dr. Catanio’s current research focuses on the area of certification vs. expertise as well as effective technology pedagogy. His other research interests involve areas surrounding systems analysis and design. Last year, Dr. Catanio was also the recipient of the Volvo Construction Equipment Dean’s Award!

Dr. Danesh: Dr. Azim Danesh is currently involved in leadership or membership of over 12 committees or task groups throughout the university, working to represent the interests of the MIS program. He recently had a co-authored article on cyber-aggression published in *Computers in Human Behavior*. Dr. Danesh was also the recipient of an award for his leadership and the development of the Information Systems Graduate Certificate program!

Dr. Dao: Last year, Dr. Viet Dao was awarded Shippensburg University’s Teaching Innovation in Pedagogy and Scholarship award! He also published an article in the *Journal of Engineering and Technology Management* and chaired a mini-track on IT and Sustainability at the 2013 Americas Conference on Information Systems. Dr. Dao's primary research interests focus on managing Information Technology and Technological Innovation and measuring their business and sustainability value.

Dr. Marsh: Dr. Michael Marsh recently received a \$42,000 grant to upgrade the technology in the Grove 402 Business Learning Lab! He also helped form a Central PA chapter of ISC2 (International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium). ISC2 is a non-profit organization which specializes in information security education and certifications. The chapter started by Dr. Marsh meets the second Wednesday of each month from 6-8 PM at Harrisburg University. The research interests of Dr. Marsh focus on areas relating to computer and information security.

Dr. Wentz: Dr. Brian Wentz presented a paper related to the web accessibility of utility provider web sites at the 2013 Americas Conference on Information Systems. He also had a paper accepted for publication in the *Government Information Quarterly* relating to the accessibility of emergency notification web sites, and he presented research on accessibility and usability in March at a bi-annual conference hosted by the University of Cambridge in the UK. His research areas focus on the implications that web accessibility and usability can have on business, education, employment, public policy and societal inclusion, and he continues to regularly involve students in his research.

VII. Graduating Seniors

We would like to wish our graduating seniors the best this May!

- Daniel Barkdoll
- Phillip Baskin
- Danielle Borisovsky
- Zachary Britcher
- Matthew Brockman
- Brandon Bulka
- Kyle Burkett
- John Catanio
- Kevin Cook
- Michael Cornell
- Andrew Crist
- Charles Dunkelberger
- Justin Dunlap
- Geoffrey Finch
- Matthew Koontz
- Tanner Kopinetz
- Jeffrey Leibensperger
- Elysa Lugo
- Chelsea Manthey
- Micah Metcalf
- Aaron Miller
- James Poland
- Danielle Prior
- Ryan Schweikert
- Jake Shively
- Eric Simpson
- Brandon Spencer
- Aaron Frederick
- Kenneth French
- Mary George
- Charles Guise
- Noah Kline
- Emmett Koller
- Samuel Stearly
- Andrew Thompson
- Lauren Vance
- Matthew Viscuso
- Madison Wenger
- Tyler Wright