IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of two of our esteemed colleagues, Thomas Head and Richard Ruby.

Professor Thomas Head was a nationally recognized scholar and leader. For 18 years, Tom served as chair of the business law department and was designated assistant professor emeritus in 2012. Ruby earned his bachelor’s degree in economics and accounting at the University of Pennsylvania and his JD at John Marshall Law School. We will sorely miss his dedication to his students, his skill in teaching and his loyalty to the University.

Richard and Tom will be missed as dear colleagues and friends.

Partnership with Triton College to Bring New Students to Heller

Roosevelt University and Triton College have partnered to bring a new stream of bright and talented students to Roosevelt—many of them in business. In December 2014, Roosevelt and Triton signed a dual-degree program agreement that streamlines the process for graduates of Triton, which is a two-year community college in suburban River Grove, to earn their bachelor’s degree at Roosevelt.

As part of this partnership, Roosevelt and Triton also signed completion agreements that would allow Triton students with specific associate degrees to complete Roosevelt’s Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) in four years total, thanks to key business classes at Triton that are transferrable to the Heller College. Joint partnerships of this kind allow students to know exactly what it will take to complete their bachelor’s degree at the beginning of their college journey.

The Heller College and Roosevelt’s Office of Admission have invited Triton college freshmen and sophomores interested in business to visit campus. We look forward to this partnership and others as we continue to develop opportunities for this region’s business students.
Greetings from the Heller College of Business.

For many decades, the Heller College has served the Chi- cago metropolitan area by providing students with high-quality education. Our students and alumni are known for their innovative ideas and leadership.

Throughout this coursework, we emphasize the impor- tance of business making the world a better place, taking care when it comes to both people and the environment. Our motto is “meeting the needs of our students and the demands of the business world.”

For any prospective students reading this, please dig in and learn more about us. You’ll find we are unique among colleges in our emphasis on success and social justice.

Best Regards,

Joseph Chan, Ph.D.
Dean, Heller College of Business

FOGELSON FORUM EXPLORES THE FUTURE OF THE OFFICE

This year’s Fogelson Forum on Real Estate fo- cused on the challenge of designing office space to meet the needs of a younger, technologically savvy generation of professionals that has different expectations about the interaction of the workplace. The Forum, hosted on April 15 at Rosewell, was attended by more than 100 industry lead- ers, faculty and students. L. J. Solin, regional manag- ing principal and head of the Chicago office of Gensler inc., the nation’s largest architectural firm, and Graber Collins, senior managing director of CBRE, the world’s largest commercial-real estate services firm, presented their work.

REAL ESTATE STUDENTS WIN MIDWEST REAL ESTATE CHALLENGE—AGAIN!

For the second year in a row, students from the MBA program at Roosevelt University’s Chicago School of Real Estate won the 2015 Real Estate Challenge. The two teams from Roosevelt University and the University of Chicago were challenged to come up with a plan for the development of a single-use commercial real estate property. Along with the university students, the competition also included students from for-profit real estate companies.

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE PROGRAM RANKED TOP SIX

In April, commercial real estate news website Bisnow named the Heller College one of the 25 best business schools in the world. Among the awards, the program received an A+ rating, according to an April Bisnow student survey. Heller College was one of just a few business schools ranked by the university of Chicago and Northwestern University. The ranking was based on a survey by online management science program by graduate programs, which asked 10,000 cur- rent and former business school students about their programs. The ranked schools had strong peer, faculty and alumni networking connections and opportunities, as well as open and accessible student support.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP MAJOR GROWING

The 2-year Social Entrepreneurship major within the Heller College is preparing students to analyze and solve social and environmental problems, and to develop innovative, realistic and sustainable solutions in an entrepreneurial venture. While all entrepreneurs are committed to creating social value, social entrepreneurs look to create both economic value and public value, with the overarching purpose to make a significant social contribution.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Delta Mu Delta Honor Society Inducts New Members

On April 22, 2015, Heller College of Business inducted 21 new student members into the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society. The purposes of Delta Mu Delta are to promote scholar- ship in business education and to encourage and reward meritorious achievement in business subjects. Faculty members Dr. Carolyn Riley and Dr. Rifat Gorener were also inducted as Deltan members.

At the ceremony, Dean Chan presented student Flavienco E. Vera the ACBSP (Ac- creditation Council for Business Schools and Programs) Leadership Award for his outstanding achievements and leadership to the Heller College.

Business Students Trained on Bloomberg Software

Professor Henry Sklawar is incorporating Bloomberg software certification into his curriculum this fall. Students entering the college each year will be trained in Bloomberg by the financial software in the classroom, gaining hands-on experience with the technology relied on by financial professionals in the world. This is key to a competitive job market.

Students Take Bloomberg Aptitude Test

During the spring semester, the Heller College hosted the Bloomberg Aptitude Test (BAT) exam, a test that measures a student’s strengths in finance, business, career and personal management. Students had the opportunity to preview the exam before taking it, gaining hands-on experience with the technology relied on by financial professionals in the world. This is key to a competitive job market.

Accounting Club Events

On February 17, 2015, Financial Executives International hosted a dinner and student recruitment event, a dinner hosted by Missy Gagnon, president of the Chicago CPA Society, in a Chicago area restaurant. Guest speakers included the organization’s director of accounting, and discussed the benefits of pursuing a career in forensic accounting.

Students Participate in Conference Track on Crisis

The Heller College and Finance Company Co-sponsored a conference in Sep- tember on the functional areas of business and administration. A special conference track focused on “Organizations in Crisis,” and several graduate students and alumni presented on the subjects of crisis management and risk management.

Finance Student Earns Scholarship

On February 17, 2015, Financial Executives International hosted a dinner and student recruitment event. The event included a dinner, a careers forum and a dinner discussion. The forum was attended by financial professionals who share succession and ultimately complete a dinner engagement. Joseph Bently, a junior accounting major, received a scholarship.

Heller Students Train on Top Auditing Software

Auditing Services, Inc. and its IDEA Academic Partnership program, in coordination with Professor Rifat Gorener, provided free CaseWare IDEA software to Heller College students and alumni. The software is used by the top auditing firms and forensic accounting firms.

CaseWare IDEA is a computer assisted audit tool, de- signed by auditors for auditors and other data analysts. It is used by the top auditing firms in the U.S.