

The background of the top half of the page features a large, light gray circular seal of Stetson University. The seal contains the text "STETSON UNIVERSITY" at the top, "PROGRESS THROUGH TRUTH" in a circular path, and "1883" and "S. FLORIDA" at the bottom. In the center of the seal is a crest featuring a book and a torch.

Stetson Business School Foundation, Inc.
and School of Business Administration

Honors Banquet

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Stetson Room

Carlton Union Building

Stetson University

THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Business programs at Stetson University began in the fall of 1897. As Florida's first business college and one of the oldest in the nation, the School of Business Administration has grown and developed over the years but has maintained a commitment to quality and the continual pursuit of excellence.

The undergraduate and graduate programs provide academic rigor and challenge our students to understand, learn and develop. The business programs build on the liberal learning base of the institution and prepare our graduates for positions of responsibility and leadership in profit-oriented, non-profit and government organizations.

The School offers an undergraduate degree with majors in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Systems and Analytics, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Family Enterprise Management, Finance, Human Resource Management, International Business, Management, Marketing, and Professional Sales. At the graduate level, the School offers the Master of Accountancy and the Master of Business Administration degrees.

A variety of special programs and activities, including the following, further enhance the learning opportunities for our students:

- Business Study Abroad Programs
- Centurion Sales Program
- Family Enterprise Center
- J.J. Master Center for Professionalism
- Joseph C. Prince Entrepreneurship Program
- Roland George Investments Program

There are many ways to gauge success. Stetson's continued high ranking in U.S. News & World Report is one measure. Another is business and accounting accreditation by AACSB International. Most important to the School of Business Administration, however, is the continued success of our students.

THE STETSON BUSINESS SCHOOL FOUNDATION, INC.

The Stetson Business School Foundation, Inc. is an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation whose sole purpose and mission is to financially support the programs, faculty and students of the Stetson University School of Business Administration. The Foundation provides funding for business student awards and scholarships, business student participation in conferences and competitions, business faculty awards and faculty recognition events, faculty research and travel, and support for various business programs, among others. The Foundation also sponsors the annual School of Business Administration Honors Banquet. The Foundation is managed by an independent board of directors comprised of business professionals from the community and School of Business Administration, many of whom are Stetson alumni.

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HONORS BANQUET

The Stetson Business School Foundation is proud to host the Honors Banquet of the School of Business Administration. This annual event provides an opportunity to recognize excellence and celebrate accomplishments. While we are proud of all of our students, we take special pride in those who have distinguished themselves academically through their scholarship and leadership at Stetson. It is a privilege to join with the faculty in recognizing these special students.

Welcome

Yiorgos Bakamitsos, PhD

Dean, School of Business Administration

George Shierling

Chairman of the Board of Directors and President

Stetson Business School Foundation

Invocation

Dinner

Presentation of Student Awards

Assistant Dean of Academic Services
and Department Representatives

Presentation of Faculty Awards

Yiorgos Bakamitsos, PhD

BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND ANALYTICS AWARDS

Presented by:

Joseph Woodside, PhD
Department Chair

Business School Foundation Kenneth Jackson Award for Decision Science

The Business School Foundation Kenneth Jackson Award for Decision Science is awarded to a deserving student excelling in one or more courses in Decision Science. Dr. Kenneth Jackson was Professor of Finance at Stetson University and developed the Roland George Investments Program.

Recipient: James Rhodes

Business School Foundation Theodore J. Surynt Merit Award for Business Systems Analytics

This award is presented to a graduating senior based on academic ability and performance. Dr. Ted Surynt was a professor of decision information sciences and a former associate dean at Stetson University. Dr. Surynt was also active in the community, serving on the West Volusia Literacy Council, United Way Board of Directors and as a Rotarian for 30 years.

Recipient: Tiffany Scott

Business Systems and Analytics Outstanding Senior

This award is presented to an outstanding senior in the department of Business Systems and Analytics for academic performance.

Recipient: Megan Oeste

FINANCE AWARDS

Presented by:
Giovanni Fernandez, PhD

Department Chair

Business School Foundation Eugene M. Lynn Merit Award for Finance

Eugene M. Lynn was chairman emeritus of the Lynn Insurance Group and a Stetson donor and former student. He received an honorary doctorate from Stetson in 1978 and received our most prestigious honor, the Doyle E. Carlton Award, in 1979. The recipient of this award is a graduating senior selected based on outstanding academics and contributions to the Department of Finance.

Recipient: Elena-Marta Djokovic

Outstanding Certified Financial Planning Major Award

This award is presented to a CFP junior or senior for outstanding ability, service and academic performance.

Recipient: Michelle Miller

Outstanding Economics Senior

This award is presented to a senior in the Department of Finance for outstanding ability, service and academic performance.

Recipient: Christopher Kent

Outstanding Finance Junior

This award is presented to an outstanding junior in the Department of Finance for their academic performance.

Recipient: Alonso Tang

MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Business Administration

This award is presented to a graduating senior business administration major for outstanding ability and performance.

Recipient: Joshua Cone

Presented By: Elizabeth Galloway, JD

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Business Law

This award is presented to a graduating senior business law minor for outstanding ability and performance.

Recipient: Neehal Amin

Presented By: Elizabeth Galloway, JD

Monique Forte Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship, named after late professor of business administration and former chair of the Department of Management, is awarded to a School of Business Administration student, with preference to those with majors in Management, who has provided service to the School of Business Administration, the university, and the community. The award is based on both academic ability and financial need.

Recipient: Samantha Paglino

Presented By: John Tichenor, PhD

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Human Resource Management

This award is presented to a graduating senior human resource management major for outstanding ability and performance.

Recipient: Taryn Milledge

Presented By: Juanne Greene, DBA

Business School Foundation E.C. Furlong Merit Award for Management

This award is named after Edward C. Furlong, retired dean of business and professor emeritus, who served 40 years as a faculty member at Stetson University and 30 years as business dean. The award is presented to a graduating senior management major based on outstanding ability and performance.

Recipient: Sven DeWilde

Presented By: JUANNE GREENE, DBA

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Family Business Management

This award is presented to a graduating senior family business management major for outstanding ability and performance.

Recipient: Logan Flynn

Presented By: JUANNE GREENE, DBA

Chris Davies Business Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship is named in memory of Stetson student Chris Davies. It is presented to a rising senior in the School of Business administration who plans a career in small business.

Recipient: Zarek Swann

Presented By: Kevin Taylor, PhD

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Entrepreneurship Program

This award is presented to a graduating senior entrepreneurship major for outstanding ability and performance.

Recipient: Darby Koob

Presented By: Kevin Taylor, PhD

Enterprising Student Award

This award recognizes the graduating senior who has made the most progress on a business idea during their time at Stetson, while also contributing to the entrepreneurship community on campus.

Recipient: Kendall Buck

Presented by: Kevin Taylor, PhD

Business School Foundation Merit Award for International Business

This award is presented to a graduating senior international business major for outstanding ability and performance.

Recipient: Ayoub Senhadji

Presented by: Jon-Michael Carrick, PhD

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Professional Sales

This award is presented to a graduating senior professional sales major for outstanding ability and performance.

Recipient: Amanda Woodley

Presented By: John Riggs, DBA

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Sport Business

This award is presented to a graduating senior sport business minor for outstanding academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Michelle Miller

Presented by: Matt DiFebo

Sport Business Scholarship and Service Award

This award is presented to a business student for outstanding performance in sport business.

Recipient: Alexandra Milano

Presented by: Matt DiFebo

MARKETING AWARDS

Presented by:

Carolyn Nicholson, PhD

Department Chair

Marketing Ethics and Social Responsibility Award

This award is presented to a marketing major who has demonstrated a commitment to their academic performance and has had a positive impact on the campus and community through their civic engagement.

Recipient: Erica Carnegie

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Marketing

This award is presented to a graduating senior marketing major for outstanding ability and performance.

Recipient: Daliyah Hammoud

Distinguished Marketing Student

This award is presented to a senior marketing major for their exceptional academic performance.

Recipient: Marcus Calabria

Marketing Research Award

This award is presented to an upper division marketing major who demonstrates particularly strong skills and performance in marketing research.

Recipient: Jon Lumley

ACCOUNTING AWARDS

Presented by:

Michael Bitter, PhD

Department Chair

Business School Foundation David M. Beights Merit Award for Accounting

David M. Beights is considered the “father” of the Stetson accounting program. He also served as department chair for a number of years and was inducted into the Stetson Accounting Hall of Fame in 2016. An endowed chair, the David M. Beights Professor of Accounting, was established in his name. This award is presented to a graduating senior accounting major for outstanding ability and performance.

Recipient: Stephen Bratcher

Business School Foundation George and Marie Putnam Memorial Accounting Scholarships

These scholarships are funded by earnings on significant donations made to the Foundation by the estates of the late George and Marie Putnam. The scholarships are awarded to an undergraduate accounting major or a Master of Accountancy student based on outstanding academic performance.

Recipients: Stephen Bratcher, Blake Hankey

George Putnam Accounting Scholarships

These scholarships are funded by an endowment established by the late George Putnam. The recipients are selected based on communication skills, interpersonal abilities, and campus and community involvement. The recipients must possess uncompromising ethical and moral standards and a high probability of success in the accounting profession.

Recipients: Owen Murphy, Cameron Spence

Master Life Challenger Scholarships

These scholarships, awarded to Master of Accountancy students based on academic achievement, are funded by an endowment established to honor the late Joseph J. Master, a legendary Stetson accounting professor from 1964-1996 who served as accounting department chair and a University trustee, and was one of the founders of the Stetson Business School Foundation, Inc. He was also holder of the Christian Lindback Chair.

Recipients: Thomas Bronson, Sally Calhoun, Evan Cole, Kirk Crandall, Madison Edkins, Taylor Hand, Chase Hester, Christen Robinson, Jeremy Sietz, Muriel Stein, Mallory Stulz, Eric Torres, Robert Vincik

Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Scholar

This scholarship is awarded by the PCAOB to a Stetson student nominated by the Stetson accounting faculty. The student nominee is selected based on academic achievement, financial need, and the likelihood of the student pursuing a career in auditing. The PCAOB Scholars Program is mandated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and is funded through monetary penalties collected as part of PCAOB enforcement actions.

Recipient: Cassie Connell

Roger Swanger Legacy Award

This award is named in honor of double hatter Roger Swanger BBA '85, MAcc '86. Swanger was a 33-year veteran in the field of auditing, including 28 years at James Moore, where he served as a partner since 2001. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding junior or senior accounting student with excellent academic performance, as well as engagement on campus and within the community.

Recipient: Eric Torres

Florida Board of Accountancy - Clay Ford Minority Scholarship

This award was established by the Florida Board of Accountancy to encourage minority students to remain in school for the fifth year required to obtain a CPA license. The award is based on financial need; ethnicity, gender or racial minority status; and Florida residency.

Recipients: Maia Grobe, Madison Hanson

FICPA - George E. Shierling Platinum Endowment Scholarships

These scholarships, named after Stetson alumnus and contributor to the Stetson accounting program, George Shierling, are awarded to accounting students who plan to practice in the state of Florida as a CPA. The award is based on academic ability and financial need.

Recipients: Ethan Hull, Victoria Taranowski

FICPA - Robert R. Harris Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship, named in honor of Stetson alumnus and former chair of the AICPA, Robert Harris, is awarded to a Stetson accounting student who plans to practice in the state of Florida as a CPA. The award is based on academic ability and financial need.

Recipient: Spencer Machuga

J. Stephen and Mary Beth Pullum Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by an endowment established by Stephen and Mary Beth Pullum. The scholarship is awarded to a rising accounting senior and is based on outstanding academic achievement.

Recipient: Sadie Jensen

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Presented by:

Monica Mendoza, PhD
Assistant Dean of Academic Services

Business School Foundation J.D. Bond and Charles E. Bradley Scholarship

This award is named in honor of J.D. Bond, Jr. and his son-in-law Charles E. Bradley in recognition of their monetary contribution to the Foundation that established the scholarship. The Bond/Bradley Scholarship is presented to a rising senior based on high academic performance and excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Recipients: Robert Choate

Business School Foundation Paul E. Dascher Outstanding Scholar Award

The Dascher award is named after Paul Dascher, former dean and Rinker Distinguished Professor of Accounting. Dascher served at Stetson from 1993 to 2012 and continues to serve on the Stetson Business School Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. The award is the highest honor for a graduating business senior based on outstanding academic performance and accomplishments.

Recipient: Kendall Buck

Business School Foundation James H. Maury, Jr. Memorial Scholarships

These scholarships are funded by an endowment established through the Stetson Business School Foundation by the late James Maury, Jr., a 1979 Stetson business graduate. The recipients are rising seniors majoring in a business discipline and are selected based on their academic achievements.

Recipients: Graham Jump, Samantha Kmetz, Sugeeth Sathish

GRADUATE AWARDS

Presented by:

Petros Xanthopoulos, PhD
Executive Director of Graduate Programs

Business School Foundation Outstanding MAcc Student

This award is presented to a graduate student in the Master of Accountancy program for academic performance and character.

Recipient: Layton Thomas

Business School Foundation Outstanding MBA Student

This award is presented to a student in the Master of Business Administration program for academic performance and character.

Recipient: Haley Fust

Top MBA Academic Performance Awards

These awards are presented to graduate students in the Master of Business Administration program for the highest academic performance exhibited in the program.

Recipient: Lam Cao, Malcolm Swaggerty

Top JD/MBA Academic Performance Award

This award is presented to a graduate student in the Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration program for the highest academic performance exhibited in the program.

Recipient: Sarah Dinon

Top MBA/MS in Pharmacy Academic Performance Awards

These awards are presented to graduate students in the Master of Business Administration/Master of Science in Pharmacy program for the highest academic performance exhibited in the program.

Recipient: Jeffrey Cowles, Alexandra Crane

Top MBA/MHA Academic Performance Award

This award is presented to a graduate student in the Master of Healthcare Administration/Master of Business Administration program for the highest academic performance exhibited in the program.

Recipient: Nicole Zayas

FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS

Presented by:

Yiorgos Bakamitsos, PhD
Dean, School of Business Administration

Staff of the Year Award

This award recognizes a staff member for their exemplary service to the School of Business Administration.

Outstanding Teacher Award

This award recognizes significant instructional contributions by business faculty members who develop our students as productive citizens in their roles as business professionals.

Outstanding Researcher Award

This award recognizes faculty members for significant accomplishments in scholarly activity. Selection takes into account the significance of academic work and accomplishments.

Outstanding Service Award

This award recognizes significant service activity and outstanding contributions by faculty members toward the organization and administration of business and university programs, activities and committees.

Outstanding Innovation Award

This award recognizes faculty members who inspire students and enhance student learning through creative, engaging and innovative teaching methods and curriculum.

Outstanding Cultural Impact Award

This award recognizes an individual who supports and maintains an effective organizational culture in the School of Business Administration.

Professor of the Year Award

This award, selected by the dean, recognizes faculty members who have made significant contributions to foster the core values of Stetson University and the School of Business Administration in our students - intellectual development, personal growth and global citizenship.

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

Recognized by:

Monica Mendoza, PhD

Assistant Dean of Academic Services

BBA Inductees

Stephen Bratcher	Michael Leitelt
Ashley Delezenne	Colin Rhoades
Logan Flynn	Sugeeth Sathish
Georgia Goering	Ayoub Senhadji
Graham Jump	Cameron Spence
Samantha Kmetz	Alonso Tang
Faith Hannah Lea	Isabella Thomsen

MBA Inductees

David Brunswick	Jennifer Morris
Lam Cao	Myron Pesek
Jeffrey Cowles	Alexander Piccirilli
Alexandra Crane	Lauren Ravazzoli
Duncan DeMarsh	Steven Rehrig
Sarah Dinon	Fermon Reid
Allyson Harris	Jacqueline Schlick
Lea Klair	Malcolm Swaggerty
Edna Mensah	Nicole Zayas

MAcc Inductees

Layton Thomas
Victoria Taranowski





IN MEMORIUM

THOMAS PRINCE

03.17.1945 - 03.17.2023

Stetson University Business
Administration Graduate '67

Stetson University Trustee
1990-1995

Founder of the Joseph C. Prince
Entrepreneurship Leaders Program



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