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

Honors Banquet

**Thursday, April 17, 2025
Stetson Room
Carlton Union Building
Stetson University**

M.E. RINKER, SR. INSTITUTE OF TAX AND ACCOUNTANCY

ACCOUNTING AWARDS

Presented by:

Carol Dee, PhD

Professor of Accounting and 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 served as department chair for many 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 academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Beatriz Vossen

Business School Foundation George and Marie Putnam Memorial Accounting Scholarships

This scholarship is funded by earnings on significant donations made to the Foundation by the late George and Marie Putnam upon their deaths. These scholarships are awarded to undergraduate accounting majors or Master of Accountancy students based on outstanding academic performance.

Recipients: Macy Bergsman, Melody Ma, Spencer Porter, Andile Sibanda, Benjamin Silverman, Krisztina Sipos, Nicholas Webster

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: Daniel Cronje, Julia Ivashko, Tiara Oglesby Housey, Alexa Wooten, Josephine Young

Master Life Challenger Awards

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 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: Laura Esther Colston, Delaney Eller, Alyssa Gorman, Jim Pappalardo, Marissa Reils, Annabel Roach, Eva Weil

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 accounting, 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: Nicholas Gendreau

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: Lindsay Bartz

Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Scholars

These scholarships are awarded by the PCAOB to Stetson students nominated by the Stetson accounting faculty. The student nominees are 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.

Recipients: Tiara Oglesby Housey, Beatriz Vossen

FICPA - George E. Shierling Platinum Endowment Scholarship Awards

These scholarships, named after Stetson alumnus and active contributor to the Stetson Accounting Program, George Shierling, are awarded to Stetson accounting students who plan to become a CPA and practice in the state of Florida. The awards are based on both academic ability and financial need.

Recipients: Silke Flynn, Sadie Jensen, Samantha Kmetz, Michael Martinez, Matthew Pinder

FICPA - James Wilcox Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship endowment is named in memory of James Wilcox, CPA, an FICPA member, established by a gift from the Coulter Foundation to continue Wilcox's commitment to opening doors in accounting for minorities. The recipient is a minority student who is pursuing a graduate degree in accounting at a Florida university.

Recipient: Anabelle Standish

Florida Board of Accountancy Clay Ford Minority Scholarships

These scholarships were 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. These awards are based on financial need, ethnicity, gender or racial minority status, and Florida residency.

Recipient: Silke Flynn, Stephanie Vasquez

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: Beverley Herne

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

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: Janelle Gilyard

Business Systems and Analytics Outstanding Senior

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

Recipient: Ian Hunt

FINANCE AWARDS

Presented by:

Matthew Imes, PhD

Director, Roland George Investment Program

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: Sugeeth Sathish

Outstanding Certified Financial Planning Major

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

Recipient: Jaxson Koebel-Secky

Outstanding Senior Business Award in Economics

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

Recipient: Maxwell Bennett

Outstanding Finance Student

This award is presented to an outstanding finance student for their academic performance.

Recipient: Sydney Jenkins, Colin Weber

MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Business School Foundation Merit Award for International Business

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

Recipient: Rhainay Williamson

Presented by: Jon-Michael Carrick

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 academic ability and performance.

Recipient: Isabella Convery

Presented by: Randall Croom

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Business Administration

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

Recipient: Haruka Sugimoto

Presented by: Randall Croom

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Human Resources

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

Recipient: Tia Deeb

Presented by: Paula Miller

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: Jessica Nguyen

Presented by: Daniel Scott

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Prince Entrepreneurship Program

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

Recipient: Gina Papa

Presented by: Daniel Scott

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Professional Sales

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

Recipient: Darby Nuxol

Presented by: John Riggs

Sport Business Scholarship and Service Award

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

Recipient: Emmalina Simonis

Presented by: Matthew DiFebo

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: Yohann Dessureault

Presented by: Matthew DiFebo

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Business Law

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

Recipient: Clara Wait

Presented by: Elizabeth Galloway

MARKETING AWARDS

Presented by:

Carol Azab, PhD

Department Chair

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 student, with preference to those with a major 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: Hadilayane Silva Bandeira

Business School Foundation Merit Award for Marketing

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

Recipient: Georgia Place

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: Emmalina Simonis

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Presented by:

Carolyn Nicholson, PhD
Director of Faculty Development

Business School Foundation Paul E. Dascher Outstanding Scholar Award

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

Recipient: Lea Alexander

J.D. Bond and Charles E. Bradley Scholarships

These scholarships are 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 Scholarships are presented to rising seniors based on high academic performance and excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Recipients: Emily Haynes, Matthew Rhoads

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: Caleb Harvey, Keith Ohanian, Naissa Thelisma

GRADUATE AWARDS

Presented by:

Petros Xanthopoulos, PhD

Director, 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: Lourdes Ashamalla

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: Joseph Despard

Business School Foundation Top MBA Academic Performance Award

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

Recipients: Nicole Galluccio

Business School Foundation Top JD/MBA Academic Performance Award

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

Recipients: Mary Baker

Business School Foundation Top MBA/MS in Pharmacy Academic Performance Award

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

Recipient: Jennifer Fore

Business School Foundation Top MBA/MHA Academic Performance Awards

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

Recipient: Tracy Mull, Morgan Wang

FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS

Presented by:

Yiorgos Bakamitsos

Dean

Staff of the Year Award

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

Recipient: Ahn Gibson

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.

Recipient: Prof. Matthew Hurst

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.

Recipient: Prof. Shan Yan

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.

Recipient: Prof. Carol Azab

Outstanding Innovation Award

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

Recipient: Prof. Daniel Scott

Community Partner Award

This award is presented to a community partner to honor and recognize their commitment and vital role in successful collaboration that brings the campus closer to the community.

Recipient: Doug and Jodi Imes

Professor of the Year Award

This award, selected by the dean, recognizes a faculty member who has 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.

Recipient: Prof. Deana Hale



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