

MBAA NEWSLETTER

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MBAA HIGHLIGHTS

- Main Goal= NETWORKING
- 98 Members to date!
- Online Book of Members
- Many Activities and Events

WELCOME BACK!!

Dear MBA'ers,

I hope that classes are treating you well and that you have a moment to breath after the midterm crunch.

The past summer was very busy for the new MBAA board. In order to serve our members in the best way possible, we implemented many organizational and operational changes.

We decided to re-focus the MBAA with its primary goal: NETWORKING. The online book of members is just one method of serving this purpose. As of October 27, the MBAA had 98 members; a historic peak for our association. As you know, the more numerous we are, the more the

MBAA can accomplish to better serve you.

We still have several events planned for Fall, 2006 and encourage any suggestions/feedback.

MBAA events thus far (the International Picnic, motivation seminar, the documentary night, and the speaker night) have been very successful and enjoyable. We would like to personally thank all the people who helped make those events successful.

In closing, I'd like to welcome all new MBAA members and remind all those who have not yet joined that they are invite to do so!

Sincerely,
Alex Kolow, President



MBAA ONLINE BOOK OF MEMBERS

Please remember that if you are a registered MBAA member, you have access to the online book of members. This gives you contact information of all members, thus enabling networking and communication. This is just one of the

many perks of being an MBAA member. Thank you to all those involved in making this possible!

If you have trouble logging in, please contact Sylvia Papachristoforou at spapa002@odu.edu.

To access the book of members, go to:
<http://www.orgs.odu.edu/mbaa/>

MBAA PARTICIPATES IN MOTIVATIONAL SEMINAR

The MBAA attended a motivational seminar on September 20, 2006 at the Hampton Coliseum. Speakers included Zig Ziglar, Rudolph Giuliani, Suze Orman, and many more. This date was just one of 50 nationwide seminars held this year. Normal registration price was \$225 per person, but the MBAA was able to secure 30 tickets for members at no charge.

This dynamic seminar has been acclaimed by CNN, USA Today, Time magazine, Wall Street Journal, and New York Times. It offered professional development in the areas of business, leadership, management, communication, marketing, team building, and negotiation skills.

To the right, MBAA members at the seminar.



MBAA ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PICNIC

On Sunday, October 1, 2006, the MBAA held its first annual International Picnic. The goal was to allow students to share their culture with others by bringing a dish native to their country. Needless to say, there was PLENTY of food and drink to be had. More than just a culinary experience, it was great exposure to many different cultures and backgrounds.

Bob Strong, MBAA Social Director, was kind enough to host the picnic at his home just a few blocks from campus. The picnic was a great success with over 30 people in attendance. Last but not least, the weather was beautiful with blue, sunny skies! Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

To the right, MBAA members outside at the picnic.



MBAA PARTICIPATES IN ODU COMMUNITY CARE DAY

On Friday, October 13, 2006, several MBAA members volunteered to be a part of the ODU school-wide Community Care Day. There were many volunteer opportunities from which to choose, and the MBAA choose the "Adopt-A-Stream" Elizabeth River clean-up. It was a blustery, chilly morning, but with the

20 volunteers in total, the banks of the Elizabeth River were clean in no time! Thank you to everyone who participated in this effort.

Shown to the right is Martin Schwarz, Praz Pathak, and Jessica Ruff at the clean-up.



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**THURSDAY, NOV. 9
7:00 P.M.
JOHN ALLISON, BB&T CEO
DON'T MISS IT!**

FIRST FALL SEMESTER SPEAKER NIGHT

On Friday, October 27, 2006, the MBAA welcomed John Duy, a 1999 ODU MBA alumnus who now works for Wilbanks, Smith, and Thomas (an asset management located in downtown Norfolk). Founded in 1990, the firm currently manages assets of over \$1 billion value for institutional and private client across the United States.

Mr. Duy delivered a very interesting and dynamic presentation on investing and portfolio management.

There were over 20 members in attendance that night, and everyone enjoyed pizza and beverages provided by the MBAA. Thank you to everyone who came out on such a rainy, cold evening!

To the right is Dr. Rubin introducing Mr. Duy.

