



Albers Volunteer Recognition Reception 2011 To honor those who *Lead, Connect, and Serve*

The Albers Volunteer Recognition Reception was held on May 19, 2011. This annual event is to honor and thank professionals who have dedicated their time and support to the Albers Mentor Programs and the various Albers advisory boards. We had a great turnout of about 65 mentors and board members as well as several of the Albers faculty and staff members. Dean Joe Phillips highlighted some of the accomplishments and events of the Albers School of Business & Economics this past year. He also presented the Mentor 5, 15 and 20 Service Years awards to those who were in attendance. Following the reception, guests attended the Albers Executive Speaker Series presentation by Kurt DeBene, President of Microsoft Office Division. To those mentors who could not attend the event, we want to extend our appreciation and thanks for all that you do for the Mentor Program and SU students!

Congratulations to the following 2011 award recipients!

20 Years

- **Willie Aikens**, CEO and Management Consultant, Slotay, Inc.

10 Years

- **Rob Harris**, President & CEO, Pacific Market International
- **Jeff Levy**, President, The Entrepreneur's Source

5 Years

- **Patrick Boyer**, Treasury Controllers Group Manager, Microsoft
- **Ted Gates**, Director, Compensation, Nordstrom
- **Mark Gould**, Senior VP, CIO & Seattle Branch Manager, Fed. Reserve Bank of San Francisco
- **Dave Hill**, President & Managing Dir., Sonata Capital Group
- **Katy Hunter**, Senior Director, US Depth Customer Marketing, Microsoft
- **Alphy Johnson**, COO, Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts
- **Dan Little**, Chief Admin Officer, Nordstrom
- **Rick Sass**, Media Consultant
- **Sean Sigmon**, Sr. Product Marketing Manager, Health Solutions, Microsoft
- **Mohan Venkataramana**, President, Syntonix, Inc.
- **Art Wahl**, Managing Director, CB Richard Ellis



Closure and Signing Up for Next Year

We hope that you have had a very positive experience with the Mentor Program this year. We encourage you to have one final mentor group meeting if you haven't already and reflect together on what you've learned and gained. It is up to you how you want to end the year and keep in touch with your mentees in the future.

Thank you also to those of you who already completed the mentor survey. Your feedback and suggestions are very valuable to us. If you have not completed the survey, we'd appreciate if you would click on the following link to complete it by June 24:

http://seattleu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2o9ChYa72ul0QVS

Hopefully most of you can return to the program again next year. Soon you will receive information on renewing your involvement with the program so check your mailboxes! Please review the last page of the newsletter for the calendar of events for next year including the date of the Mentor Fair.

Thank you again from the Albers Placement Center staff for your involvement with the program and helping to make it a success. We look forward to working with you again next year!

THE ALBERS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS ALUMNI BOARD PRESENTS

THE 9th ANNUAL ALBERS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 8, 2011

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Date:

Monday, August 8, 2011

Time:

10:30 Registration and contests
12:30 Tee time; shotgun start

Course:

Glendale Country Club
13440 Main Street
Bellevue, WA 98005

Cost:

Foursomes: \$800
Single golfer: \$200

Register:

www.golf-events.com/seattleuniversity

* All players are provided lunch, one round of golf, a silent auction, dinner and prizes

* Proceeds support student scholarships at the Albers School of Business and Economics

For more information contact Rob Bourke at bourker@seattleu.edu

MENTOR SPOTLIGHT



This month's article submission comes from Steve Brillig, Executive Director of the Entrepreneurship Center, Seattle University

What it means to be a Mentor at Seattle U.

Every day we are faced with choices/demands on our time—one of our most valuable assets. It seems we are more driven than ever in our personal and professional lives. Everything is screaming for immediate attention—just ask my phone and computer. So why, with all these things coming at us, would we chose to spend our time mentoring students? There is no outright obligation to do it, they aren't related to us, and there is little chance for personal financial gain. We all come at this question based on our own unique needs but I believe there is a central theme—we want to make a difference in someone's life. It may not be profound, but a modest contribution to our overall humanity.

I've been mentoring in the Albers program for 11 years now and find every year the experience is different. Every interaction is unique because each student comes to this experience for a different reason. My goal is to try to understand what they are seeking and then attempt to help with their journey. Sometimes you get instant feedback and other times, you aren't sure you really connected. All I know is I find contributing my time is one of the richer experiences in my life. I continue to learn to be a better listener and sometimes surprise myself to find that I have an insight that the student finds helpful.

I believe mentorship is one of the most important gifts a person can give a student. Our Entrepreneurship Center thrives on these gifts by engaging literally 50+ business professionals each year in assisting in our education program. I can't thank everyone enough for this help. I think we are all building a living legacy of caring.

Every quarter, the Mentor Ink Newsletter will include an article written by one of our mentors. If you are interested in submitting something for the newsletter, please contact Megan Spaulding at spauldi1@seattleu.edu

Opportunities to Connect Online!

Connect with Albers



LinkedIn

Connect with SU



YouTube

Calendar of Events

Many of the following events are great activity ideas for mentors and students to do together:

September 21	Fall Quarter Begins
September 30	Mentor Orientation for the 2011-2012 Mentor Program 5:00 to 6:00pm Location: Pigott 102 This workshop is designed for new mentors, but all mentors are welcome to attend.
	Mentor Fair 6:00 to 8:00pm Location: Pigott Atrium Kick-off event for the 2011-2012 Albers Mentor Program. This is a great opportunity to meet students and other mentors. Event includes a reception and then mentors and students interact in break-out rooms
October 20	Albers Business Career Fair Time: TBD Location: Champion Ballroom A career fair specifically for undergraduate and graduate business students. Please encourage your mentees to attend.
November 3	Albers Executive Speaker Series: Tod Nielsen, Co-President, Applications Platform, VMware 5:30pm Location: Pigott Auditorium
November 23-26	Thanksgiving Break No classes for students
December 11 to January 3	Christmas Break No classes for students

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