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IMPORTANT DATES

May 7

Last Day of Spring Classes

May 8-14

Final Spring Exams

May 15

Spring Commencement

May 24

First Summer Session Class

May 31 – Memorial Day

Memorial Day – CSU Closed

Beginning of July

Bookstore Website Goes Live for Fall

Mid-July

Fall Tuition Bills on CampusNet

July 22

Start Signing Up for a Budget Payment Plan

Mid-July

Roommate & Residence Hall Move-In Information Mailed

Last Week of July

Fall Parking Hangtags Available

August 13

U-Pass Stickers Available

August 30

First Fall Weekday Class

NOW HIRING ORIENTATION LEADERS!

Applications online: www.csuohio.edu/orientation – click on "Orientation Staff" on the right-hand side

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Academic Advising and Student Support Updates

The 2009/2010 academic year is progressing at a rapid pace, and I welcome this opportunity to touch base with family members. There is much information to share with you to assist and support your students.

MIDTERM GRADES

The week of March 15 (spring break), midterm grades were posted for all freshman students (students with less than 30 credit hours earned). The University notified students about midterm grades via email. Midterm grades provide students with an assessment of their progress in their courses, but are not part of the student's official transcripts or GPA. Students who are not doing well at midterm time are encouraged to meet with their professor and/or instructor, as well as their academic advisor to discuss options and develop a strategy for improvement.

TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES

Cleveland State offers a number of tutoring resources which are free to all CSU students. **The Tutoring and Academic Success Center (TASC)** provides tutoring in subject areas outside of English and Math. Tutoring is available by appointment and on a walk-in basis. **The Writing Center** offers all undergraduate students tutoring assistance for any kind of writing in any course, and operates on an appointment basis. **The Math Learning Center** provides tutoring assistance in any math or quantitative literacy course, and operates on a walk-in basis.



Office of Treasury Services Updates

- ➡ No more paper invoices ☑ students are responsible for monitoring their student account activity through CampusNet.
- ✓ We've implemented Check21 ☑ a method of scanning every check and converting it to an electronic image ☑ when we receive a check; funds are often withdrawn from your account as early as the same day.

Remember, payment in full or enrollment in a budget payment plan is required before the first day of instruction

FALL 2010 REGISTRATION

Main registration for fall semester 2010 began March 22, 2010, and the fall 2010 course schedule is posted for students on CampusNet. Encourage your students to meet with their advisor early (now!) to discuss and select their fall classes and register as soon as possible to ensure that they get the best course schedule possible.

Your continued support of our CSU students is most appreciated as we work diligently to ensure that your students get the most out of their educational experience here at Cleveland State University.

David Bowditch, Director, *University Advising and Academic Support*

www.csuohio.edu/news/releases/2010/03/14787.html





CSU Student-Managed Investment Fund Earns First Place at National Competition

Fund posts overall growth of 23.8 percent



Katie Honarvar, Sangram Pradhan, Rahul Sukheja, and Asmaae Benmerzouga

The Nance College of Business's two-year old Viking Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF), managed by CSU finance students, won first place in the category of growth strategy among graduate level teams at the national Redefining Investment Strategy Education (RISE) conference, held in late March at the University of Dayton.

RISE is the largest student investment education conference in the world. More than 2000 students attended the event and SMIF teams from over 200 schools competed in nine different categories. The event included panel discussions by 75 different investment professionals, regulators and economists from around the world.

The Viking SMIF posted a gain of 21.6 percent in 2009 and its risk-adjusted return was 9.06 percent. Total fund value currently stands at \$371,458.95 for a total return of 23.8 percent.

"We're extremely proud of our students' achievement. Credit for this impressive performance and the award goes to every manager of

our Student Managed Investment Fund since they began investing in fall 2008," said Dr. Chenchu Bathala, chair, professor of finance and faculty advisor.

Accepting the first place award were Nance College of Business students Katie Honarvar, Sangram Pradhan, Rahul Sukheja and Asmaae Benmerzouga.

Dr. Bathala said that Viking SMIF's investment strategy calls for stock allocations within a range of ± 4 percent of the S&P sector weights. The student fund managers pursued a disciplined approach to researching stocks and took full advantage of the market's recovery since March 2009. They shied away from the financial sector for most of the market meltdown during 2008-2009, but engaged in selective investing in such stocks as JP Morgan, Travelers Companies and Visa.

As of March 31, 2010, the Viking SMIF has over-weighting in industrials, technology, materials and energy. It has under-weighting in telecom, utilities, healthcare, and consumer

staples and durables. In holding period returns, the biggest winners are United Technologies (87%), 3M (63.4%) and Wall Green Co. (54%). Only three stocks posted negative returns: Apollo Group, Excelon Corp. and Diamond Offshore Drilling.

The Viking SMIF was created in January 2008 with a gift of \$150,000 from The Key Foundation, \$50,000 from the Nance College of Business and \$100,000 from the CSU Foundation in endowment funds, bringing the total initial investment in the fund to \$300,000.

The Viking SMIF allows students to gain real-world experience and engaged learning in investments and portfolio management using real money, thereby boosting their academic credentials and career opportunities.

SMIFs are recognized for their value in teaching students, especially finance majors, about critical aspects of investment analysis, investment decision making and portfolio management.



CSU Creates Enrollment and Student Affairs Division to Insure Orderly Transition 'To' and 'Through' the College Experience

Interim Vice President Corinne Webb to Lead New Unit

With an eye toward insuring the successful completion of degree requirements for all of its students, CSU formed a new Enrollment and Student Affairs Division to deliver an outstanding campus experience while guiding its students toward thriving careers *after* college.

The new division is led by Interim Vice President Corinne Webb, formerly Vice President for Enrollment Management at Florida International University (FIU), while a national search is conducted. Webb brings a wealth of experience from both FIU and Rutgers, where she served in various executive capacities that led to setting new benchmarks for student success.

"We're creating an organization that will integrate all of the student-serving resources of the University in one place for the good of our students. At the same time, we will be creating innovative ways to help our students jumpstart their careers after college," said CSU President Ronald M. Berkman.

The new Enrollment and Student Affairs Division combines a number of important University functions, including all of the traditional enrollment services functions, marketing, career services, residence life, recreation center, Project SERV for veterans, student ombudsperson and student life, into one organization with a single charter.





Professor Anton Komar

CSU Professor Awarded Prestigious Research Grant

The Human Frontiers Science Program (HFSP), a leader in promoting world-scale research in the life sciences, has awarded CSU Professor Anton Komar and members of his international team a three-year/\$900,000 research grant. The funding will allow Komar, a member of CSU's Center for Gene Regulation in Health and Disease, the opportunity to study the structure of nascent peptides and kinetic control of co-translational folding on the ribosome.

Selected from a highly competitive pool of international submissions, Komar and his research team is one of only 25 research groups around the world chosen to receive HFSP funding in 2010. Other awards were presented to top researchers at universities such as Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Oxford University UK, Cambridge University UK and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, to name a few.

The HFSP supports novel, innovative and interdisciplinary basic research focused on the complex mechanisms of living organisms; topics range from molecular and cellular approaches to systems and cognitive neuroscience. An emphasis is placed on novel collaborations that bring biologists together with scientists from fields such as physics, mathematics, chemistry, computer science and engineering to focus on problems at the frontier of the life sciences.



*To read more about
the Human Frontiers
Science Program (HFSP)
and its research grants,
visit www.hfsp.org.*

CSU Wind Tower Wins 2010 Innovation Award



NorTech, in partnership with Crain's Cleveland Business, has announced the winners of its annual Innovation Awards program, and CSU's wind tower system has taken a top prize.

In the awards program, which recognizes the top innovations in Northeast Ohio each year, Cleveland State University's Fenn College of Engineering took top honors in the Advanced Energy, Power & Propulsion category for designing and producing a wind tower capable of harnessing wind energy in urban and low wind speed regions where the use of conventional wind

tower systems is not feasible. This innovative design can generate enough energy to power two 3,000 square foot homes.

CSU's Fenn College was among 12 institutions, including Parker Haniffin and NASA, recognized during the 2010 NorTech Awards Ceremony for their innovations and achievements throughout Northeast Ohio. The Wind Tower was chosen to receive this recognition by a panel of distinguished judges representing academia, venture capital, private industry and economic development. More than 40 nominations were

received, a large number of which were submitted in the advanced energy category.

Dr. Majid Rashidi, CSU's Betty L. Gordon Distinguished Professor of Engineering, is the Project Director and Principal Investigator who led a team that created and built the novel design for harnessing wind energy based upon a unique wind speed augmentation principle. Funding sources for the program include a U.S. Department of Energy \$1.1 million grant; a \$400,000 State of Ohio Capital Fund Grant; and a gift of \$1 million from a private donor.



Dr. Majid Rashidi