New graduate degree launched

Sullivan University announces the launch of its newest Master's degree, a Master’s of Science in Management (MSM). This program has been developed for those seeking a Master's degree in a business-related area that concentrates more on the "human side" of business as opposed to the quantitative side traditionally addressed in the Master's of Business Administration (MBA) program which is also available at Sullivan University. The MSM program focuses on organizational theory, organizational behavior or a combination of these two fields that often comprise management-related curricula. Courses within Sullivan's MSM program include material on leadership and team development, managerial communications, ethics, organizational conflict, marketing, human resource management and the growing opportunity to compete in domestic and international markets.

Stellar offerings
The addition of the Master’s in Management degree enhances the breadth of current Graduate School offerings. These include the Master’s of Science in Human Resources Leadership, Managing Information Technology, Conflict Management and Master’s of Business Administration degrees in Healthcare Management, Hospitality Management and the Executive MBA degree. Sullivan University also offers two doctoral degrees: Doctor of Pharmacy and a Ph.D. in Management.

The Graduate School exemplifies Sullivan’s educational mission to meet the needs of employers and candidates in the local and global communities.

Disney dreams do come true for Sullivan graduates
Recently asked, "Kyle Dryden and Lauren Louthan, you just graduated from Sullivan University. What will you do next?" With big smiles they quickly replied, "We are going to Disney World!!" These recent graduates are pictured proudly wearing their smock shirts, provided by Julie Sallufah, Director of Career Services, on site at Disney World, Orlando, Florida. Lauren Louthan, December 2010 Culinary Arts and Personal Chef graduate, has recently completed an internship as a Culinary Assistant. Kyle Dryden, December 2010 Culinary Arts graduate (and 2011 Baking & Pastry graduate from Sullivan’s main campus in Louisville) completed an internship as a Culinary Assistant in Baking and Pastry. Read his story on page 2!

Accreditation ensures quality
Sullivan University, the largest independent college or university in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (COC-SACS) to award associate, baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral degrees. Regional accreditation by COC-SACS is the primary accreditation held by Sullivan University, and through a peer-review process, member institutions are held accountable to high expectations for quality in academic programs and related support services.

Site visit by accrediting body gives glowing report to Sullivan University
Recently COC-SACS visited Sullivan University’s main campus in Louisville to review the University’s Ph.D. in Management for inclusion in the University’s current grant of accreditation. The result? The Committee had no recommendations or formal suggestions to the University which would have required a response to the Commission. “It is rare that a report does not contain a recommendation or suggestion, both which would require the institution to respond to the Commission,” stated Dr. A.R. Sullivan, Chancellor, adding, “In fact, in my experience, I have never seen a report of an accreditation committee that did not include at least formal suggestions at a minimum.”

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDOE) as well as the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as one of six regional accrediting bodies throughout the United States. It accredits many other fine institutions including Vanderbilt, Duke, the University of Tennessee, the University of Kentucky, the University of Virginia, Centre College and Transylvania University. Institutional quality is reviewed regularly as part of the accreditation process and new programs require notification and often review of the capability of an institution to offer a given program.

So, what does all of this mean to the reader? It all really comes down to one word: QUALITY. Accreditations and programmatic approvals involve rigorous processes and adherence to standards that ensure quality. With primary and secondary accreditations and approvals, students at Sullivan University can be confident in the quality of their program and academic credentials.

Doctoral program expands
Sullivan University established its first doctoral program in 2008, with Sullivan’s College of Pharmacy on the Louisville campus offering a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Building on its mission of providing intellectual, social, and professional development for its students, last fall Sullivan University welcomed an inaugural cohort of doctoral students into its Ph.D. in Manage- ment program. Offering a doctoral program as a business is the next “step” in our path approach to education that defines Sullivan’s rich history. For example, students in the Ph.D. program may choose a concentration in strategic management, conflict manage- ment, or information technology. Sullivan University also offers master’s degrees in these areas.

Sullivan’s doctoral program is uniquely designed to help students complete their coursework, conduct scholarly research, write their dissertations, and earn their Ph.D.s.

Although many doctoral programs produce students who finish their coursework, but never complete their dissertation research (known as All But Dissertation – ABD), Sullivan University’s doctoral program seeks to reduce the number of ABDs. Each course is designed as a building block toward dissertation completion, and students will write the first three chapters of their research proposal by the end of their coursework. This puts them one step closer to fulfilling their dreams.

Moreover, the students are working professionals; this degree gives them an opportunity to gain a foundation in management and leadership, to develop research and application skills, and to enhance their careers by teaching or training others.

Welcome Back returning students, and Welcome to all the new day, evening, and online students world-wide to Sullivan University’s Summer Quarter classes.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Herald which is full of stories on the experiences and successes of students, alumni and the campus community over the past few months. The Fall Quarter at Sullivan University’s Lexington campus wish each of you good luck with your studies this quarter!