Accounting concentration “adds” National CPA prep

Sullivan University has been a leader in career-focused education for 50 years. “Business programs have always been key academic components of Sullivan’s academic offerings. Having new programs infused into our traditional cornerstone programs allows for growth and expansion in the curriculum and more opportunities,” stated Dr. Jerry Sims, Associate Dean, College of Business Administration.

Sullivan University is now partnering with another leader to better serve students and the greater community.

In Summer 2012, the University expanded its MBA program to include a concentration in Accounting. The new concentration joins Healthcare Management, Hospitality Management and Strategic Marketing as preset routes of study students can use to tailor their graduate education to better suit their professional goals. While the Accounting concentration is ideal for those aspiring to be Certified Public Accountants (CPA), new partnership formed

Sullivan University has partnered with Becker Professional Education, a leader in CPA exam review to provide students with a valuable value-added preview program. Third party research has shown that CPA candidates who studied with Becker passed at twice the rates of those that did not. Now at Sullivan, MBA students concentrating in Accounting will receive Becker’s review material as part of their general studies. The four sections of Becker’s review, which correspond to four sections on the CPA exam, will be paired with each of four classes that make up the Accounting concentration. This allows a streamlined approach to studying and tracking the multi-part professional examination. Similarly, the credit hours earned in class may count toward the academic hours required of CPA’s. For information contact Marika Adams at madams@sullivan.edu.

Record turnout at Career Fair

Left, Julia Safullah, Director of Career Services, was delighted to see alumni from the Class of 2010 all the way to Laura Layton, on campus recruiting for the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort. Right, George Huffman, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, discussed employment opportunities with Paralegal students Whitney Rodgers and Laura Hacker.

Sullivan Lexington’s well promoted annual Career Fair drew an outstanding turnout. Forty-one employers registered with an abundant number of students and graduates eager to present their resumes for potential career opportunities. This year, the participants included employers such as: Lexington Clinic, University of Kentucky, Kentucky Personnel Cabinet, Commonwealth Credit Union, Embassy Suites, the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort, YMCA, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Baptist Physicians Lexington, just to name a few. Excellent feedback was received from both employers and attendees, and many applicants were granted interview appointments. Employers were impressed with the professionalism and tenacity of Sullivan students and graduates and expressed continued interest in partnering with Career Services for future networking opportunities.

Julie Safullah, Career Services Director shared, “Each year Career Services looks forward to offering this event for students. The department was thrilled with the large turn out of employers; this year’s fair proved to be the largest turn out of employers registered to date!”

New program benefits IT students

The College of Information and Computer Technology on Sullivan’s Lexington campus began offering a new program in the 2012 Summer quarter. The System Design and Application Programming Certificate allows certificate-seekers a programming option. It also gives students who are pursuing industry accepted certifications as part of their IT Program, an option of working on their Associate’s degree while pursuing the programming-based option. The new program helps prepare students toward the Microsoft Certified Professional Developer (MCPP) certification.

This program covers web design and development techniques, C# programming and .NET Framework development all aimed at teaching students the proper techniques to create enterprise software applications. “The current group of students are enjoying the program tremendously! We have gotten a lot of positive feedback from them,” stated Julie King, Associate Dean, College of Technology, Academic Dean, David Tudor stated, “Offering expanded options in this program of study really gives students additional opportunities and the option to keep current on product knowledge and advancements in this ever changing career field.”

Sullivan’s International MBA Program grows

The Graduate School at Sullivan Lexington is experiencing growth in population and diversity. Stop by a class in the evening or on the weekend and you will observe students from across the state, country and overseas. It is not uncommon to encounter students in our Master of Business Administration (MBA), or Master of Science in Managing Information Technology (MSMIT) from China, Chile, Thailand, Korea, India, Ghana and others. These international students are eager to study at Sullivan University, a regionally accredited university.

Marka Adams, Graduate School/International Programs Admissions Officer adds,”Our students are not only bringing diverse educational experiences to the classroom, but previous career experiences from their respective countries which creates a unique and dynamic learning environment. Our faculty are truly preparing the global student.”

Left, Thiland Wichiloom and Jerrarrani Braybrown from Thailand are working on their Master’s in Business Administration.

A dynamic duo

Father and son, James Kelly, left, Bachelor’s in Inter- disciplinary Studies, and Jeremy Kelly, Bachelor’s in Management, received degrees almost everything. Sullivan gave red, white and blue cords to honor all graduates’ military service. James recently shared that his background and skill set has earned him a new job, but earning his bachelor’s degree “opened the door for the initial interview.”

Sullivan supports veterans

Sullivan Lexington campus has a wide variety of approved programs for VA eligible students who are either beginning college for the first time or continuing their education. With Sullivan’s esteemed Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Accreditation, VA certification for each program is orchestrated on campus by a trained VA Certifying official. At Sullivan, the VA Certifying official has the ability to meet each veteran when he/she originally begins at the university.

Sullivan University Lexington campus recently received the honor of a Military Friendly School as an institute of post-secondary education by GI Jobs. This, in part, is supported by the fact that Sullivan accepts Yellow Ribbon funds, and awards credits for military service and training. Sullivan also offers flexible scheduling by having day, evening, weekend and online class options. Small class sizes provide more one-on-one interaction with professors and classmates.