Sullivan alumni know success can come at any age

Pedro Garces Tamayo was only 21 when he enrolled in Sullivan’s Graduate School. His Bachelor’s in Telecommunications Systems Management from Murray State, under his belt. While his bachelor’s gave him technical expertise, Pedro wanted to further his education and learn how his field could contribute to a business bottom line. Pedro was working as an IT Manager for King Southern Bank, a local community bank, and while he had evaluated other graduate programs in Louisville, he found that “Sullivan’s M.S.M.I.T program was an excellent fit.” He liked the convenience of Sullivan’s evening courses and that the “graduate program covered all the relevant IT Management areas that I needed to be successful.” Sullivan’s Graduate School is geared towards students’ success. Pedro knew the value of a graduate degree, and about enrolling at Sullivan. “From day one, I experienced the staff’s dedication to ensure my success. The Associate Director for Graduate Admissions, Beverly Horley, assisted me during the enrollment process and even followed up after my first quarter. Throughout the program, I noticed that the graduate faculty not only had the academic expertise, but also the business experience to provide the real world perspective.” He appreciated that “the faculty was also available even via cell phone.” Career Services was a great resource. Pedro earned his Master’s in Information Technology degree from Sullivan in 2009 and was ready to put his new skills to good use. He was intrigued with a career opportunity with a utility company based in Charlotte, North Carolina and felt that “combined with my work experience and education from Sullivan, I was equipped to face any challenges the opportunity brought.” Pedro contacted Career Services for negotiating tips. “The Career Services office did a stellar job during my interview preparation and job search. Career Services Specialist Melissa Shockey provided me with the job search tools I needed. As a graduate student, it can be difficult to find opportunities during an economic recession and utilizing Sullivan’s Career Services expertise made it possible to get employed.” Pedro’s career search paid off at a Fortune 500 corporation. Three months after graduation, Pedro began working at one of the largest electric power companies in the United States. Less than a year later, Pedro’s skills had earned him a promotion; today he is a Telecommunications Network Analyst III at Duke Energy’s corporate headquarters. But Pedro isn’t resting on his laurels. He now is pursuing his MBA from Sullivan. Believing that “a combination of expertise from the M.S.M.I.T and MBA degrees will provide me with a leader’s holistic perspective of all business operational areas,” Sullivan’s flexible schedule helped his decision. “I have enjoyed the flexibility provided in an online setting. Sullivan has dedicated staff members that have made it their goal to be available after hours to ensure students’ success. Furthermore, I have been able to expand my expertise beyond IT Management to operations strategy, finance, accounting and other vital segments of a business. I believe that a combination of both degrees will strengthen my marketability.” For those thinking about increasing their marketability with a master’s degree, Pedro shared, that “taking this first step to pursue a graduate degree is the best investment you can make in your life. Even though a graduate degree does not guarantee employment, it will provide you the opportunity to stand out within your industry and increase your success with lifelong career opportunities.” At the age of 25, thanks to his drive, initiative and impeccable Sullivan credentials, Pedro Garces Tamayo will have lifelong career success!

International MBA Co-Op Program approaches two year mark

Excitement continues to grow at Sullivan University’s Graduate School as the International Co-op program approaches its second year. There are currently 150 students in the program who are working at prestigious companies such as Kindred Healthcare, Humana, and Jewish Hospital. And, when an unaccredited school closed for several federal violations, more than 100 displaced international graduate students applied for entrance to Sullivan’s Graduate School for the Spring 2011 quarter. The growing program has brought a diverse international community to Louisville. Sullivan students now represent Bangladesh, Jordan, Nepal, Israel, Egypt, Pakistan, Iran, China, India, Senegal, Ghana, Tanzania, South Korea, France, and Norway. Sullivan University’s newly established Ph.D. program in Management has aroused significant interest among international students. With the opportunity to work full-time in a curriculum practicum training internship while studying, now students who complete an MBA elsewhere will have the opportunity to come to Sullivan’s main campus in Louisville and work full-time while studying for their doctoral degree. Once again, Sullivan University’s focus on career preparedness and education has led it into a unique market niche in the international marketplace.

Recently, Asian Correspondent, a subsidiary of the Associated Press, ranked Sullivan University’s MBA Program with a concentration in Healthcare Management as one of the top ten Healthcare Administration Programs in the nation alongside academic giants such as Johns Hopkins, Ohio State University, and the University of Michigan to name a few. It is likely that such exposure in Southeast Asia will have widespread appeal and pave the way for new students to join campus in the upcoming months.

Sullivan has always been the leader in career-centered education, the success of the International Co-op program is a reflection of the team and family spirit of Sullivan University.

The Herald is now online

In an effort to provide even more coverage of Sullivan University events and happenings, The Herald is now available online. The site, www.sullivan.edu/herald, will offer more pictures, videos and longer stories about the school.

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Sullivan offers Bachelor’s in Nursing degree

faculty-student interaction in the accelerated program. Teaching/learning strategies will include team-based activities, virtual labs and virtual hospital activities in leadership and management. Courses are designed to meet the changing requirement of the baccalaureate nurse i.e., Evidence Based Nursing Practice; Diversity in Healthcare, Healthcare Informatics, Economics and Finance; Genetics; Quality Care and Patient Safety, and Holistic Nursing and Complementary and Alternative Therapies.

A Graduate’s Story

Pharmacy profession highlighted in library

The Pharmacy Tech Overview display was coordinated by the library and the Pharmacy Technician Club. The display showcases the tools used by pharmacy technicians and more. Student Misty Glen (mglenn372@my.sullivan.edu) may be contacted for more information.

The library displays are exhibited for two quarters. Past displays have highlighted and focused on a wide range of interests. Historical Pharmacy memorabilia, Nuclear Pharmacy, paralegal club information and items; children’s wonder book exhibit, Kentucky Derby glasses and memorabilia; southwestern art and artifacts; antiques quilts; dolls and toys; angels; great novels of the 21st century; a great grandson (student) magician of Harry Houdini exhibited his memorabilia; voting and presidential elections; marquetry; etc. Displays are typically tied to Sullivan academic programs, clubs, or students/staff/faculty who have collection-worthy exhibits.

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Literary pursuits

Two professors in Sullivan’s Master’s in Human Resource Leadership (MSHRL) degree program have recently written books published by the Society of Human Resources Professionals (SHRM).

Adjunct Professor, Dr. Sheri Caldwell’s book, “The Professional Must Learn to Be Successful,” has been selected as SHRM’s “Published Book of the Week.” Dr. Teresa Daniel’s recent book, Stop Bullying at Work: Strategies and Tools for HR & Legal Professionals, has twice been selected as SHRM’s “Published Book of the Week.”

Bullying is also the subject of Dr. LaVena Wilkin’s first publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Workplace Bullying: A Complex Problem in Contemporary Organizations appears in the January edition of the International Journal of Business and Social Science. Professor Wilkin co-wrote the article with her former dissertation chair. Check it out at http://www.jbsnet.com/archive/157.html

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