Our Mission
We promise to provide our students an innovative learning environment, embedded in our Lasallian principles, that develops and supports their pursuit to become successful and ethical business leaders within a dynamic global society, in association with our collaborative and engaged faculty-practitioners who are committed to connecting effective business practices and scholarship in educating our students.

Our Vision
To develop graduates and support faculty who are collaborative and transformational business leaders within a global society, recognized for their engrained Lasallian principles and ethical business expertise.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement
The College of Business and Graduate School of Management, inspired by our core Lasallian principles, are committed to working to end racism, bias and prejudice by becoming leaders in establishing a diverse, equitable and inclusive community reflecting all of our stakeholders. The College of Business and Graduate School of Management will, therefore, actively seek to increase the representation of underrepresented groups, within our student body as well as our employees, across race, color, religion, gender, socioeconomic conditions, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, cultural background, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status. In the spirit of Association, we are committed to welcoming and embracing diversity in all its forms, and we hold ourselves accountable to each other to ensure an inclusive environment that is grounded in mutual respect of the richness of identity, thought, role, individual perspectives and points of view. We recognize that this statement is aspirational and that we are a work in progress, as individuals, as a college, and as a larger campus community.
Dear Friends,

The College of Business at Lewis University, throughout the 2022-23 academic year, celebrated our community of outstanding faculty and staff over the years who have been delivering a world-class business education for more than 70 years while recognizing the 50th anniversary operating as a standalone college. In reflecting over these years, it is humbling to see how our academic community evolved from one undergraduate major (Business Administration, 1952) to the current eleven undergraduate majors and growing from a single graduate business degree (MBA, 1978) to the current five graduate programs. These programs combined, have helped to grow a worldwide alumni community exceeding 16,000 Flyers who earned their business degrees at Lewis.

Over the years our students, faculty and staff may have changed along with our academic programs evolving to the changing needs of business, but our Lasallian values have remained core to our central mission of educating business leaders. This past year nearly 1,500 students representing 30 U.S. states and 43 different countries were enrolled as one of our nearly 700 undergraduate and more than 800 graduate students to create our community here on campus. To help support these students, the College hired five new outstanding faculty members serving the disciplines of Business Analytics and Finance along with a new staff position to oversee the Innovation Hub and Lowell Stahl Center for Entrepreneurship & Real Estate.

The success of our community lies in part to our alumni, who during the past year have substantially enhanced the student experience from supporting student scholarships, sponsoring our CoB student clubs and organizations to investing in the construction of a future finance and trading lab classroom. The faculty too, contributed to the College’s successes, by revising and adapting curriculum to match the needs of the business community, such as the MA in Organizational Leadership program, undertaking the first major revision to their program since inception and created a program of distinction, preparing graduate students for their current and future careers.

As a community we have accomplished a lot during these past 70 years, which could not have been possible without the steadfast support of our stakeholders. In looking to the future, I know that the College of Business and Graduate School of Management will continue to best prepare our students for a dynamic global business environment.


Ryan D. Butt
Dean, College of Business
Lewis University celebrated its 90th anniversary during the 2022-2023 academic year. At the same time, the College of Business recognized that it was more than 70 years ago when the first business courses were offered at Lewis and the 50th year since the formation of the College of Business.

These first business courses offered in 1949 served as a foundation for the future four-years bachelor’s degrees. The Business Administration bachelor’s degree was established in 1950, while the Economics bachelor’s degree was in 1952. During the 1950s the College slowly expanded its offerings with Accounting, Economics, and Marketing concentrations under the Business Administration bachelor’s degree. In 1950, there were 134 graduates.

With the De La Salle Christian Brothers arrival on campus in 1960, Lewis and the college began to embrace the legacy of excellence in teaching that exemplified the Lasallian Mission. It was in this decade that the institution changed its name to Lewis College, and the Marketing degree (1961) and Accounting degree (1962) were established. As the 1960s progressed, the Department of Economics and Business Administration changed its name to the Department of Commerce in 1965. As the 1960s came to a close, Professor Roger Ashamy, Accountancy, secured a gift of $5,000 from the Richard B. Vance Investment Company of Joliet, Illinois. This gift was designated for Lewis students to gain real-world trading experience through managing their own investment portfolios, which enabled the Student Finance and Investment Club to be established. 1971 marked the issuing of over 1,000 undergraduate degrees.

The College of Business was officially established as a college in 1972, emerging from the College of Arts & Sciences. Dr. F. James Staszak served as the founding Dean.
The 12 business faculty members were housed in a pink trailer, behind the Fine Arts building, with one phone. The founding faculty members were: Roger Ashamy, Herbert Ashley, Donald Cordano, Joyce Goron, Lawrence Hill, Robert Kempiak, Rudolph Mahalik, Nicholas Mathys, Roy Matthews, F. James Staszak, Duane Walker and Rev. Paul K.T. Zao. A year later in 1973, Lewis College officially became Lewis University, as well as established the Finance bachelor’s degree and Management Science bachelor’s degree. The Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree was established in 1977. Anticipating the growth of graduate education, the College established a presence within Oak Brook to serve the community’s demand. There were 1,470 graduates of business degrees, including 30 MBA graduates, during this time.

The second Dean of the College was Rev. Dr. Kevin J. Spiess (1979-1984). The Graduate School of Management was established, and the Management Information Systems bachelor’s degree was established in 1983. The 1980s were a time of program expansion with more than 600 MBA graduates who successfully joined the alumni ranks at Lewis and the beginning of off-campus locations. Professor Walter V. Pascale served as Dean from 1985-1991. This decade alone realized more than 1,200 undergraduate degrees being awarded.

The campus footprint expanded in the 1990s with construction and campus improvements. Benilde Hall, formerly the Christian Brothers Headquarters, was renovated. The Student Recreation and Fitness Center, Harold E. White Aviation, and North Hall were constructed. In 1994, the College of Business officially moved from the Academic Building to Benilde Hall. This marked the first time in history for the College of Business to have an entire building dedicated to itself. Also, during the very early 1990s, the Lewis University Career Education Program (LUCEP) launched, offering an accelerated Business Administration bachelor’s degree for working adults. Professor James M. Perrone served as Dean from 1991-1997. Dr. Michael Carroll served as Dean from 1997-2000. In 1998, Dr. Lawrence Hill, Professor of Economics, established the Adam Smith Honored Alumnus of the Year award. William Rybak ’73, Accounting, received the first award.

Growth continued into the 2000s with the building of additional residence halls and other campus improvements. During the first half of the 2000s, the College of Business focused on globalization, through launching a travel study program. Over subsequent years, students have visited various countries such as Austria, China, Czech Republic, England, India, Italy, Spain, and the United Arab Emirates. Dr. Eveann Lovero served as Dean from 2000-2004. Dr. Rami Khasawneh served as Dean from 2004-2017. In 2006, the Lowell Stahl Endowed Center for Entrepreneurship & Real Estate was established as a resource for faculty and students to engage in real-world experiences.

In 2010, the College of Business successfully achieved program accreditation in all business degrees at that time, through the Accreditation Council of Business Schools & Programs (ACBSP). Additional programs were also
established in the 2010s. The Business Competition was established in 2013. To meet the needs of current students Lewis purchased the St. Charles Borromeo Center from the Diocese of Joliet and completed extensive renovation. The College of Business officially moved to Borromeo in 2014. The Sales Excellence program was launched in 2016 with the support of Marketing Professors Dr. James Oakley and Mr. Robert Bergman, with assistance from the Office of Career Services.

In 2017, Dr. Ryan D. Butt, was named the eighth Dean of the College of Business. The Organizational Leadership and Sport Management programs relocated from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Business in 2018. The Lewis University Innovation Hub, a Regional Incubator, officially launched through a partnership with the Des Plaines River Valley Enterprise Zone in 2019.

In 2019, the University’s first endowed professorship was secured with the Donald L. Cordano Professorship in Accountancy. This gift was followed by the annual business plan being endowed by Christian Brothers Services in honor of their founder, Br. Joel Damian, FSC.

In 2020, ACBSP reaccredited all 11 undergraduate and 5 graduate business programs for 10 years. During this same year, Business Analytics was offered as an undergraduate degree option. The College of Business shifted the delivery of courses from a primarily in-person classroom experience to a balance of in-person, online and hybrid modalities, as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, the College of Business created the first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion strategic plan at the Lewis University.

In 2021, the Supply Chain Management bachelor’s degree transitioned to the College of Business from the College of Aviation, Science and Technology. Later the same year, the Fr. Spiess Endowed Business Ethics Lecture hosted inaugural speaker Carol Lavin Bernick.

2022 marked the 50TH ANNIVERSARY for the College of Business. This year marked the issuing of 9,500 undergraduate degrees.
**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

Jack Blitstein, senior Accounting and Finance major, was the recipient of the Brother William L. Walz, FSC Endowed Scholarship this year. Jack was also very involved in the College of Business, being a part of the Accounting Club, Investment Club, Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity, and a member of the College of Business Student Advisory Board. Not only was Jack a part of these clubs, but he also held important positions within these clubs, such as, Vice President, Chief Risk Officer, and President. Jack also participated in the Sales Excellence program and through his two years at Lewis was able to complete the program and receive the Sales Excellence certificate. After graduation he plans to continue to study for the CPA exam and has a full-time job lined up to start in August as a staff auditor at a public accounting firm (Miller Cooper & Co.) in Chicago.

Meghan Bontrager, senior Sport Management and Digital Marketing minor received the Br. David Delahanty Award for Female Senior Student-Athlete from Athletics this year. The award recognizes the male and female student athletes with the highest cumulative GPA. Meghan was also a member of the Lewis Softball team, along with being a part of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. During her academic career, she received the Student Excellence Award in Sports Administration, in addition to the Dean’s Student Excellence Award. To finish it off, Meghan was awarded the 22-23 Easton/NFCA All-America Scholar Athlete award.

Angelo Cantelo, senior Finance major, with a minor in Economics, was a member of the baseball team at Lewis University. During his academic career, he won the Dean’s Scholar Award. In addition, he won the Student Excellence Award in Finance. To wrap it all up, Angelo also was awarded the Senior Male Delahanty Award. This award is given out to the player with the highest GPA in the athletic department.
WOMEN IN BUSINESS CLUB
The Women in Business club at Lewis University officially launched toward the end of the Spring 2023 semester. The newly formed club provides support, inclusion, and empowerment to our diverse undergraduate and graduate student population. Through education and experience, we aim to prepare future business leaders to be successful both personally and professionally. Some of our club members participated in the 2023 Plane Pull held at Lewis to benefit Special Olympics Illinois, and we are eager to begin the 2023-2024 academic year as there will be many different activities held for our members. Our executive board includes Shannon Martin, President; Milca Jimenez, VP of Student Relations; Julia Lesnicki, VP of Communications; Larissa Alves, VP of Programming and Outreach; Andrea Garcia, VP of Programming and Outreach; Anahi Salgado, VP of Operations; Stephannie Rowe, VP of Finance.

ECONOMIC & FINANCE INVESTMENT CLUB
During the academic year 2022-2023, the Investment Club held weekly meetings both in-person and via Zoom, witnessing a growing interest from students across various disciplines. These meetings served as educational workshops, enhancing financial literacy and generating investment interest among students. Presentations by faculty and Ms. Carolyn Kaiser from William Blair Foundation further expanded financial knowledge on campus. The Club conducted advanced quantitative analysis, applying Discounted Cash Flow method and comparative analysis to make informed investment decisions. Amidst market volatility and tightening credit supply, the Club maintained a portfolio that aligned with its strategy and target. The portfolio achieved a total return of 6.11% from July 2022 to June 2023.

DELTA MU DELTA
Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society in Business recognizes and encourages academic excellence of students at ACBSP accredited colleges and universities. Mu Alpha chapter of Delta Mu Delta was founded in 2011 to recognize the accomplishments of Lewis College of Business students. Membership is by invitation only for juniors, seniors, and graduate students who are in the top 20% of their class in cumulative average grades. We have recognized the accomplishments of 18 new members inducted this year. Based on levels of academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, service to the institution and community, and character; Lewis MBA student Daniela Navarrete Villegas was the recipient of a competitive $500 Delta Mu Delta scholarship award.
DELTA SIGMA PI

Delta Sigma Pi, founded in 1907, is one of the largest coeducational professional business fraternities in the United States focused on developing undergraduate students into “principled business leaders for the future by providing a lifetime of opportunity for our members.”

Lewis University’s Zeta Xi chapter celebrated its 57th year on campus. Members of the chapter participate in activities on and around campus which cultivate ethical and professional business habits, practices, and principles including community service, fundraising, professional events, career events, and executive briefings.

NSLS STUDENT CHAPTER

This will be our third year of having an National Society of Leadership and Success chapter at Lewis! The NSLS is the largest leadership honor society in the United States. NSLS gives student members access to exclusive scholarships and awards, customized letters of recommendation, access to an online job bank, networking events, brand discounts, and more. Supported by faculty advisor Dr. Sheila Boysen, the Lewis University NSLS chapter is the largest student organization on campus with 220 student members.

During the 2022-23 academic year, the NSLS chapter conducted five orientations, leadership training days, volunteer events, and training sessions to equip students with key leadership skills, networking opportunities and tools to create and execute their individual personal and leadership goals. The Executive Board was led by: Dontrail Evans (President), Elyja Parker (Vice President), Tiffany Covarrubia (Community Service Chair), Daisy Collazo (Publicity Chair), Lauren Qualizza, (Social Events Chair), Dayanna Sanchez (Secretary) and Rebecca Irwin (Treasurer).

ACCOUNTING CLUB

The Accounting Club, founded in 2020 at Lewis University offers students a remarkable opportunity to enrich their academic and professional journey by learning, networking, and engaging. Students connect with prominent professional organizations, gain insights from industry experts, and acquire practical skills that enable them to pursue fulfilling career paths. Throughout the 2022-2023 Academic Year, the Accounting Club organized numerous activities, including the inaugural Accounting Day Networking Event, held on September 26, 2022, where the Club hosted 17 accounting firms to network and engage with our students which led to multiple students getting internships and job placements.

The Accounting Club, through the generosity of an alum, was able to send six club members and two advisors to the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Student Leadership Conference, held from October 20-22, 2022, in Pittsburgh. Finally, the club was able to launch and support the IRS Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Training program in Spring 2023, through partnering with the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook, Ill., to help lower-income families/individuals file income taxes through the IRS VITA program. Several students volunteered after the Club facilitated two training sessions to help them get the required IRS certificates. This past year’s officers included: Jack Blitstein (President), Jennifer Cisneros (Vice President and Treasurer), Patricia Timmins (Chief Marketing Officer), Odalys Ochoa (Chief Operating Officer).
The Lewis University SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management) Chapter continued to build momentum this year, with multiple events held in partnership with HR professionals from the Human Resource Association (HRA) of Greater Oak Brook. Supported by faculty advisors Dr. Elizabeth Belgio and Dr. Kami Tsai, the Lewis University SHRM student chapter is open to all majors and helps students build critical HR knowledge and develop a strong business professional network.

Club meetings were held monthly, with senior-level HR professionals attending meetings to provide insights into different HR career opportunities, critical skills needed for future jobs, interviewing “do’s and don’ts,” and how to use LinkedIn for networking effectively.

The year ended on a high note with a formal business dinner with 10+ senior HR executives in attendance. Students were educated on business networking etiquette in advance of the event and then had the opportunity to apply those new skills with HR executives across multiple disciplines. Deans Ryan Butt and Kip Kline also attended to support the students and the HRA of Greater Oak Brook partnership.

The Sales Excellence Program, in its 6th year, enrolled 26 students who participated in our very innovative experiential learning program in sales, selling, and salesmanship. Students are taught by Lewis professors as well as sales professionals from Partner organizations serving a myriad of industries from industrial supplies to pharmaceuticals. Our seven Partners this year include Penske, Fastenal, Tier 1 Executives, Alro Steel, Northwestern Mutual, Xeris Pharmaceuticals, and Sherwin-Williams.

Taking students out of the classroom and into the field is a major component of the program. Students toured the facilities of our Partner organizations, partook in executive briefings, and participated in professional selling exercises and activities. Students are shown here touring Alro Steel’s Bolingbrook, Ill. plant, and participating in a sales activity at the Naperville, Ill. offices of Northwestern Mutual.

Sales Excellence Partner organizations provide outstanding learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom for our students, as well as provide exceptional internships and career positions in sales and sales operations.
In 2013, the College of Business established, with the support of former students and business executives, the Annual Rev. Kevin J. Spiess Lecture on Business & Ethics. The Lecture’s objectives is to share professional experiences from globally recognized business leaders who exemplify ethical leadership traits throughout their careers with our Lewis University’s community of students, faculty, alumni and friends. Fr. Kevin Spiess, professor emeritus of Lewis University College of Business served the University for 44 years in various roles including as Assistant to the President, Dean of the College of Business, and Full Professor of Business Administration. Fr. Spiess graduated from Lewis University, with masters' degrees from Loyola Mundelein University, DePaul University and the University of Notre Dame. He earned his doctorate in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from Harvard University.

On Wednesday, October 26, 2022, the College hosted the 2nd Annual Rev. Kevin J. Spiess Endowed Lecture on Business & Ethics with Cherilyn G. Murer, J.D., C.R.A., President and CEO of CGM Advisory Group LLC and the founder, President and CEO of Murer Consultants, Inc. (a firm she sold in January 2017), as the keynote speaker. Cherilyn has been an active voice in the advancement of quality, cost-effective health care and higher education for more than three decades. Ms. Murer received a Juris Doctor degree with honors from Northern Illinois University College of Law and coupled it with her previous operational experience at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, to create the innovative business model and launch Murer Consultants. Ms. Murer is a sought-after consultant, lecturer, educator and author whose focus is on helping clients navigate through the complex regulatory, strategic and financial issues facing healthcare and higher education in these transformational times. Under her leadership, Murer Consultants represented large multi-hospital health care systems, academic medical centers and large physician group practices with a focus on strategic positioning, operational and governance restructuring, consolidations and acquisitions, regulatory compliance and financial management. Ms. Murer, who is fluent in French, holds dual citizenship in the United States and Italy, and owns homes in Chicago, Ft. Lauderdale and Costa Brava, Spain.
LASALLIAN BUSINESS ETHICS COMPETITION

Students in the College of Business were excited to participate again in the annual Lasallian Societal Impact Case Competition. Intended to support student learning and growth, this competition originated from a desire between six U.S. Lasallian Business Schools to deepen community and engagement.

Lewis University Business Administration seniors Matthew Sekula, Andrew Burton, Daniel Caldwell and Ruth Delgado were chosen as the top student team to represent Lewis University in the broader business school competition. Competing against five other Lasallian schools, the students were tasked with developing and presenting detailed recommendations based on the HBR case, Apple: Privacy vs. Safety. The students were mentored by Dr. Elizabeth Belgio, with Dr. Jim Oakley selected as one of the six competition judges. The Lewis University team won third place in the case competition.

CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

This year, several College of Business students presented at Celebration of Scholarship, a student symposium showcasing the work of undergraduate and graduate students. The students participated in a panel presentation, discussing ethical concerns and business challenges companies face when balancing individual data privacy with a greater societal need for safety.

Business Administration seniors Daniel Gadomski, Jenna Lack, Selene Rodriguez, Hayley Velasquez, Christina Adler, Michael Huizar, Huangshen Mo, Jayde Tate, Lauren Harris, Jackson Kameron, Kelli Mahoney, Kaitlyn Fuchs, Piotr Krupa, Alex Lopez and Jackie Vazquez all participated in the panel presentation, which was moderated by Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Dr. Elizabeth Belgio.
COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

FIFA WORLD CUP VIEWING PARTY

During the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, Lewis University watched the world’s biggest sporting event along with the rest of the planet. Lewis Sport Management students transformed the St. Charles Borromeo gym into a viewing party area where the Lewis community could gather to follow all the action and cheer on their favorite teams together. From November 21st through December 14th the Sport Management program hosted hundreds of students, faculty and staff for more than 30 matches.

To kick everything off, the Sport Management program hosted a series of guest speakers for two special lunch hour events in between matches. On Monday, November 21st, Chicago White Sox Vice President of Sales, Jim Willits, presented and took questions from Lewis students prior to the USA vs. Wales match. On Tuesday, November 22nd representatives from the Chicago Bears, Chicago Red Stars and Milwaukee Brewers took part in a Breaking into the Sport Industry Panel Discussion.

LEARNING TO LEAD PROGRAM

The 9th annual Learning to Lead program for high school students was facilitated by Dr. Lesley Page and additional faculty and staff across Lewis University. This outreach program is a forum for high school students to engage with the Romeoville campus and learn valuable leadership skills through facilitated sessions and group activities. The program focuses on teamwork, effective communication, problem solving and positive leadership principles, as more than 80% of employers are looking for new hires with these essential skills. The program is very successful and participant feedback indicates that:

- 97% of students enjoyed the Learning to Lead program.
- 100% of students feel that Learning to Lead has taught them to be a more effective leader.
- 100% of students would recommend the Learning to Lead program to others.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP WEBINAR

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lewis University’s College of Business, the Department of Organizational Leadership and Management hosted a webinar titled “50 Years of Celebrating Leadership: Honoring the Past While Leading Forward” facilitated by thought-leaders in the field (all of whom were students/alumni from the M.A. Organizational Leadership Program).
College of Business Faculty Excellence Teaching Award

The College of Business Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award and the College of Business Outstanding Adjunct Teaching Award are given annually to an educator who through their teaching, reflects our shared Lasallian traditions, especially their commitment to educational excellence. This is a student-nominated award, and this is the inaugural year of this award.

This year award recipients are:

Dr. James Krejci  
Professor  
Department: Business Administration, Supply Chain, Marketing  
Year Started: Fall 2014  
Classes Taught:  
• Operations Management  
• Coordinating and Managing Supply Chain  
• Supply Chain Management Analytics  
• Operations Management  
• Ethical Strategic Management

Nahnhy Hyong  
Lecturer  
Department: Business Administration, Supply Chain, Marketing  
Year Started: Fall 2021  
Classes Taught:  
• International Business and Global Environment  
• Supervisory Management  
• International Management  
• Principles of Management
Celebrating the fruits of his vision and dedication, Christian Brothers Services (CBS) honored its founder, Br. Joel Damian, FSC, with an endowment to Lewis University in the spring of 2019. This significant gift was directed at supporting the long-running student focused business plan competition within the College of Business, being renamed, “Brother Joel Damian, FSC, Business Plan Competition.” Br. Damian was a pioneer of his time and was instrumental as an entrepreneur in creating Christian Brothers Services, a nonprofit organization that provides a range of benefit plans within the areas of health, retirement and property/casualty, to name a few, to congregations, organizations and dioceses within the Catholic Church here in the United States and Canada. Since 2013, nearly 100 students have participated in the annual competition with more than $110,000 awarded to the top business plans.

Students presented in-person and virtually their business plans or pitches to six distinguished business professionals who served as judges. The judges attentively listened to the plans and pitches and enthusiastically posed questions, while offering support to the competitors. This past year’s winners were awarded more than $25,000 in cash and in-kind services from the Lewis University Innovation Hub.

The Innovation Hub at Lewis, established in November 2019, fosters the entrepreneurial spirit by empowering residents of the communities within the Des Plaines River Valley Enterprise Zone and the Lewis campus of faculty, staff and students to pursue, launch or scale a business idea for an incredible experiential learning and synergy. The Hub and its adjoining Innovation Lounge offer a comfortable, professional place to connect, collaborate and focus on meeting business goals. The Lewis Innovation Hub is supported by the Des Plaines River Valley Enterprise Zone and is an official sponsor of TEDx events hosted by the University.
BUSINESS PITCHES

CREDIT CARE
Grand Prize Winner
Thomas Wakerfield, Undergraduate
The Pitch: Proposed a credit repair service that deals with a major pain point in repairing a person’s credit score. Deals with credit bureaus to remove inaccurate items which is stressful, and few know how to do it.

COSHOP
Grand Prize Winner
Amna Tasneem, Undergraduate
The Pitch: Proposed a shared shopping list application, which allows a user to share to a group to help shop for others in that group.

BASVI
Social Impact Winner
Julia Quintero Gómez, Undergraduate
The Pitch: Proposed a mobile device designed to completely remember past conversations and provide significant feedback to questions and discussions.

LIMPIA
Dean’s Award Winner
Annabella Zambrano & Jesica Aguirre Alvizo, Undergraduate
The Pitch: Proposed a different method of cleaning toilets, after COVID.

SIGNER
Social Impact Winner
Mauricio Ricardo Ortiz Veloz, Undergraduate
The Pitch: Proposed a project that aims to use hand tracking facial recognition to translate hand signals into written form, in all sign languages.

MEDTOUR
Crowd Favorite Winner
Sai Charan Reddy Pammi, Graduate
The Pitch: Proposed a product/service that is a medical tourism facilitation, which aims to assist patients seeking medical treatments in a different location.

SMALL B2B COMPANY INVENTORY SYSTEM
Crowd Favorite Winner
Huangshen (Maxwell) Mo, Undergraduate
The Pitch: Proposed an inventory solution system for small businesses in order to implement an efficient inventory system in limited spaces.

H&H GROUP
Top Graduate Degree Winner
Majeed Khan, Graduate
The Pitch: Proposed creating a hotel booking portal, only focusing on medical tourism.

Thank you to our six judges who took part on our 2023 Br. Joel Damian, FSC Business Plan & Pitch Competition. We want to thank Patrick Feehan, CFO for Patrick Engineering, Steven Wightkin, Chief Customer Officer of Datatelligent, Jason Altenbern, VP of Business Development for Little Friends Inc., John D. Noak, Romeoville Mayor, Ryan Allen, Lewis Alum & Innovation Hub member, Patrick Lynch CEO & CFO for Christian Brothers Services, for being a part of this year’s event!
LUCE PROGRAM VISITS BIRTHPLACE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The picture is from a weekend excursion to visit the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi in front of the Duomo Di San Rufino. Dr. Scott Kerth went to Assisi when he was in Rome with the Lewis University Study in Rome Program, LUCE (Lasallian Universities Center for Education). Dr. Kerth will be the Program’s Academic Director next year. He visited this past Spring to gather first-hand information from students and the current Academic Director, Dr. Dennis Cremin and Student Life Director, Dr. Joanne Kuttner. Dr. Kerth and the Philosophy department are developing an Interdisciplinary Seminar for the LUCE program.
## EXPANDING STUDENT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The College continues to partner with the Office of Career Services to provide students the greatest opportunities to connect with employers. Chicagoland’s top employers utilize Flyers Get Hired, powered by Handshake, and College Central Network (CCN) as their two primary sources to recruit Lewis University students and alumni for jobs and internships in leadership and management positions. Flyers Get Hired provides students/alumni with a career management account and access to over 250,000 employers. The CCN posting system is available to only the 18 private Illinois colleges and university members of the College Career Consortium of Illinois (CCCI).

### Employers Attending Career Networking Events

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### INTERNSHIPS

Students across our eleven undergraduate majors pursued internships with some of the following organizations:

- Accounting SolutionZ
- Chicago Tube & Iron
- Cray Kaiser LTD
- Critical Mass
- HARIBO of America, Inc.
- Hardin Consulting
- Hendrickson USA, LLC.
- International Swimming League
- Joliet Slammers
- Macchietto Roth & Company, P.C.
- Magid
- Millenium Trust
- Newell Brands
- Park Ridge Park District
- Penske
- Republic Bank of Chicago
- Sikich
- Sodexo
- Village of Romeoville
- Wintrust Financial Corporation
- 4Wealth® Financial Group, LLC

### ACCOUNTING NETWORK EVENT

**Inaugural Accounting Networking Event**

(33 students attended)

- Adducci Vega Financial Group, LLC
- Becker
- Bill Hickey & Associates, Inc.
- CDH, P.C.
- Cygan Hayes Ltd.
- Elder Hanson & Company, Ltd.
- FORVIS, LLP
- Illinois CPA Society
- Illinois Department of Revenue
- IRS-Criminal Investigation
- Marcheschi Plankis & Pogore
- Miller Cooper & Co.
- Mrjenovich & Bertucci, Ltd.
- Plante Moran
- Porte Brown LLC
- R.J. Augustine & Associates LTD., CPAs
- Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon
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- Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon

### EMPLOYMENT

Graduates landed jobs at leading global and national organizations including:

- Amazon
- Argonne National Laboratory (Finance Division)
- ALDI USA
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Cars.com
- Chicago Cubs
- Dayton Freight Lines Inc.
- Echo Global Logistics
- EY
- Enterprise Holdings, Inc.
- Fastenal Company
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
- First Midwest Bank
- Heartland Bank and Trust Company
- Hub Group
- Horwitz, Horwitz & Associates
- J.B. Hunt Transport Services Inc.
- KeHE Distributors
- KPMG US LLP
- Legacy Professional LLP
- Lions Club International
- McMaster-Carr
- Microsoft
- Nestle Professional North America
- Penske Truck Leasing
- Reynolds Consumer Products
- Robert Bosch
- RSM US LLP
- Verizon
- Wintrust Financial Corporation
ENROLLMENT DATA

College of Business &
Graduate School of Management

43 Countries represented over five continents
30 States Represented
180 Student-Athletes
246 Students named to the Dean’s List during 2022-23
177 Students take Business classes through the School of Graduate, Professional & Continuing Education

TOP 5 hometowns of COB students
Plainfield
Romeoville
Joliet
Chicago
Bolingbrook

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS CLASS OF 2026

122 FRESHMEN
REPRESENTS 12 STATES:
• Alabama
• California
• Florida
• Illinois
• Indiana
• Kentucky
• Michigan
• Minnesota
• Nebraska
• Tennessee
• Washington
• Wisconsin

REPRESENTS 22 COUNTRIES:
• Austria
• Barbados
• Canada
• Colombia
• France
• Germany
• Grenada
• India
• Italy
• Jordan
• Kazakhstan
• Mexico
• Mongolia
• Nepal
• Nigeria
• Norway
• Philippines
• Poland
• Saint Lucia
• Tanzania
• Turkey
• Zimbabwe

TOP 3 MAJORS
• Business Administration (50)
• Accounting (25)
• Finance (14)
## Undergraduate Majors

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**Undergraduate**

- **White**: 396
- **Hispanic, of any race**: 158
- **Black or African American**: 51
- **Non-Resident Alien**: 38
- **Asian**: 23
- **Two or more races**: 17
- **Unknown Race/Ethnicity**: 10
- **American Indian or Alaska Native**: 1

**Demographic Data**

- **59.08% Male**
- **40.92% Female**

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**2022-23 Dean's Report**

*College of Business*
Graduate

Demographic Data

- **517** Non-Resident Alien
- **180** White
- **53** Hispanic, of any race
- **33** Black or African American
- **8** Asian
- **6** Unknown Race/Ethnicity
- **5** Two or more races

**Gender Distribution:**
- **65.84%** Male
- **34.16%** Female

**Employment Status:**
- **62.97%** Full-Time
- **37.03%** Part-Time
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND GLOBAL SCHOLAR SERVICES

The Office of International Student and Global Scholar Services (ISGSS) supports all undergraduate and graduate international students on F-1 and J-1 visas at Lewis University. In addition to advising students on multiple matters related to visa compliance including educational requirements and work authorization, ISGSS partners with various campus departments to provide relevant information to students as well as cultural celebrations to embrace students’ diverse backgrounds. As the University’s international population has grown to over 1,200 students, many additional support services have been added such as enhanced departmental workflows within ISGSS to ensure a quick turnaround time for all student inquiries, hybrid extended international orientation sessions, Sprintax Non-Resident Tax preparation assistance, and weekly online Q&A sessions for students with campus partners including academic advisors, the Student Wellness Center, LUPD, and many more.

Some cultural highlights from the year 2022-23 include the (top left photo) Holi Festival and (top right) Cricket Tournament in Spring 2023.

RECRUITMENT PROFILE: OSMANIA UNIVERSITY

The Office of International Enrollment leads a comprehensive global recruitment strategy that has resulted in significant growth in graduate student enrollment. An important part of that strategy is a partnership that was established in 2017 with Osmania University (OU). With the main campus located in Hyderabad India, Osmania University is one of the largest public university systems in India. Indian students studying a Business degree at OU regularly receive promotional materials about the graduate programs offered at Lewis University. OU students also have direct access to Lewis representatives based in Hyderabad who regularly visit the OU campuses. Since 2017, Osmania University business students account for a majority of our current College of Business international students.
The Lowell Stahl Center for Entrepreneurship & Real Estate was established in October 2006, with a gift from Lowell Stahl. The Center, since its inception, has been serving as a catalyst to encourage and support students interested in entrepreneurial and real estate activities. In addition, it has served as an opportunity for alumni and community stakeholders to engage through networking and mentoring with our students and faculty. The Center continues to establish itself in the broader community where a blend of academic programming, faculty expertise and leaders of industry are able to come together to pursue and support the growth of entrepreneurial initiatives.

DONALD CORDANO
ENDOWED PROFESSOR OF ACCOUNTANCY

Lewis University's first endowed professorship, The Donald L. Cordano Professorship in Accounting, was established in 2019. This endowed professorship recognized Cordano's contributions over more than 30 years as a professor of Accountancy in Lewis' College of Business, where he influenced the lives of thousands of students. Cordano was a nationally recognized accounting expert, as well as the founder and president of Donald L. Cordano & Associates, Ltd. estate tax practice and a senior partner of Cordano, Severson & Associates, Ltd., an accounting and tax practice. Cordano retired from Lewis with professor emeritus status in 1997. Through the generosity of friends of the College of Business, this gift will enable the Accounting program to recognize and support a faculty member who is nationally recognized and reflects the interest and support of our students, in the image of our Lasallian characteristics.
### UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

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*No longer offered as a program of study or has relocated outside of COB/GSM at Lewis.
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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ENDOWED & ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Andrew B. Barber Endowed Scholarship
- Brother William L. Walz, FSC Endowed Scholarship
- Bryan T. and Mary C. Durkin Endowed Scholarship
- Donald L. Cordano Endowed Scholarship
- Dr. Thomas Georginis Memorial Annual Scholarship
- Edward Northrup & Eileen Gay Gladding Endowed Scholarship
- Elvira Hogan Endowed Scholarship for Governmental Accounting
- F. James Staszak Endowed Scholarship
- Gallo-Lenhart Endowed Scholarship
- Hollywood Casino Joliet Scholarship
- John and Karen Kalec Endowed Scholarship
- John Eudes Memorial Scholarship
- Joseph Tomsic Annual Scholarship
- Kenneth V. and Linda M. Madrzak Endowed Scholarship
- Lawrence C. Zlogar Endowed Scholarship
- Lomasney Endowed Scholarship
- Marchal Family Scholarship
- Mark A. and Joan T. Olson Family Endowed Scholarship
- Melvin Cook Annual Scholarship
- Michael Morefield Annual College of Business
- Michael Morefield Endowed College of Business
- Nathan Andrew Rybak Endowed Scholarship
- Ron and Eileen Kayfas Annual Scholarship
- Roger Ashamy Endowed Scholarship
- Sandy McClain Endowed Scholarship
- The Asiyanbi Family Scholarship
- The Pomykala Group LLC Annual Scholarship
- William Leavelle Annual Scholarship
- Wintrust Financial Corporation Annual Scholarship for Women in Accounting
- Wintrust Financial Corporation Annual Scholarship for Women in Business

COB FY23 GIFT DATA

- **212** Number of Gifts
- **$1,861** Average Gift Size
- **$394,584** Total of All Gifts

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Dr. Eveann Lovero, former dean of the College of Business and professor of Business Administration, passed away on October 18, 2022.

Eveann earned her BA from Northeastern, MBA from DePaul, and DBA from Nova Southeastern University. She served as a fulltime faculty member from 1986 – 2016 and as Dean of the College of Business from 2000 – 2004. After returning to the ranks of faculty, she served as Chair of the Business Administration Department. She was a Visiting Professor in Brazil in 1998 and in China in 2003. She was instrumental in moving the College of Business from Benilde Hall to St. Charles Borromeo.

Dr. George Klemic, professor of Business Administration, provided comments on Eveann’s professional life. Asked to speak at her retirement years ago, he said,

“My experience with Dr. Lovero has been wonderful, but certainly not unique. Other COB faculty have related similar stories to mine. I first met Eveann when she was visiting her son, Chris, in Northern California in the early 2000s. Eveann and I had a lot in common, and struck a business acquaintanceship right away. A few years later I found myself seeking a position in Illinois and was pleasantly surprised to find a vacancy at Lewis. The social capital literature tells us that the most likely source of a good job is through a business acquaintance, that certainly proved to be true in my case.

Jim Krejci, current chair Business Administration, met Eveann over 26 years ago when they both started classes in their doctoral program.

“Eveann was always upbeat and helpful in the “ways of the academic world” since his experiences all came from the real-world of manufacturing. As they neared the end of the courses, Eveann asked Jim if he would be interested in teaching at Lewis and said she knew Father Harkabus was looking for someone to teach Operations. Introductions were made, and the rest is history. Again, the social capital literature is accurate, and all of us in this room might say instead that the spirit of Association has always been strong with Eveann. Eveann achieved because she is a smart, persevering, dedicated person, who lives Lewis’ Mission. While we will certainly miss her dedication and effort, we…I will miss most her warmth and friendship.”
The Fall 2022 Scholars’ Luncheon was held on October 20, 2022. Dr. Reza Gharoie Ahangar presented his paper “A global optima search field division method for evolutionary algorithms,” which was published in *Journal of the Operational Research Society*. Dr. Ahangar is an Assistant Professor of Business Analytics in the Department of Accounting, Business Analytics, Economics & Finance.

The Spring 2023 Scholars’ Luncheon was held on March 14, 2023. Ms. Michele Ryan, instructor of Business Administration, presented chapters 1-3 of her dissertation titled “Does the emotional intelligence of College of Business students in private Midwest institutions play a role in their perceived employability?” Ms. Michele Ryan is pursuing her Doctor of Business Administration at George Fox University.
BRICK PAVERS

The College of Business has a great tradition of graduating leaders in 11 undergraduate programs and 5 graduate programs since 1972. To honor the college’s 50th anniversary, alumni, faculty/staff, friends, family, donors and supporters could purchase a commemorative, engraved brick paver to be installed outside of St. Charles Borromeo Hall by making a gift.

With a gift of $150, $250 or $500 to the College of Business, they became a part of the College of Business legacy at our Romeoville campus. 21 bricks were purchased with a total of $8,250 raised.

THERE’S STILL TIME TO CONTINUE YOUR LEGACY!

If you would like to purchase a brick, please contact Krysten McGee at kmcgee2@lewisu.edu.

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IN HONOR OF OUR COB STUDENTS

WHERE TWO BECAME ONE, ELI & LACEY CLASS ’17 ’18

DR. MARK & MELISSA NAPIER FAMILY DOWNTOWN GROVE, IL 2023

ROBERT COOPER CPA BA 77-78 MBA 1983 CC COACH 79-83 WRESTLING TEAM 73-77 GO LEWIS-NEXT 100
SPOTLIGHT ON
FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

RALPH MILLER
Flyer Red Dinner, Hall of Fame Inductee, Lasallian of the Year

Dr. Ralph Miller worked at Lewis University for 20 years as an Assistant Professor of Sport Management, where he also served as the Director of the Sport Management Program. Dr. Miller earned his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from the University of Illinois. He then went on to get his Masters of Science in Physical Education from George Williams College. He would go on and earn his EdD from Northern Illinois University in Leadership and Policy Studies. Dr. Miller continues to serve as an adjunct instructor in the Sport Management Program. For his commitment to teaching and his engagement and support of all student athletes, Dr. Miller was inducted into the Lewis University Athletic Hall of Fame as the Lasallian of the Year Awardee during the Flyer Red Dinner in April 2023.
FACULTY PUBLICATIONS


Dr. Reza Ahangar
Reza Gharoie Ahangar is an Assistant Professor of Business Analytics at Lewis University in Romeoville, Chicago area. He holds a B.Sc. in Business Management, an MBA in Finance, an MSc in Finance, an MSc in Business Analytics, and a Ph.D. in Management Science with a minor in Economics.

Dr. Nidhal Bouazizi
Dr. Nidhal Bouazizi, Assistant Professor of Business Analytics, received his Doctorate of Business Administration from DePaul University in Business Research with a focus on operations and supply chain management.

Dr. Eunjung Lee
Eunjung Lee is an Assistant Professor in Business Analytics in the College of Business at Lewis University. She earned her Ph.D. in Information Technology Management from the Lubar School of Business, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Dr. Mark Napier
Dr. Mark Napier is an Assistant Professor of Finance in the College of Business at Lewis University. His research interests include circular economies, ESG/sustainable finance, and portfolio risk (venture capital). He has also partnered with the World Economic Forum (Impact Investing) and the UN Environment Program Finance Initiative (UNEP–FI Sustainable Finance). He has presented his research at several conferences and various GI/NGI sector briefings.
JAY SAWSANI

The Lowell Stahl Center for Entrepreneurship & Real Estate has named Jay Sawsani, (Marketing ‘07) the inaugural Entrepreneur-in-Residence in the College of Business and Graduate School of Management. As the founder of Meal Sharing, Jay has revolutionized the way people dine around the world. His unrelenting drive for product innovation and community development has opened people’s kitchens in over 120 countries. Leading a pioneering company in the sharing economy food category, Meal Sharing has connected passionate home cooks with diners and has gathered accolades from the BBC, Food and Wine, NPR, and Jimmy Kimmel Live. Jay has spoken at the British Parliament on the sharing economy, has been featured in the Smithsonian Magazine, and was invited to the United Nations alongside other global innovators to help solve current social issues.

JOHN WIGHTKIN

John has been an entrepreneur all his life. He has over 35 years of experience in the investment industry as a senior investment innovator for many intra-firm start-ups, and the founder of a successful investment consulting and technology firm that he later sold. John has also founded a successful non-profit organization called Samaritan Network that helps people over their speed bumps in life. Recently John launched his entrepreneur-coaching firm, Taking Flyt, which transforms and strengthens individuals, businesses and communities through entrepreneurship. John also has been a professor for over 25 years at several universities teaching applied investment classes where students manage real money and entrepreneurship classes where students learn to launch and scale a business idea.

John is a Certified Financial Analyst (CFA) and has a Mechanical Engineering degree (with a Nuclear Engineering minor) from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from the University of Michigan. He also graduated from Second City with a degree in improv. Finally, he has a Applied Neuroscience certificate from MIT and is a Certified Master Neuroplastician awarded by the Institute of Organizational Neuroscience.

Departures

DR. SINA RAHIMINEJAD
Assistant Professor, Accounting
Two years at Lewis

MEGAN WOZNIAK
Coordinator of COB Accreditation and Compliance
Seven years at Lewis
College of Business

Dean’s Office
Dr. Ryan D. Butt, Dean
Dr. Wei Chen, Associate Dean
Michael Progress, Assistant Dean
Kathryn Hettinger, Coordinator of COB Academic Services
Tracy O’Brien, Administrative Assistant
Kari Orseske, Coordinator of COB Operations
Megan Wozniak, Coordinator of Accreditation & Compliance
Dani Nararrete Villegas, Graduate Assistant

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Dr. Ibrahim Mescioglu, Chair, Professor of Business Analytics
Dr. Ting He, Assistant Professor of Accounting
Dr. Sina Rahiminejad, Assistant Professor of Accounting
Iyad Rock, Instructor of Accounting
Dr. Wei Chen, Professor of Economics
Dr. Lawrence Hill, Professor of Economics
Dr. Yinan Ni, Assistant Professor of Finance
John Nyhoff, Assistant Professor of Finance
Dr. Mark Napier, Assistant Professor of Finance
Dr. Nidhal Bouazizi, Assistant Professor of Business Analytics
Dr. Eunjung Lee, Assistant Professor of Business Analytics
Dr. Reza Ahangar, Assistant Professor of Business Analytics
Dr. Zheng Zhou, Assistant Professor of Business Analytics

Department of Business Administration & Marketing
Dr. James Krejci, Chair, Professor of Business Administration
Dr. Elizabeth Belgio, Assistant Professor of Business Administration
Dr. Ian Gladding, Professor of International Business and Business Administration
Michele Ryan, Instructor of Business Administration
Robert Bergman, Assistant Professor of Marketing
Dr. Shan Lin, Associate Professor of Marketing and Digital Marketing
Dr. James Oakley, Professor of Marketing
Dr. Dawn Schneider, Assistant Professor of Marketing

Department of Organizational Leadership & Management
Dr. Lesley Page, Chair, Professor of Organizational Leadership
Dr. Sheila Boysen, Professor of Organizational Leadership
Dr. Michael Cherry, Professor of Organizational Leadership
Dr. Robert Harris, Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership
Dr. Scott Kerth, Associate Professor of Organizational Leadership
Tim McBride, Assistant Professor of Sport Management
**Adjunct Appreciation**

The College of Business, relies on our outstanding group of nearly sixty adjunct instructors who engage our students in the classroom, preparing them for their future careers. During the past academic year, the group of adjuncts below taught 234 sections at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. We extend our gratitude to our adjuncts. Thank you for your dedicated service.

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**College of Business Dean’s Advisory Board**

The group consists of professionals who assist the Dean with setting and achieving strategic objectives for the Lewis University College of Business. They provide insight, advice, and support to ensure degree programs are offering current and useful skills to be used in the field.

- **Robert Beckman ’76**, CEO, Wicab, Inc.
- **Kevin Davenport ’11**, Founder and CEO, The Ideal Candidate
- **Steve Jamnik ’96**, Regional Vice President, 1st Secure Community Bank of Joliet
- **Mary Lancaster ’88**, CPA, Wermer Rogers Doran & Ruzon, LLC
- **Mike McClain ’91**, Managing Director & General Manager, Equities Clearing, The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation
- **Patrick McKune ’85**, CFO, M. Holland Company
- **Brian Osborne ’82**, Co-President, Sentinel Technologies, Inc.
- **Jim Pisani ’05**, Business Unit CEO of the Outdoor & Recreation Business, Newell Brands
- **Nancy Rizkallah**, VP, Finance ThreeKit
- **Michael Swanberg ’04 ’07**, President/CEO, MTH Industries

**Organizational Leadership Advisory Board**

The Department of Organizational Leadership and Management would like to thank their Advisory Board members who have actively contributed to strategic planning with the department, the generation of new curriculum ideas, and methods to target increased enrollment. While the Advisory Board has taken a brief break to re-energize their charter, we share gratitude for the contributions of the most recent Advisory Board members:

- **Buffy Blanton ’18**, Managing Director of Human Resources, Christian Brothers Services
- **Richard (Rich) Burke ’80**, Consultant and Certified Coach, RBB Consulting
- **William (Bill) Doucette**, VP Organization Development, Alera Group
- **Janeen Eischen ’12**, Senior Human Resources Business Partner, Chamberlin Group
- **Mark Janus**, Director of Parish Finance, Diocese of Joliet
- **David LaBarre ’78**, VP Customer Care for the Americas, OpusXenta
- **Sonya Lee ’17**, Full Cycle Recruiter, Netflix
- **Roman Ortega ’13**, Senior VP of Brand Expansion and Student Success, American Public University System and Colonel, United States Army
- **Neelima Paranjpey**, Leader Coach and Senior Consultant, Right Management
- **Dawn Schneider**, Assistant Professor, Marketing, College of Business
- **Wally Smith**, Director of Talent Development, UChicago Medicine
The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Board of Commissioners reaffirmed accreditation of the business programs at Lewis University in 2020. ACBSP is a leading specialized accreditation body for business education. ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes for the business programs offered through the College of Business at Lewis University meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP. ACBSP accreditation evaluates aspects of leadership, strategic planning, relationships with stakeholders, quality of academic programs, faculty credentials, and educational support to determine whether or not the business programs offer a rigorous educational experience and demonstrate continuous quality improvement. The business programs at Lewis University were first accredited by ACBSP in 2010. The University is required to go through the reaffirmation process every 10 years to maintain ACBSP accreditation.

The Project Management Institute/Global Accreditation Center (PMI-GAC) granted the College of Business and Graduate School of Management accreditation status upon the Master of Science in Project Management (MSPM) program in January of 2022. Dr. Robert Harris, Dr. Lesley Page, and Megan Wozniak led the project with support from numerous stakeholders on campus. They met with PMI-GAC officials and completed an extensive accreditation report outlining the many facets of the program from the program curriculum to support and opportunities for students pursuing the MSPM degree. The accreditation process included a detailed report and virtual site visit. The initial accreditation has been granted for three years.

The M.A. in Organizational Leadership Professional and Executive Coaching Micro-Credential is accredited by the International Coaching Federation (ICF) as an ICF Level 2 coach training program.
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