

Willamette MBA News



MBA alum credits phenomenal success to Willamette MBA

In a recent webinar, Willamette MBA alum Shanbo Zhang MBA'18, credits his phenomenal success to Willamette MBA.

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International Graduate Students Association Presents: Annual Potluck Dinner

Fulbright Scholar Tatuli Okriashvili MBA'20 recounts IGSA's Annual Potluck Dinner and why she loves attending Willamette MBA as an international student.

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Featured Alumni



Young Alumni Leadership Award goes to Manuel Velasquez-Garay MBA'14

After obtaining his MBA, Manuel moved back to Paraguay and developed the largest social housing project in the history of Paraguay.

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Pursued an MBA with an eye on theatre

Ben Crop MBA'09 uses his MBA to build a career in theatre management and education

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Featured Events



Experience Willamette (open to everyone!)

Come meet Atkinson's dean, sit in on our signature PACE (Practical Application for Careers and Enterprises) class, learn about our application process, and join us for a tour of our beautiful campus on April 29.

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Admitted Students Weekend (for admitted students only)

Friday, April 19, is a chance to watch first-year students' PACE (Practical Applications for Careers and Enterprises) consulting presentations. On Saturday, April 20, come have lunch with current students and our dean, listen to alumni speak about their careers after the program, sit-in on two mock classes, learn about the student experience from first-years, and stay for a light reception.

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Other Happenings (3/14 - 3/31)

- 3/14 The Willamette MBA community headed to Xicha Brewing to hear Matt Dakapolis MBA'16 and Ben Mendoza'16 discuss how they brought Xicha Brewing to life.
- 3/14 Dean Mike Hand and Senior Associate Dean Alex Subert served students fruit pies on Dean's Pie Day 3.14.
- 3/18 Columbia Sportswear Senior Vice President Richelle Tustin Luther visited Willamette MBA to share her insights on how to thrive in managing organizations across the globe.
- 3/22 In three separate treks, Willamette MBA students visited Hitachi Consulting, RVK Inc, and Propeller in Portland.
- 3/23-3/31 International Study Trip: China - Students visited landmarks including the Great Wall and the Forbidden City and enjoyed meals with alumni living in Beijing. In addition to these visits, they've toured DHgate, a large exporter of B2B goods.

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MBA Student Jackson Boyd shares his excitement for study abroad trip in China

Jackson Boyd MBA'20 discusses China's economic trends and poses some questions he'd like to explore during his trip.

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2019 Leadership Retreat: A Student's Perspective

Emily Anderson MBA'20, the next President of Atkinson's Accounting Association, gives a recap on the 2019 Leadership Retreat, and shares what's in store for the next few months before the summer begins and her excitement for the next academic year.

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Willamette MBA, JD/MBA students create Oregon-based angel fund

As the Willamette Angel Fund celebrates a decade of success, three students are embarking on a journey to replicate its model. Nathan Foos JD/MBA'19, Himalaya Rao-Potlapally MBA'19, and Natasha Torres JD/MBA'20 are creating a new, Oregon-based angel fund.

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Future of the digital economy

Alumni and faculty discuss the technology behind cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin and how digital economies may be quietly revolutionizing the business world.

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Check out our latest student blogs

This week, Emily Anderson (Practical Application for Careers and Enterprises) teaches readers how to take complicated, messy numbers and make them into easily understandable, interactive, and beautiful pieces of art with data visualization.

In the world of angel investing, being struck by lightning is exactly what an angel investor wants. Let Nathan Foos tell you why in his blog post this week. In the midst of preparing final decisions to Grant Administration's Advisory Board, Tynan Gable catches up with fellow cohort member and Salem native Bryan Martz to chat about his personal connection to the course and the Salem community.

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Career Close-up

Read about the 2019 Career Closeup through MBA student Bryan Martz's perspective. "Before returning to school, I worked for a Willamette MBA graduate. One of my professional mentors is a Willamette MBA graduate. At Career Closeup, a number of the companies were represented by Willamette MBA alumni...."

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Featured Students



Meet Our Ambassadors

Can't make it to our Experience Willamette events? No worries! Connect with our ambassadors and let them tell you why they chose Willamette MBA.

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Last week, Tynan Gable (Philanthropic Investment for Community Impact) speaks with cohort member Sara Goetze about incorporating financial analysis with work in the not-for-profit sector. This month, Emily Anderson (Practical Application for Careers and Enterprises) discusses what it really takes to be a good leader. In late January, Nathan Foos discusses why investors should take a cautious approach towards follow-on investing.

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