

Dear MBA Classmates,

I am honored to accept my nomination for Vice President of our MBA Association. I am so thankful that we have such a strong student organization where we can learn from each other, support each other, and reach out to our surrounding community. Plus, we definitely have a lot of fun along the way! No matter what, we have an exciting year ahead of us, full of lots of changes. The wise second year students will venture off into the business world, and the first year students will have some big shoes to fill both in the classroom and in leadership roles. I am eager to step up and serve our student body as Vice President.

The three areas I would like to focus on for the upcoming year are strengthening the mentoring program, continuing the tremendous success of the golf tournament, and increasing membership in our organization.

Our mentoring program creates a wonderful opportunity for new students to receive guidance from someone who has already experienced it all firsthand. In the past, an effort has been made to group students with mentors of the same specialization. This is a very logical way to assign mentors, but I feel for the purposes of our program, it would be more beneficial to group students with their mentors as quickly as possible. We all remember how tough that first semester can be, and that is when first year students need the most encouragement and advice. It is my hope that the mentoring program will serve simply to connect first year students to the second year students and help them transition seamlessly into the program and survive that first semester. We will need a group of responsible second year students who are willing to make a commitment. Something as simple as bi-weekly emails or check-ins can be enough to help a new student feel remembered.

No one can dispute the fact that this year's golf tournament was a huge success. I hope to continue this tradition next year by encouraging everyone to participate as much as possible. One way I feel we can increase participation from our students is to facilitate more interaction with the children at Boys Hope Girls Hope. It is much easier to become passionate about a cause if you have seen the people you are helping and the benefits that you can provide.

Since my current graduate assistantship is focused on marketing and recruiting for the Flores MBA Program, I plan to draw on my experience from this past year of recruiting students to expand MBAA membership. I feel it is important to achieve as much participation as possible because

more members means more great ideas. As Vice President, I would welcome new ideas, and incorporate student input in all major decisions so that we can all leave our legacy behind when we graduate.

I sincerely hope you will consider me for Vice President of our MBA Association. My only promise is that I will keep our organization as vibrant as it has been and do everything in my power to strengthen it for the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,
Megan Jurkus