

Local students honored with business scholarships

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ROCK ISLAND, IL (04/27/2010)(readMedia)-- In conjunction with Augustana's 34th annual Business Day, the Augustana Business Department is proud to recognize more than 40 business administration and economics majors as recipients of endowed departmental scholarships this year.

Students from the local area who were awarded scholarships include:

Peter Wessels, a sophomore from Bettendorf who is majoring in business administration-advising and accounting

Wessels
received the
Thomas C. Montgomery Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa Harmon, a junior from Moline who is majoring in business administration-advising.

Harmon
received the
Harold and Louise Lage Swanson Scholarship

Adelle DeVolder, a junior from Moline who is majoring in business administration-finance.

DeVolder
received the
Harold and Louise Lage Swanson Scholarship

Deanna Zwicker, a junior from Orion who is majoring in economics and business administration-finance . Zwicker

received the
Bruce R. Milligan Scholarship

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Adam DeSimone, a sophomore from Bettendorf who is majoring in economics. DeSimone received the Bruce R. Milligan Scholarship

The students were honored at the opening breakfast for Business Day, an annual job-shadowing opportunity at Augustana that connects students with business leaders throughout the Quad Cities. In addition to their recognition at Business Day, the scholarship recipients will also be celebrated at an annual Honors ceremony in May.

The keynote address at the awards breakfast was given by Augustana alumna [Piper Mead '04](#), a marketing account executive for the Chicago Cubs. Mead shared advice she learned on her way from Augustana to Wrigley Field and encouraged students to take advantage of all the hands-on learning opportunities Augustana has to offer them.

"I give Augustana all the credit for turning me into the person I am today. I think even the word 'business' scared me when I started college. However, my experiences at Augustana really gave me self-confidence. Now my outgoing personality is my biggest asset in my job."

After the conclusion of the ceremony, the scholarship recipients had the opportunity to further their education by spending a day "on the job" with business professionals throughout the Quad Cities. The students were able to select from a list of more than 40 local companies they could shadow and explore a field that matched their career interests.

The Business Department is one of the largest departments at Augustana, which includes 11 full-time faculty members and offers five separate major concentrations. 90 percent of students in the program complete internships as a part of their study, compared to only 75 percent nationwide. In addition to connecting students with local internships, the department also offers several national and international opportunities, including an accredited eight-week business internship program in Sydney, Australia. For more information on the Augustana Business Department, please visit www.augustana.edu/business.

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About the Scholarships:

The Harold and Louise Lage Swanson Scholarship is an endowed scholarship for students who have demonstrated academic excellence and career potential in business administration.

The Thomas C. Montgomery Memorial Scholarship is an endowed scholarship for students who have demonstrated academic excellence and disciplined effort in pursuing careers in business administration or economics.

The Bruce R. Milligan Scholarship is an endowed scholarship for students who have demonstrated academic excellence and career potential in economics.

The Outstanding Senior Business Administration Major Award is a scholarship awarded to a select number of senior students based on their exceptional academic achievements and career potential in business administration.

The Tallgrass Capital Award is a scholarship awarded to one senior economics major each year based on his or her outstanding academic performance and career potential in economics.

About Augustana: Founded in 1860 and situated on a 115-acre campus near the Mississippi River, Augustana College is a private, liberal arts institution affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The college enrolls nearly 2,500 students from diverse geographic, social, ethnic and religious backgrounds and offers more than 70 majors and related areas of study. Augustana employs 287 faculty and has a student-faculty ratio of 11:1. Augustana continues to do what it has always done: challenge and prepare students for lives of leadership and service in our complex, ever-changing world.