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A message from the VP of Student Services

In the 2009 Academic Year, the Apollos University administrators organized an official Leadership Team. The AU Leadership Team is comprised of AU administrators, faculty, and staff who are working diligently to expand the university and to plan for the future. Several events took place during the past academic year including the Leadership Team offsite meeting which was held in Lavonia, Georgia (USA). This meeting was featured in the previous edition of the Apollos Advocate. The Leadership Team also met virtually numerous times throughout the year. Using the DimDim online conference medium, Mr. Huy Tran, the IT director for Apollos University, organized and managed the meetings. Various presentations and projects were made, discussed, and furthered. The online meeting format allows AU Leadership Team members from around the world to take part in the growth of our university. As we begin the 2010 Academic Year, the Leadership Team is scheduled to hold regular virtual meetings. Another offsite meeting is tentatively set for the spring or summer. Look for updates on the activities of the AU Leadership Team in future editions of the Apollos Advocate.

From the desk of AU Librarian, Jacqueline D. Bartek

Apollos University provides access to ProQuest's ABI/INFORM Research™ database. It is a resource that professionals and students count on for today's business information. Delivering over 1,810 journals, with more than 1,200 available in full-text, it covers a variety of business-related subject areas including financial, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, and more.



Searches can be more focused by using the Boolean operators **And**, **Or**, and **Not**. Boolean operators allow you to build searches that combine and exclude the words and phrases that make up your search.

Using **OR** retrieves documents that contain any one of several search terms:

- **Internet OR education** finds documents mentioning the Internet, as well as documents mentioning education, or both.

Using **AND** retrieves documents containing two or more search terms:

- **Internet AND education** finds documents mentioning the Internet and education.

Use **AND NOT** to exclude a search term:

- **Internet AND NOT education** finds documents regarding the Internet, removing those documents mentioning education.

For more assistance on basic or advanced search strategies, just click "help" in the upper right corner of the search page or send an email to library@apollos-university.org.

Graduate Spotlight: Ms. Rabbit

Congratulations to Ms. Rabbit one of our June 2009 MBA graduates. Ms. Rabbit comes to AU from HoChiMinh City in Vietnam. She also has a BA in English. Some of her hobbies include teaching, studying and traveling. She is a lecturer of English at some universities in HoChiMinh City. She says teaching brings her a lot of happiness, especially since she is following the traditional career of her family. Ms. Rabbit loves to travel in her free time. She says traveling helps her broaden her knowledge, meet interesting people, exchange experience and culture, explore spectacular natural beauty, and relax. She hopes to have the chance to travel to the USA someday.

How would you describe your experience at Apollos University?

As a graduate student from Apollos University, I am very proud to hold my MBA degree. I feel I made the right decision to choose to study for the MBA degree at AU because AU has provided me as well as Vietnamese students with many opportunities to study and receive the advanced education from an American university with an affordable tuition rate. During the time to study at AU, I tried my best to manage my time and balance my teaching and my studying. So how can we manage to do many things at the same time: studying, working, taking parts in social and other activities, etc? It's just because of my passion; it's as simple as that. When you have a passion for something, you can do it easily. I have a passion both for studying and for teaching. When studying at AU, my passion seemed to be doubled thanks to devoted professors as well as enthusiastic staff of AU. I spent a lot of time reading textbooks and materials for discussion questions, quizzes; looking for information and collecting data for doing course research paper. Whenever I had free time, I attended my class to have a discussion with my peers and my professors about the topics related to my course. I always read all feedbacks from my professors not only to me but also to my peers carefully so that I could recognize my own mistakes and then I tried to correct these mistakes by myself. Each course at AU only lasts 12 weeks, so you have to complete all assignments before the deadline so that you can get good grades for your course. The most important thing is that you have to manage your time at the beginning of your course at AU.

What did you like best about earning your degree from Apollos University?

There are many good memories that I always keep in my mind when studying at Apollos University. The first impression when I first joined the AU family was the friendliness, enthu-

siasm and a professional working way of all AU professors and staff. They are always willing to help, support and respond to students' requests and concerns immediately in order to satisfy them all. I like the slogan of AU "Apollos University: The Gateway to Your Future!" Never stop discovering and I believe AU will open a new horizon for you. Studying at AU, I had good opportunities to study with many great professors who always enthusiastically instructed and provided me with a lot of useful knowledge so that I could improve and achieve my goals. I also had a chance to work, discuss and find the solutions to all problems related to the course with other students from all over the world. Above all, I was so lucky to receive the highest quality education from AU, which I always consider as a golden opportunity.

How has graduating with your degree impacted your life?

After the strain of studying hard, I am now proud to be a graduate with honors from Apollos University. I am not a businessperson, I am in charge of teaching ESP for students who are majoring in Business English, Marketing, Accounting, Tourism, Information Technology, etc. With my MBA degree, I am now officially offered to teach at some universities instead of teaching as a contracted lecturer as before. I am also entrusted with more important responsibility to be the Section Head with higher salary. More universities invite me to teach at their universities, so my life is busier and, of course, happier because the more I teach, the more money I can get and the more comfortable life I can enjoy. Therefore, I can explicitly say that I have achieved my goals – both my profession and my personal life with the degree I earned from AU.

How has your new degree helped you further your professional and personal ambitions?

As a lecturer of ESP, it is very helpful for me to apply practically the new knowledge I have just studied in my MBA program at AU in my teaching career so that I can teach my students better. In addition, the new knowledge helps me a lot with preparing my teaching plan. I think I can use some new concepts related to the fields I am teaching to provide my students with a lot of useful information and many lively examples involved in business administration. Thanks to this, my students will pay more attention to their lessons and my classes will become more interesting.

However, what I get today is only the start for my future because I think if I just satisfy with what I own today, if I do not plan ahead, what will be tomorrow? We are living in the new age with the advanced science and technology, we



have to study more to perfect ourselves or we will be backward. Therefore, I am planning to study more – study hard, study harder and study for good. Maybe I am a very ambitious person because I think that anything is possible if you really put your mind to it. I will try my best to prepare for the start with a DBA degree.

What advice would you give to an individual who is considering joining Apollos University?

If you are looking for a place to study for higher education or to enhance your leadership skills, do not hesitate to join Apollos University. You will have a good opportunity to work with devoted and professional lecturers and staff. AU will offer you the highest quality education at an affordable tuition rate. I think you have a good choice of earning a degree from AU because online learning will provide you with many opportunities to improve your knowledge, your skills and to achieve your goals. Besides, you are so lucky to work with the new online campus system. If you are not a native English speaker, you should also prepare yourself to have a good command of English because you will have to study in English.

How did you feel when you graduated?

I really felt happy and proud when I graduated from Apollos University. It seemed as a new horizon was opening for my future at the time I was handed my degree. I showed my degree to my family members, my colleagues, my friends and my students to share my pride and my happiness to them. ***It was the moment to remember forever!***

What's New at AU???

- **Launch of new website and administrative system:** AU administration and the IT team have successfully launched the university's new website and administrative system (AUAS). Please be sure to visit the new website (<http://apollosuniversity.com>) and look around. Students, faculty, and staff can now keep close track of their university profiles. Students can register for classes, review their transcripts, and monitor their own progress through their chosen degree program. Faculty can accept course offerings and complete their course contract agreements. All of these features are housed entirely in the new website and administrative system. Most universities pay other companies large sums of money for the services that our in house system now gives us. Please be sure to visit your profile in the new system and familiarize yourself with all of the new features and services now available to you at the brand new AU website!
- **Expanding markets for AU in Africa:** In our last issue, we were proud to announce AU's entrance into the African market thanks to Dr. Gabriel Okenwa in Abuja, Nigeria. We are proud to add that Dr. Taka Munyanyiwa is also working to attract new students in Zimbabwe. We would like to thank our esteemed faculty, Drs. Gabriel and Taka, for their hard work and dedication in helping to expand the international boundaries of our AU community!
- **Congratulations to new certified faculty:** Please join us in welcoming our new certified faculty. Recently, the largest incoming perspective faculty class to date successfully completed the AU Orientation and Certification process. Congratulations to Professor Jo Moody, Dr. Vicky Black, Dr. Bruce Kreuzer, Dr. David Ogula, Dr. Taka Munyanyiwa, Dr. Pierre Osei-Owusu, Dr. Jim Okeke, Dr. Bill Lambrecht, and Dr. Tom Wamalwa in your successful completion of the AU Orientation and Certification program. Welcome to Apollos University!
- **Call for student volunteers for new Student Advocacy Committee:** In an effort to better meet the needs of our students, Apollos University has instituted a new Student Advocacy Committee. The committee will be comprised of both faculty and student members. The purpose of the committee will be to provide a direct line of communication between AU students and the administration. Student committee members will represent the concerns the AU student body, serving a unique leadership role. The position offers student representatives the opportunity to gain invaluable experience that will not only enhance the individual's knowledge and skill base but that will also look great on resumes! Interested individuals should contact Ms. Michelle Fox at MFox@apollosuniversity.com.



Professor Spotlight: Dr. Purnima Shrivastava from India

Dr. Purnima, as she is called by her students, holds a Ph.D. degree from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India and has been with AU since its inception. She has taught over 20 courses comprised of both the MBA and DBA curriculums.

She started her career as a social scientist in the National Institute of Nutrition, Indian Council of Medical Research, Hyderabad, India. After that she worked as a Research Associate in the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmadabad, Gujarat, India which is one of the premier management institutes of India. In these institutions she was

mostly involved in the research-related work.

Most recently, she worked as an Assistant Director (Research) in the U.P. Academy of Administration, Nainital. This is the Apex Training Institute of the State of Uttar Pradesh, which handles the training needs of the officers of the Indian Administrative Services (allotted to U.P.) & state civil services. Her job responsibilities were designing training modules, imparting training programs, as well as coordinating the programs for officers of different cadres. She would also coordinate & supervise field studies & research studies for the Trainee officers.

Dr. Purnima resigned from the Assistant Director position after she got married and chose to become associated with Apollos University.

She says she is enjoying working for AU and loves the fact that she is able to give her time to both her family and career. Dr. Purnima said, "This job is giving me a feeling of accomplishment."

When asked to describe AU in her own words, Dr. Purnima said,

"Apollos University is a university growing towards a unique reputation in the world of higher education in an international arena, imparting quality education through distance

education."

In closing, Dr. Purnima's advice to new and existing students is "to maintain academic honesty and avoid plagiarism."

Thank you to Dr. Purnima for all she has done for Apollos University and its students.

"I am sure our AU will very soon emerge in the list of top ten online universities."

- Dr. Purnima



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AU Mission Statement

Apollos University (AU) is an academic institution of higher learning that is dedicated to the principle of providing the highest quality education at an affordable price to working adults who seek to increase their career advancement opportunities and enhance their leadership skills. Our programs are built on a foundation of knowledge transfer, application of knowledge, critical thinking, and research skills. AU's programs are offered worldwide through an online, distance learning methodology designed to meet the needs of the global student while providing individualized service to our students.

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Congratulations are in order...

Apollos University would like to congratulate two of our faculty members, **Dr. Ethem and Dr. Van**, for the recent completion of their doctoral degrees. Dr. Ethem Tarhan received his Ed.D. from the University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ, USA and Dr. Vân Thi Thanh Ngo received her Ed.D. from La Trobe University, Australia and is currently writing her dissertation for her DBA from Apollos University.



Dr. Ethem Tarhan, Turkey



Dr. Vân Thi Thanh Ngo, Vietnam

Important Dates

Graduation Ceremony

27 Jun 2010

Term Dates

Winter 2010 Term Begins	04 Jan 2010
Winter 2010 Term Ends	28 Mar 2010
Spring 2010 Term Begins	05 Apr 2010
Spring 2010 Term Begins	27 Jun 2010
Summer 2010 Term Begins	05 Jul 2010
Summer 2010 Term Ends	26 Sep 2010
Fall 2010 Term Begins	27 Sep 2010
Fall 2010 Term Ends	19 Dec 2010

Advisement and Registration

Spring Term	01 Feb 2010 to 01 Mar 2010
Summer Term	03 May 2010 to 07 Jun 2010
Fall Term	02 Aug 2010 to 06 Sep 2010

Application Deadlines

Spring Term Application Deadline	28 Mar 2010
Summer Term Application Deadline	27 Jun 2010
Fall Term Application Deadline	26 Sep 2010

Orientation Program Classes

Spring Orientation Program Class Begins	01 Feb 2010
Summer Orientation Program Class Begins	03 May 2010
Fall Orientation Program Class Begins	02 Aug 2010