

MENDOZA EXCHANGE

News & info for faculty and staff at Mendoza College of Business

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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Excellence Awards

During Wednesday's Staff Town Hall, I had the opportunity to announce the 2021 Dean's Excellence Awards, which recognized three Mendoza teams whose hard work and dedication were truly exceptional. In today's message, I am sharing the award announcements again for faculty members and those staff members who weren't able to attend the Staff Town Hall.

Dean's Excellence Award for Integration: MSA Enrollment Success

This award is presented to a cross-functional team who have worked together to accomplish a goal or complete a project that is in line with the vision, mission and priorities of the College.

Congratulations to the following marketing and MSA team members: **Colleen Cota, Heather DeCourval, Phil Drendall, Lucas Eggers, Dave Grundy, Helen High, Amanda Jacobson, Cathi Kennedy, Santhosh Lakkaraju, Shane McCoy, Lisa Michaels, JR Nemelka and Kellie Rzepka.**

This team put in an amazing effort to turn around the enrollment in our Master of Science in Accountancy program (working closely with professors **Jim Seida, Sandra Vera-Muñoz and Kristen Collett-Schmitt**), including consistent outreach to prospective students and innovative marketing to increase awareness and to build content for underrepresented populations and women. Because of their efforts, the team was able to increase created applications by 26% and submitted applications by 56%, which resulted in a projected enrollment substantially above the current enrollment.

Dean's Excellence Award for Elevation: Mendoza IT for its support of the Mendoza community during the COVID-19 pandemic

This award is presented to a team that has shown exemplary accomplishment toward a significant achievement through innovative thinking.

Congratulations to the Mendoza IT team of **Chris Fruehwirth, Hank Gettinger, David Hardman, Ryan Hudson, Jerry Kickul, Ryan Kraszyk, Frank Mark, Jeremy May, Nick Page, Jim Spencer, David Yeh and Kyle Way.**

The start of the pandemic brought Mendoza's normal operations to a halt. As we quickly adapted to a new virtual environment, Mendoza IT made sure that everyone could get the help and instruction they needed. The IT staff answered a very large volume of chats, phone calls and emails from faculty, staff and students across Mendoza — with compassion, patience and efficiency. The members of the IT team were regularly in the building and on call in order to ensure that the College remained operational.

Dean's Excellence Award for Elevation: Mendoza Faculty Support Team for its support to the Mendoza community during the COVID-19 pandemic

The third award also recognizes a team that has shown exemplary accomplishment. Congratulations to Faculty Support staff members **Rachel Karnafel, Maggie Neenan-Michel, Denayia Phillips, Amy Spangler and Tami Springer.**

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Faculty Support Team has exemplified a positive, servant attitude. The team remained on campus, quickly adjusting to safety protocols and serving as a source of steadfast support to Mendoza faculty, staff and students. They assumed extra responsibilities such as distributing face masks, ordering sanitizing supplies and picking up and dropping off packages at the mail distribution center. During a time of great upheaval, Faculty Support has been an unwavering source of support to the whole Mendoza community.

Please join me in congratulating all of these award recipients. I am so very grateful to all of them!

In Notre Dame,

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MENDOZA HAPPENINGS

Submissions welcome! Click [here](#) or email mendozabusiness@nd.edu.

UPCOMING COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EVENTS

♦ **The Role of Business in Creating Common Ground: Music, Sports, Pets, and Other Cultural Artifacts as a Tool for Bridging Divides:** *Tuesday, April 20; 4 p.m.; online.* Kelly School of Business' Tim Fort and ITAO's **Kirsten Martin** explore research suggesting that "cultural artifacts" such as music, sports, film, literature, cuisine, religion and even pets can provide the touchstones for individuals who may otherwise fiercely disagree with one another to find common ground for constructive engagement. [Register here.](#)

♦ **Financial Statement Fraud Seminar:** *Online.* Experts in corporate fraud share their unique perspectives and experience as part of the virtual Financial Statement Fraud Seminar Series, hosted by the [Center for Accounting Research and Education \(CARE\)](#). [Register here](#) to attend the virtual seminars.

Upcoming sessions include:

- April 26: L Christopher Knight, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- May 3: Bringing It All Together Panel Discussion, Q&A and Closing Remarks

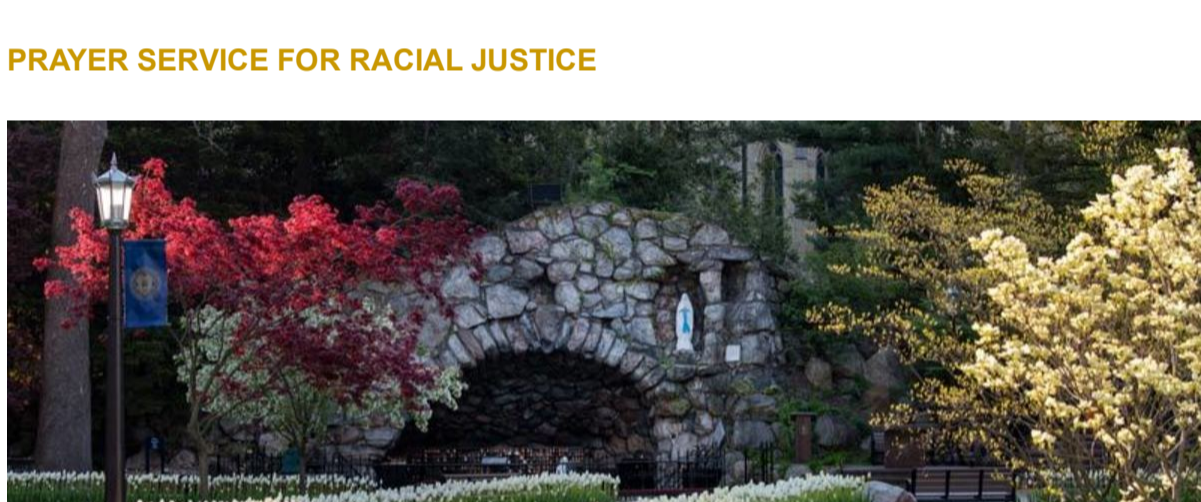
To find out more information about the seminar series visit [CARE's news and events page here.](#)

♦ **Ten Years Hence: News, Fake News, and Deep Fakes: How Do We Know What's True?: The End of Privacy: How Intimacy Became Data, and How to Stop It:** *Friday, April 30; 10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.; on Zoom.* The Ten Years Hence speaker series explores issues, ideas and trends likely to affect business and society over the next decade. This For more information and to register go [here.](#)

Upcoming sessions include:

- April 30: Danielle Citron, Boston University Law School. The End of Privacy: How Intimacy Became Data, and How to Stop It.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE



Join the Notre Dame community at **5 p.m. Monday, April 19** for a Prayer Service for Racial Justice. Due to rain the event is only [available online here.](#)

University President Rev. **John I. Jenkins**, C.S.C., will offer words of welcome, and Vice President and Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs Rev. **Hugh Page** will offer a brief reflection.

MINI BREAK UPDATE

The University has designated Wednesday, April 21, as another spring semester "mini break" intended to provide our students a brief respite from classes and meetings. Unlike the previous mini break on March 2, this will **not** be recognized as a paid holiday for staff members, although they are encouraged to work with their supervisors if they wish to take it off as a vacation or personal day. Dean Cremers also asks the College to consider Wednesday as a "no meetings day" for staff, faculty and students.

2021 NOTRE DAME DAY

The eighth annual [Notre Dame Day](#) is here! Tune in to the live broadcast featuring amazing stories of students, professors, alumni and friends of Notre Dame who are making an impact all over the world and make a gift to further the work of the areas of campus that mean the most to you!

The broadcast will be live from campus on, **Monday, April 19; 6:42 p.m. to 12:11 a.m.**



FAC/STAFF UPDATES & INFO

Submissions welcome! Click [here](#) or email mendozabusiness@nd.edu.

SUMMER TRAVEL POLICY

The University has updated the [HERE website](#) with details for [summer travel for faculty, staff, and graduate and professional students](#). The policies are intended to balance the resumption of the normal work of the University while also continuing to protect the health and safety of members of this community. Please review the conditions for University-related travel before making any travel arrangements.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION



Building an Anti-Racist Vocabulary: Citizenship & Suffrage: *Fri Apr 23, 2021; 12:45 p.m.; online.* Join the Klau Center for Civil and Human Rights as **Christina Wolbrecht**, professor of political science and director of the Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy at the University of Notre Dame, discusses citizenship and suffrage, both of which have been contested throughout US history on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, age, nativity, and immigration. Prof. Wolbrecht will help place our current debates over the right to vote within the context of suffrage and citizenship expansion and retraction across American history.

Building an Anti-Racist Vocabulary is a weekly lecture series presenting preeminent scholars, thought leaders, and public intellectuals to guide our community through topics necessary to a deeper understanding of systemic racism and racial justice. [For more information visit the Klau Center site.](#)

Registration with a valid nd.edu or alumni.nd.edu email is required. [Register here.](#)

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