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

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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Dean's Awards for Excellence

During the recent Mendoza Staff Town Hall, I had the pleasure of announcing the recipients of the 2022 Mendoza Dean's Awards for Excellence. These awards were inaugurated in 2021 as a way to highlight and reward the hard work and dedication of our staff members.

They specifically recognize staff for outstanding achievements in three ways: To elevate the work we do; to integrate efforts across teams and programs; and to cooperate with one another to achieve success. Nominations can be submitted by anyone in the College, and are reviewed by a cross-functional College committee representing different teams, roles and levels.

These are the Dean's Awards for Excellence recipients for 2022:

Dean's Award for Excellence in Elevation: Graduate Admissions Operations and Pipeline Teams

Award recipients: **Jodie Campbell, Colleen Cota, Amy Dame, Heather DeCourval, Helen High, Kellie Rzepka, Tashia Thornton, Annette Tysver, Angela Wesley and Janel Zakrewski-Kuntz.**

The award is presented to a team that identifies new opportunities for Mendoza to collectively compete in the business school landscape. These teams have shown exemplary accomplishment toward a significant achievement through innovative thinking. Their efforts differentiate the work we do through advancing the vision and mission of the College and helping others to do the same. Their accomplishments include revamping the application to make it more inclusive in assessing candidates, scheduling more than 900 interviews, processing a nearly 30% increase in applications and partnering with vendors to reduce bias through the application process.

Dean's Award for Excellence in Integration: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Grow the Good in Business Case Competition

Award recipients: **Kristen Collett-Schmitt, Carol Elliott, Martin Johnson, Angela Logan, Joan McClendon, Jessica McManus Warnell, Kris Muir, Minhee Myung, Hermalena Powell, Jessica Stookey, Tahra Taylor, Wendy Walker and Brandi Wampler.**

The award is presented to a cross-functional team that has worked together to accomplish a goal or complete a project that is in line with the vision, mission and priorities of the College. The team led by Kristen, Jessica and Joan collaborated over a period of months to launch this inaugural case competition, which provided our Specialized Master's students with an educational experience that reflects challenges encountered by the broader society as well as real businesses. The competition generated community-based research for the State of Indiana and competition sponsors, provided the State with actionable steps to advance its commitment to DE&I and empowered our future leaders to make an impact in their organizations, community and the world. While there were many contributors across the College — much to my appreciation — these individuals served as part of the organizational committee in capacities that went above and beyond their day-to-day job responsibilities.

Dean's Award for Excellence in Cooperation: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity ND Immersion

Award Recipients: **Martin Johnson**, who conceived and spearheaded the inaugural program outside his traditional responsibilities in Career Development; and **María Stutsman y Márquez**, who was pivotal in the execution of the program and the ongoing relationship with Alpha Phi Alpha.

The award is presented to a staff member (or members) who serves in a way that is respectful, fair and inclusive; benefits others; goes above and beyond his or her own personal interests; and acts altruistically for the benefit of the community. Maria and Martin were instrumental in establishing the College's partnership with the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., the first intercollegiate Greek lettered and oldest fraternity for African American men. This partnership resulted in the College's hosting of an inaugural cohort of 11 fraternity members last fall for an immersive experience. The program created a unique and important opportunity to support the professional advancement and leadership of African American men through graduate business education and to enhance the diversity of our graduate students.

Congratulations to all of the Dean's Award for Excellence recipients. Each individual will receive a trophy and a cash prize.

We had numerous nominees in all three award categories — all worthy of recognition. This made it difficult to choose the ultimate winners, and also speaks very strongly to the depth of commitment among our staff members at Mendoza. I'm very thankful for the talent and hard work so much in evidence every day.

In Notre Dame,

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CALENDAR

[Check the calendar for upcoming event details.](#) Contact mendozabusiness@nd.edu for event posting access.

YOU'RE INVITED!

MAY 10

Close out the year with a picnic!

Join your colleagues and the Specialized Master's graduates for the **Annual Grad Week Specialized Master's Picnic** from 1-4 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday). The picnic will be held at the Bookstore Basketball Courts and West Quad. There will be food trucks, lawn games and basketball. Mendoza faculty and staff are invited. The food will be provided. The event is co-sponsored by the Specialized Master's Council and Mendoza Graduate Programs.



2022 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

MAY 13-15

Click [here](#) for the schedule of Mendoza diploma ceremonies and Dean's Receptions. Check commencement.nd.edu for all Notre Dame commencement events.

UPCOMING

MAY 18

University Staff Spring Virtual Town Hall

1:30 p.m., online (access via emailed link)

University updates and valuable insights from ND Voice feedback will be shared. You are invited to [submit topic suggestions and questions here](#). An email has been sent with the link to the livestream. A recording will be available on the Executive Vice President's website for any staff unable to view the town hall live.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

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

UPCOMING DE&I EVENTS

Michiana Jewish Film Festival

Beginning Monday, May 9; 6:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The Michiana Jewish Film Festival returns to in-person screenings at the Browning Cinema May 9 to 12. Virtual screenings are also available for on-demand viewing from May 15 to 19. View the film schedule [here](#). Fac/Staff: \$6. Students: \$4.

Visit the [Mendoza diversity, equity & inclusion resource portal](#) on the Mendoza Exchange site to find events, articles, workshops, videos and more to help you live out the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion both in the workplace and the classroom.

FAC/STAFF UPDATES & INFO

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

[Social Media Specialist](#) (closes May 31)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Explore summer learning offerings from HR. Previously featured programs are back by popular demand along with new relevant topics. Search the list of professional development opportunities [here](#).

You can also learn online with these resources free through the University:

- Online professional development through [Udemy](#)
- Language Learning Software through [Mango Languages](#) (users must provide a nd.edu email address to create a free account)
- Career Development Guidance Through [Optimal Resume Career & Talent Suite](#)



KUDOS

Chatham University has named Fanning's **Amanda G. McKendree** the recipient of the 2021 Cornerstone Award for Business. Cornerstone awards are given annually to members of the alumnae population whose leadership and achievements in their particular fields represent the fulfillment of the mission of the university. Read more [here](#).

IN THE NEWS

For more stories and news, visit mendoza.nd.edu/new-events.

M&O's **Joe Holt** was quoted in The New York Times on pay transparency laws and gender in Dealbook's business news roundup, [Is the US Economy Headed for a Slowdown?](#)

M&O's **Jim O'Rourke** commented on the Postal Service Reform Act in this NY Daily News article, [Why are Americans still ignoring our junk mail?](#), saying he feared the USPS could "go out of business" within a year without this intervention.

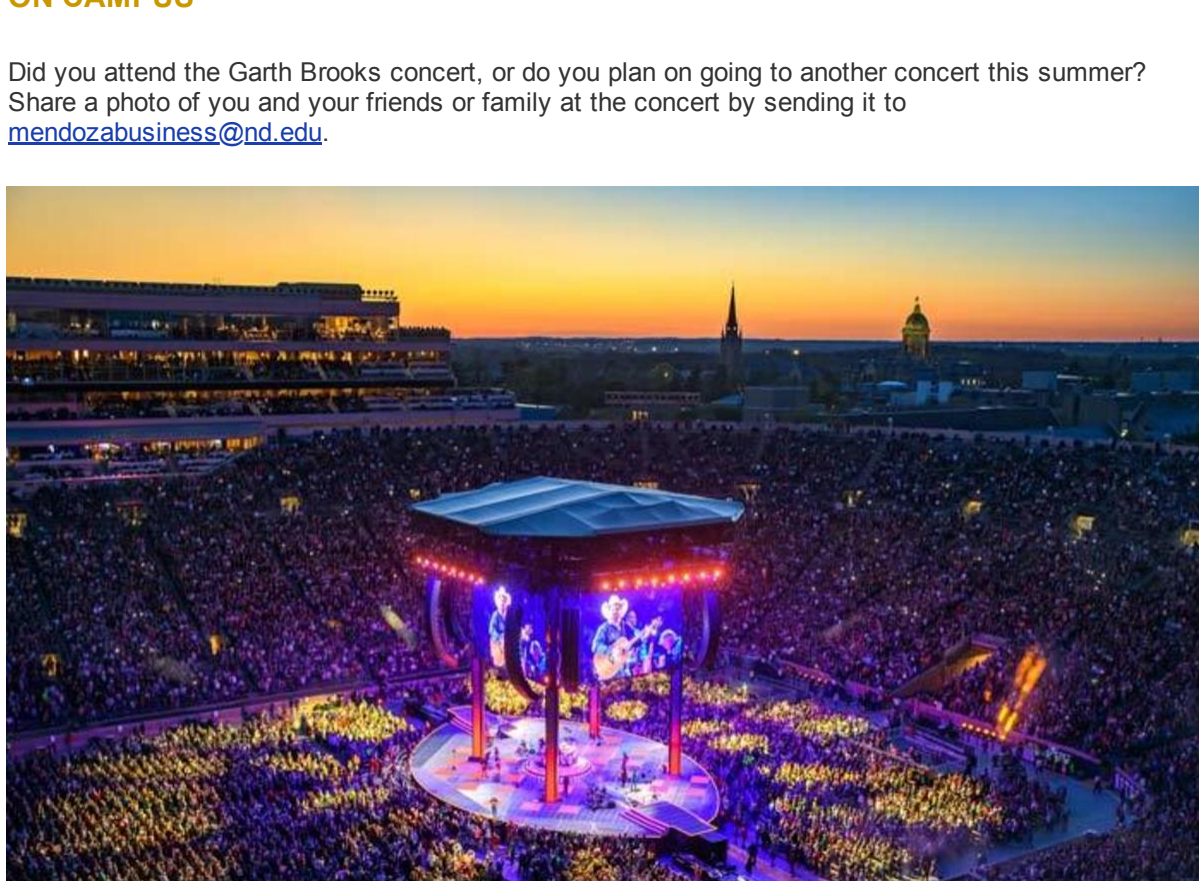
Watch M&O's **Tim Hubbard**'s guest appearance on an AI Jazeera news panel discussing [Elon Musk's bid to take over Twitter](#).



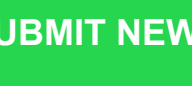
Correction from last week: Kirsten Martin is in the IT, Analytics, and Operations department, not M&O.

ON CAMPUS

Did you attend the Garth Brooks concert, or do you plan on going to another this summer? Share a photo of you and your friends or family at the concert by sending it to mendozabusiness@nd.edu.



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