

Excellence in Scholarship Banquet: An Evening to Honor Top Students

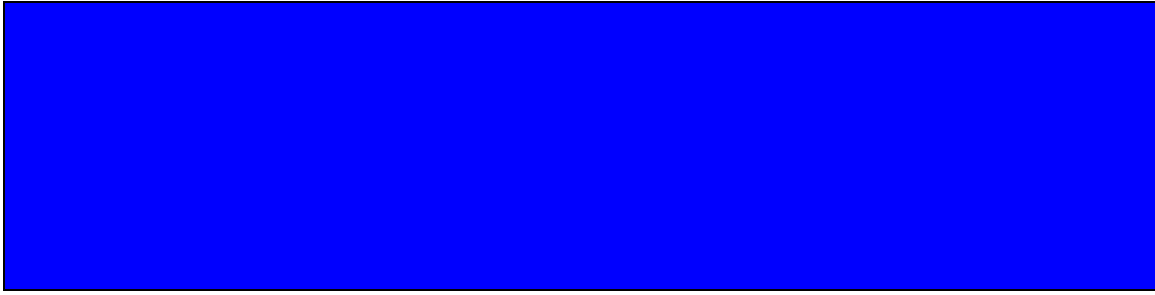
The top students in the School of Business were honored at the Excellence in Scholarship Banquet April 3, 2009. Students, family members, faculty, scholarship donors, and award sponsors braved the snowy weather to celebrate the scholastic achievements of the students being honored. As the master of ceremonies, Greg Powell added sparkle and humor to the elegant evening. The program included recognition of scholarship donors, presentation of the outstanding student awards, and a Beta Gamma Sigma Induction.



Amy Hancock Marshall
Valedictorian 2009

Awards were given to the following students:

Awards	Students	Sponsors
Outstanding Juniors:		
Accounting	Melissa Johnson	McGladrey & Pullen
Economics	Kelsi J. Adams	Clark & Linford
Finance	Rhett E. Shipp	
Management	Dennis Frandsen	Small Business Development Center
Marketing	Casey J. Bywater	Clark & Linford
Hotel, Resort, & Hospitality Management	Robyn L. LaLumia	
Outstanding Seniors:		
Accounting	Cara Wright	HintonBurdick
Finance	Kendell J. Fowler	State Bank of Southern Utah
Economics	Patrick A. Bell	
Management	Lindsay L. Holyoak	Allegiance Direct Bank
Marketing	Bryan A. Allen	Target
Hotel, Resort, & Hospitality Management	Melanie A. Merrill	
Graduate Students:		
National Advisory Board Award (Outstanding Graduate Student)	Angela R. Templin	National Advisory Board
CPA Key Ward	Jana Reeves	UACPA
Outstanding MBA Graduate	Trent Douglas	Leavitt Group
Special Awards:		
Valedictorian	Amy Hancock Marshall	President's Office
Outstanding Scholar for the School of Business	Emmeli Bulloch	Provost's Office
Wall Street Journal Ward	Christopher R. Empey	Wall Street Journal



Beta Gamma Sigma is an international honor society in business. The scholars inducted into the society hold academic standing in the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors majoring in business and the top 20 percent of graduate students. Dr. Azmi Ahmad, Associate Professor of Management, is the faculty advisor for Beta Gamma Sigma. The SUU chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma reached a climax in its activities of the past year on April 3, when it welcomed a total of 24 new members, and 1 professor (Kim Craft), into the ranks and privileges of the esteemed business honor society. The event took place during the School of



Business Awards Banquet in the Great Hall of the Hunter Conference Center. Qualifying inductees were previously invited to join Beta Gamma Sigma through a "Tapping-out Ceremony" executed by the society's Advisor Professor Azmi Ahmad, along with a few other faculty members of Beta Gamma Sigma. On the evening of April 3, those invitees who had accepted the invitation to join the honor society stood together in a uniform line in the Great Hall, as society officers presented the ideals and symbolisms underlying each Greek symbol that gives the society its name. Dean Templin, the president for BGS SUU chapter, then proceeded to formalize their membership through an oath to uphold the ideals and principles of the society. Newly inducted members then received certificates, cords, and keys to certify their official belonging to Beta Gamma Sigma and closed the symbolic night with in the company of associates, friends, and family.

The following students were inducted to the prestigious honor society: : Jared Brader, Allen Butt, Casey Bywater, Cassidy Carter, Paxton Catten, Corban David Christensen, Stephanie Dischbein, Trent B. Douglas, Bryant Flake, Jerry Scott Jensen, Melissa Johnson, Benjamin Joslin, Dagan Paul Leavitt, Jonada Munk, Jason Norris, Daylen G. Perkins, Ryan Shepherd, Jonathan Smith, Ashley Soper, Sara Staheli, Janice Lynn Stewart, Calire C. Stratton, Meagan Ann White, and Danielle C. Wright.