

Georgetown's FMA Named *Superior Chapter*

Georgetown's Chapter of the Financial Management Association (FMA) was the proud recipient of both the Superior Chapter recognition and the Silver Membership Development Award for the 2007-2008 academic year.

FMA chapters that induct at least 75 new members in a given academic year are awarded the Silver Membership Development Award. This was the first year that the Georgetown chapter earned this prestigious distinction.

Fewer than five percent of FMA chapters nationwide earn the distinction of being named a "Superior Chapter" and this is the first year that Georgetown earned the honor. In order to be named a Superior Chapter, an FMA chapter must meet certain requirements, including hosting a certain number of events/speakers throughout the year, providing members with at least two corporate site visits, and inducting qualified students into the FMA National Honor Society. Georgetown's chapter fulfilled these requirements through the hard work of its student officers to afford varied opportunities to its members during the 2007-2008 academic year.

The year tipped off in August when the FMA co-hosted the "Careers in Capital Markets" event during which representatives of 7 firms discussed career advice and recruiting plans. Also in the fall, selected FMA members participated in the filming of a documentary that is being produced about the role the financial advice industry plays in investor behavior. The documentary, entitled *The Price of Advice*, is being spearheaded by Michael Covell, author of two books regarding the financial world. Later in the fall FMA members met with representatives from Merrill Lynch for a resume workshop and with representatives from Lehman Brothers for a discussion of interview skills.

During the spring semester, FMA members visited the headquarters of Friedman Billings Ramsey (FBR) in Rosslyn, Virginia. Students heard presentations by various FBR representatives, most notably by two distinguished MSB alumni: Jack Maier, who is the Senior Managing Director and Group Head of FBR's Financial Sponsors Group, and Patrick Steel, who is currently residing in London as Senior Managing Director and Head of European Investment Banking. Also during the spring semester, the FMA hosted its annual trip to New York City to visit the New York Stock Exchange and several investment banks.

For the 2007-2008 academic year, Georgetown's FMA chapter was proud to name Mr. Jack Maier as its Outstanding Financial Executive. Mr. Maier, of FBR, earned his MBA degree from the McDonough School of Business. Prior to joining FBR, Mr. Maier was Managing Director and co-founder of Legacy Partners Group, an independent investment banking and advisory firm that was acquired by FBR in 2007. Mr. Maier serves on several boards and is a member of the Advisory Board of the McDonough School of Business. Georgetown's FMA chapter was also pleased to name Roger Gill, from Merrill Lynch, as its Professional Honor Society Member. Mr. Gill graduated from MSB in 2001 and is currently Vice President in Equity Sales, focused specifically on the Industrials and Materials sectors. Georgetown's FMA chapter recognized these two MSB alumni for their professional achievement and is greatly appreciative of their exemplary dedication to the FMA and to The McDonough School of Business.

FMA officers for the 2007-2008 academic year were President Brittany Skoda, Junior VP Peter Stefanski, Sophomore VP David Shevlin, Freshman VP Patrick Go, and VP of membership Tiffany Yu. The officers worked throughout the year to increase the visibility of the FMA on campus and to offer valuable programs for its members. Georgetown's FMA chapter receives financial support from the Capital Markets Research Center and MSB Professor Lynn Doran serves as faculty advisor to the group.