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THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

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Edward J. Frey Dean
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Gautam Ahuja

Harvey C. Fruehauf Professor of Business Administration
Professor of Strategy
Faculty Director of India Initiatives

Jessica Clemons

Los Angeles Executive MBA Class Speaker

Edward Wajda

Ann Arbor Executive MBA Class Speaker

Recognition of Students

Close of Ceremony

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GAUTAM AHUJA

Professor Ahuja obtained his MA, MBA, and PhD from The University of Michigan; a PGDM from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, (IIMA); and a BA (Econ. Hons) from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University. Gautam Ahuja is the Harvey C. Fruehauf Professor of Business Administration and Professor of Strategy at Michigan Ross. His research interests focus on competitive analysis, innovation, globalization, and the use of mergers, acquisitions, and alliances in these contexts. He has served as the co-chairperson (2001-04) and chairperson (2004-present) of the Strategy Area at Ross. For several years during this period, the Strategy Area was ranked No. 1 globally by the *Financial Times*.

Professor Ahuja is recognized around the world for his expertise and scholarship. In 2010, he was honored with the Il Sigillum Magnum Medal by the University of Bologna in Italy, as well as the Senior Faculty Research Award (for lifetime achievement) from Michigan Ross. In 2011, he was ranked No. 2 on BusinessWeek's list of Most Popular Professors in the U.S., and was also invited by the Government of India to deliver the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Oration, the formal speech sponsored by the Indian Government on Pravasi Divas. In 2012, he was invited to deliver the Lectio Magistralis at Commencement Day in Luiss University in Rome.

Ahuja has also received numerous teaching awards and honors. Since 1996, he has received the Best Professor Award (by student vote) 14 times. In addition, he has been honored with awards for Faculty Inspiration, for being an Outstanding Mentor, and by his election as Commencement Speaker (EMBA 2008, 2013, 2017).

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JESSICA CLEMONS

LA STUDENT SPEAKER

Jessica is a Senior Manager at Accenture Strategy and Subject Matter Advisor for their Integrated Operating Model offering. She has assisted Fortune 100 clients in a variety of industries with developing and implementing shared services and customer service strategies, reducing operating budgets, and integrating new technologies. Prior to her role at Accenture, and after 10 years at Ernst & Young and Capgemini, she co-founded Cana Advisors, a boutique strategy consulting firm that served entrepreneurs and startups.

Jessica is passionate about inclusion and diversity, and serves as I&D Program Lead for Accenture Strategy's North America CFO & Enterprise Value practice and as Co-Sponsor for Accenture's SoCal African American Employee Resource Group. Through these roles, she provides leadership to multiple I&D programs dedicated to improving representation of women and minorities in senior ranks. Jessica also volunteers with Skills to Succeed programs, teaching resume workshops and interview skills to women reentering the workforce and to LA Community College students.

Jessica is a native of Detroit, but traded Midwest winters for Southern California sun several years ago. She enjoys family movie nights, singing and cooking with her daughters Hayden and Morgan, and volunteering at school activities with her husband Courtney. A true Wolverine, she also holds a BSE in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan.

EDWARD WAJDA

AA STUDENT SPEAKER

Edward currently serves as Senior Vice-President at the Briggs & Stratton Corporation leading the strategic, operational and financial direction of the Global Power Group. Edward also acts as an elected company officer.

Previous to Briggs & Stratton, Edward spent over twenty years executing growth strategies throughout the world, with particular focus in China and Southeast Asia during the "Tiger Economies" period. Soon afterward, further responsibilities extended into the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. During this period Edward had the opportunity to live and raise his two sons in various parts of the world, most notably Singapore. Edward also acts as director for the US-China Chamber of Commerce, Brazil-US Business Council and the Singapore Economic Development Board.

In 2008, Edward and his wife Leslie started to actively participate in nonprofit junior golf development, and recently started the Wajda Family Junior Golf Foundation. The foundation's primary purpose is developing core values and integrity in juniors through the game of golf. Lastly, Edward and Leslie have raised two sons who are currently pursuing their academic and athletic aspirations at their respective universities as student-athletes.



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Beta Gamma Sigma

Beta Gamma Sigma is part of the honors program at the University of Michigan and is the honor society of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business. As Phi Beta Kappa is the major recognition for arts and science, and Tau Beta Pi is for engineering, business students are honored by Beta Gamma Sigma. So those wearing blue stoles today are being recognized with the highest national honor that a student in business can attain.

Beta Gamma Sigma has existed as a national organization since 1913, and an affiliated chapter has been on the University of Michigan campus since 1930,

not long after the Business School came into being. Today there are 270 chapters in colleges and universities across the country.

All business Ph.D. graduates are eligible for this honor, but only the top 20% of graduating Masters students, and 10% of Bachelors students. In your case, you have achieved this distinction at institutions —The University of Michigan and the Stephen M. Ross School of Business— whose graduate and undergraduate programs are the very best in the nation. You, and those here with you, should be very proud of this achievement, as we are to be associated with you.

Congratulations to all of our new members!

CONGRATULATIONS



