MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow MHA Students,

In my final letter in this newsletter I just wanted to say thanks to everyone that has been involved with the MHA Student Association and helped with all of our events. We had a good number of educational and social events and I think the first year for MHASA was an overall success.

Congratulations to TaSheitha Butler on being named “Outstanding MHA Student”. TaSheitha has worked very hard and is a great example of what an MHA student can accomplish. TaSheitha will be attending medical school in the fall at Creighton University; good luck TaShetha!

I want to wish all of the graduating MHA students good luck with their new careers or their continuing job hunts. I know that the IU MHA program has all of us well prepared to contribute to the healthcare industry in Indiana and around the country. I would also like to wish good luck to all of the students who will be starting summer internships soon. The internships offer great learning and networking opportunities that you will be able to share with your classmates upon your return in the fall.

I want to encourage all of the students returning in the fall to stay involved with MHASA. This has been a good year but it will take a good group of people to keep it going next year; and to make it better than it was this year. I hope that you all consider becoming an MHSA officer. Elections will be in the early fall so stay tuned for e-mails concerning elections.

Finally, I just want to say that it was an honor to meet all of you and work with you throughout the year. I think MHASA is a great student organization that can only make the IU MHA program stronger. I hope to stay in touch with all of you!

Graduating students, I’ll see you in a week with caps and gowns on!

Sincerely,

David W. Hyatt
President, MHASA

MHA STUDENTS PRESENTED WITH YEARLY AWARDS

On April 20th, the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) yearly graduation dinner took place at the Illinois Street Ballroom at Union Station in downtown Indianapolis. The dinner honored all SPEA graduates, honorees, and families of graduating students. A large part of this dinner was the Awards Program, which recognizes individual achievements among graduating students.

For the MHA program, the award of the night went to TaSheitha Butler as she was honored by program director Dave Handel as the “Outstanding MHA Student” amongst graduating MHA students. In addition to her outstanding academic achievement, TaSheitha was recognized for working as Program Coordinator for the SPEA Executive Education Program, participating on an IU health faculty committee, and representing IU at the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) case compensation where she was a finalist along with team member Kristina Patterson.

Inductions into national honors societies also took place at the graduation dinner. Graduating MHA student Rick Swett was inducted into the Pi Alpha Alpha Society, which is the national honor society for the top students in schools of public affairs and administration.

Graduating students TaSheitha Butler, Nicholas Dus, Kelly Fenol, Sarah Khan, Kristina Patterson and Richard Swett were also inducted into the Upsilon Phi Delta Society. The Upsilon Phil Delta Society is the national academic honor society for graduate students in healthcare administration.
UPCOMING EVENTS

May
- 9th– Summer I Classes Begin
- 13th– IUPUI Commencement, 2:30 PM at RCA Dome
- 13th– SPEA Commencement, 4:45 PM in Hall E
- 16th– IHEN meeting, 3:30 PM at Methodist Hospital

June
- Executive Women in Healthcare meeting– 5:30 PM at Rick’s Boatyard

Be sure to check the IU MHA Student Association Website, SPEA Lounge, and your e-mail for the most updated information on upcoming events

MHA CLASS OF 2007– POST GRADUATION PROFILES

Note: The following individuals do not represent the entire 2007 class; just those who chose to allow their career information to be included. At the time this newsletter was published, some individuals were still working on the details of their new job. Thus, not all information was readily available for some students to have included. Graduate Certificate in Health Systems Management graduating students were also included.

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