As many of you know the College changed the organizational design for the Nicolais School last year from its traditional faculty elected Director system to a more contemporary appointed dean model, and I was selected as the inaugural dean for the School. This appointment has been a highlight of my professional life as I have sought out a leadership position in NYC for some time and Wagner College has so much to offer in terms of academic reputation, alumni engagement, locational advantages and these wonderful and motivated students.

Respectfully

Dr. Geoffrey T. Mills
Dean
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We are proud of our collective—alumni, student, staff and faculty—accomplishments and would like to share and honor them. You are encouraged to be part of our business community by contacting us and letting us know of your news and achievements!

Please contact us at Nicolais.School.of.Business@wagner.edu
Alumni News


Alumnus Ryan Wytanis has achieved the distinction of obtaining both CPA and CMA certifications. Although many of our alumni have achieved their CPA license, Ryan is the first to add the Certified Management Accountant credential to his qualifications. Ryan is currently a Pharmaceutical Finance Manager in New Jersey.
New Dean

Geofrey Mills has been named the interim dean of the Nicolais School of Business. Mills comes to Wagner College from Kean University, where he has been serving as the interim dean of the College of Business and Public Management. He brings more than three decades of experience in global business education administration to this position, where his primary objective will be positioning the school to secure accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Mills has led schools of business through AACSB accreditation three times and is completing work on his fourth. Securing AACSB accreditation is critical to the long-term viability of our business program, and Mills’ experience will serve the college well as we move toward this goal.

Curriculum News: Undergraduate

The fall semester got off to a warm start – temps in the 90’s and plenty of humidity on Grymes Hill. Sounds familiar?

The Wagner community welcomed the Nicolais School of Business Interim Dean, Dr. Geofrey Mills, who will continue the quest for AACSB accreditation and ACBSP 10 year site visit next academic year. Dr. Mills will also embark on fundraising initiatives aimed at enhancing support for faculty scholarship and various technology projects in support of business education.

Our students and faculty returned to campus with energy and enthusiasm to meet the challenges of the coming semester. Many students completed rich summer internship experiences. Most NSB internships were garnered by networking with Wagner Alumni. We thank our dedicated alumni for your steadfast support of our undergraduate students.

I look forward to sharing new academic achievements as the academic year progresses.
Best regards,

Cathyann D. Tully  
Nicolais School of Business, Professor of Finance  
Director, Undergraduate business program  
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Curriculum News: Graduate

Traditional MBA Program

The new streamlined MBA program is now in the second phase of having a robust MBA program consisting of 13 courses, or 39 credit hours. The previous MBA program was comprised of 15 graduate courses.

Presently, the class of 2019 will be the first to complete the two year MBA by earning 39 graduate credits as opposed to the 45 graduate credits in previous years.

The eight core Business Administration courses and five concentration courses in management, marketing, or finance were developed by consolidating Business Administration courses and synthesizing the specific concentration courses in the students concentration.

Similar to our undergraduate business program, we offer challenging internships both in New York City and on Staten Island. In the past year, we have had students complete financial consulting, marketing, and service related professional internships.

We thank our Alumni for actively supporting our MBA students and providing an established network in the New York area. Congratulations to our MBA class of 2018.

Professor Michael Mahoney  
Director of Traditional MBA Program

“MBA Means Business and our only business is our students”  
… Dr. Crooks
Student Clubs and Organizations

Accounting Society

Thursday Night, October 11, 2018, the Accounting Society had its Annual Dinner at the Staaten, sponsored by the New York State Society of CPAs. It was an informative evening, with presentations made by Ernst and Young, the FBI, recent Wagner graduates and local CPA practitioners.

Pictured from Left to Right: Fred Sabido, Michael Songore, Melanie Post, Dorian McMenemy, Alexis Ferro, Christine Letendre, Ryan Lauk, Robert Toscani, Tyler Sanfilippo, Professor Peg Horan, Professor Michael Mahoney.

Accounting Society Faculty Leader
Dr. Peg Horan
Faculty & Staff: Research

Publications:


Book Chapter Editorial Contribution:

Refereed Journal Publication:

Book Chapter:

Book Review:

Lectures/Presentations:


**Attended Conferences/Seminars/Symposia/Webinars:**


Miscellaneous

Assessment/Accreditation section

Remarks from Director of Accreditation and Assessment

Nicolais School of Business faculty are committed to ensuring high quality learning experiences for all students. To this end, we continually monitor student learning outcomes and adjust curriculum to ensure students are given the most cutting-edge knowledge available. Beginning last semester, we have begun reporting assessment data at a much more detailed level, so faculty can see longitudinal changes in student learning by specific learning goals. For example, data for the written communication rubric are now reported by the five learning goals (e.g., development, organization) rather than by the total score on the rubric. We also report four years of data on employer responses to specific questions about interns (e.g., ability to work without supervision). The faculty are looking forward to making use of the expanded report to improve their courses.

Our annual assessment reports and rubrics used to assess student knowledge may be viewed at the following URL’s.

http://wagner.edu/business-admin/academic-productivity/
http://wagner.edu/business-admin/resources/tools/

Regards,

Dr. Shani D. Carter Professor of Management &
Director of Accreditation and Assessment
With access to a network of more than 25,000 alumni, Wagner College students have a tremendous opportunity built into their college experience at the outset. Similarly, Wagner alumni seeking to hire bright, civic-minded students with strong academic backgrounds need only to look within their own alma mater to find the right candidates. At Wagner, these connections have primarily developed organically, as outcomes of alumni on-campus involvement or through direct contact with departments and the Center for Academic & Career Engagement.

The *Wagner Select* mentoring program takes the opportunity for student-alumni connections one step further by building on the existing informal process with a competitive process. Within the *Wagner Select* program, our highest performing students, those in the top 5% to 10%, are rewarded with first-preference access to successful alumni in their chosen industry, and alumni mentors are able to focus their influence and to develop deeper, more profound relationships with students.

The Nicolais School of Business, led by chair Dr. Donald L. Crooks, began this program in the fall of 2016 in partnership with alumna Mary Caracappa-Hurtado ’82, a Wagner Trustee and Morgan Stanley Managing Director. The effort is staffed and supported by Ms. Tara Chiari, Director of the Center for Academic & Career Engagement, and Chris Fourman, Senior College Relations Officer in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

*Wagner Select* is unique in that each selected student is connected to a “mentor team,” a pair of alumni in their chosen industry who have varying levels of experience: one who is closer to the student’s age group with 3-7 years of experience and one who is a seasoned professional. This allows for a team approach to mentoring and multi-layered connections between alumni and students.

**Benefits for Alumni Mentors**

- As part of a “mentor team,” alumni mentors also connect with other alumni in their field.
- The competitive process for applying to be a *Wagner Select* student ensures that the alumni mentor is connected with elite students at Wagner.
- Alumni mentors are staffed and supported by the Office of Institutional Advancement and College Relations.
- Alumni mentors have the opportunity to directly impact a student’s career trajectory, helping them navigate early in their career and, thus, shaping their future.

**Benefits for *Wagner Select* Students**

- *Wagner Select* students graduate with deep connections in their chosen industry.
- *Wagner Select* students gain a lasting professional resource in their mentor teams and individuals who are invested in their career success.
- *Wagner Select* students are positioned to succeed early in their careers and can become alumni with distinction.
Expectations

Mentors

Participation

Wagner recognizes that alumni mentors may have varying levels of availability and willingness to participate. All alumni mentors are assigned a Wagner College Relations Officer, Chris Fourman, to ensure that their experience in the Wagner Select program continues to be mutually beneficial. We ask all alumni mentors to commit to participate for one full academic year (August to May). At the end of the academic year, the alumni mentors’ assigned College Relations Officer will connect with them and discuss their mentoring experience. We promise that the mentoring opportunity is on a one-to-one basis, meaning alumni will be assigned one mentee at a time.

Communication

In the spirit of the organic nature of connections that have existed at Wagner, the Wagner Select program does not have a rigid communications requirement. Rather, we encourage each mentor team to create its own agreed-upon mode and frequency of contact between alumni mentor and student. We suggest: monthly check-ins via phone, email, Facetime/Skype; and quarterly or semi-annual (at least once per semester) in-person lunches or coffee. During the year, Wagner will invite all Wagner Select students and mentor teams to an event either on-campus or in Manhattan to reinforce connections.

Influence

We ask our alumni mentors to give their Wagner Select students first preference in available internships or positions at their respective companies, providing that Wagner Select students are ideal candidates for those positions. In some cases, guidance regarding students’ academic program will be part of the discussions, in particular about maintaining GPA and the courses mentees should strive to enroll in to ensure they have the background necessary to succeed in their chosen focus areas. We also ask our alumni mentors to assist and advise our students on the non-academic skill sets required to succeed professionally.

Wagner Select Students

Wagner Select students are required to sign a contract agreeing to maintain academic excellence throughout the duration of their college careers. They understand that the onus is on them to maintain a communication flow with their mentor teams, including semester updates on their academic performance and/or challenges they are facing. Wagner Select students also understand that participating in the program is a privilege and a tremendous, potentially life-changing opportunity.

The Selection Process

Wagner Select students undergo two rounds of selection beginning with an application process implemented through the Center for Academic & Career Engagement. The group selected via application also have an interview with Ms. Tara Chiari to discuss their career plans. In the pilot program, the best students in the Nicolais School of Business were selected via applications by CACE and then further
vetted through the Nicolais School of Business Wagner Select Committee. Committee members include Dr. Cathynn Tully, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Professor Edward Strafaci, Director of Experiential Learning, and Dr. Donald L. Crooks, Chair.

Wagner Select Students:

Anand, Siddharth
- Major: Business Admin., Finance Concentration
- Minor:
- Expected Graduation: Class of 2020
- Career/Industry Aspiration: Investment banking; wealth, risk management
- Internships Held: Summer Intern (2017) at AURUM Equity Partners LLP in New Delhi, India. Investment banking internship.
- Campus Activities: Member of the Men’s Tennis team. Member of the Finance Club. Control desk worker at Spiro Sports Center

Besselink, Jonathan
- Major: Business Admin., Accounting Concentration
- Minor: Mathematics
- Expected Graduation: Class of 2020
- Career/Industry Aspiration: Financial Industry
- Internships Held: Utilities Kingston
- Campus Activities: Finance Club, Accounting Club, Cross Country and Track and Field team

Ford, Patrick
- Major: Business Admin., Finance Concentration
- Minor:
- Expected Graduation: Class of 2019
- Career/Industry Aspiration: Banking/Investment Banking
- Internships Held: Merrill Lynch (Year-round)
- Campus Activities: Wagner Football Team

Kneppelhout, Ilya
- Major: Business Admin., Management Concentration
- Minor: Journalism
- Expected Graduation: Class of 2019
- Career/Industry Aspiration: Entrepreneurship and the ‘people side’ of business: Management strategy and consultancy; leadership and professional development; organizational behavior.
- Internships Held: Kiplinger Personal Finance Intern. Shadowed New York Times sportswriter Ben Rothenberg; Run my own tennis recruiting & consultancy agency
- Campus Activities: D1 student-athlete (tennis); co-president of the International Connections Club; World News editor of the Wagnerian; student representative in the Diversity and Internationalization Council; Student Advisory Committee, Nicolais School of Business

Molnar, Douglas
- Major: Business Admin., Finance Concentration
- Minor: Economics
- Expected Graduation: Class of 2019
- Career/Industry Aspiration: To continue my education & receive my MBA and obtain a position in Finance/Wealth Management
- Internships Held: Wealth Management intern at UBS Financial Services
• Campus Activities: Pitcher on the Wagner Seahawks D1 Baseball Team. Member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee

Post, Melanie
• Major: Business Admin., Accounting and Economics Concentration
• Minor:
• Expected Graduation: Class of 2020
• Career/Industry Aspiration: My aspirations following undergrad include pursuing my MBA in accounting to be prepared to sit for the CPA exam. Following graduation I hope to have a job in the accounting field, either in audit or tax
• Internships Held: Deutsche Bank
• Campus Activities: Women’s tennis team, President of Student Athletic advisory Committee, Women’s professional network, Accounting Society.

Schmelzer, Graham
• Major: Business Admin., Finance Concentration
• Minor: Economics
• Expected Graduation: Class of 2020
• Career/Industry Aspiration: Real Estate Development
• Internships Held: The London Residents Club (Summer 2018)
• Campus Activities: Men’s Water Polo, Student Alumni Association, Student Athletic Advisory Committee, Resident Assistant

Smith, Sinae
• Major: Business Admin., Accounting Concentration
• Minor:
• Expected Graduation: Class of 2020
• Career/Industry Aspiration: Become a certified public accountant and work for one of the big four companies
• Internships Held: Deutsche Bank
• Campus Activities: Student Advisory Committee, the National Success and Leadership Society, Black Student Union, The Accounting Society

Starr, Ashley
• Major: Business Admin., Finance Concentration
• Minor: Spanish
• Expected Graduation: Class of 2020
• Career/Industry Aspiration: Financial Services, wealth management with international relations
• Internships Held: MassMutual
• Campus Activities: Alpha Delta Pi, National Society of Leadership and Success, Women’s Professional Network, Finance Club, Law Society

Walters, Dylan
• Major: Business Admin., Accounting and Economics Major
• Minor:
• Expected Graduation: Class of 2020
• Career/Industry Aspiration: Accounting (CPA) working at Big 4
• Campus Activities: Finance Club, Accounting Society, Student Athletic Advisory Committee, International Connections Club
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