

Stetson University

Academic Affairs

Student Highlights

May-October 2014

Ayushia Ansari and **Margaret Ellison** are currently developing a sporting apparel product, a real business opportunity that started in Professor Paris' International Business class. The product is a soccer shoe made of the same material and pattern as a soccer ball. A working prototype has been produced and they are currently in the process of creating a Kickstarter campaign to harness investment funds.

Jeremy Bailee and **Thomas Burgess**, and **Yaffi Hilili**, **Kristy Rowsey**, and **Yesica Liposky** formed the two Stetson teams which participated in the E. Earle Zehmer Workers' Compensation Moot Court held in Orlando in conjunction with the Workers' Compensation Institute Annual Meeting. Our two teams advanced to the quarterfinal round of the competition and won the award for second best brief. In addition, Ms. Liposky was named the best overall advocate in the competition. The teams were coached by College of Law **Associate Dean Michael Allen** and alum and adjunct faculty member **Jason Stearns**, class of 2008.

Jeremy Bailee, **Nick Sellers**, and **Anisha Patel** formed the Stetson team which participated in the Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition held in conjunction with the Florida Bar's Annual Convention, this year in Orlando. The team advanced to argue in the final round before the Florida Supreme Court. The team also won the Best Brief Award. The team was coached by **Professor Brooke Bowman**, class of 2002, and alum **Larry Miccolis**, class of 2009.

Jeff Barbacci, Stetson accounting alumnus (BBA '91; MAcc '92), has been elected Chair of the Florida Institute of CPAs. Jeff is a shareholder of Thomas Howell Ferguson PA, a CPA firm in Tallahassee.

Kevin Berstler, senior Spanish major and Bonner student, has been awarded the Student Excellence in Service Award for the entire state of Florida (among all independent colleges/universities), through Florida Campus Compact.

Kevin Crews, 2014 graduate, was the winner of the 2014 Law Student Essay Contest sponsored by Florida Lawyers Mutual Insurance, the Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar, the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of The Florida Bar, and the Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism. Mr. Crews won this contest two years in a row.

Michelle Crowe, current MAcc student (BBA '14) and a Fell Research Scholar, co-authored a paper with faculty members **Vince Brenner** and **Maria Rickling** on accounting for research and development costs that will be presented at the Academic of Business Education Annual Conference in September.

John Dieck, History major (BA expected '15) received a competitive IIE Gilman travel Fellowship to Morocco.

Lauren Geraci, third-year law student, won the 2014 Dean Frank E. Maloney Memorial Writing Contest, sponsored by the Environmental & Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar.

Bradley Muhs, 2014 graduate, had his article "Fighting the Unfair Fight: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and the Need for Neuroimaging Evidence in Rape Trials" published in 35 *Women's Rights L. Rep.* 215 (2014).

Nathan O'Hanlon, junior Finance major, presented a poster of a paper that was co-authored with **Dr. Wingyan Chung**, "Identifying influential users in social media: A study of U.S. immigration reform," at the Americas Conference on Information Systems, Savannah, GA, August 2014.

Katelyn Promfret, senior Marketing major, is the recipient of a research grant funded by the Davis Brand Capital gift. Katelyn is working with **Michelle DeMoss**, Associate Professor of Marketing, on a project entitled, "Influence of Eco-labeling and Product Claims on Consumer Perceptions of Brand Attitudes and Intentions." Ms. Pomfret and Dr. DeMoss plan to submit their paper to the 2014 Academy for Business Research Conference. In addition, Ms. Pomfret will be presenting the paper at the Stetson Showcase in the spring.

Jessica Ronay, 2014 graduate, had two articles published recently: "Adults Post the Darndest Things: [CTRL + SHIFT] Freedom of Speech to [ESC] Our Past," 46 *U. Toledo L. Rev.* (forthcoming 2014) and "A Mother Goose Guide to Legal Writing," 36 *U. La Verne L. Rev.* (forthcoming 2014).

Zsofia Szurovski, International Business major, participated in a 9 week internship this past summer with Bosch, GmbH in Germany. Her responsibilities included assisting in the development of pricing models used by the purchasing department and reconfiguring bid specifications away from component parts and toward higher-order assemblies.

Scott Tolliver, third-year law student, was selected to serve as the ABA Law Student Division liaison to the Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs for 2014-2015.

Katherine Tonner, Psychology major (BA expected '15), received a SURE grant for \$2,000 to complete a project on jealousy, gender expression, love styles, and attachment.

James R. Weston, who recently received a Master of Accountancy (MAcc '14) at Stetson after successfully completing his Stetson BBA ('11) and playing on the Hatter baseball team, has been hired as an energy industry analysis for Raymond James at its Houston office.

Wynn Willard, third-year student, has an article forthcoming in the *Duquesne Law Review* entitled "Throwing Out the Baby and Weighing the Bathwater: The Nonsense of Executive Compensation Oversight."

Stetson's chapter of **Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology**, was one of only 33 chapters (of the 1100 chapters worldwide) to be selected to receive a Model Chapter Award for the 2013-2014 academic year. The award is given to chapters who serve their communities with philanthropic and education events and can show a high level of dedication from their officers, members, and faculty adviser.

Of the **Stetson University College of Law graduates** who sat, for the first time, for the Florida Bar Exam in July 2014, 78.2% passed the examination, over 6% better than the state-wide average. We take very seriously our responsibility to help our students prepare for lives as professionals, who make a difference in our profession, our communities, our State, and beyond, and passing the bar exam is one step in leading lives of significance.

Ten **Writing Center Tutors** were chosen to present four sessions at the International Writing Centers Association conference in Orlando. "Evaluating Our Own Effectiveness: The Benefits of Tutor-led Assessment" by **Taylor Cochran**, Maggie Herb, **Bianca Hernandez**, **Hannah VanSumeren**, and **Jennifer Schmitt**; "Breaking Our Silence: Tutors Talk about Race, Racism, and Microaggressions" by **Cameron Black**, **Elizabeth Hutchison**, **Jordan Bennett**, and **Aaliyah Gray**; "Expanding the Role of the Writing Center" by **Vanna Blaszak** and **Victoria Languzzi**; "Writing Centers: Not Just for University Writing Students Anymore" by Jennifer Schmitt.

Recent Graduates in Graduate Programs and Industry Positions

Nanda Aung, BA in Molecular Biology '14, was accepted into the PhD program in Molecular and Cell Biology at Georgia Tech.

Devon Blair, BS in Integrative Health Science '14, is working at Camp Boggy Creek, a nonprofit camp that serves chronically ill children of Florida and south Georgia.

Madeline Briggs, BA in History '14, has begun the MA Program in Art History at Oxford University.

Lizzie Bustin, BA in History '14, was accepted into the MA Program in Medieval Studies at Cardiff University.

Cayman Calabro, BA in History '14, was accepted into the joint LLD/MA in Law/Historical Preservation at Roger Williams University.

Alexander Cardounel, BS in Biology '14, was accepted into Tulane University's Master's in Physiology Program.

G. Paul Carey, BS in Integrative Health Science '14, started the Master of Education in College Student Affairs Program at the University of South Florida.

Caty Casademont, BS in Integrative Health Science '13, began the Medical Doctorate Program at St. Georges Medical School.

John Cossu, BS in Computer Science '14, started a company called Software Oriented Solutions Inc. in May 2014.

Rose Creed, BS in Biology '14, was accepted into the PhD program in Neuroscience at the University of Alabama.

Kellie Fredette, BS in Biology '14, was accepted into the Master's program in Taxonomy at Auburn.

Dustin Giamo, BS in Integrative Health Science '13, was accepted into the Physician Assistant Program at Nova Southeastern University.

Jeremy Goldberg, BBA in Finance '14 and graduation speaker, is pursuing a Master of Science in Finance at Washington University in St. Louis.

Justin McCallister, BA in History and German '14, has entered the MA Program in Gothic Studies at St. Mary's Twickenham.

Morgan Resnick, BS in Integrative Health Science '14, entered the Master of Arts in Higher Education Program at the George Washington University.

Justin Ridgewell, BS in Mathematics and Computer Science '14, is employed by SkillShare Inc. NY as of August 2014.

J. Andrew Roles, BS in Mathematics and Computer Science '14, works for Lockheed Martin NY as of June 2014.

Olena Vlasyuk, BS in Integrative Health Science '13, entered the Master of Public Health program in Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health.

Samantha Warta (Psychology major, Class of 2014) accepted a research position with the University of Central Florida.

D'Andra Williams, BS in Integrative Health Science '14, began work on her doctorate in Dental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry.