How Involvement in School Of Management Student Run Professional Organizations Can Make You Stand Out

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Joining Clubs and Fraternities within the School of Management is very important for a student to do. You must become involved in the school. Immerse yourself mentally, academically, and socially. Through these clubs you will learn experiences that will last you a lifetime and perfect professional experiences to talk about while on interviews. We all know the dreaded interview, “Tell me a time when...” Well the truth is, not a lot of students have too many experiences outside of the classroom. During the 2012-2013 school year UB School of Management enrolled just over 2400 students. Less than 30% of School of those students are actively a part of Student-Run Organizations. Through these organizations you will gain confidence, professionalism, leadership, networking and social skills, organization and management skills, & friendships/connections that will last you a lifetime.

Joining these clubs will not only help you with your skills, but look fantastic on your resume! Now more than ever it is very important to distinguish yourself from your competition. Bachelor’s Degrees are now expected of most all business-related careers. What sets you apart is your involvement!

LETS HEAR THEM SPEAK!

Successful UB School of Management Alumni who understood the importance of differentiating themselves

Steven Cervino
Brother of Delta Sigma Pi
Graduated Spring 2012
Career: A Financial Analyst for Morgan Stanley

“It’s no secret that we are entering the job market at an extremely volatile and uncertain time; where the plethora of jobs are consumed by those in tier 1 schools. It is important that you distinguish yourself mentally, academically, and socially. Through being a part of various clubs and organizations within the SOM provided me with a key advantage while competing in interviews against others. I honestly say that my experiences with the school of management were the focal point of my interviews which aided in me securing a job at Morgan Stanley. Do not make the mistake at thinking a 4.0 will get you a shaky job because your GPA is only the top line of your resume.

Tim Vayculiff
Brother of Delta Sigma Pi
Graduated Spring 2012
Current: The Marketing Director for Stavoff & Taylor Travel

‘Half of being successful in the real world you can learn from your professor or a textbook, the other half come from your experiences. You have and people you meet in college. It’s like knowing exactly how to do the job you’re interviewing for but wearing gym shorts to the interview.”

Josh Lanza
Brother of Delta Sigma Pi
Graduated Spring 2012
Current: The Merchandise Control Coordinator for Macy’s Corporation

‘Actively participating in the UB School of Management has helped me develop as a well-rounded professional. It taught me the importance of utilizing every opportunity to polish both my strengths and weaknesses because doing so gives you a great competitive advantage. This resulted in me getting a job soon after graduation and my advancement in the company.’

Networking

Finding a job today’s economy can be tough, but there are opportunities if you know where to look. The best way to find these opportunities is not through online job boards, the classifieds, or employment agencies—it’s by talking to people around you and making impressions. Your network of people in the professional world is an incredibly valuable job search resource. It makes sense that the most effective and efficient way to network is with a number of professionals and students in your desired career field by joining an organization related to your desired career field. School of Management Organizations provide this opportunity by connecting you with students, professors, alumni, and professionals in your desired field but also lead to connections across the many areas as the professional world.

Networking may sound intimidating, but it can be rewarding and fun, even if you’re shy or feel like you don’t know many people. Joining an organization is a perfect way to get past such a roadblock. Also, it’s unfortunately, but many job seekers are hesitant to take advantage of networking because they’re afraid of being seen as pushy, annoying, or self-serving. However, networking isn’t about using other people or aggressively promoting yourself—it’s about building relationships.

Summation: The vast majority of job openings are never advertised; they’re filled by word of mouth. The best way to network with professors, alumni, employers, and students who have similar goals and interests is joining a student organization.

Social Skills

Being able to communicate well and interact in a professional manner is vitally important to your success in business and in life. Many business relationships begin through some sort of impersonal communication. As such, first impressions are everything. You don’t want to stumble through your first conversation with the potential client, business partner, or potential customer due to lack of communication skills. Therefore, learning how to effectively communicate and carry yourself in a professional way is vitally important.

School of Management organizations provide a number of opportunities to practice your communication skills. For example, there are organization meetups, professional speakers, company visits, networking dinners, case competitions, workshops, events, and even social events. As a student you can learn how to interact with other people from not only our culture but different cultures and personalities as well. An international student, for example, can learn how to get along with students from all over the ground up. The opportunity to interact with so many different people will allow you to better develop your personality because of the different strengths each person may have to offer you.

Summation: The ability to confidently and effectively communicate with associates and customers is vitally important in achieving success in the business world. Being in an organization and immersing yourself into a professional environment that presents many, sometimes difficult, situations is an excellent way to gain these skills or improve on them.

Professional Experience

Actively participating in clubs is a great way to gain experience in your desired career field and constantly working on the plethora of professional skills that you will need to know. You should be very familiar with how an organization works as well as how to organize and manage everything. Networking is also a great way to make connections and you’ll find opportunities early on, which can give you a competitive edge. This is especially important if you contribute to shaping your organization’s strategy.

School of Management organizations are a wealth of knowledge on specific areas of concentration as well as business administration as a whole. For instance, if you are a Human Resource Concentration, joining UB Society for Human Resource Management will help you get an feel of what your professional-to-be career will really entail. The SHRM organizations provide up-to-date information in each of these specific areas as well as opportunities to gain professional skills that relate to your desired career field through applications and experiences such as workshops, case competitions, company visits, and other programs that are specific to your future career. These opportunities will not only provide you with vital information and skills but also give you an understanding of how professional organizations operate and a sense of how to manage within them.

Summation: By joining a professional chapter student organizations, you will be exposed to new up-to-date information, laws, and happenings related to your desired career. You will also experience other real world aspects, that will help you build professionally and ultimately lead to more success in the professional world. Organizations help you by giving you training and instilling good leadership skills and traits, especially true if you take up the responsibility of becoming part of the executive board.

Citations


