Important Dates

October 3
Payment Installment Due

October 8
Fall Job and Internship Fair
3 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Strahan Coliseum

October 20–November 17
Advance Registration for Spring 2009

October 27
Automatic “W” Deadline and last day to drop a class

November 1
Last Day to Submit a short term loan application for fall semester

November 24
Last Day to Withdraw

November 26-28
Thanksgiving Break
Classes do not meet

Spotlight on Faculty
Dr. Rob Konopaske

Dr. Robert Konopaske is a new Associate Professor of Management. He is currently teaching Management of Organizations (MGT 3303). Originally from Connecticut, Rob holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration (Management) from the University of Houston. Rob has been a United Way fund-raiser, an international start-up manager for Avery Dennison Corporation, a cross-cultural trainer, as well as an Assistant Professor of Management at both the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (1st academic job) and Florida Atlantic University. He spent his junior year of college in Mexico City and lived with a Mexican family while taking all of his courses in Spanish. In addition to being bilingual in Spanish/English, he speaks conversational Portuguese. He has traveled extensively throughout Europe and has work experience in Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Brazil. Rob hopes to be a positive influence for students as well as an approachable and supportive colleague. In his younger years, Rob cut lawns, shoveled snow and detailed cars and became interested in business as a result of these early activities. He liked the fact that he could earn some extra spending money. He shares a teaching background with his father, who taught business courses and was advisor for DECA at a local Connecticut high school.

“My parents are my strongest influences for who I am today,” Rob said. “By their example, my brothers and I learned to work hard and treat people with respect and kindness. Also, I was fortunate to have coaches and mentors at critical times that went out of their way to make a positive impact on my life.” Back at Florida Atlantic University, Rob was nominated for the university-level “Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award” for two consecutive years. While at UNCW, several graduating seniors listed him as a "High Impact Professor" on their exit interview form.

Recreationally, he enjoys playing soccer, tennis, deep sea fishing, and working out at the recreation center. He spends quality time with his wife Vania and two children in New Braunfels. Rob just recently finished an empirical research project on managerial willingness to assume different types of global assignments and a theoretical paper on e-learning.

“In the academic field, there are so many interesting research projects, students to help, and other activities in our field,” Rob said. “I’d have to say my biggest challenge is not getting spread too thin.” “I want to be in a productive and collegial environment where both research and teaching really matter,” he said. “I’d like to help in the area of international programs, student groups, and anywhere else I might be useful.” He would like to share some words of wisdom with the student body and faculty with a few words: “There aren’t any shortcuts in life. In order to do well at school or work, you need to apply yourself and work hard on a daily basis. Do something you really enjoy and success will follow.”

Welcome to the Department, Dr. Konopaske!

Quick Links
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Meagan Stahla, a graduate from Texas State University, has recently joined the Department of Management as the new Administrative Assistant II. Meagan was born in Fort Morgan, Colorado, and currently resides in San Marcos with her boyfriend, Ryan Gotcher. She owns a two year old Siberian Husky named Mckenzie and enjoys taking her running with her.

Meagan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication with an emphasis in Public Relations. She comes to us from the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, where she held the title of Executive Assistant.

“I picked that major because I like the idea of crisis and disaster communication,” said Meagan. “I wanted to help people receive and understand critical information when tough situations occur.”

With a successful start in the field of public relations, Meagan attributes most of her accomplishments to her mother. She now finds herself back in San Marcos working at Texas State, and appreciates the familiarity of the San Marcos community.

“I loved this town when I went to school here, and it will be a pleasure to work for the University,” she said. “I’m glad to be back.”

In her free time, she enjoys playing golf, beach volleyball, and remodeling the house that she and Ryan share. She also appreciates a good mystery novel and hill country cuisine.

Welcome, Meagan!
Jennifer Salinas, a senior management major at Texas State University, was named 2008 Intern of the Year for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in the South Texas Division. She was named the award winner at the 11th Annual Summer Intern Appreciation & Awards banquet, hosted August 13 by Enterprise at the Dominion Country Club in San Antonio. Salinas was selected based on exceptional performance in all areas of the company’s Summer Intern program, which focuses on numerous aspects of Enterprise’s Management Training program.

During the 12-week program, summer interns receive formalized instruction and hands-on experience in sales, marketing, customer service and business operations. Interns have specific goals and expectations, and earn intern “points” based on performance. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Inside Scoop on Internships

**Summus Industries**

Summus Industries is seeking an intern with strong communication and interpersonal skills who is interested in gaining practical sales, marketing and account management experience. Summus and Staples have formed a partnership with Texas State and are seeking a student intern to provide a value added service. This intern will call on all of the campus departments, keep them up to date with new product, handle any problems that may arise, and be the liaison between Texas State and Summus.

If you are interested, please contact Division Manager Michelle DoPorto by sending your resume to: mdoporto@summusindustries.com

Visit Judy Dietert’s internship website for more information on this and other internships available to MGT students.

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**Wednesday, October 8**

3 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.

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The Fall Job and Internship Fair is an opportunity for all students to visit with employers regarding different careers, internships, part-time and summer jobs, and/or full time employment following graduation. Many of the employers who attend the fair will schedule on campus interviews later in the fall semester. Login to your Jobs4Cats account to connect with employers scheduled to attend.

For more information on how to register for Jobs4Cats please visit the Career Services website at:

http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/

See you there!

If you have anything you would like to include in the newsletter please email Mrs. Tonya Fotinos at ts33@txstate.edu.

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