

IMPORTANT DATES

March

- March 7 – Professional Development Event: Data-Driven Marketing presented by Teresa Joy. Round Rock Campus, Avery 256 and also streamed live via Zoom. 5:20pm-6:20pm. Earn 1 PDU. RSVP here.
- March 8 – Professional Development Event: Tour of Ember Industries (321 Carlson Circle, San Marcos), 3:30pm-4:30pm. Earn 1 PDU. RSVP here.
- March 9 – Professional Development Event: Hill Country HR Management Association meeting, overview of federal 19 requirements. Presented by DHS Agent Joe Martinez. Resolute Health Hospital meeting area (555 Creekside Crossing, New Braunfels), 11:30am-1pm, \$15 (includes lunch). Earn 2 PDUs. Register here and then email Dr. Kay Nicols to qualify for the 1/2-price lunch rate.
- Mar 10 – Deadline to apply for spring graduation **"Hard Deadline - No Exceptions!"**
- Mar 12 – Spring Break begins
- Mar 19 – Spring Break ends
- Mar 20 – Registration for Summer 2017 and Fall 2017 begins.
- Mar 28 – Last day to drop a full-term class; automatic "W" deadline (11:59p.m. for both)

April

- April 1 – Bobcat Build! Thousands of Texas State students, faculty and staff will go into the community in small teams to perform hands-on service projects for those in need. San Marcos area, exact location TBA week before event. 8:00am-Noon. Earn 3 PDU credits. RSVP here.
- Apr 2-8– Graduate Student Appreciation Week. Organized by the Graduate College, various free events including workshops, socials, wellness classes and recreational opportunities. Click here for schedule and more details.
- April 4 – Non-Profits 101 presented by United Way of Williamson County Chief Professional Officer LeAnn Powers. Round Rock Campus, Avery 419 and streamed live via Zoom. 5:20pm-8:20pm. Earn 1 PDU. RSVP here.
- Apr. 12– Professional Development Event: Taking Advantage of Opportunities By Leveraging Partnerships, presented by Mr. Joe Turner. McCoy 242 and streamed live via Zoom. 5:20pm-8:20pm. Earn 1 PDU. RSVP here.
- Apr. 20– Withdrawal deadline, go to zero hours enrolled (5:00p.m.)

May

- May 1 – Last day of classes. Last day to RSVP for Hooding Ceremony (see below)
- May 2 – Reading Day
- May 3 – Final Exams begin at 5:00p.m.
- May 10 – Final Exams end
- May 11 – McCoy Graduate Hooding Ceremony, LBJ Student Center Ballroom, 2:00pm. Spring and Summer graduates will receive an email with details and information on how to RSVP. Volunteers needed- PDU credits available.
- May 11 – Spring Commencement ceremony for McCoy graduates, Strahan Coliseum, 6:00p.m.
- May 16 – Grades Available

June

- June 5 – Summer I begins; first day of class
- June 30 – Deadline to apply for summer graduation **"Hard Deadline - No Exceptions!"**

McCoy Graduate Hooding Ceremony

Prior to awarding doctoral (Ph.D.) degrees, Texas State University performed a university-wide "hooding ceremony" for all masters degree candidates. This ceremony was conducted before the traditional Commencement ceremony. The Hooding Ceremony was a smaller, more personal setting with faculty, family and friends. The graduate was recognized by reading a short bio and then a faculty member of their choosing placed the masters hood (academic regalia) on the graduate. When Texas State University began awarding doctoral degrees the university-wide hooding ceremony for masters degree students was eliminated.

Not to let a great event fade away, McCoy College began hosting our own Hooding Ceremony for graduate business candidates in 2010. It is a wonderful, celebratory event that consistently gets great feedback from graduates, family and guests. If you are an MBA, MAcy, MSAIT or MSHRM student graduating in either **May** or **August** you, your family and friends are cordially invited to join us.

The McCoy Hooding Ceremony for spring and summer graduates will be Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 2pm in the LBJ Student Center Ballroom.

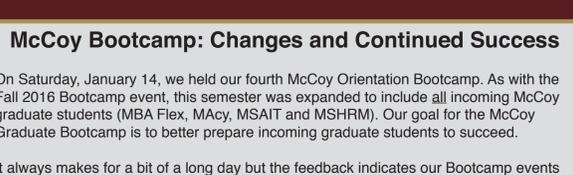
Spring and Summer candidates will be receive an email from Brittany Naylor in late March with instructions on how to RSVP.

McCoy Graduate Student Video

In conjunction with the McCoy Hooding Ceremony, each semester we produce a short, 15-minute video in which graduating students are given the opportunity to thank their friends and family, and reflect on their time in graduate school.

The video is played during the Hooding Ceremony and is a great way to pay tribute to those who helped you get through grad school. It is directed by MGSA President Jaclyn Ramirez. All Hooding Ceremony participants are invited to participate in the video. Jaclyn will provide additional information via email and on our Facebook group after you RSVP for the Hooding Ceremony.

Video shoot days/times are available in both San Marcos and Round Rock.



Welcome to Our Newest McCoy Graduate Team Member

In September, **Christina Vaughan** joined the McCoy Graduate Programs team as our new Administrative Assistant III. Christina is not new to Texas State, however, so she hit the ground running and we are happy to have her in the Dean's Office.

Christina fills the vacancy left by Emma Vasquez, who retired in August after a long tenure with the University. While we hated to see Emma go we are happy that she's now able to spend more time with her family, and we are very happy Christina joined us!



GOODBYE MBASA, HELLO MGSA!

Many years ago our official student organization was chartered (with then-Southwest Texas State University) as the Graduate Business Student Association. At some point that name changed to the **McCoy MBA Student Association (MBASA)**. In doing this the organization became more focused, but also excluded other McCoy graduate students in our accounting and HR programs.

We have come full-circle and are glad to announce that the "MBASA" is no more; we are now the **McCoy Graduate Student Association ("MGSA")**. With approximately 400 total graduate students here at McCoy our intent is to open up social and professional development events to MAcy, MSAIT and MSHRM students in addition to our Full-Time Cohort and Flex MBA students in both Round Rock and San Marcos.

The **McCoy Graduate Student Association (MGSA)** is a cohesive network of McCoy MBA, MAcy, MSAIT and MSHRM students and alumni, and strives to be a supportive current of people who are actively engaged in activities that enhance their business knowledge, management skills and leadership abilities. The mission of the MGSA is to support the educational advancement and professional development of McCoy graduate students to create tomorrow's leaders.

- The McCoy Graduate Student Association values**
- **INTEGRITY** and adherence to professional and ethical standards
 - **Commitment** to personal and professional **DEVELOPMENT**
 - An educational **EXPERIENCE** which transcends the classroom
 - **Respect** for **INDIVIDUALS** and a diverse culture that creates a true sense of **COMMUNITY**



Official McCoy MBA Page
facebook.com/McCoyMBA

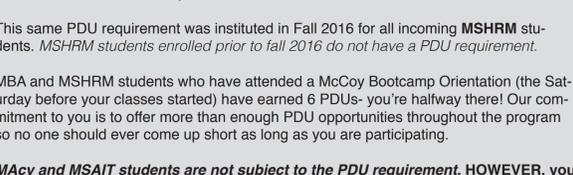
Official McCoy MBA
twitter.com/McCoyMBA

McCoy Graduate Student Association Group
facebook.com/groups/McCoyGSA

McCoy Bootcamp: Changes and Continued Success

On Saturday, January 14, we held our fourth McCoy Orientation Bootcamp. As with the Fall 2016 Bootcamp event, this semester was expanded to include all incoming McCoy graduate students (MBA Flex, MAcy, MSAIT and MSHRM). Our goal for the McCoy Graduate Bootcamp is to better prepare incoming graduate students to succeed.

It always makes for a bit of a long day but the feedback indicates our Bootcamp events are well-received by incoming students. They were greeted by Dr. Chittenden and got the now-standard "Fire and Brimstone" talk from Dr. Brian Miller before launching into orientation sessions, team-building exercises and refreshers on presentation skills. We appreciate everyone who attended and look forward to offering this experience in the future. Volunteers are always needed to make this large event run smoothly so if you'd like to give back by donating your time please look for dates and volunteer RSVP links in our Summer newsletter.



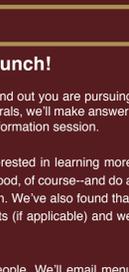
MGSA LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **McCoy Graduate Student Association (MGSA)** is a student-led organization dedicated to enhancing the social and professional development aspects of the graduate programs outside of the classroom.

Officer and event chair positions become available regularly as students graduate so if you are interested in helping your fellow students connect while developing your own organizational and leadership skills please consider applying.

For additional information contact MGSA President Jaclyn Ramirez, jramirez@txstate.edu.

Congratulations to our newest Beta Gamma Sigma invitees!



This spring you may witness some of your peers being invited to **Beta Gamma Sigma**, the international honor society serving business programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in an AACSB accredited program.

To be eligible for membership, Texas State graduate students must have completed at least 40 percent of the courses in their respective program and rank in the top 20 percent of students in their program based on their Texas State GPA. Because students' grades are typically higher in graduate programs than undergraduate, the cutoff for McCoy graduate students is usually much higher than their undergraduate counterparts.

Join us in congratulating the following McCoy graduate students for being invited to join BGS:

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| Jackson Belcher | Justin Haas |
| Amy Corona | Travis Mims |
| Amy Cross | Komal Modhiya |
| Juelaine Desjardin | Nayeema Nasrin |
| Jordan Draper | Katelyn Nyland |
| Christopher Everton | Lelani O'Connell |
| Sally Ford | Jody Pyle |
| Collin Ganci | Timothy Rountree |
| Andrew Guerrero | Matthew Shea |
| Amy Weilbacher | |

PDUs: What They Are & What You Need To Know

PDU stands for **Professional Development Unit**. Beginning in Fall 2015, all incoming McCoy MBA students (Flex and Cohort) are required to accumulate a total of twelve (12) PDUs during your time in the program. **This is a requirement to graduate and earn your Master of Business Administration degree.** *MBA students enrolled prior to fall 2015 do not have a PDU requirement.*

This same PDU requirement was instituted in Fall 2016 for all incoming MSHRM students. *MSHRM students enrolled prior to fall 2016 do not have a PDU requirement.*

MBA and MSHRM students who have attended a McCoy Bootcamp Orientation (the Saturday before your classes started) have earned 6 PDUs- your halfway there! Our commitment to you is to offer more than enough PDU opportunities throughout the program so no one should ever come up short as long as you are participating.

MAcy and MSAIT students are not subject to the PDU requirement. HOWEVER, you are always welcome (and encouraged) to attend any and all Professional Development events.

Meet Your MGSA Officers

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Maybe There IS Such a Thing as a Free Lunch!

It's not uncommon for peers and co-workers to ask lots of questions once they find out you are pursuing your graduate business degree at Texas State University. And while we love referrals, we'll make answering questions about the McCoy MBA program even easier by doing an on-site information session.

How does it work? If you have a group of at least five co-workers who are interested in learning more about the graduate business programs at Texas State we will come to you--with food, of course--and do a very brief presentation with time for Q&A, usually about 30-40 minutes over lunch. We've also found that HR department folks like to jump in and talk about tuition reimbursement benefits (if applicable) and we love that, too.

All we need is a meeting space--conference rooms work great--and a list of people. We'll email menu options and make it happen. Contact Matt Painter, mpainter@txstate.edu, for more details.

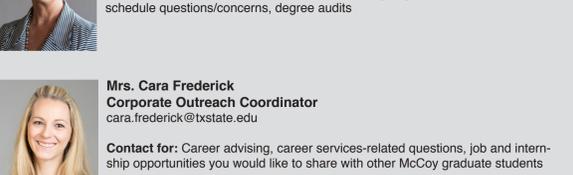
BOBCAT BUILD!

Each spring, the students, staff and faculty of Texas State University come together to give back in a massive community service project called **Bobcat Build**. Thousands of Bobcats are organized into small teams, and for 4 hours on a Saturday morning we make a huge impact on the community.

If you've participated in Bobcat Build in the past you don't need to be sold on it- the impact is pretty amazing and it's great to be a part of something that has a tangible impact. If you've never participated, you need to.

RSVP by clicking here. The week of the event our McCoy Graduate Team (we'll all be together) will get our work assignment. Marina Irfan, our coordinator for this year, will communicate our assignment and you will have the option of attending the mass assembly that morning near Strahan Coliseum, or you can just meet on-site. **No tools or special skills are needed- just work clothes, gloves and a good attitude!**

In past years we have helped with yard work, painting, and general cleanup. And the response from the people we've helped is heart-warming- they are incredibly grateful for our assistance. **Come be a part of this fantastic event. Worth 3 PDU credits.**



Volunteer Opportunity: McCoy Hooding Ceremony

Prior to commencement in the fall and spring semesters we host the McCoy Graduate Hooding Ceremony for all MBA, MAcy, MSAIT and MSHRM students. This is a wonderful, celebratory time that is more personal than commencement and always gets rave reviews.

Like all professionally produced events, the Hooding Ceremony requires some work behind the scenes. **We are seeking student volunteers for the May 11 ceremony, which will be held in the LBJ Student Center Ballroom at 2pm.** No heavy-lifting, we promise! Added bonus: **you can earn one (1) PDU per shift that you sign up for.** Details here: bit.ly/hoodingvolunteer

Online Requests for Academic Advising

Requests for academic advising should be done electronically. Email works, but our online form provides a convenient way to request help or an appointment. This form allows you to specify the reason for your request and attach a screenshot if you are getting an error message during registration. It also generates a confirmation email to let you know we've received your request for assistance.

Simply go to the McCoy Graduate website and click on "Academic Advising" under the "Current Students" tab in the navigation bar. All McCoy graduate students can use this request form.

Welcome to our new McCoy Graduate Students!

We are very happy to welcome **69 new graduate students** to McCoy this semester!

Of these 69 new graduate students, **45** are Flex MBA students, **19** are MAcy students, **4** are enrolled in the MSAIT program and **1** are new MSHRM students.

Plan NOW For Spring and Summer Internships

MBA and MSHRM students: You can receive elective credit for performing an internship. The course is MGT-5395 and it is approved on a case-by-case basis. **Two important points to remember:**

First, start this process early! MGT-5395 isn't like other courses, and if you wait until late registration to start the approval process it's likely not going to happen.

Second, your internship does not have to fall perfectly within the start and end dates of an academic semester. Most internships either start early, end early or span multiple semesters. *Also keep in mind that in certain circumstances we can allow an internship at your current employer* (if you are currently working for a company large enough to have different business units/divisions).

Contact Matt Painter, mpainter@txstate.edu, for additional information. MGT-5395 can be approved for fall, spring or summer enrollment.

MAcy and MSAIT students: The requirements for accounting internships are different compared to MBA & MSHRM students. Contact Laurie Brown, laurie.brown@txstate.edu for additional information.

McCoy Graduate Program Contacts

Do you have a question, concern, or just need to be pointed in the right direction? The faculty and staff of the McCoy College of Business Graduate Programs are always available to help. All can be reached at 512-245-3591.

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Contact for: Special requests, conditional admission, academic suspension and probation

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Contact for: General program questions, recruiting, marketing, MGT-5395 internships, admission questions, on-site information sessions, MGSA

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Contact for: Career advising, career services-related questions, job and internship opportunities you would like to share with other McCoy graduate students

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