FROM THE DEAN . . .

Summer offers a great time to reflect on the previous academic year. In this issue, we feature student, alumni, and faculty successes.

Our career-ready program continues to expand. By partnering with alumni and other business leaders, students enhance their professional development skills, gain firsthand insights on career paths, and make invaluable connections. Read how two of our students participated in corporate visits and mock interviews at Stanley Black & Decker, and came away with terrific jobs and internships.

We also highlight two honorary student organizations, Beta Gamma Sigma and Beta Alpha Psi, both of which inducted new members. Each also recognized distinguished alumni who are great role models for the next generation of managers and leaders. Read in more detail how our alumni, like Tim Leissner M’92 of Goldman Sachs, lead global organizations. Learn about this year’s Barney Board of Visitors newest Alumni Hall of Fame members, Tom Barnes ‘72 and Roger Klene M’90.

Our faculty’s commitment to student success continues to be a hallmark of the Barney School of Business experience. It is especially gratifying to recognize those who have excelled in their teaching, advising, research, and service endeavors. We feature our five 2015 faculty award-winners. Their dedication and accomplishments set high standards for their peers and our students.

Summer is also a time to begin planning for the next academic year.

Be a part of our career-ready program. Share your success, professional guidance, and networks with our bachelor’s, MBA, and MSAT students. Join the many companies and organizations partnering with us for their talent acquisition and development needs. We welcome your engagement.

With best regards,

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The Barney School of Business Board of Visitors welcomed two members into its prestigious Alumni Hall of Fame in January. Thomas O. Barnes Sr. ’72, and Roger R. Klene M’90 were selected from more than 18,000 Barney alumni. The Alumni Hall of Fame recognizes the achievements of prominent alumni who have made significant contributions to the advancement of business and community. Both are former members of the University’s Board of Regents, and they shared remarkable advice with students and others in the audience.

Barnes is chairman of the board of the Barnes Group, Inc., and serves as president of the Barnes Group Foundation, Inc. He has been a philanthropic leader of many arts, education, and healthcare organizations.

“It is very important for us to give back,” Barnes said of his company’s tradition of philanthropy and service. “I would encourage you, as part of your development, to volunteer or serve on a board. It will broaden the scope of what you’ll be able to offer your employer.”

Klene retired in 2013 after 20 years as president and CEO of the Mott Corporation. He has served on the boards of Hartford Hospital and the Hill-Stead Museum and is a current member of the Academy of Management Executives.

Klene urged students to stay open to change, even when it is difficult.

“There comes a time when the pace of change moves faster and your ability to accept change starts to slow down. Sooner or later you’ll find yourself resisting that change,” he said. “I’m here to say, ‘Don’t do that.’ Teach yourself to embrace change. Take the risk. If you do . . . , you will become an opinion and a thought leader.”

During the ceremony, scholarships were presented in the name of both inductees to two Barney students, Margaret Betz ’15 and Robert Meerman M’15. Betz graduated with a bachelor’s degree with majors in management and marketing. Meerman is pursuing his master’s degree in accounting and taxation.
GLOBAL BUSINESS LEADER: TIM LEISSNER MBA ’92

Many of our graduates lead enterprises across the globe. In this inaugural Global Business Leader story, we profile Tim Leissner MBA’92, a driving force for the past 25 years in Asia for Goldman Sachs and the community.

Leissner is chairman of Southeast Asia and vice chairman of the Investment Banking Division (IBS) in Asia Ex-Japan (AEJ) at Goldman Sachs. He is a member of the firm’s Partnership Committee and the IBS Leadership Group. Leissner has served as head of Investment Banking Services for AEJ, head of the IBS Leadership Group for Asia Pacific Ex-Japan, co-president of Goldman Sachs Singapore, head of Investment Banking for Southeast Asia, chief of staff for AEJ, and partner in the mergers and acquisitions practice.

Leissner has lived and worked throughout Southeast Asia, including Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand. He co-founded the People’s Wish Foundation, a charitable organization in China. A German native, he earned a BA from the University of Siegen, then his MBA from Barney School of Business. He later completed a doctorate from the University of Somerset.

“The Barney School MBA gave me the business, cultural, and people skills I needed to launch my investment banking career,” Leissner says. “I have benefited tremendously from my experience at the Barney School.”

CAREER-READY PROGRAM LAUNCHING STUDENT SUCCESS

Our undergraduate business students follow a career-ready path to become confident, competent, and connected. We work with key partners on students’ professional development. Here are two Spring 2015 success stories at Stanley Black & Decker.

Ten companies in Boston, Hartford, and New York hosted more than 100 students on corporate visit day on March 27. Senior marketing major Christina Caldarola visited a Stanley manufacturing plant and corporate headquarters in New Britain, Conn. Various department heads gathered to describe their jobs. “I listened to the senior brand manager and said, ‘Oh my gosh, this is exactly what I want to do,’” she says.

The managers were equally impressed with Caldarola. By the time she got on the bus, they were exchanging emails. Soon thereafter, she was offered a branding position. “If it weren’t for the career-readiness program, I don’t think I would have gotten this job,” she says.

Similarly, the company partnered with us for Barney’s mock interview week. With her professional skills honed through the career-ready program, Kaila Hickman ’16 made such a strong impression that she was invited back for a summer internship interview. She impressed again, and secured a coveted corporate finance internship at Stanley this summer.

“These sessions are not only great professional development experiences, they are tremendous opportunities for students to make connections and launch their careers,” says Barney Dean Marty Roth. “Our partnerships really benefit students.”

From left: Junior Kaila Hickman and recent graduate Christina Caldarola at Stanley Black & Decker headquarters.
Honor Societies Recognize Students and Alumni

The Barney School of Business chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma inducted 43 sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students at its 14th annual induction ceremony. Two students, Carmen Bligh and Kathryn Mitchell, were awarded Charles R. Canedy III prizes in honor of our long-standing chapter advisor. The 2015 chapter honorary inductee was David Nord ’79, who is chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Hubbell, Inc.

Stephan A. Toross M’92, partner at Whittlesey & Hadley, PC, was the honorary inductee at the 2015 Beta Alpha Psi Induction. The organization recognizes and honors top students in accounting and finance. Nineteen juniors and seniors were inducted and 10 received Accounting Excellence awards. «

From left: David Nord ’79 and Barney School of Business Dean Marty Roth

Moira D’Souza ’15 receiving CTCPA Merit Award of Excellence