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Accounting Students Awarded:

The Mid-Hudson Chapter of the NYSSCPA has awarded two MSMC students for their work in accounting.

Michael Poole is a Dean's List student with a 3.97 GPA and a dual Ralph and Aquinas Scholar. He has combined strong academic performance with meaningful community impact through his volunteer work with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program.

Nicholas Albano is finishing his MBA in accounting and has maintained a 3.9 GPA throughout his collegiate career while gaining various hands-on accounting experiences, especially through two tax internships with PKF O'Connor Davies. Currently working as the bookkeeper for the Newburgh Ministry.



Nicholas Albano, Dr. Watad, and Michael Poole at the awards ceremony.

Dean's Message:

Greetings from MSMC School of Business! I am Michael Fox, Associate Professor of Business Law, and I am honored to be continuing my service as the Acting Dean and Chairperson of the School this academic year. We are very pleased to bring you this Newsletter for the Spring of 2026 Semester! A lot has been happening here at MSMC and in the School. We are thrilled to have students utilizing and learning in our state-of-the-art **Joseph F. Maloney Investment Lab**, powered by Bloomberg! The Finance Club has been hard at work, and our Investment Analysis course has been using the Lab as its classroom this Spring! The lab is the "crown jewel" of our School of Business, complete with 12 terminals and a real-time stock quote and news ticker. If you have not yet seen it, please stop by. The Finance Club also hosted a panel event this April, featuring three experienced and knowledgeable panelists who addressed "Financing Forward: Tips for Your Future Self." The student leaders arranged the speakers, prepared the questions, organized the event, and moderated the panel discussion. In addition, our Business and Accounting students have been hard at work with the Tax Aide program, assisting members of the local community and even fellow students with simple tax preparation and returns under guidance from professional mentors! These are just some highlights of great things Mount students are doing in our School! In April, students and faculty/staff mentors were invited to attend a networking event with the New York Yankees. The event, held at the Stadium, included a panel event and networking, followed by watching a game from a suite. It was a wonderful program, that we hope will be fruitful in building a further relationship between the Mount and the New York Yankees for the benefit of our students! Finally, as was reported last year, as well, a large number of faculty, staff, administrators and students across Campus have just completed the 3-year project that is our re-accreditation Self-Study for Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). Led by our VPAA, Dr. Evan Merkhofer, this was a wonderful opportunity to evaluate ourselves, our programs and our future goals in looking forward to academic success to come! Together with our Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Eric Langstedt, I am honored to be part of the leadership of our School of Business, and I look forward to a bright future for all. In that spirit, on behalf of all the faculty and staff in the School, I wish all of you a very happy, healthy, and restful summer! See you at the end of August!

Best regards,
Michael L. Fox, J.D.
Acting Dean, Chair & Associate Professor

On April 28th, the MSMC School of Business celebrated student achievement at their annual awards banquet and Delta Mu Delta induction ceremony. Additionally, Professor Hossain presented certificates to the first three students to attain certification through MSMC's Joseph F. Maloney Memorial Investment Lab, which opened in the fall semester.

Featured Speaker alumnus John Del Bene III of Focused Wealth Management addressed the audience about his academic journey and how he is applying what he has learned at MSMC in his financial career.

MBA student Angelina Mainiero, Vice President of Academic Affairs Evan Merkhofer and President Robert Gervasi all added to the evening with inspirational speeches.



President Gervasi addressing the audience at the annual awards ceremony.

Undergraduate Award Recipients

The Business Faculty Awards for Academic Excellence.

Accounting: Vincent Domingues

Advertising & P.R.: Lily Tanko

Business: Robert Viggiano

Healthcare Mgt: Ezili Grant

Sports Mgt: Luke Dombroski

Excellence in Business Award:

Michael Poole

Delta Mu Delta Business Honor Society Award :

Brillyd Lopez-Vidal

Students Attaining Bloomberg Market Concepts Certification:

Matthew Nunes

Christian Parisa

Michael Pisseri

Delta Mu Delta 2026 Inductees:

Jomara Carchipulla

Melanie Chaclan Paz

Victoria Correia

William Reese Kelly

Daniel Mack

Teasha Nugent-Jerume

Matthew Louis Nunes

Jennifer Salazar

Vanessa Seymour

Katelyn Tatis

Victoria Valencia

Graduate Award Recipients:

Business Faculty Award for Academic Excellence:

Melissa Broe & Sarah Kozlowski

Excellence in Business Award:

Angelina Mainiero

DMD Business Honor Society Award for Academic Excellence:

Stephen Volk

Keep in Touch!

The MSMC School of Business wants to hear from you. If you have not been to our website in awhile, consider using the QR code below. If you have news, internship opportunities, or other information you want conveyed to the School Of Business, feel free to email: eric.langstedt@msmc.edu

Spring Events:

On March 25th, the MSMC Business Advisory Council met. The goal of these meetings is to align the employers' needs with the education provided to our students. The topic most discussed at this meeting was continuing education for local and regional businesses and organizations through of certificate programs. This was an informative discussion, with an community advisory council member recommending partnerships with municipalities. If your organization has an interest in focused certificate programs, please contact us.

On May 17th, the MSMC Enhanced MBA met with current and incoming MBA students. The goal of the Enhanced MBA is to offer the flexibility of an online MBA while also providing opportunities for students and faculty to come together for in-person discussion. Primary areas of discussion for the spring meeting included how to navigate your career in an age of disruptive technologies. A second area of discussion was the assessment of personal priorities and management of work/life balance.

The students, professors, and alumni in attendance dined together, and the students new to the MBA remained after lunch for an orientation session themed around time management and how studying as an MBA student will differ from their experiences as an undergraduate.



Award Recipients Sarah Kozlowski and Melissa Broe with Dr. Watad and Dr. Yerger at the School of Business Annual Award Ceremony.