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MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Dr. David Lee

Hello again to UNVA students, parents, faculty, staff and friends.

I am writing this in an airplane returning from visits to our London and Prague campuses and I am committed to ongoing visits to every location. I am continually impressed with our UNVA family.

You are getting this newsletter during registration. Be sure to register early to get the classes that you want. Our enrollment is growing and that means it is more likely that classes will be full. Remember that you can register on line if you prefer.

We continue to work to provide better service to our students. All UNVA locations are reviewing their business processes and technology to bring our entire UNVA family closer together. Using video conferencing technology, we will start by bringing campus presidents onto my weekly executive meetings. And we are reviewing instant messaging technology to connect all staff in all campuses. This will allow us to provide even better, faster service to our students.

I would like to congratulate all of our June graduates. At the time of this writing we have more than 400 graduation applications and I anticipate a very successful event. The graduation will be held on June 27th, 2009 at 3:00 PM at Oakton High

School. There is a graduation dinner after the ceremony with a very limited number of tickets on sale for \$15. Students graduating Magna Cum Laude (3.9 GPA) or Summa Cum Laude (4.0 GPA) receive a free ticket. Check with Student Services for tickets for more details.

UNVA is committed to bringing all of our campuses closer together and this graduation will be one very visible example. We are broadcasting our graduation live to all remote campuses. While all UNVA faculty, staff and graduates have always been invited to our graduations, it is obviously not practical for large numbers of people to come in from the far corners of the globe. Now every campus will be able to participate electronically. Depending on how quickly we can roll out the technology we might also set up live feeds of remote campus graduations as well.

Next, it is my very great pleasure to announce that Nigel Griffiths has accepted our invitation to be our commencement speaker. Nigel is a Member of Parliament and chairman of the Board of Trustees of London International College (our London location). I have worked with Nigel in planning meetings in London and I can assure all of the graduates and guests that they are in for a treat.

Finally, we continue to make improvements to your university. We have recently added hundreds of books to our library, and we are in the final stages of a remodeling project that will allow us to move Admissions to the same building as the rest of the administrative staff. This consolidates classrooms into one building and admin into another for greater

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Key Dates:

June 27
Commencement
June 28
Spring Quadmester ends
July 3
New Student Orientation
Last Day to register without late fee
July 4
Independence Day - No School
July 6
Summer Semester begins
July 18
Last Day for Registration

convenience for students. We also have private offices for department chairs, the international student advisors, career services and others, allowing private conversations with students.

We have many more exciting plans in the works but I don't want to mention them while they are still in the planning stage. You will just have to read my column in the next newsletter.

UNVA STUDENTS TO DELIVER GLOBAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Jude Edwards, International Business Professor at UNVA, announced recently that five UNVA students have been invited to deliver a paper and presentation at the Fall 2009 International Conference on Business and Public Policy. This conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Baltimore, MD and is sponsored by the **Institute for Research on Global Business**.

The students, Dr. Sharmin Mitha, Dr. Daniel Adu, Dr. Rouguiatou

Diao Balde, Catherine B. Ngeze, and Lekwalo C. Mokgalo, are from the MBA Health Care Administration program. They will present a joint paper that addresses the history, growth, and current initiatives that are underway, in selected African countries relative to Telemedicine. Some of these countries include: Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Guinea.

Dr. Edwards states, "It is my conviction that this paper, the Power Point presentation, and the

Question and Answer session will provide a rich learning experience for this group of students." He added, "As one of their Professors here at UNVA, and as a Fellow with the Academy of Business and Public Policy, I am convinced that this exposure will serve as a marketing tool for our MBA Health Care concentration here at UNVA, and for our Business program in general."

Details associated with this conference will be made available shortly.

DR. CAROL RUSAW PRESENTS CRITICAL THEORY PAPER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Dr. Carol Rusaw, Chair of the Department of Education, recently gave a paper on "Legitimizing Political Power in Executive Development: A Critical Analysis of the Senior Executive Service Candidate Program (SESCDP)" at the Critical Management Studies Sixth Annual Conference at the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom recently. The paper is a case study of the dual uses of power in defining and administering a program to certify competencies of executive candidates in the federal government.

The paper examines the roots of

the executive development program in Neoliberal politics and its administration from Critical Theory. The presentation used Critical Theory to analyze two convergent streams of political power in the federal government's Senior Executive Service Candidate Program (SESCDP).

The free-market-based philosophy of Neoliberalism underpinned the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 and its administrative policies and practices. The paper analyzed critical incidents in how candidates gained executive competencies. In examining administrative rationality

in certifying the competencies, and allowing candidates' admission to executive-level job competition, the paper identifies a paradox: the Neoliberal ideal of decision objectivity and open competition presented problems that policy did not address. This compelled administrators to use their own discretion in determining outcomes. In turn, political authority of individuals became the deciding means for certifying who became an executive. From a Critical Theory perspective, the agency administrators had totalizing power.

The UNVA newsletter is intended to educate, to enlighten and to entertain. If you want to write or edit articles for the UNVA Newsletter, contact Professor Al Laich at 703 941-0949 or at alaich.faculty@unva.edu. Writing articles for the newsletter improves your writing skills and the experience will be helpful to your career.

UNVA GRADUATION CEREMONY MOVES TO NEW LOCATION – OAKTON HIGH SCHOOL

Due to an overwhelming response, there has been a change in the graduation and banquet location. It is now being held at Oakton High School on Saturday, June 27th at 3:00 PM.

Graduates must report to Oakton High School at 12:00 PM to pick up their cap & gown. Since UNVA has a large number of students graduating, it is essential that all graduates arrive on time.

Graduates and guests should park between the doors numbered 5 & 6 and enter the building at door 6. You will see the auditorium when you enter. Do not bring personal items, purses or valuables with you into the auditorium area. There will be no security to protect them from theft.

Doors will open for guests, friends and families at 2:00 PM. There will be 399 students graduating at this event so please advise family, friends, and guests to arrive early and take their seats before 2:55 PM because the graduation ceremony will start promptly at 3:00 PM.

The University Commencement is officiated by the University Chancellor and recognizes all 2009 graduates of The University of Northern Virginia. While graduation is a time for celebration, it is also a ceremony to be observed in a dignified and respectful manner. Please honor the university and all the graduates with proper decorum, courtesy, and grace.

As David Lee announced in his article on the first page, Nigel Griffiths will be the commencement speaker. Nigel is a Member of Parliament and chairman of the Board of Trustees of London International College.

Following the ceremony, everyone is invited to light refreshments in the cafeteria. The reception gives graduates a chance to relax and socialize with their fellow graduates, family members, guests and faculty/staff/administrators from UNVA.

Later that night, UNVA is hosting a graduation banquet from 7:00-9:00 PM at Oakton High School. Summa cum laude & magna cum laude graduates (GPA 4.0 & 3.9 only) and one guest will be admitted free of charge. Tickets are \$15.00 per person for all other graduates and guests. Tickets for the banquet can be purchased in the Annandale campus business office starting June 16, 2009. If you are unable to pay in person, you may fax the credit card authorization form (located on the UNVA website) directly to the business

Please note that diplomas will not be available during the graduation ceremony. They will be ready for pick up at the Annandale office one week after commencement.

UNVA prefers that graduates pick up their diplomas in person. If you are unable to pick up your diploma, you may have someone else pick it up on your behalf. That person must present their photo ID and a written authorization signed by you. If you have any questions, please call any member of the UNVA staff.

Directions to Oakton High School

2900 Sutton Road
Vienna, VA 22181

From the West: From 66, take 123 North exit. Right at the second light on Jermantown Road. Left at the second light on Sutton Road. School is on your left.

From the East: From 495, take 66 West. Take the first exit (Nutley Street) and exit towards Vienna (Nutley Street North). Merge to the left lane and at the first light, take a left on Virginia Center Parkway. Follow this road through two stop lights until you come to a stop sign at Sutton Road. Oakton High School is straight ahead. Here is a link for the high school location on MapQuest:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Vienna&state=VA&address=2900+Sutton+>

UNVA Summa Cum Laude for Graduation 2009

First Name	Last Name	GPA	Major	Degree
Subhas Chandra	Baggavarapu	4.0	Computer Science	MS
Haitao	Bi	4.0	Accountancy	MAC
Dusan	Dzubinsky	4.0	Computer Science	MS
Obed	Ligate	4.0	Project Management	MBA
Aarthi	Ramasamy Chidambaram	4.0	Information Systems Technology	MS
Niranjan	Sharma	4.0	Project Management	MBA
Deepa	Subramanium	4.0	Information Systems Technology	MS
Phani	Yaddanapudi	4.0	Computer Science	MS
Haritha	Yerabothula	4.0	Computer Science	MS

UNVA Cum Laude for Graduation 2009

Daniel	Adu	3.9	Health Care Administration	MBA
Janis	Asare-Bediako	3.9	Finance	MBA
Maria del Carmen	Ganancias	3.9	Management	MBA
Dongmei	Gu	3.9	Master of Accountancy	MAC
Zhe	Guan	3.9	Accounting	MBA
Deepthi	Gurazada	3.9	Computer Science	MS
Alexander	Haddadin	3.9	Marketing	MBA
Parshwa	Jain	3.9	Accounting	MBA
Xiaojuan	Jin	3.9	Computer Science	MS
Malleswari	Kalidasu	3.9	Health Care Management	MBA
Geetha	Kalluri	3.9	Finance	MBA
Saranya	Konka	3.9	Computer Science	MS
Shashank	Mahankali	3.9	Computer Science	MS
Vanitha	Malkayigari	3.9	Computer Science	MS
Niky	Mangkudihardjo	3.9	Computer Science	MS
Pradeep	Meka	3.9	Computer Science	MS
Geofrey	Mshindo	3.9	Computer Science	MS
Lawrence	Odonkor	3.9	Information Systems Technology	MS
Kwadwo	Ofori	3.9	Project Management	MBA
Shanthi	Putti	3.9	Information Systems Technology	MS
Saravana	Rajiah	3.9	Project Management	MBA
Yerlan	Sekerbayev	3.9	Accounting	MBA
Vishwanath	Sudabhattula	3.9	Computer Science	MS
Ghita	Tabia	3.9	Accounting	MBA
Goara	Twiford	3.9	Accounting	MBA
Xiaofang	Wang	3.9	Master of Accountancy	MAC

MEET THE STAFF – DR. PAUL SHIE

The new Director of Student Records and Enrollment is Dr. Paul Shie. Dr. Shie's affiliation with UNVA started as an adjunct professor at the inauguration of the University in 1998. His teaching career began at Southeastern University in Washington, DC where he taught computer and management courses. He also taught at the Harry Byrd School of Business in Shenandoah University for its MBA programs in Leesburg, Virginia between 1995 and 1997.

Dr. Shie earned his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in 1991 specializing in political campaign management and the computer applications on social science research and polling. Soon after his arrival in Washington, DC, Dr. Shie participated actively in Washington politics. He was active on Capital Hill on behalf of

the Asian-American community. He successfully organized a number of seminars and symposiums in the U.S. Congress on issues of the admission quota for the Asian-American students in Ivy league universities, and the U.S. foreign policy toward Asia.

After the Election of 1992, Dr. Shie turned his attention to building his own business. He started his own IT company, Tel-Com, U.S.A. in 1993.

Because of his personal interest in financial investment, Dr. Shie was recruited to an investment firm which eventually became a subsidiary of Citigroup Corporation. In 2003, Dr. Shie was promoted to be a Regional Vice President in the firm and owned the franchise of a branch office in Sterling, VA.

Born and raised in Taiwan, Dr. Shie lives in Hamilton, Virginia with his wife, Cathy, and three children. He spends his free time practicing his life-time hobby of Japanese Swordmanship, Kendo, and making investments in securities.



UNVA SUCCESS STORIES – SOHAIB ZAMIR

It is no surprise that Sohaib Zamir describes himself as a computer person. He has a job in computers, he is majoring in computer science, and he is a big fan of computer games, especially the ones that involve strategy and planning. As a software developer for a non-profit organization, Sohaib Zamir is able to apply his UNVA educational skills directly to his job. According to Sohaib, "My studies and education at UNVA helped me to get a chance to implement software development in an actual enterprise."

Mr. Zamir is from Karachi, Pakistan, but was born and raised in Kuwait. He is devoted to his family and gives great thanks and regards to his parents, his brothers, and his lovely sister for their love and support. He said, "My family influenced me with my

decision to attend UNVA." Sohaib added, "The greatest attractions to me for a Masters at UNVA was the school's strong academics, the practical experiences of the professors, and its full-time Curricular Practical Training (CPT)." He added, "The weekend classes at UNVA worked out perfectly for me."

Sohaib has an undergraduate degree in Computer Science from New Jersey Institute of Technology and will graduate with a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from UNVA this month. Mr. Zamir believes the M.S. curriculum for Computer Science is perfect just as it is and he is very complimentary of his professors. Although he believes the UNVA professors are strict, he believes the professors are also sensitive to the challenges of students who work full-time.

His long term plan is to achieve the role of Senior Software Architect and he is currently looking at UNVA for his doctoral degree.

Sohaib has many suggestions for UNVA students. His advice is, "Work hard, talk to your professors, and involve them in your career activities."

