EXCELLENCE HAS TWO NEW NAMES

The University of Texas at Dallas is proud to celebrate the naming of

The Naveen Jindal School of Management
and
The Davidson Management Honors Program

In honor of our Distinguished Alumni

Naveen Jindal, MBA 1992 (on front cover)
and
Charles Davidson, MS 1980, and Nancy Davidson, BS 1980 (above)
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

When I became dean of The School of Management 15 years ago, the university enrolled just under 9,400 students in the fall semester of 1996 and employed 225 professors. Of those students, 2,252 registered in the SOM, whose faculty numbered 45 professors. Both the university leadership and I believed that UT Dallas was destined to become a national university.

To achieve this, I was charged with the goal of leading the school to national and international prominence. We needed to increase our enrollments with more excellent students. We also needed more outstanding faculty and more cutting-edge academic programs. We believed that recognition and rankings would follow if we were truly committed and created excellence in our school.

This fall, UT Dallas enrollment stands at 19,000+. The School of Management has 6,316 students and 157 professors. Now, too, various academic programs in the school — including the Executive MBA, Full-Time MBA, Professional (Part-Time) MBA and Management Information System curriculums — are highly ranked by Financial Times, U.S. News & World Report and BusinessWeek. And the school is internationally recognized for its faculty’s research prowess as well as our innovative, high-quality programs.

No school can be successful without committed friends and alumni. Our alumni and friends have been a constant source of support and strength. By the time this magazine reaches you, we will have named our school as well as our undergraduate honors program after three of our alumni. The new school name, The Naveen Jindal School of Management, recognizes Naveen Jindal, a prominent businessman and statesman. The Davidson Management Honors Program recognizes Charles (Chuck) and Nancy Davidson. An oil and gas executive, Chuck met Nancy, now a community volunteer, while they were at UT Dallas.

A 1992 MBA alumnus, Naveen Jindal returned home after graduating to direct the development of Jindal Steel and Power Limited, a leading conglomerate in India as well as internationally. He also began a career in government service and is in his second term as a member of India’s Parliament, where he is widely recognized as a rising star.

Naveen Jindal’s generosity here will underwrite student scholarships and fellowships and chaired professorships. It will create new centers of scholarly excellence and fund new programs and innovations. It will open our doors wider to the world.

His gift is a fitting tribute to our school as well as to the Dallas-Fort Worth area that has a long tradition of welcoming international students. It is no accident that Dallas-Fort Worth has become a hub of global commerce. Kudos to the region for embracing students from distant lands and for adopting a global outlook. Our neighbors in all of North Texas deserve credit for their role in bringing this gift our way.

Chuck Davidson, a 1980 BS in Management and Administrative Sciences graduate, and Nancy Gundy Davidson, a 1980 BS in Business and Public Administration alumna, now live in Houston, where Chuck is chairman and CEO of Noble Energy. Their latest gift is their third high-impact commitment to the school. Their first, in 2001, helped us realize the dream of having one building to house all school programs. The Davidsons’ latest contribution will upgrade to chaired professorships the four faculty positions they endowed in 2006. Their new gift also creates a fellows program.

In response to this giving, The University of Texas Board of Regents has approved construction of an addition adjacent and adjoining our current Management Building. This fall, UT Dallas enrollment stands at 19,000+. The School of Management has 6,316 students and 157 professors. Now, too, various academic programs in the school — including the Executive MBA, Full-Time MBA, Professional (Part-Time) MBA and Management Information System curriculums — are highly ranked by Financial Times, U.S. News & World Report and BusinessWeek. And the school is internationally recognized for its faculty’s research prowess as well as our innovative, high-quality programs.

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On behalf of the entire school, I offer many, many thanks to Naveen Jindal, Chuck and Nancy Davidson, and to our friends and alumni who have made our school a center of excellence. Their generosity has allowed us to redouble our efforts to provide our students with the highest quality education possible. They deserve nothing less.

Best wishes,

Hasan Pirkul
Dean and Caruth Chair of Management
The School of Management Receives a $50 Million Investment

The School of Management recently has received the two largest alumni gifts ever given at UT Dallas. Valued at $30 million, this exemplary philanthropy brings the school endowed scholarships and fellowships for students, endowed professorships for faculty and a new research center.

Additionally, in light of this support, the UT System has approved a $20 million funding program to build a 100,000 square-foot addition to the school’s building.

The impact value of this support totals $60 million, given the gifts, matching funds and investment in the addition.

To recognize the transformative impact of these gifts, The University of Texas System Board of Regents has approved naming The School of Management as well as the school’s honors program in honor of the donors.

The Naveen Jindal School of Management, the new school name, honors Naveen Jindal, an Indian industrialist and statesman who earned an MBA from The School of Management in 1992 (see Naveen Jindal — Philanthropist Leader Shows the Way on page 4).

The Davidson Management Honors Program, the new name of the undergraduate honors program, is a tribute to Charles and Nancy Davidson, MS in Management and Administrative Sciences in 1980 and BS in Business and Public Administration in 1980, respectively (see Charles and Nancy Davidson — Inspiring Couple Step Forward Again on page 5). Now based in Houston, the Davidsens met while they were UT Dallas students. A CPA and former accounting teacher, Nancy Davidson now devotes her time to family and community interests. Charles (Chuck) Davidson is chairman and CEO of Noble Energy, Inc.

The Naveen Jindal School of Management

The contribution from Mr. Jindal, of Delhi, India, includes a $5 million match from the UT System Board of Regents’ Research Incentive Program and the state’s Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP). The funds will endow faculty chairs to be assigned to top scholars. They also will be used to establish a permanent student scholarship fund as well as a “Sustaining Excellence Fund,” unrestricted money to allow the school to quickly meet needs and take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

Some funds also will go toward creation of the Naveen Jindal Institute for Indo-American Studies. The new center will study economic and trade relations between the United States and India and further academic collaborations between the two countries.

“I owe a lot to The University of Texas at Dallas and especially to the business school, as this is where I spent almost two years learning about leadership and business,” Mr. Jindal said about his decision to make a large-impact contribution.

“I am a product of UTD,” he added, “and very proud to have graduated from UTD, and it is an honor to be able to do something for my university.”

After graduating from UT Dallas, Mr. Jindal returned to India to assume executive roles at Jindal Power and Steel Limited (JSPL). Part of a family conglomerate that grew from the steel-pipe trading ventures Mr. Jindal’s late father, O.P. Jindal, began in the 1950s, JSPL keeps steel manufacturing as its core business and ranks among the world’s top 15 integrated steel producers.

By: Kristine A. Imherr

Naveen Jindal (second from right), MBA 1992, and his wife, Shallu (far right), conversed with SOM Associate Dean Diane Seay McNulty (far left) and other guests at a reception held in March 2010 to honor him for being named a UT Dallas Distinguished Alumnus.
In the almost two decades since Naveen Jindal earned his MBA from UT Dallas in 1992, he has thrived beyond his college successes to become a leading industrialist, ascendant statesman and driving force for higher education in his home country of India.

Named a UT Dallas Distinguished Alumnus last year, he recently targeted support to The School of Management in the largest alumni gift ever given UT Dallas. His support, together with that of fellow alumni Charles and Nancy Davidson, is valued at $30 million.

“It’s very important to build institutions of higher learning,” Mr. Jindal said about the philosophy behind his philanthropy.

“My vision and desire is that The [Naveen Jindal] School of Management becomes the school of choice for some of the brightest and best individuals who will truly lead us into the next generation, leaders who will truly champion the same rights for his fellow citizens in a successful seven-year court battle that launched his political career.

Speaking of his crusade’s early beginnings, Mr. Jindal said: “Overall, it was a great learning experience for me, and I owe a lot to UT for what I am today. So this gift is only a small token of my gratitude toward my alma mater.”

The Davidson Management Honors Program

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President Daniel Comments:

At The University of Texas at Dallas, we seek excellence. We aim to be recognized as one of our nation’s best public research universities, and become one of the great universities of the world.

The necessary ingredient for success in this aspiration is resources. To build a nationally competitive – Tier One – research university, the kind that can bring talented people, bright ideas, venture capital and sustained economic vitality to the Dallas-Fort Worth region, we need everyone’s support.

We are grateful for all the support we receive from every source — our state, our Board of Regents, our students who choose to invest their tuition dollars in a degree here — but we are especially and deeply grateful when our alumni come forward to show their support. They know us best. They know the difference we can, and I hope always will, make in the lives of individuals.

I am delighted that three School of Management alumni so clearly understand our needs and believe we are worthy of their very generous support. Thank you, Naveen Jindal and Chuck and Nancy Davidson. Thank you for placing your trust in UT Dallas. I have no doubt that your giving will spur more giving, more growth and more graduates — well-prepared for life, work and leadership. 

Dean Pirkul Comments:

Today I am delighted to thank Naveen Jindal for his generous support — and just as delighted to point out that The School of Management trained him really well. We are very proud of the impact UT Dallas and The School of Management have had on his life. We are also proud of the impact he is now having on ours.

I believe the leadership, foresight, world-view and acumen he demonstrates in contributing to the school’s future reflect on the caliber of education he got while an MBA student here. So besides expressing appreciation, I would like to say congratulations, Naveen, for taking your training to heart.

Mr. Jindal’s legacy contribution, through the endowments it funds, significantly transforms The School of Management’s ability to train business leaders and expand business frontiers. His gift opens new doors for good students, committed faculty, far-reaching researchers and exceptional programs. It also affirms the visionary leadership of UT Dallas founders and university administrators, who also deserve our thanks today. I am extremely pleased, too, for the continuing support of Chuck and Nancy Davidson. Their dedication to the school has been unsurpassed. They have been resolute back- ers with a stalwart allegiance to the school’s future. Their giving sets an example that makes us all proud and thankful.

This is such a great school that our alumni feel strong ties long after they leave and want to help. Everyone here is grateful for that help and for the exceptional possibilities it brings our students.

David E. Daniel — President of The University of Texas at Dallas

During Dr. David E. Daniel’s presidency, UT Dallas has doubled its research expenditures, initiated or completed $300 million of construction of new buildings, added 33 new degree programs, raised $125 million in private funds and won two national collegiate championships in chess.

Dr. Daniel has advocated widely for UT Dallas to become one of the nation’s top research universities, and become one of our nation’s best public research universities, and become one of the great as one of our nation’s best public research universities, and become one of the great as one of our nation’s best public research universities.

The necessary ingredient for success — one Historic Moment

At The University of Texas at Dallas, we received the second-highest honor, the Croes Medal. He also was awarded the President’s Award in 2007 and the Outstanding Projects and Leaders Award for Education for 2010. In 2000, he was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, the nation’s most prestigious organization recognizing engineering achievement.

In July 2000, the National Academy of Engineering and the National Research Council appointed Dr. Daniel to a committee investigating the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The committee is charged with conducting a technical analysis of the accident’s causes and recommending measures to prevent similar disasters in the future.

In 2009, Dr. Daniel served as president of The Academy of Medicine, Engineering, and Science of Texas, an organization comprised of Texas residents who have won Nobel Prizes or been elected to one of the three national academies. From 2005 to 2008, he was chairman of the External Review Panel of the American Society of Civil Engineers, which reviewed the facts surrounding the performance of New Orleans’ levees during Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. Daniel received his bachelor’s, master’s and PhD degrees in engineering from The University of Texas at Austin. He served on the faculty at UT Austin from 1980 to 1996. In 1996, he moved to the University of Illinois, serving as dean of engineering before being appointed the fourth president of UT Dallas in 2005.

Hasan Pirkul — Dean of the UT Dallas Naveen Jindal School of Management

In the last 15 years, Dean Hasan Pirkul has helped transform The Naveen Jindal School of Management into one of the foremost public business schools in the nation — in no small part due to his leadership and guidance. The school’s academic programs are now ranked by BusinessWeek, Financial Times and U.S. News & World Report. Among public business schools, two SOM programs (Professional MBA and Executive MBA) are ranked in the top 10 by BusinessWeek. Dr. Pirkul helped create the UTD Top 100 Business School Research Rankings*, a benchmark of faculty research output in leading peer-reviewed journals. The School of Management has steadily climbed in those rankings, moving from 40th in 2005 to 116th worldwide in 2011.

In 2003, Dr. Pirkul oversaw construction of the school’s 204,000-square-foot new home, a $52 million facility. Rapid growth in student enrollment, which went from 2,252 in 1996 to 6,316 in fall 2011 — an increase of 280 percent — facilitated the new building.

During Dr. Pirkul’s tenure, the school’s faculty has more than tripled, going from 45 to 157, with 15 named professorships. The increase in SOM programs since
Visionary Giving

Naming donors reflect on the potential they see in their alma mater.

"High-impact giving" describes the recent contributions of Naveen Jindal and Chuck and Nancy Davidson. The term is a university-development catchphrase for the large amount of progress such largesse can quickly achieve.

But immediate results aside, these kinds of contributions represent visionary giving, a belief in the future prospects and a vote of confidence for the healthy longevity of The Naveen Jindal School of Management.

What do Naveen Jindal and Chuck and Nancy Davidson want their resources to accomplish?

"I would like the school to grow from one historic moment..." Daniel Gibson Jr. said.

"To see the SOM continue to grow in both graduate and undergraduate programs, programs that attract the best and the brightest students not only from the Dallas-Fort Worth area — but globally as well." Mr. Davidson says.

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As for the future, Mr. Jindal says he is confident about the school's continued growth and success. "I am indeed inspired by the members of the university, its faculty, the dean and the president..." Mr. Jindal says.

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"One Historic Moment"

Two School of Management alumni were honored for their accomplishments at the university's 10th annual spring awards gala.

William Daniel Gibson Jr., MS 1990, and H. Ronald (Ron) Nash, MS 1979, were selected for the Distinguished Alumni Award along with six outstanding graduates from other UT Dallas schools. The event also featured community leadership and service awards.

"It is a great honor to be named among this year's recipients," Mr. Gibson said. "It is incredible to see how far-reaching a school's influence can be, based on the credentials of the recipients."

Mr. Gibson, who earned a master's degree in management and administrative sciences, has held a number of leadership roles at Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corp. He currently serves as vice president and general manager of the Systems Engineering Solutions strategic business unit. Mr. Gibson worked at Raytheon and General Dynamics in business development and technical roles before going to Ball, a Broomfield, Colorado-based developer and manufacturer of spacecraft, advanced instruments and sensors, components and solutions for strategic, tactical and scientific applications.

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Giving Back

By Paula Felps

From the beginning, the Executive MBA Class of 2011 knew members shared a special bond.

“At one of our very first meetings, we realized that, as a class, we had something in common — all of us were interested in giving back,” class member Pamela Foster Brady says. “We decided right then that we wanted to create a legacy of giving back.”

“The Class of 2011 demonstrated leadership and mentoring…in several of their collective efforts, a tribute to what they carry forward into their futures.” — EMBA Program Director Dan Bochsler

That legacy would shape their direction for the next two years, leading them to raise thousands of dollars to assist injured soldiers. The cause was near and dear to the heart of class member Captain Jonathan Silk, a decorated war veteran who was injured in Iraq in 2004. When Captain Silk was deployed to Afghanistan for six months during the EMBA program, some of his classmates worked as a team to keep him up to speed, sending him DVDs of classes (along with homemade brownies) — even sending him reams of paper to print assignments.

“The whole class observed how… the subgroup supported him… to ensure that [he] did not miss a beat…” Mr. Bochsler says. “The Class of 2011 set a great example of the kind of collaboration that can come from a diverse group of people brought together for a single purpose.”

As the class neared the end of its journey together in May, members came up with the idea of creating an endowment scholarship. With just two weeks until graduation, time was short, but ambitions were high.

“As current and future executives, it is important that we give back to the community, remembering where we all once started from,” class member Piyush Sinha, who spearheaded the efforts, says. “We created this endowment fund to further [the cause of higher education] and put down a goal for future classes to strive for.”

Working with Kyle Edgington, The Naveen Jindal School of Management’s director of development and alumni relations, they developed a strategy and criteria for the scholarship. Together, the class raised the initial $11,500 needed to start the endowment fund to further the cause of higher education — literally.

Spearheaded by Captain Jonathan Silk, a decorated war veteran who was injured in Iraq in 2004.

That final statement was important, class member Pamela Foster Brady says, because “this really was something we did together, as a group. It was an amazing experience.”

The EMBA program challenged us personally and professionally, and we hope our legacy will challenge others.”

THE LEGACY STATEMENT

I am a UT Dallas EMBA alumnus. I am a business leader. I will move forward and will lead by example, embrace diversity, raise the bar ethically and morally, foster corporate social responsibility, and I will commit to my continual improvement — academically, professionally, and personally.

I will strive to achieve excellence in all endeavors to demonstrate that I received an education that was well-rounded, global in nature, and based on the foundation of collaboration, leadership, and teamwork.

With this foundation I will always honor and respect the UT Dallas Executive MBA program and all that it stands for.

As an alumnus, I am committed to and will remain committed to the continual improvement of the program, my fellow classmates, and the extended family of alumni. I will act with sincerity, honesty, integrity, and respect for others, with a philanthropic spirit in everything I do.

The Naveen Jindal School of Management

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT: $600 – donation collected by “passing a mug” at their favorite watering hole $2,000 – money raised by selling back textbooks at the end of one semester

HAIRED EARTHQUAKE: $450 – class member Shari Hicks solicited contributions, then donated them to the American Red Cross

SICKKIDS HOSPITAL: $1,200 – during the class’ first international trip, member Mary Beth Martin arranged a visit to the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids Hospital) in Toronto and presented the hospital administrator with the funds, which class members had donated

JAPAN’S TSUNAMI: $900 – the 9.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami inspired the class to raise money for its victims; the funds were then matched by Fujitsu, the employer of class member Julia Pittik

The Class of ’11 members commemorated their joint endeavors in a group photo last spring.

Some EMBA Class of ’11 Donations

The Executive MBA Class of 2011’s collaborative efforts showcased their commitment and kindheartedness.
Thomas A. Montgomery is managing partner of Montgomery Cooia Greilich LLP, a full-service accounting firm specializing in traditional accounting services, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and systems consulting. One of the largest accounting firms in the DFW area, the company employs more than 140 professionals.

Mr. Montgomery has worked in the Dallas area for more than 30 years and believes his long list of professional contacts will add to the council’s effectiveness in helping graduating students find jobs and increasing the UT Dallas profile in the marketplace. Mr. Montgomery’s firm recruits regularly at UT Dallas. He hopes to encourage more companies to do the same.

“My company is very networked into the community,” he says. “I hope to be a liaison between the universities and businesses, particularly in helping place graduates and interns into work environments that benefit both them and their employers.”

A graduate of Texas Tech University with a master’s degree in accounting and taxation, Mr. Montgomery is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Prior to his current position, he founded Beal Capital Markets, Inc., an investment subsidiary of Beal Bank. Before that, he founded and was managing partner of Montgomery Baggett & Drews, LLP, a Dallas-based CPA firm.

Richard B. Ouellette, vice president of human resources for the Southwestern division of the Sherwin-Williams Company, replaces his firm’s previous council representative, Cheri Phyfer, who was transferred to Atlanta. Mr. Ouellette is responsible for numerous human resources functions, including hiring, training, performance management, employee relations, and retention and development. The company’s Southwestern division comprises more than 800 stores in 14 states with approximately 5,000 employees.

Campus recruiting is of vital importance to Sherwin-Williams, as more than 75 percent of its entry-level positions are filled through college recruitment programs around the country. Mr. Ouellette expects about 800 to 900 manager trainees will be hired this year on university campuses, with 210 to 220 of those in his division.

“I have experience,” he says, “in what companies are looking for in graduating students.…What I hope to do at UT Dallas is assist in that recruiting process, with our company and others.”

A West Palm Beach, Florida, native, Mr. Ouellette spent four years in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service before attending college. He graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor’s degree in human resources. He earned an MBA in international business from Regis University in Denver. He joined Sherwin-Williams in 1997 as a human resources manager and assumed his current post last year.
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phases. Dr. Pieper was awarded the Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship as she worked on her PhD in management and human resources. She taught graduate and undergraduate classes focusing on teams, strategic and entrepeneurial management and organizational behavior.

Malcolm Wardlaw

A history class about a decade ago served as the catalyst for Malcolm Wardlaw’s research in corporate finance and financial institutions. “I first became interested in how financing interacts with and affects real decisions after reading Tobacco Culture: The Mentality of the Great Tidewater Planters on the Eve of Revolution,” Dr. Wardlaw recalls. “The book was a fascinating look at how the economics of colonial tobacco cultivation generated a rift between American colonists and British financiers that ultimately helped foster the American Revolution.”

Dr. Wardlaw joins the finance faculty as an assistant professor. While working on his PhD at UT Austin, he taught undergraduate finance classes. Between graduating from Rice University and returning to school in Austin, he worked at a number of corporations, including as a consultant at McKinsey and director of sales and marketing at R Solutions, both in Houston.

HAN XIA

The economic turmoil of the past few years has shaped Han Xia’s research. “My research was mostly inspired by the recent subprime financial crisis,” he says. “The goal of my research is to study the public policy implication of recent financial innovation and regulation on the overall financial market.”

Dr. Xia, who earned his PhD in finance from the University of North Carolina, joins the finance faculty as an assistant professor. He is teaching corporate finance and financial management classes.

He nourishes his artistic passions with music. “I have been playing the piano for 20 years. I play classical mostly, but also perform jazz, blues, pop and other kinds of music,” he says. “I also write music myself occasionally as a way to improve the innovative side of my mind.”

Christopher Angelo

Two of the three classes Christopher Angelo is teaching this fall to graduate students involve the stock market and trading. “I am very excited about teaching trading courses,” says Dr. Angelo, a clinical professor in finance. His background includes trading in stocks, options, futures, commodities and currencies.

Dr. Angelo earned an undergraduate degree in finance at Southern Methodist University and a doctorate in finance from UT Arlington. His research focuses on equities. For two years, he worked in the Dallas office of Cogent Partners, an international investment banking services firm, where he researched hedge funds, including performance, risk and selection.

MARK McNABB

Since receiving his PhD in finance from UT Austin in 1996, Dr. Mark McNabb has spent more than a decade teaching college students about investments, corporate finance and derivatives, most recently at the University of Cincinnati. He also has extensive experience in the corporate world in financial planning and tax advising. He most recently has been at MCF Advisors, a wealth-management services company in Northern Kentucky. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Joining the Finance area as a clinical professor, Dr. McNabb is teaching classes related to investments and portfolio management. He says he enjoys watching his former students launch successful careers. He also enjoys “great food in odd spots across the South.”

Ayfer Gurun

Investigating how foreign trade impacts employment — or unemploy-

ment — puts Ayfer Gurun’s research in the crosshairs of current political and economic conversation. “Because of lower trade barriers, foreign trade has increased a lot in the last decade,” says Dr. Gurun, who is joining the Jindal School of Management as a clinical assistant professor in finance. “Growing international trade affects our lives in several ways. …After reading several media reports on adverse effects of import penetration — such as plant closings and mass layoffs — I was intrigued by measuring the effects of import penetration on corporations.”

Other related topics she studies are anti-dumping rules and how imports impact unionization rates in the U.S.

Dr. Gurun earned her PhD in economics from Southern Methodist University and previously had worked for several years at the Central Bank of Turkey. She is teaching international financial management and business economics courses.

Justice Tillman

C. Justice Tillman is teaching organizational behavior and management classes this fall to undergrads, utilizing his certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources in addition to his MBA, master’s in human resource management and two doctoral degrees — one in career and technology education and one in management.

Dr. Tillman most recently was a teaching assistant at the University of Alabama, where he completed his PhD in management. Prior to that, he taught several years at Lander University, a state school in South Carolina, where he consistently received high teaching marks from students.

While there, he helped with student advising, chaired the Student Services Committee and helped organize freshman orientation.

As a clinical assistant professor, Dr. Tillman pursues his research interest in ethics and integrity. His research in progress includes a study focusing on the role of social networks in ethical choices.

Jared Pickens

In his first role as a senior lecturer, Jared Pickens became friends with more than 100 high schoolers from across Texas. Not personal friends — but friends on Facebook, the medium he used to connect with them as they participated last summer in the school’s inaugural online stock trading competition.

Mr. Pickens, a Certified Financial Planner, Certified Retirement Counselor and Accredited Financial Counselor, is the assistant director of the BS in Finance program and an adviser to the Financial Leadership Association student club. He has taught financial planning to adults for years, notably to armed forces preparing for overseas deployment.

“The best advice that I was ever given was from my grandfather,” Mr. Pickens recalls. “Jared, make sure you save your money! I changed from a history major to a personal finance major the next semester.”
Thoughts You Should Know...

Technology behind the study of management information systems (MIS) has changed so rapidly that “there may be a perception that there is no depth to research” in this field, Naveen Jindal School of Management Senior Associate Dean Varghese Jacob says. He argued against that perception in the keynote speech he delivered at the Fifth China Summer Workshop on Information Management (CSWM 2011) in Harbin, China, in June. His address, “Mis Research Over the Years — Rolling Stone or Leading Edge?” sought to answer whether his fellow MIS academicians can come up with a concept or framework in which to consider MIS research. “I believe MIS research can be viewed as leading edge as opposed to the flavor of the month,” Dr. Jacob, the Ashbel Smith Professor of Information Systems and Operations Management, told his audience.

A panel of judges for the Dallas Business Journal named Diane S. McNulty, JSOM associate dean for external affairs and corporate relations, one of the publication’s 2011 Women in Business Honorees. Dr. McNulty was one of 25 women chosen from a field of more than 150 nominees. Representing leaders in the industry, companies and communities, “those are the women who we feel are truly making a difference in their world,” DBJ announced. The honorees were fitted at an August 18 luncheon.

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In May, D CEO magazine named Constantine (Connie) Konstans, accounting professor, winner of its first Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance. Described as “one of the most dedicated teachers in The School of Management” by a fellow faculty member, Clinical Professor Charles Hazzard received the campuswide President’s Outstanding Teaching Award for non-tenure-track faculty in May. He was selected from among 400 eligible educators. Mr. Hazzard teaches contemporary business issues, a class he helped create, as well as undergraduate honors courses in international business and organizational behavior.

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Fall semester brings these new assignments for Jindal School of Management administrators and faculty.

Shawn Alborz has been appointed assistant dean of special projects. In this role, he reports directly to Dean Hasan Pirkul, who assigns him high-value projects. The first has involved improving the school’s Web presence and streamlining Web projects. Dr. Alborz continues to serve as director of supply chain management programs.

Dan Bochler, has been appointed director of the Executive MBA program. He previously was in charge of cross-disciplinary studies for the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, a UT Dallas Center of Excellence housed in The Naveen Jindal School of Management, and he developed graduate online classes in entrepreneurial marketing and strategy.

Larry Chasteen is the new director of the Online MBA program, replacing George Barnes, who retired at the end of the spring 2011 semester. Formerly known as the Global MBA Online program, the Online MBA program is one of two Professional (Part-Time) MBA degree options. Dr. Chasteen started his professional career as a B-52 pilot in the U.S. Air Force and later worked with Texas Instruments and Raytheon. Dr. Chasteen assumed his new duties last summer. He earned an MA from The School of Management in 1984 and a PhD in international management, 2003.

Jennifer Johnson has been named director of graduate accounting programs, replacing Charles Solcher, who has returned to teaching. Ms. Johnson joined the faculty in 2009. A certified public accountant, she earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in accounting from Texas A&M University.

The Supply Chain Management master’s degree program at The Naveen Jindal School of Management ranks No. 13 among U.S. university peers, according to a study by Gartner, a technology research firm.

In February, ISOM partnered with Gartner and Carnegie Mellon University in hosting a Supply Chain Management Directors’ Conference at UT Dallas. Educators from 35 U.S. universities met at the three-day event. ISOM host Dr. Shawn Alborz, an assistant dean and the school’s supply chain management program director, learned of the ranking at the culmination of the meetings, where more than 60 academicians and business leaders conferred on better aligning supply chain programs with industry needs.

Gartner officially released the rankings showing the top 25 undergraduate and the top 25 graduate programs in June. Results were based on survey answers from more than 400 industry and 54 university respondents. They scored schools on three key components: industry value, program size and program scope.

“This is another measure of our relevance,” Dr. Alborz said, referring to the program’s recognition last year by the Institute for Supply Chain Management, a nonprofit education and standards organization serving professionals in 75 countries. “Both the institute recognition and the Gartner ranking highlight that we are graduating students well-equipped to manage supply chain processes. Those are strong endorsements.”

ISOM supply chain management students learn to design, run and improve industrial supply chains, including how to improve operations and how to resolve key issues. For more information, visit http://scm.utdallas.edu.
Long a “real estate town” where many fortunes have resulted from development growth and fortunate land transactions, Dallas will now benefit, Jindal School of Management faculty member and George Decourcy says, from the fresh approach that the school is offering in its real estate program, debuting this fall.

“Our primary focus is on the commercial real estate industry,” Mr. Decourcy says, an industry veteran and director of the new program, says. “Our program will be responsive to evolving market needs.” He says, filling a void that has not been addressed by other university programs locally.

Given the sophistication of the Dallas commercial real estate business, Mr. Decourcy points out, “the companies active in this field — the brokerage, investment, development, property management, asset management, tenant representative and other firms — have substantially raised the bar on the skills required to be successful in real estate.”

That is why, he says, the JSM program is taking advantage of UT Dallas existing strengths in technologies to include training in such advanced tools of the trade as spreadsheet modeling and Geographic Information Systems, programs used to capture, map, and analyze land-based information.

Overall, courses “are intended to balance a broad understanding of real estate markets, finance and risk with hands-on exposure to practical tools,” Mr. Decourcy says. He has introduced three separate concentrations. At the undergraduate level, the concentration is an elective subset available to Bachelor of Science in Business Administration students. It will allow them, Mr. Decourcy says, “to differentiate themselves in the marketplace and show that they can provide an immediate ‘value-add’ to employers in this sector.”

The concentration for MBA students, Mr. Decourcy says, “is likely to attract individuals who may already be working in the real estate industry and who are looking to expand their future career opportunities.”

A second graduate program concentration allows students to earn at least 35 credit hours in real estate. “This program,” Mr. Decourcy says, “is perceived to be attractive to individuals considering a real estate career or looking for an immediate boost to their current positions.”

Both graduate concentrations focus significantly on real estate investment, finance and market analysis.

For more information, visit http://jom.utdallas.edu/contact or contact George Decourcy, 972-883-5810, george@utdallas.edu.

As the steady demand for professionals with specialized skills in the business of healthcare has prompted expansion in the Jindal School of Management’s Healthcare Management program. In addition to a graduate level Master’s in Healthcare Management degree, the JSM now offers a nine-hour concentration of undergraduate courses.

The concentration, debuting this fall, is enriching Jindal School of Management students seeking a Bachelor of Business Administration degree as well as other UT Dallas undergraduates planning to move on to dental, medical or pharmacy schools.

For this second group, says Healthcare Management Program Director Forney Fleming, MD, “the idea is to give them an introduction to the business side of healthcare that they will not get in medical or dental school.”

He also would like to encourage more pre-med, Dr. Fleming says, “to earn a dual major, in business and their science field.”

Another goal, he adds, is to stimulate an interest in healthcare administration “that will offer those students who do not succeed in getting admitted to medical or dental school a viable — and in-demand — career alternative.”

Among JSMQ students, Dr. Fleming wants to get more undergraduates “acquainted with healthcare management as a career possibility, saying that they can be tuned in to — and take maximum advantage of — the master’s degree program in healthcare management. Healthcare is the second- or third-largest employer in the Dallas area, and the future demand for healthcare administrators will be great.”

For more information, contact a JSMQ adviser or Dr. Fleming, 972-883-5182, fleming@utdallas.edu.

GLEMBA Program Director Bobby C. Chang, who accompanied the GLEMBA group on the trip, said the travelers “learned a lot about Turkey’s economics, politics, history and culture.” And the trip to London, he added, made “a perfect comparison to provide the students viewpoints from the European Union about euros and the current financial crisis.”

GLEMBA student Kevin Posey described himself as “lucky to have the experience.” He thoroughly enjoyed, he said, the mix of learning, culture, bonding and great fun.

“When I tell the stories to friends and family, my face still lights up,” he said. “We bonded as a group and had a chance to experience cultures that were historic and interesting. The trip was very well organized.”

As for the business cultures, GLEMBA student Loretta Fellers noted that Turkish companies are “very product focused while the UK market is more services focused.”

In Istanbul, the group visited five companies. Besides the local office of Nestle and GE, they stopped in at Pozitron, a local startup that provides iPhone application software; Efes, a Turkish based beer and soft drink company; and Koc Holding, a family controlled public company that accounts for 10 percent of Turkey’s annual GDP.

In London, the students went to the offices of Canon, Dell and Merrill Lynch. They also had appointments at the investment management firm, BlackRock, and at the tax planning and asset protection company, the Soverign Group.

In London, they also saw such famous sights as Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and the London Eye. In Turkey, excursions included a visit to Troy, a cruise on the Bosphorus Strait and stops at the Blue Mosque, Aya Sofia and Topkapi Palace.

The Naveen Jindal School of Management
**Financial Indexes Coming Into Focus**

Preliminary observations of statistics from a Jindal School of Management study that measures the financial health and flexibility of the 50 largest publicly held corporations in North Texas are beginning to reveal some favorable, and some not-so-favorable, economic patterns.

When Dr. David Springate, director of the Center for Finance Strategy Innovation, introduced the CFSI Indexes earlier this year, he had hoped they would act as a sort of barometer for the North Texas business community by tracking patterns that could forecast economic turbulence. Now, a picture is emerging from the nine quarters of data the center has gathered. Trends for these companies — 60 percent of which operate internationally and all of which are subject to international influences — have mirrored the trends of the national and international economies,” Dr. Springate says. “Sales continue to increase and, broadly speaking, more firms are becoming profitable, although 20 percent are still not. Firms are learning to operate with less investment in inventory.”

That is the good news. The indexes also offer some bad news. “Profit margins, which we measured in two ways, have peaked,” Dr. Springate says. “Return on assets and return on sales peaked during the first and second quarter of 2010. Now profit margins are under some pressure. Cash flow from operations is also trending downwards. The combination of all these trends results in the flattening of the composite measure. This is why we’re seeing the same things that we hear in the news: hiring during the first and second quarter of 2010, although 20 percent are still not. Firms are learning to operate with less investment in inventory.”

The takeaway for these companies, which are now going for more long-term financing, are now going for more long-term financing, is to focus on operating with less investment in inventory and to focus on operating with less investment in inventory. "These companies are now paying their shareholders more dividends than in previous years. "Their reduction in long-term borrowing, and for a while everybody was paying off their long-term debt, seems to have reversed," Dr. Springate says. "These companies are now going for more long-term financing, whether in debt or shareholder capital."

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**ICDriA Hires New Director, Welcomes Researchers**

Chris White has joined The Naveen Jindal School of Management’s International Center for Decision and Risk Analysis (ICDriA) as director of development. In that role, he establishes industry contacts in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Mr. White also teaches courses in risk management, modeling and simulation, and the defense industry in the new Systems Engineering and Management program (see Systems Engineering and Management Debuts New Degree Option on page 19). ICDriA recently signed a contract to run through 2014 with Electroîtes de France to study uncertainties related to alternative energies, specifically wind-power production. The center also renewed a contract with CEA, a French-government funded technological research association, to research risks related to the behavior of mechanical structures subject to vibrations. Four researchers, three from China and one from Germany, are on campus through the spring and fall of next year to work with ICDriA Director and SOM Distinctive Research Professor Alan Bensoussan. The Chinese professors are sponsored by the Chinese Scholarship Council. The German researcher is a PhD candidate from the Otto Beisheim School of Management.

Check the center’s website, http://som.utdallas.edu/centers/icdriA, for more information.

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**Institute Fêtes Its Fifth Anniversary**

Some successful student entrepreneurs showed off business prowess they produced at the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (IIE) at UT Dallas as the institute celebrated its fifth anniversary September 16. UT Dallas PhD candidate in neuroscience Will Rosellini, an MS 2003 and MBA 2003 alumnus of The Naveen Jindal School of Management, talked about MicroTransponder, the local medical-device development company of which he is CEO. A collaborative initiative of all UT Dallas schools, IIE played a key role in MicroTransponder’s startup. A past undergraduate winner of IIE’s annual Business Idea Competition, George Matavromaras, a 2009 honors biology graduate, used some of his cash award to launch Mavro, Inc, with his brother, also a UT Dallas grad. Mavro markets Spanish-language mobile applications that provide English speakers quick translation solutions. William Born, an alumna of the institute’s nine-month non-credit Entrepreneurial Development Series of courses, opened Online Video Solutions in June 2010. The startup provides video marketing education and consulting services. The celebration program included a keynote speech by UT Dallas President David E. Daniel, an introduction to the university’s recently launched Venture Development Center and highlights from IIE’s annual Innovation Opportunity Camp for high school students. For more information, visit http://som.utdallas.edu/centers/innovation.

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**SPEAKER STRESSES HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

The fifth annual project management symposium The Naveen Jindal School of Management presented in August included speakers from some of the most dynamic organizations in North Texas as well as a JSM graduate student who manages one of the largest construction projects in the world. In all, Project Management — Driving Success in a Complex World featured 71 speakers and panelists who scrutinized successes, failures, evolution, innovations, influences, leadership and needs in their field for the more-than-300 symposium-goers.

Keynote speakers included:

- Andy Rötzer and John Hagan from the LBJ Express Project, who spoke about the five-year transformation of Dallas LBJ Freeway (I-635). Shirley Edwards from the Project Management Institute;
- Roberto Mori, president of the International Project Management Association;
- Dr. Bruce Grude, UT Dallas vice president for research; and
- JSM graduate student Joseph A. (Joe) Cazares.

Mr. Cazares, vice president for CH2M HILL in Panama, gave an overview of the massive $5.2 billion Panama Canal Expansion Program he oversees as deputy program manager and construction manager for the $3.3 billion new locks portion of the program. "The biggest tests he has faced have not been technical, but cultural and personal. He advised those who may want to get involved in the project, "If you don’t have personal skills and social skills, I’m not interested in chatting with you, because it’s all about people.”

Mr. Cazares established relationships within ISCM in 2007 when the Panama Canal Authority awarded CH2M HILL and the school a contract to train canal managers. During training, Mr. Cazares was given an opportunity to teach a class. He enjoyed his experience so much that he looked into credentials needed to regularly teach at the college level. Learning he needed a graduate degree, Mr. Cazares enrolled in the school’s Executive MBA program.

By James R. Markham
R emsen Jennings didn’t think he had great odds for winning a $10,000 Texas Business Hall of Fame Scholarship, but he also knew “it couldn’t hurt” to apply. So when he learned he was one of just 19 recipients of the coveted annual award, it was “a complete shock.” However, Mr. Jennings might have been the only one who was surprised.

The criteria for the scholarships are stringent and include demonstrating leadership traits, entrepreneurial achievement, outstanding moral character and a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher. Mr. Jennings, who is pursuing a master’s degree in accounting at The Naveen Jindal School of Management, graduated summa cum laude with a 3.92 grade-point average in just two short years. “The team has come a long way in their first two years,” SIFE faculty adviser and Management and Administrative Sciences Assistant Professor Shazil Keshawarry said.

The Texas Business Hall of Fame Scholarship Hall of Fame Foundation, a Houston-based nonprofit, awards the money — that’s when Mr. Jennings learned it “can’t hurt” to apply. So when he found out he had been selected, he was “a complete shock.” However, Mr. Jennings might have been the only one who was surprised.

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Mr. Jennings, who is pursuing a master’s degree in accounting at The Naveen Jindal School of Management, graduated summa cum laude from UT Dallas in May with two Bachelor of Science degrees, one in accounting, one in finance. Besides carrying a full load of classes and working full time, he was a member of the Student Government vice president of classes and working full time, he was a member of the Student Government vice president, Golden Key National Honour Society, Accounting Students Association and SIFE.

Mr. Jennings received a $2,000 scholarship from the Dallas CPA Society in August (see Accounting Students Awarded $10K in Scholarships below). He also received the AT&T Management Award Scholar Award of $5,000 after the school’s 2009 Scholarship Breakfast and the Trail Blazer Capital Award of $5,000 after the 2010 breakfast.

The other thing that really stands out is that I got a job offer from Ernst & Young, and I’ll begin working with them after I earn my graduate degree,” he says. “To me, that’s the key indicator that all this hard work has paid off. Now I truly believe that anything is possible.”

Accounting student earns Texas Business Hall of Fame Award

By Paula Felps

The Dallas CPA Society has awarded $10,000, all its scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year, to six Naveen Jindal School of Management accounting students.

The scholarships are awarded annually in a competitive process open to junior, senior and graduate accounting majors at UT Dallas. The society, a local professional organization with approximately 6,700 certified public accountants, awards the money annually in a competitive process open to junior, senior and graduate accounting majors at UT Dallas. SMU, Texas A&M University – Commerce and the University of North Texas. The assistance is meant to encourage students to complete their undergraduate or graduate accounting education and become a certified public accountant.

The 2011 winners and their awards are:

- Casey Crawford, graduate student, $2,000
- Stan Geraghty, graduate student, $1,000
- Diane Henry, senior, $2,000
- Amy Taylor, graduate student, $2,000
- Amyn Walton, senior, $1,000

Their scholarship checks were mailed in August. Winners usually are recognized at the society’s annual meeting in January.

SOM Student Groups Shine in Competition

By Jimmie R. Markham

Teams from two Naveen Jindal School of Management student organizations performed well in competitions last spring.

In April, the campus chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), the collegiate division of Future Business Leaders of America, competed at PBL’s state leadership conference in Houston. Seven students won first or second place in events testing entrants’ subject knowledge.

In May, the nine-member team of the UT Dallas chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) was first runner-up in the opening round of the SIFE National Exposition in Minneapolis. The team also took first place in the Campbell’s Let’s Can Hunger Urgent Hunger Relief competition.

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The grant followed from work that SIFE students did last academic year.

By chartering a new chapter at UT Dallas with more than 60 members in the fall of 2010 and then winning at state, “we definitely broke barriers,” PBL faculty adviser and SOM faculty member Jeanne Studer said.

Before classes began this fall, PBL had put a highly experienced executive board in place for the 2011-2012 academic year. Dr. Studer said, and planned a sponsored Leadership forum.

The Dallas CPA Society has awarded $10,000, all its scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year, to six Naveen Jindal School of Management accounting students.

The society, a local professional organization with approximately 6,700 certified public accountants, awards the money annually in a competitive process open to junior, senior and graduate accounting majors at UT Dallas. SMU, Texas A&M University – Commerce and the University of North Texas. The assistance is meant to encourage students to complete their undergraduate or graduate accounting education and become a certified public accountant.

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Mary Beth Martin, EMBA 2011, recently became the first executive director of Maternal Fetal Health for the Coloradoan Foundation of Maternal Fetal Health, a joint venture of the University of Colorado Hospital and Children’s Hospital Colorado. The new program will serve healthy mothers delivering by Cesarean section high-risk infants who need surgery for cardiac, intestinal and other problems.

A 20-year pediatric cardiology veteran, Mary Beth has helped build a variety of programs, most recently serving nearly four-and-a-half years as senior director of the Heart Center at Children’s Medical Center in Dallas. She studied nursing at the University of Texas at Austin and earned her MSN at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Earlier this year, she addressed the Cardiology 2011 Conference on the effectiveness of executive coaching. The Jindal School of Management provides each EMBA student with a personal coach, and Mary Beth says that “when I chose to go to UTD, I was looking not only for the education of an MBA to complement my clinical expertise, but I wanted to develop myself as an executive leader with an ‘executive presence.’ I was very impressed that the school valued both the educational component of an MBA but also the executive coaching.”

Tim Kellam

Matthew Michael Didyk

MBA 1999, of Allen, Texas, died September 25, 2010, at Baylor Heart Hospital. He was born in Brownsville, Texas, and was 38. Born in Richmond, Virginia, he was a 1993 undergraduate of Texas A&M University. He was the senior vice president of Office Services for Testamentary Commercial Real Estate. He enjoyed golf and was a member of the Golf Club at McKinney, Texas. Other hobbies included cooking, volleyball, skiing, Fantasy Football and entertaining friends. He is survived by his parents, Mike and Dee Didyk of Orange, Texas; brother and sister-in-law Dan and Angela Didyk; and nephew and godson Clayton Didyk of Louisville, Kentucky; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

The School of Management Receives a $50 Million Investment

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support also qualified for a $5 million match funded by TRIP and the UT System Research Incentive Program. The Davidsons’ gift is one in a series they have made since 2001, when their support helped build the existing School of Management building. Their generosity was commemorated in naming Davidson Auditorium in their honor.

Five years later, the Davidsons made another gift to establish four endowed faculty research positions, known as the Charles and Nancy Davidson Distinguished Professorships.

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“In addition, this was a very unique opportunity,” Mrs. Davidson said, “where a significant gift would be eligible for support from both the UT System Board of Regents’ Research Incentive Program as well as the Texas Legislature’s Texas Research Incentive Program. Through these programs, our gift will ultimately be doubled for even greater funding for the School of Management.”

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