



Zachary Botkin



Zheng Yao Ooi

MBA students win competition

Two MBA students, Zachary Botkin and Zheng Yao Ooi, won first and second place respectively in Startup Genius' Innovation Challenge that was held in December 2016.

In the competition, Zachary and Zheng submitted original ideas for a new business and detailed the manner by which their ideas could come to fruition. Industry professionals working with Startup Genius, a firm based in Silicon Valley, Calif., then critiqued their ideas and offered suggestions for improvement.

Startup Genius' founder, Dan Benveniste, visited campus early January 2017 to present the awards; he stated that the goal of the challenge was "to allow students to take their own inspirations and develop them in areas that academics don't cover."



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Dr. Chuck Fischer retires from Kelce College of Business

After a long and successful career, University Professor Chuck Fischer retired in spring 2016. Chuck taught labor economics, labor relations, and economic theory, and received teaching awards including the Kelce Award for Excellence in Teaching 2015. He enjoyed teaching: "It is a privilege and an honor to teach. The first time I stepped into the classroom, I knew that is where I was meant to be."

Chuck published numerous articles and did consulting work as a forensic examiner. He also founded the *Journal of Managerial Issues*, a top-tier management journal in 1989 and served as editor-in-chief for its first 20 years. Chuck also served as Chair of the PSU Department of Economics, Finance and Banking for 25 years.

He and his wife, Kathy, plan to travel and spend time at their vacation home in Arkansas.



Chuck Fischer

Business building renovation update

Over the past several months, Dean Paul Grimes, the Kelce College Building Committee, and other university stakeholders met regularly with the architects from Clark Huesemann to finish the design development stage of the expansion and renovation of the Kelce College building. The architects have presented external and internal renderings, scale models, and alternative materials and colors for exterior walls, glass panels, offices and learning labs. An exciting, first-time development for the university is that the

new Kelce building has been approved to seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building certification. As the building project progresses, watch for ways that you can become involved.





Taiwan study abroad

Kelce business students, Katy McGee and Alina Sigitova, spent July 2016 in Taiwan as participants in Chung Yuan Christian University's summer business camp. Along with other American students (from Middle Tennessee State University) and their Taiwanese counterparts, Katy and Alina attended lectures on Taiwan's business environment, toured companies, visited cultural sites, and enjoyed their exposure to new friends and cultures.

John Botts cotton candy business

John Botts, a senior in finance, founded his new small business selling cotton candy in September 2016. John saw the need and demand for cotton candy during home football games and other community events, and attributed his entrepreneurial success to the ideas and knowledge he has learned from his Kelce business courses.



Meet the Firms

The Kelce College of Business and PSU Career Services hosted the annual "Meet the Firms" in September 2016. The event attracted more than 100 students who talked with representatives from 30 companies including Koch Industries and Phillips 66.

Outstanding Alumni Award

Fr. Michael Simone received the 2016 Kenneth K. Bateman Outstanding Alumni Award in October. This award recognizes alumni who have exhibited significant professional development and advancement after graduation.



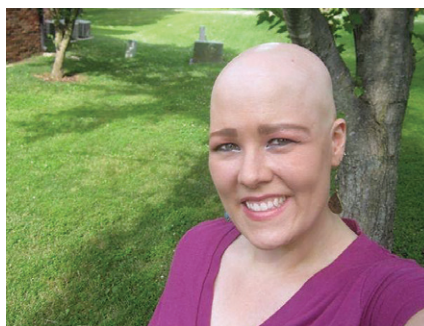
Fr. Michael Simone

After receiving his bachelor's degree in accounting, Father Simone continued his education at Mount Saint Mary's where he obtained a Master of Arts in theology and a Master of Divinity. He pursued more studies and spirituality training in Rome, Italy. Fr. Simone currently serves as chancellor and vocational director for the Diocese of Wichita and administrator of St. Anne Parish.

Adrienne Vaughn

Adrienne Vaughn is the new Assistant Coordinator of Academic Advisement and Co-Advisor of ENACTUS. She received her M.Ed. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Missouri (MU) and her B.S. in Psychology from Missouri State University.

Prior to joining PSU, Adrienne spent six years as an academic advisor in the Department of Psychological Sciences at MU. While there, she received the 2014 Excellence in Advising Award and her department's 2015-2016 Charity Flack Outstanding Staff Award. She was also nominated for the College of Arts & Science Advisor Shout-Out Award. Outside of work, Adrienne and her fiancé Nick plan their wedding, improve their home in Parsons, and chase after their kittens, Macaroni and Cheese.



Adrienne Vaughn



Hank Cloninger

Hank Cloninger voted student body president

Hank Cloninger, a senior in accounting, was sworn in as President of the Student Government Association (SGA) in April 2016 after serving a year as SGA treasurer. In his term, Hank has promoted student diversity, information and education regarding firearm safety, and interdepartmental collaboration to develop specialized degree programs.

New Kelce faculty

Dr. Mary Jo Goedeke is a new Assistant Professor of Accounting. She received her LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, her J.D.



Dr. Mary Jo Goedeke

from the University of Kansas, and her B.A. in Political Science from Pittsburg State University. Dr. Goedeke teaches tax accounting, advanced taxation, and accounting law. Before joining PSU, she was an attorney practicing primarily in the areas of tax planning and controversies, corporations, and estate planning and administration.

Dr. Goedeke has practiced before the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. In her spare time, she and her husband, David, chase their children, Elliot and Miranda. She enjoys gardening and reading, and loves to sing and play music and is always on the lookout for opportunities to wail on a microphone.

Dr. Alex Binder is a new Assistant Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics, Finance, and Banking. He earned his Ph.D. in December 2016 from the



Dr. Alex Binder

University of Missouri-Kansas City. Dr. Binder received his M.A. in Economics from UMKC and his B.A. in Economics from Benedictine College.

Dr. Binder teaches macroeconomics, economic analysis, labor economics, and sports economics. His research interests are welfare economics and public policy. He enjoys sports and studying meteorology when he needs a break from economics. Dr. Binder and his wife, Ali, have a son, Justin.



ENACTUS advances to national competition

In April 2016, the PSU ENACTUS team qualified for the national competition after garnering the regional championship. The team was praised for the success of their student-run store, Krimson Kultuur, and other community outreach projects.

Economic Outlook Conference

In October 2016, Dean Grimes moderated Pittsburg's annual Economic Outlook Conference sponsored by PSU and Wichita State University. Experts and academics from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and both universities presented current conditions and forecasts of the national and state economies as well as sector analyses. Kelce College's Dr. Michael Davidsson discussed the impact of the housing market on the Pittsburg economy.

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