MPM Summer Quarter 2013 Newsletter

Although the Summer Quarter is sometimes a quiet time to prepare for the upcoming Fall Quarter, this certainly has not been the case this past summer. As always, please continue to send us information on any happenings in your life (promotions, marriages, children, relocations, job changes, lottery winnings, etc.) that you would like to share with your fellow alums.

New MPM Students

We extend a warm welcome to our incoming Fall Quarter MPM students listed below. This class shares the record established last year as one of the two largest classes in our history. In keeping with the typical international composition of our student body, our new students represent seven countries in addition to the United States.

Dario Barros Viñas (Colombia)       Kexin Lin (China)
Jinyin Chen (China)                 Biqiang Liu (China)
Colín Devitt (USA)                  Fuyang Liu (China)
Weiwei Duan (China)                 Xin Liu (China)
Shang Gao (China)                   Alejandro Logrono Rodriguez (Dominican Republic)
Shahin Ghaheri (Iran)               Felipe Marín López (Colombia)
Guyuan Guo (China)                  Dustin Nash (USA)
Han Guo (China)                     Ashley Nofal (USA)
Muhammad Hardiansyah (Indonesia)    Anqi Shuai (USA)
Michael Horstkoetter (USA)          Bingqian Si (China)
Xinning Hu (China)                  Dariusz Sieminski (USA)
Hongyang Huang (China)              Na Ta (China)
Michael Jensen (USA)                Rithika Velchala (India)
Mathilde Julien (France)            Zhe Wang (China)
Patrick Kelly (USA)                 He Yang (China)
Antoine Kern (France)               Yanan Zhang (China)
Sarah Koleckar (France)             Yi Zhang (China)
Chris Lee (USA)                     Daixin Zhong (China)
Liyi Li (China)                     Wei Zhu (China)
Xue Li (China)                      Yishuang Zhuang (China)

New EMDC Students

As we embark on the second year of our certificate program in Executive Management for Design and Construction (EMDC), we are pleased to welcome the following new students.

Thomas Beres       Damon Ranieri
Frank Mullaghy     Carlo Santucci
Diane Zimmer

MPM Graduates

Congratulations to our five Summer Quarter MPM graduates. We wish them the best of luck in their professional careers and personal lives.

Linglu An (China)       Zhen Chen (China)
Jose Rafael Barcelo Bisno (Mexico)  Doyub Kim (Korea)
Jianhong Qiu (China)
**EMDC Graduates**

We extend special congratulations to the “charter” graduates of our new certificate program in Executive Management for Design and Construction (EMDC). We couldn’t be more pleased with the high degree of satisfaction expressed by these students and the wonderful rapport that they developed with the faculty in the program. This interaction is one of the characteristics that distinguishes our EMDC program from others with similar objectives.

Nora Degnan       Rafael Hernandez
Mark Hampton      Heather McNitt
Verneta Simon

**Spring Brunch**

Plan ahead and reserve **Sunday, June 1, 2014** on your calendars for our next Spring Brunch, which will be held again at the Park Ridge Country Club. This is a wonderful annual event where everyone associated with the MPM and EMDC programs can gather together and renew old friendships and make new ones. This past year we had an attendance of more than 135.

**Alumnae and Alumni Updates**

Pollaphat “Frank” Nitithamyong (MPM 1997) and his wife are the proud parents of a daughter, Natchapa (Prim), born on July 18, 2013, and weighing 8 pounds.

Congratulations to **Baris Lostuvali** (MPM 2001) and his wife, Elif, on the birth of their daughter, Ayse, on July 19, 2013 in Berkeley, California. Both mother and daughter are healthy and doing fine.

**Joseph Harris** (MPM 2010) and his wife, Danielle Ray, were married on May 17, 2013 in Chicago, Illinois. Among the guests who attended this happy occasion were MPM alum **Dylan Thiry** (MPM 2010) and his wife, Kristen. The newly weds honeymooned in Istanbul and Greece, and they extend special thanks to Joe’s friend, **Kerem Coskunoglu** (MPM 2009), who hosted them for dinner in Istanbul.
Hold on world – a new Martini has made her appearance. **Anthony Martini** (current MPM student) and his wife, Erika, announced the birth of their daughter, Farrar (Fah-rarr) Emery, who was born on July 18, 2013. She shares her unique name with her mother, grandmother, and great grandfather. Farrar weighed in at 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

**New Specialization Areas**

During the past year we have worked diligently to add three new specialization areas in Transportation, Real Estate Development, and Sustainability within the MPM program. The initial series of core courses has been developed for the first two and work continues on the sustainability option. Our mainstay offering in Construction Management will, of course, be continued and strengthened, as will A/E/C Business Management, but our programs in Environmental Management and Infrastructure Management will be discontinued. As has been the case since the inception of the MPM program, every effort is made to offer a dynamic assortment of courses that are responsive to current needs in the marketplace.

**Symposium on Technology in Design and Construction**

Work began this summer on organizing the third Symposium on Technology for Design and Construction, which will be held at the Northwestern Law School in Chicago on August 13 to 15, 2014. A truly dynamic and **avant garde** program of the latest and greatest new developments in the field is being assembled by Burcin Kaplanoglu and John Jurewicz, MPM faculty who work at Lend Lease. The web site for this Symposium is being developed and will be announced in the next MPM Newsletter.