Overall, as MIS students gain experience in hands-on problem solving, innovation and creativity, the chances for career advancement increases.

In addition, people who work in the MIS field tend to have a high level of job satisfaction in their career. The placement rate is high for MIS jobs and starting salaries also are high as the average starting salary is $63,100, higher than other business careers such as finance $57,400; accounting $53,300; and business administration $55,100.

Economics—Did you know?

**FACT:** In 2013, among the business disciplines, Economics graduates earn one of the highest starting salaries. Economics graduates are seeing average salaries of **$56,300**. In addition, Economics graduates who engage in the management of companies and enterprises earned $58,600.

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Major in Economics!

Dr. Gevrek presented at the Economics Information Sessions this semester on Tuesday, March 4th @ 12:30 pm and on Wednesday, March 19th @ 12:00 pm in OCNR 363. COB and COLA academic advisors and economics faculty were in attendance. Many students were present to explore career possibilities with an ECONOMICS degree (minor or major). Feel free to contact Dr. Gevrek for more information on majoring and minoring in economics at deniz.gevrek@tamucc.edu

- Economics faculty members organize Economics Information Sessions twice each semester since Spring 2011.
  - FACT: One of the highest salary among all business disciplines.
  - The highest salary among all liberal arts disciplines.
  - Higher incomes than most majors.

FACT: Economics is the only major you can earn through two colleges at the TAMU-CC! Either via College of Business or College of Liberal Arts!

Creating a Resume

Learning how to create an impressive resume is very important and the first step to get a job. A resume is your identification card, something unique about you, to show prospective employers who you are and what skills you have. It shows an employer that you care about your time and their time. When you take time to create an information page about your experience, education, and contact information to give them, they will be able to assess if you are a great fit for the job position.

**How to create an impressive resume:**
1. Gather all your personal information to market yourself
2. Create an Objective or Summary of Qualifications (optional)
3. Use action verbs to describe your responsibilities & accomplishments
4. Focus on the job description so that you address the employer’s needs
5. Be sure to include all relevant Education, Skills, Honors, Experience, and Activities
6. Keep it to one page
7. Maintain white space
8. Proofread before you send it out

Tips: After you are finish the draft of your resume, you should take it to Ms. Patricia Chastain (Patricia.Chastain@tamucc.edu) to review it.
College of Business welcomes new Economics faculty members!

David Hudgins

Dr. David Hudgins, Associate Professor of Economics, joined the economics program of the TAMU-CC in Fall 2013. He earned his Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His doctoral fields of expertise are in international economics, macroeconomics, monetary economics, and econometrics.

Hudgins served as an assistant professor at Texas Tech, served as a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch. Before joining to the TAMU-CC, he served as professor in the department of economics at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma, where he taught undergraduate statistics, along with a variety of other graduate and undergraduate economics courses. While serving at OU, he taught economics in locations across the U.S, Europe, and Japan. Over his career, he has had numerous publications, and continues to focus on control theory applications and economic modeling.

Hudgins is also a musician, and plays multiple instruments. He is a flamenco dancer, dance teacher, and choreographer. He has studied many styles of martial arts, and has competed in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. He is an amateur torero, and has trained in Mexico and Spain.

He lives with his wife, Abby, his son Horus, and with two cats, Sorcha and Zoomie. Welcome Dr. Hudgins!

Akin C. Buyukeren

Dr. Buyukeren, Visiting Instructor of Economics, joined the Department of Economics in Fall 2013. Akin received his Ph.D. in Economics from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2013. Prior to joining Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, he was a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. His teaching interests are in the areas of Applied Microeconomics, Urban Economics, Public Finance, Real Estate Economics, Introductory Macroeconomics and Microeconomics, and upper level Microeconomics. Dr. Buyukeren’s research centers on urban economics and public finance, focusing on the interactions between land use, transportation patterns, and interregional trade.

Student Economics Association

Interested in Economics?
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As everyone can see, our Island University has continued to gain momentum. In this past fall semester, our campus attracted an additional 400 students. This perhaps doesn’t mean much to a typical student who would spend only a few years here, but it means a lot for this university community. Since I joined this university in 1999, the size of the student body has nearly doubled. The numbers of buildings, classrooms and other facilities have also expanded.

AACSB Accreditation
Yet a few things haven’t changed. Other than the beauty of this Island University, our commitment to every student’s success and achievement has always been part of our mission. I am happy to tell you that our College of Business has earned the extension of AACSB accreditation in both business and accounting programs. Less than 5% of the world’s business schools receive this recognition for quality business education that is valued by employers. Other than the quality of the faculty and teaching curriculum, the quality of our students like you helped make our accreditation a success. I am also grateful for those students who met with members of the AACSB accreditation team during their visit.

Management Information Systems
The spirit of AACSB accreditation is continuous improvement. We regularly review our curriculum to ensure that our students will earn a successful, rewarding career beyond their campus experience. Our Decision Sciences team has initiated the process of redesigning the MIS curriculum. They have solicited input from local business leaders. One improvement would be more emphasis on business analytics and the application of SAP, which is a leading ERP software package. Dr. Rao is now teaching an MIS class in Business Intelligence and Analytics, which also incorporates SAP. He will teach that course again in the coming fall semester.

Economics
In addition to improvements in our curriculum, we have added resources to accommodate increasing student enrollments. Our department welcomes two new colleagues, who joined us in the fall. Dr. David Hudgins is now teaching intermediate microeconomics, and Dr. Akin Buyukeren is teaching urban economics. Both professors also teach introductory economics classes. The total number of economics majors in the BA and BBA degrees has grown steadily to nearly 60 now. Drs. Hudgins and Buyukeren will help us better serve our growing student body.

Engagement
Most of our professors are actively engaged with students. Some of them participate in the Island Day for high school seniors. We would like to invite you to be part of our team in welcoming our incoming students and their parents. Please also come join us in our Info Sessions for economics or MIS. We love to see you all, even if you’ve already made up your mind about your major. Just come for the food!

I am happy to see the enormous opportunity for us to grow together with you. Hope you will find this newsletter informative about current developments in our department.

Jim Lee

Where are they now? Recent TAMU-CC Economics Graduates:

Robin Elliott: Economics 2013
Attending Master of Public Service and Administration, TAMU, College Station
Interned at Department of Treasury

Derya Burcu Karaaslan: Economics 2013
Assistant Business Manager at Kiewit and attending MBA program at TAMU-CC

Brian Flaggert, Econ 2013
Area Manager Susser Holdings
Completed Executive Development Trainee

Kayla Holsonback: Economics 2012
TAMU Law School

Hieu Nguyen, Econ 2012
MS in Finance at Villanova
Information Technology Professionals (ITP)

ITP at Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi is a professional student organization to encourage students to major in Information Technology related majors, to promote a professional environment where students can get advice and network with other students, alumni, faculty, and professionals in the industry, and to provide a sense of partnership and community among TAMUCC students.

Join Information Technology Professionals today!

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Alpha Delta Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the International Honor Society for Economics

Did you know that TAMU-CC economics program is the home of Alpha Delta chapter of the ODE, International Honor Society for Economics?

“Omicron Delta Epsilon is one of the world's largest academic honor societies. The objectives of Omicron Delta Epsilon are recognition of scholastic attainment and the honoring of outstanding achievements in economics; the establishment of closer ties between students and faculty in economics within colleges and universities, and among colleges and universities; the publication of its official journal, The American Economist, and sponsoring of panels at professional meetings as well as the Irving Fisher and Frank W. Taussig competitions.

Currently, Omicron Delta Epsilon has 681 chapters located in the United States, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Egypt, France, Kazakhstan, and United Arab Emirates. With such a broad, international base, chapter activities vary widely, ranging from invited speakers, group discussions, dinners, meetings, etc., to special projects such as review sessions and tutoring for students in economics. Omicron Delta Epsilon plays a prominent role in the annual Honors Day celebrations at many colleges and universities.”

For more information on our campus chapter and membership requirements please contact to faculty advisor, Dr. Gevrek at deniz.gevrek@tamucc.edu