Welcome to the MAB Newsletter! The MAB Program will be sending out this newsletter to all MAB graduates on a quarterly basis. Our goal is for the MAB Program to become better connected with our former students and to keep you up-to-date on where the program is today.

Since the inception of the MAB program in 1998, we have had over 240 graduates that have come from all over the world. With such a diverse group of graduates, the MAB Program is taking steps to get former students more involved, which first begins with reaching out to our graduates via this newsletter and a survey, which is outlined on page 3.

NEW YEAR, NEW LOCATION

This year, Texas A&M University has already experienced immense change and growth. From the big move to the Southeastern Conference to having over 50,000 students enrolled in the University system for the first time, Texas A&M is truly proving itself to be one of the top universities in the country.

In keeping with the expansion of the University, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has a new building to call home! The new AGLS Complex opened in February of 2011 and is located on West Campus near Reed Arena. The MAB Program is now housed in the AGLS Building, which holds approximately 500 occupants from multiple Department in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

This new complex now brings together all areas of the AgriLife service divisions, including Administrative, Communications and Information Technology. Bringing all of these divisions together under one roof allows AGLS to be more efficient and cohesive in interactions with one another.

If you would like to learn more about the new AGLS Complex and where we are located, please visit http://aglscomplex.tamu.edu/about/ for more information.
NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

As of this fall, the Department of Agricultural Economics has a new Department Head, Dr. C. Parr Rosson III. Dr. Rosson is a Professor and Extension Economist here at Texas A&M University. He received his B.S. in Agronomy, M.S. in Agricultural Economics, and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, all from TAMU.

- “I am looking forward to my new role, but most importantly working with some outstanding individuals in teaching, research and extension,”

- My approach will be vision-led, engaged and highly active, participatory and facilitative, team focused and mission-oriented.”
  - Dr. Rosson

- Since 1989, Dr. Rosson has been an economist for the AgriLife Extension Service and he has also served as the director of North American Studies, both at Texas A&M University. The MAB Program is very excited to welcome Dr. Rosson as our new AGEC Department Head and looks forward to working with him!

Adam Burch is the new Program Manager for the Intercollegiate Faculty of Agribusiness. He joined the department of Agricultural Economics in July and is a 2006 graduate of the MAB program. Prior to returning to Texas A&M, Adam spent nearly six years at Sysco Corporation’s corporate office in Houston, where he was Manager of Supply Chain Planning & Analysis and led a team analysts and senior analysts across multiple work streams.

Adam’s primary objectives as Program Manager are:
- Professional development of MAB students
- Establishment of the Former MAB Network to increase the involvement of MAB graduates in the program
- Management and growth of the MAB Industry Partners Program
- Mentoring and management of MAB program activities
- Recruiting and admissions

Adam looks forward to working with former, current and future MAB students and to continuously improving the already nationally recognized MAB program.

FAREWELL, DR. JONES!

On July 13th of this year, the MAB program said goodbye to its Program Director, Dr. Eluned Jones. Dr. Jones left Texas A&M to assume responsibilities as the Department Head of Economics at S. Dakota State University. She served as Director of MAB Program and as Chair of the Intercollegiate Faculty of Agribusiness for the past ten years.

Dr. David Leatham is currently serving as the interim MAB Program Director and a new Director and Chair will be named in the next couple of months.
MAB INDUSTRY PARTNERS PROGRAM

The primary focus of the MAB Industry Partnership Program is the support of the Master of Agribusiness (MAB) degree program at Texas A&M University. Our Partners provide feedback on the brand image of the MAB degree program and, where possible and appropriate, provide assistance in increasing the awareness of this brand across the food and agribusiness industry. Support of the MAB students is also provided through scholarships and fellowships and participation in Food & Agribusiness Industry Symposia and Professional Workshops with our students.

To learn more, please visit:
http://www.agecon.tamu.edu/graduate/graduate_degrees_mab_industry.html

STAY CONNECTED

Get plugged into what’s happening in the MAB Program today through Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter! You can request to join the Master of Agribusiness (MAB) groups on Facebook and LinkedIn, or follow us on Twitter at @aggieMAB.

To understand more about who our graduates are and where they are now, we also ask you to please fill out a brief survey. The survey is only 10 brief questions and it should only take a few minutes of your time. Your participation will greatly help the Program in:

- Updating contact records of former students
- Understanding what types of industries our graduates are in today
- How to stay better connected with our Alumni

SURVEY LINK:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2MJFFV2

There's a spirit can't be told...