1. **Congratulations to our May 2013 Graduating Class!**

It was all wide smiles and warm hugs for the 230 students, their families and friends, faculty and staff attending our annual graduation banquet on May 3rd. Keynoting our celebration was alumnus and Advisory Board member Karen Morris (EVP, Meijer Inc.), followed by heartfelt reflections by student leaders of GSA and SHRM.

Adding to the jubilance of our celebration, over 95% of our domestic graduates had accepted positions before receiving their diplomas. The banquet ended with a standing ovation wishing our graduating class great success.

2. **New Faculty & Awards:**

Two new faculty members are joining our School in the fall and two others have received special awards:

- √ **Maite Tapia** (Ph.D., Cornell University, ILR) will be teaching courses on international HRM and comparative employment relations. She recently received the “Best Paper Award” by a doctoral student at the 31st International Labor Process Conference for her comparative study of community organizing around employment issues in the U.S., Germany and the UK.

- √ **Mevan Jayasinghe** (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, School of Business) will be teaching courses on high performance work systems and strategic HRM. His dissertation examines the strategic implications of HR investments in the form of voluntary labor codes on both business and worker outcomes in the Sri Lankan apparel industry.
Assistant Professor Felice Klein who joined SHRLR last fall wins the Academy of Management award as the “Emerging Scholar in Employee Participation and Ownership” for her analyses of alternative compensation policies.

Associate Professor of Outreach Julie Brockman has received a prestigious Fulbright award to conduct research and teach at the National Vietnam University in Hanoi.

3. Some Alumni Relations Updates:

- Alumnus Drew Valentine (VP of HR for IBM Development and Manufacturing) has joined our distinguished Advisory Board.

- Alumni receptions were held in Houston on March 18th (hosted by alumnus Bill Fitzpatrick, VP, Shell Oil) and in Chicago on May 20th (hosted by alumnus Jeff Krautkramer, VP, IDEX).

- Student sponsored “Corporate Leaders on Intern Success” hosted 3 Advisory Board members on March 28: Kevin Burke (Dow Corning), Dave Lilak (General Mills) and Leah Stark (Whirlpool).

- “Young Alumni Panel on Early Career Success” was hosted by students on April 5th. On the panel were Josh Droog (URS), Tiffany Gaston (Marathon), Ben Jerome (Shell), Lindsay Laubaugh (Raytheon), Nicole McParlan (Halliburton), Nate Phenicie (Kraft Foods), and Katie Seager (Microsoft).

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