1. Congratulations to our 2012 May Graduates!  On May 4th, 40
MHRLR students will celebrate their graduation; first, at our
annual graduation luncheon banquet packed by excited students
and their proud families, as well as faculty and staff.  Our keynote
speaker this year is alumnus Duncan Ferguson (President of our
Alumni Relations Board).  Later in the evening, graduates walk in
cap and gown to receive their diplomas from President Simon
during the graduation ceremony held at the grand Breslin Center.

With 50 companies recruiting our students over the last year, over
90% of our soon-to-be domestic graduates have already accepted
offers.  Such a record is not only a tribute to the growing reputation
of our degree and quality of students but, importantly, to the great
reputation and loyalty of our alumni.  Congratulations and best
wishes to all of our graduates as they embark on their new careers!

2. 2012 Graduate Student Association Making a Big Difference in
the Student Experience: Taking a highly active role in the life of our
School, the GSA officers have gone all out this year to enhance the
student experience.  Towards building a strong sense of community
and engagement among students, the GSA sponsors a wide range of
activities throughout the year, including:

✓ on-boarding orientation mixers to welcome new students
✓ mentoring and coaching of first-year students by second-year
  students
✓ an annual Student Leadership Awards Banquet to recognize
  student leaders for their contributions and announce newly
elected officers of the GSA and SHRM chapter
√ a Diversity & Inclusion Committee that hosts cultural potlucks and other activities to promote multicultural understanding and inclusion
√ numerous social activities bringing students together for fun at Spartan basketball games and football tailgates, nights-on-the-town, bowling competitions, picnics and an annual “Senior Sendoff” dinner for graduating students.

Taking the lead in these activities are the 2012 officers of GSA:

President, Baily Wyant (Albion College, Economics/Management) 
Vice President, Amy Poli (Florida State, Management/HRM) 
Financial Officer, Carolyn Lapham (MSU, Accounting) 
External Affairs Officer, Lisa Idema (Grand Valley State, HRM) 
Diversity Officer, Calvin McDaniel (MSU, Management) 
Events Coordinator, Dan Watson (Grand Valley State, HRM) 
Communications Coordinator, Tracy Masserant (Western Michigan, HRM)

3. Creating an International SHRLR Alumni Network in London: Taking the lead in creating our first international alumni network based in London is alumnus Pat Wilkinson (Global Head of HR for HSBC). Any alumni located in or traveling to London on business should contact Nick McLaren (Nick.McLaren@ssc.msu.edu) who is helping Pat create this alumni network.

Go Green!

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