1. **Fall Semester Off to a Strong Start:** 57 new students (with average GPAs above 3.5) entered our master’s program this fall, bringing our total student body to 145 (64% female, 16% minority, and 14% international).

Following a comprehensive 2-day orientation and “on-boarding” program organized by 2nd-year students and our “Picnic under the Breezeway” to welcome new and returning students, students quickly plunged into their coursework and geared up for an intensive recruiting season.

Impressively, roughly 2/3rds of returning students converted their summer internships into full-time offers. A record 45 companies, furthermore, have already visited campus to recruit first-year students for summer internships next year and full-time positions upon graduation.

2. **20 Named Corporate Scholarships Awarded:** Thanks to many of our distinguished alumni who have championed our School within their companies, 20 of our new students received named corporate scholarships. Awarding these scholarships are the following companies:

- Albany International
- Alcoa
- Avaya
- ChevronTexaco
- Chrysler
- Cliffs Natural Resources
- Coca-Cola
- Eaton
- Ford
- General Electric
- General Mills
- Marathon Petroleum
- Medtronic
- Meijer
- Novelis
- PepsiCo
- Shell Oil
- Walt Disney
- Whirlpool
- Yazaki
3. **Advisory Board Elects New Officers and Members:** During its 2-day meeting in October, our distinguished Advisory Board and faculty addressed and agreed to a wide range of recommendations made by the Board’s standing committees on curriculum, student recruitment, placement, HR Executive Education, development, and branding.

Replacing Scott Trezise (SVP, Shaw Group), the Board elected alumnus Lisa Yankie (VP, SPX) as President. Replacing Barbara Curran (GM and VP, ChevronTexaco), the Board elected Garry Randall (EVP, Walt Disney) as Vice President.

Sincere thanks to Lisa and Garry for taking the lead and to Scott and Barbara for their outstanding leadership and dedication over the last three years!

The Board also elected two new members this year. Please welcome alumni...

- √ Chris Fernandez, General Manager, MSB HR, Microsoft
- √ Troy Henegan, Senior HR Manager, General Electric

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