On Friday, January 6th, I welcomed the new EMBA class during orientation. We have 66 talented professionals beginning their EMBA experience. The excitement and energy was high as they started to get to know each other. As usual we’ve attracted and admitted a diverse and interesting group of qualified candidates.

We are proud that 38% of the class is female. The 80% age range is 27 to 34 years, and 42% are married, 45% are single, and 13% didn’t disclose. Class members speak 21 different languages and represent 16 different countries including Argentina, France, Japan, Turkey and many more. The companies most represented in the class are Morgan Stanley, PWC, American Express, Deloitte, Deutsche Bank and Merrill Lynch. The 80% range for experience is 4-11 years. There is wide diversity in job functions from Finance (37%), Marketing (14%), Business Development (15%), Consulting (14%), and Information Technology (5%) to name a few. What is even more interesting are the industries represented. Financial services was the dominating industry(42%), but there were also students in non-profit/government (5%), technology (5%), energy (5%), media/entertainment (5%), healthcare/therapeutics (3%), consumer products (3%), education (3%) plus many others.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that in an effort to be accessible to EMBA prospective candidates, we have our Saturday team (Dan Natoli, Will Brown, Alicia Stewart and Erin Katims) available every Saturday. If you have colleagues, friends or family who are interested in EMBA-New York, EMBA-Saturday or one of our EMBA partner programs, please encourage them to stop by 216 Uris Hall any Saturday between 9 am and 3 pm. The Saturday team is also anxious to get to know you, and staff members will also be working in Warren Hall.

Sincerely,

Mary Miller

Assistant Dean of Admissions

Weekend & Upcoming Events

**Friday, January 27**

**Lunchtime Speaker Series:**
Chris Whittle, founder and CEO of Avenues: The World School  
Warren 310  
11:40 a.m.—12:25 p.m.

**Club Association Day:**
Uris Hall, 1st floor  
5:30 — 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, January 28**

**Deans Luncheon**
Faculty House, 2nd floor  
11:35 a.m.—12:25 p.m.

**Upcoming**

**Lunchtime Speaker Series:**
Rubicon Global  
Friday, February 10  
Warren TBD  
11:40 a.m.—12:25 p.m.

**Valentine’s Day Reception**  
Saturday, February 11  
Warren Lobby  
6:30-8:00 pm  
*This is a plus one event

Save the date: EMBA Gala 2012

Saturday, May 5
9 pm - 1am  
The Edison Ballroom  
240 West 47th Street
**Academic & Student Affairs**

**Registration**
Because the following courses did not meet during the first elective weekend, students wishing to drop or add these courses may do so by emailing emba-asa@gsb.columbia.edu until 4pm on Sunday, January 29. Please note, add/drop closed for all other elective EMBA courses on January 17.

- B7399-067 Private Equity: Growth Equity and LBOs
- B7462-003/004 Seminar in Managerial Negotiations
- B7325-001 Mergers and Acquisitions

Students may drop courses beyond the add/drop deadline and receive a W on the official transcript until March 23. Tuition is still charged for the course. Students may not drop beyond March 23. Failure to participate fully in the course after that point will result in a failing grade. Students with extenuating circumstances should reach out to their student affairs officer or a member of the EMBA team.

**International Seminars:**
Add/drop stages for International Seminars are separate from Bidding and are currently in process. Add/Drop stages will run in two-week intervals until the published Add/Drop deadline for each seminar. Upcoming Seminar deadlines are listed below:

- Wednesday, March 7: Spring 2012 Rio de Janeiro & Shanghai
- Wednesday, May 2: Summer 2012 South Africa & Hong Kong

A results email will be sent at the end of each stage, indicating whether or not your add was successful. We encourage students notified of unsuccessful adds or swaps to continue to participate in the remaining stages.

Opportunity for a second seminar may arise if there is excess capacity in a course after the add/drop deadline passes. All students will be notified by email of any excess seats, if they arise, and a lottery held.

**A reminder on the grade appeal policy:**
Now that your fall grades are in, if you have any questions we would like to remind you that any inquiries should be sent in writing to the professor as soon as possible. If you are unable to resolve your question with the faculty and wish to submit a formal appeal to the Vice Dean please find more details on the appeal policy and process in the student handbook on the student site. Formal appeals must be submitted to Vice Dean Amir Ziv in writing no later than one term after you receive the grade.

**Anything else?**
Please feel free to drop by our office or contact us via email at emba-asa@gsb.columbia.edu with any questions or concerns – we are here to help!

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**Cluster News**

A: We congratulate Mathias Rosenthal (2012BA) and his wife, who welcomed baby son Clemente into the world on January 1. Clemente, weighing 6lbs 15oz and measuring 21 in, was the first child to be born at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in 2012. Both baby and mom are doing great.

B: Congratulations to Vrajesh Davé (2013EM), who wed Rashmi Makwana on December 19, 2011 in Mumbai. The couple will reunite in February, when Rashmi will travel from India to join Vrajesh. We wish the happy couple the best in 2012!


D: We join Jens Werkheiser (EMBA Global Asia 2013) in celebrating the birth of daughter Solara, born on January 10. Solara arrived weighing 7 lbs 12oz and measuring 20in. Congratulations!

E: Uje Akujuo (EMBA Global Asia 2013) and wife also welcomed baby boy Arinze, weighing 7lbs 2oz and measuring 21in, on December 2, 2011. We congratulate you on this joyous news!

**FRIDAY! 5:30—7:30 p.m.**
Club Association Day
Uris 1st floor (Students may purchase club memberships beginning Friday at 5 pm)

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**Have you seen the searchable online student guide?**
- Search by keyword for fast answers!
- On the EMBA Student Site:
  - [http://www4.gsb.columbia.edu/students/emba](http://www4.gsb.columbia.edu/students/emba)
Welcome to the 2012 Spring Semester
Welcome back to campus and a special welcome to the incoming 2013 NY “Cluster B” EMBA class! As you plan out your semester, we hope that you will keep in mind the following resources that can help you with your career management process:

**COIN (Career Opportunity Information Network):** EMBA CM’s website is accessible via the EMBA student web page and enables you to manage activities such as signing up for advising appointments, registering for CM workshops and events, searching for networking contacts, uploading your resume and accessing job search resources.

**Tools:** The content area of COIN includes a Multimedia Resources section with numerous downloadable digital resources. Our Career Mobility section covers each step in the Columbia Business School career management framework with resources, assessment tools and downloadable worksheets. The Professional Development area contains information to help you be more successful on the job now.

**Advising:** Available by phone and in person to all EMBA students regardless of sponsorship status. EMBA CM advisors can assist you with all phases of the career management process as well as a wide range of professional development topics.

**We are Here to Help**
We know that the volatile economic environment may lead to stress and feelings of uncertainty. If you are feeling pressured, we encourage you to talk to us – whether by a phone or in person. For those who are experiencing changes at work, we can discuss which resources and strategies will be most helpful to you. Even if you are not expecting immediate changes, but sense that a transition may be on the horizon, we can assist you in being proactive about your career management process.

**New Multimedia Resources Recently Added to COIN**
EMBA Connect Speaker Series videos: Hear from 3 industry experts in Energy, VC and Entrepreneurship talk about their career trajectories, how to best access the network and other industry best practices.

Getting Promoted Ahead of Schedule - Carter Reue (EMBA ‘12) talks about how he got promoted and offers advice on how to do so effectively.

See the Multimedia Resources section of COIN for more Career Management videos.

**Upcoming Workshops, Webinars, & Events**
Please see the Workshop link on COIN for a complete schedule and to RSVP.

**Networking Nuances Workshop**
Saturday, February 11
11:40-12:25pm
Warren TBD

**Interviewing 101 Webinar**
Monday, February 20
12-1pm EST (Online)

**Dealing with a Difficult Boss Workshop**
Saturday, February 25
11:40-12:25pm in Warren

**Quick Questions?** Drop-in Office Hours: On class Fridays or Saturdays (8-8:45am) in the Feldberg Space. No RSVP necessary. Members of the Career Management team will be available on a first come first served basis to answer questions about CM resources and/or your career development process.

**Questions?** Email EMBACareers@gsb.columbia.edu and/or see our Frequently Asked Questions section in COIN and Tools.

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**Featured Event: Thursday, February 2**

**Chazen Institute Eurozone Forum**
Understanding the Euro Crisis:
- Glenn Hubbard, Russell L. Carson Professor of Finance and Economics and dean of Columbia Business School
- Shang-Jin Wei, director, Chazen Institute of International Business, and N.T. Wang Professor of Chinese Business and Economy
- David Beim, professor of professional practice
- Michael Johannes, professor, finance and economics
- Emi Nakamura, David W. Zalaznick Associate Professor of Business

**Uris 301 (simulcast Uris 140) • 5:45-7:00 p.m.**
**Presented by:** The Jerome A. Chazen Institute of International Business
Visit the Events page to register: http://www4.gsb.columbia.edu/events

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**Did you know...**

Columbia Business School has a mobile app for your iOS devices! The app provides access to School-related information and services like Angel and the CBS Online Directory. Columbia Business School Mobile is available free in the iTunes Store.
Welcome to the Class of 2013 B!!!

Residence Week(ends)

2013 SC January 13-15 (Term 3)

2013 EM January 3-7 (Term 2)

2013 B January 9-13 (Term 1)

Have news you'd like to share with the EMBA community? Please send your promotion, award, engagement, wedding, birth, or other announcement to emba-asa@gsb.columbia.edu for inclusion in an upcoming update.