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Alumni often tell me how much they appreciate our professors for being great *teachers* who shaped the way graduates think about business and practice their professions. But many alumni may not know how widely our faculty members, as *researchers*, influence business thought and practice by publishing their scholarship in top journals and sharing these discoveries with fellow academics, students, industry and the public.

Our faculty research has broad impact because it focuses on real-world issues facing business leaders, policymakers and professionals. It explores such diverse questions as: How do interest rate hikes affect the housing market in our region? What leads a white-collar professional to commit fraud, and how can it be prevented? How can health care providers improve the patient experience? What do population, income and education trends tell us about the economy in Chicago? What can professionals do to achieve work-life balance?

In this issue of Business Exchange, we spotlight seven professors who are exploring these and other questions through research that sparks new ways to think about business, from the classroom to the boardroom.

As you can tell, I am proud of the Driehaus College of Business's reputation for excellence in both teaching and research. Our dedication to both areas is the reason that our college is among only 5 percent of institutions worldwide to earn accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB), a distinction that shows our programs have met rigorous standards for quality.

Every five years, the college and School of Accountancy and Management Information Systems undergo an assessment of our educational standards and goal achievement by a team of AACSB representatives. I'm pleased to share that after a thorough review of the college and school by an AACSB team this past fall, AACSB has renewed our accreditation through 2020. This is a testament to the strong commitment our faculty members make every day to excel in teaching and research.

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