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Business College Refreshes Curricula

The business college introduced [new programs this fall](#) and is revising others to make its curricula even more current. A new entrepreneurship major in the Bachelor of Science in Business (BSB) program debuted in September, as did a business minor for nonbusiness majors. Core classes in the BSB are also being revamped to provide a greater focus on business analytics. Other new programs include a revised MBA program that emphasizes analytics and experiential learning, an online MBA in hospitality leadership and an MBA in business analytics.



Alumnus Joe Adams

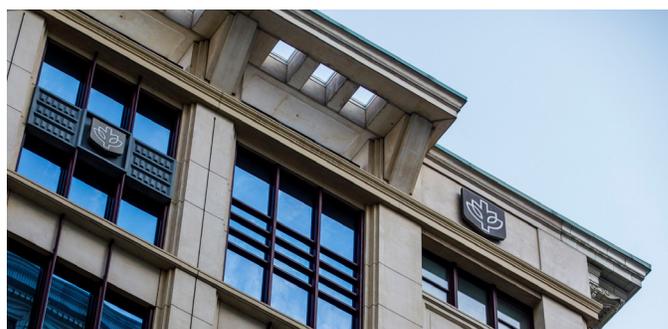
Generous Gifts Support Scholarships and Fellowships

Recent generous gifts from DePaul alumni and foundations are supporting student success and faculty excellence at DePaul's business college:

- RSM US Foundation and RSM US LLP employees, including alumni, [made a matching gift totaling \\$1 million](#) to establish two RSM fellowships at the School of Accountancy & MIS. Joe Adams (BUS '77, MBA '79), RSM managing partner and CEO, spearheaded the fundraising effort. The fellowships support efforts to attract and retain outstanding accounting faculty. Associate Professor Mary Mindak has been appointed as the first RSM Fellow.
- The estate of the late Lyndell C. Ayres Jr. (BUS '59) gave nearly \$500,000 to the college. The gift will make an immediate impact this year as scholarship awards to students who are experiencing economic hardship due to the pandemic.
- First Midwest Bank has provided a [\\$500,000 gift](#) through the First Midwest Charitable Foundation to the John L. Keeley Jr. Center for Financial Services, which provides co-curricular programming for finance students. Over the next five years, the gift will allocate resources to diversify the Keeley Center's student cohorts through outreach, targeted programming, scholarship support and internship placements at the bank.

College Recognized in Rankings

The business college recently received rankings that recognize the quality and achievements of its entrepreneurship program and the diversity of the college's graduates. Poets & Quants, an online news source for prospective business students, ranked the college's entrepreneurship program [No. 40 in the world](#) for MBA students. *Diverse Issues in Higher Education's* "Top 100 Degree Producers" [recognized DePaul business programs](#) in 54 categories of its annual survey, which ranks the top 100 colleges nationally by the number of graduates of color produced in each academic discipline.



Academic Departments Merge

The college's finance and real estate departments have merged administratively to create the Department of Finance and Real Estate. The merger helps the college meet reaccreditation standards and provides students with more opportunities for cross-disciplinary study. Degree programs and centers associated with the two disciplines remain unchanged. Thomas Berry (MBA '77), a longtime finance faculty member who also served as associate dean, was appointed chair of the merged department.