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I hope this message finds you well, and that 2013 will be a good year for you and your family. Spring semester recently began with students bringing their usual high energy level back to campus. In fact, even before classes started, our students were very busy.

During the winter recess, alumni in the New York City area hosted students at their workplaces. Students visited 24 firms with nine new additions this year. These two-hour visits, coordinated by the school’s Career Services office, provided opportunities for students to build their professional networks, obtain career development advice, and get a window into a firm’s corporate culture. Some employers also conducted first-round interviews for internships and jobs. Visits took place at Ackman-Ziff, American Express, Articula, BlackRock, BNP Paribas, Deloitte, Eisner Amper, Ernst & Young, Estee Lauder, FAO Schwarz, Garrison, Goldman Sachs, Grant Thornton, KPMG, LinkedIn, Marcum LLP, Marlin & Associates, McGladrey, MSG, Nomura Securities, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Protiviti, Reservoir Capital and Zenith Optimedia. We thank all the alumni who were gracious hosts; in total, about 130 students participated.

The Women in Business student organization sponsored a panel discussion in New York, where a group of successful alumnae shared their insights with students on getting started in a career, moving up the corporate ladder, and achieving a work-life balance. The event took place at Deloitte’s national office at Rockefeller Plaza in Manhattan. Constance Olson ’90, a partner at the firm, hosted the students. Panelists were Lisa Abbott, MBA ’93, chief human resource officer, Weill Cornell Medical College; Laura Berland, chief marketing officer, StarTalk Radio; Tracy Caliendo ’97, managing director, Goldman Sachs; Angelina Colombo ’90, managing director, RBS Greenwich Capital; Debra Moss ’99, principal, Acquis Consulting Group; Karen Roth ’87, senior vice president for Element Financial Group; and Cristin Singer ’96, partner, McGladrey & Pullen. I offer my sincere thanks to the alumnae and students who helped make this event such a success.

Also during the winter break, 24 students participated in the school’s annual trip to India as part of the Doing Business in India course. Professors Vishal Gupta and Surinder Kahai led the tour, which is intended to help students learn about the Indian culture, economy and society. The group made professional visits to Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation, PwC, Oxigen, and Fortis. This trip reinforces lessons learned in the classroom and serves as a forum for networking between our students and their counterparts based in India.

We are already reaching higher in 2013 and I’m confident that, with your support, this year will be enormously successful. I encourage you to invest in the School of Management. To get involved as a volunteer, please visit the
Alumni Association’s website.

Thank you for your support of Binghamton University!

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