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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow alumni,

As a graduate of the EMBA program, I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the executive team of the JMSB Alumni Chapter for the 2006-2008 term. It is with great respect and pride that I intend to continue the excellent work done by my predecessor, Robert Zbikowski, and his executive team. I would also like to thank our board of directors for its absolute support during our AGM last September in Montreal.

During this new term, my plan is to focus on three key objectives that will have a significant impact on the JMSB Alumni community.

The first objective is to increase awareness of the JMSB Alumni Chapter, its initiatives, and its goals. Over the next two years, the Marketing and Communications Committee will attempt to publish at least 100 articles covering stories about the academic, business, and social life of alumni. In order to reach out to as many fellow alumni as possible, these articles will be distributed via print and electronic media.

The successful implementation of the mentorship program, initiated by our Alumni Services Committee earlier this year, is the second key objective for the new term. A goal has been set to have at least 100 mentor-mentee matches over the next 24 months. The Mentorship Committee will be working hard in the coming weeks to have a launch in early 2007.

Finally, the new JMSB building must include a special area designated for alumni. The chapter has committed to raising at least \$100,000 for the new building over the next 2 years. Several fund raising events and activities are planned, and will be communicated to you in advance.

The effort required to deliver on all of these items is significant to say the least. But with your support and participation, I know we will succeed. I look forward to giving you an update on our progress in the next issue of this newsletter. Until then, I wish you all lots of success in 2007.

Sincerely,

Juan M Ramos

ABOUT THE JMSB ALUMNI CHAPTER

We are always looking for alumni to get involved!

Founded in 2003, the John Molson School of Business Alumni Chapter was established to support and promote the interests of JMSB alumni at all points in their careers, and to facilitate both their personal and professional development.

The chapter is made up of a board of 21 directors and has an elected executive committee. The chapter aims to have representation on the board from each department and all programs within the JMSB.

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A PLACE TO CALL OUR OWN

Finally the new JMSB building becomes a reality!

At a press conference held on Monday October 30th, it was announced that construction of the new building for the John Molson School of Business would begin before the end of 2006. Quebec Minister of Education, Mr. Jean-Marc Fournier announced that \$60 million has been allotted to this project. During the announcement ceremony, Mr. Eric Molson delivered an inspiring message and announced that a contribution of \$10 million would be made by the Molson family in addition to the initial donation of \$10 million, for a generous total of \$20 million. Construction got underway this past December and the building is scheduled to be completed in time for the start of the 2008 fall semester.



Enfin, le nouvel édifice de l'École de gestion John Molson devient une réalité!

Lors d'une conférence de presse, le 30 octobre dernier, il fut annoncé officiellement que les travaux de construction du nouvel édifice qui abritera l'École de gestion John Molson commencent avant la fin de 2006. M. Jean-Marc Fournier, Ministre de l'éducation et représentant du gouvernement du Québec pour cet événement, a informé l'assistance qu'une enveloppe de 60 millions de dollars sera consacrée à ce projet. M. Éric Molson a livré un discours inspirant et en a profité pour annoncer qu'à la donation initiale de la famille Molson, pour ce projet, s'ajoutera un autre 10 millions de dollars pour atteindre la généreuse somme de 20 millions de dollars. La construction a commencé en décembre dernier et l'édifice devrait être prêt pour l'ouverture de la nouvelle session à l'automne 2008.

WHATS NEW

Joseph Capano appointed Principal Director of Development for JMSB

Last September, Vice-President of Advancement and Alumni Relations, Kathy Assayag, and Dean Jerry Tomberlin, announced the appointment of Joe Capano to the position of Principal Director of Development at the John Molson School of Business, effective September 18th. A graduate from McGill University, Joseph most recently held the position of Director of the Building Fund Campaign. In his new position, he will build and lead a Faculty-based team and will be responsible for the planning and execution of fundraising activity at the John Molson School of Business.

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Social responsibility takes center stage at the 19th edition of Awards of Distinction

Hosted by Mr. Jonathan Wener, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and principal Shareholder of Canderel, the 19th Annual Awards of Distinction ceremony was held on November 22nd at the Ex Centrex theatre in Montreal. As in previous years, the 2006 recipients were honored for their outstanding business careers and their commitment to the community. Concordia University President Dr. Claude Lajeunesse and JMSB Dean Dr. Jerry Tomberlin, praised the recipients for their strong contributions towards the promotion of social responsibility, a critical component of the university's mission. The acceptance speeches given by all recipients clearly express the notion that giving back to the community is an integral responsibility that enables one to become a better business person and a better citizen.



RECIPIENTS OF THE 2006 AWARDS OF DISTINCTION



Ms Alice Keung

Senior Vice President & Chief Information Officer, National Bank of Canada. Her professional success was highlighted when she was named one of Canada's most powerful women by Women's Executive Network in 2005. Mme Keung always finds the time to contribute to her community. For example, she sits on the Board of Les Amis de la Montagne and of the Montreal Chamber Orchestra.



Mr. J. Roy Firth

Executive Vice-President, Individual Wealth Management, Manulife Financial. In addition to his responsibilities as one of Canada's top financial executives, Mr Firth is a former board member of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Foundation and of the Musée Pointe-à-Calière in Montreal. He is currently a member of the Sick Kids Leaders Cabinet at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He is also involved in a number of other charities and community outreach initiatives and enjoys coaching minor league sport teams.



Mr. Irving Teitelbaum

Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer, La Senza. This highly successful entrepreneur has created one of the great brands in the annals of Canadian business. His busy agenda, however, does not stop him from being committed to his community. He is actively involved in Cinemania, a French Film Festival his wife Maily founded some 11 years ago. Furthermore, Mr Teitelbaum's family, along with his business partner's families, Mr Gross and Mr Lewin, are involved with many charitable causes such as Montreal Jewish General Hospital, The Children's Wish Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes, Weekend to end Breast Cancer, Centraide, and the Canadian Cancer Society.



Concordia's JMSB and Bell Canada partner in a new Research Centre

Concordia University and Bell Canada announced at the end of the last session, the creation of a Research Centre that will strive to understand how business processes, in general, can be enhanced to become more efficient from the perspectives of both the organization and the individual. Bell Canada will contribute \$ 500,000, over 5 years, to the new Centre located within Concordia's John Molson School of Business. Dr. Stéphane Brutus, Associate Professor of Management, will become its first director.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Alain Benedetti, BComm 70, is the New Chair of the Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Mr. Benedetti served as the Vice-Chair of CICA's board for the past two years following his retirement as Vice Chairman and Canadian Area Managing Partner at Ernst & Young in 2004. He is currently a member of the Board of Governors of Dynamic Mutual Funds and a board member of Dorel Industries, Russel Metals and Birks & Mayors.

Michael Tinkler, S BComm 69, a member of the Board of Directors of the Certified Management Accountants of Canada for 2006-07. He is Vice-President, Synerma in Gatineau.

Vince Portulese, BComm 84, has been appointed Vice-President, Finance of Blue Note Mining in Montreal. He is a Certified Management Accountant with over 20 years of financial experience with private and public companies.

Dana Ades-Landy, MBA 83, has been appointed Senior Vice-President, National Accounts at the Laurentian Bank in Montreal. She was formerly a Senior Vice-President at KPMG.

Luc Paiement, BComm 81, has been named Co-President and Co-Chief Executive Officer of National Bank Financial Group. Mr. Paiement, who has been with the bank for 25 years, has been President, Individual Investor Services since 2002, leading a team of 750 investment advisors in 86 branches across Canada. He was named a member of the prestigious Globe and Mail's Top 40 under 40 in 1999.

Howard Johnson, BComm 88, has been appointed Chair of the Board of Governors of the Society of Certified Management Accountants of Ontario for 2006-2007. He is the President of Veracap Corporate Finance and a Partner with Campbell Valuation Partners in Toronto.



Gordon Lackenbauer, L BA 65, has been named to the Board of Directors of NAL Oil & Gas Trust. Based in Calgary, Mr. Lackenbauer serves as Chairman of Tembec, Director of TransAlta and Bell Globemedia and is a Governor of Mount Royal College.

Ken Lerner, BA 89, is the new City Manager for the Town of Cote St. Luc. He was previously Division Chief of the Purchasing Dept. and Interim Director of Information Systems.

Sam Jawad, BA 96, has been named President of Chase Paymentech Solutions, Canada. Mr. Jawad brings more than 12 years of industry experience in the financial service sector.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Gerald J. Rip, S BA 62, has been appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Tax Court of Canada. He was appointed to the Court in 1983 and is its longest serving full-time member.

Nikhil Varma, MASC 04, has been named Chief Technical Officer of Jati Technologies in Montreal.



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