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MCCC STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO ETHOS HONOR SOCIETY AT EMU

MONROE, Mich. – Eight Outstanding Business Management Scholars from Monroe County Community College were inducted last month into the Ethos Honor Society at Eastern Michigan University.

The students – Suzanne Stevens, Ashley Bugg, Samantha Ford, Alaric Curey, Jennifer O'Dell, Rachel Riffle, Jessica Gossard, and Corrie Sloan – were guests of EMU's College of Business during ETHOS Week, which occurs each March with the purpose of promoting business ethics and furthering ethics education.

Ethos Week is the first of its kind offered by any business school in the country.

The MCCC students, along with other students, faculty, staff, alumni, and business people were inducted into the society during the March 16 luncheon that capped off Ethos Week. They were required to recite the Ethos statement at the induction ceremony. The recitation affirmed their commitment to ethical conduct.

According to Paul Knollman, dean of MCCC's Business Division, the MCCC students were selected by business faculty to attend Ethos Week activities based on credit hours earned,

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GPA, course participation, writing skills and in recognition for being named Outstanding Business Management Scholars.

Their attendance was made possible by a Silver Level sponsorship provided by a grant from The Foundation at Monroe County Community College. MCCC was the only community college included among the sponsors of the event.

The students were accompanied to Ethos Week events by MCCC faculty members Dr. Patrick Nedry, professor of business; David Reiman, professor of business; and Wendy Wysocki, professor of business and economics.

The many Ethos Week activities included the live broadcast of the Paul W. Smith show on WJR live from the EMU College of Business and presentations by Paul Nick, executive director of the Ohio Ethics Commission; Jack LaRue, senior vice president of Thompson Reuters Tax and Accounting; Andrew Malec, managing director, Gordon Advisors, P.C.; Tony Dearing, content director, AnnArbor.com; Rodney M. Rusk, automotive industry manager, Bosch Rexroth Corp; and keynote speaker Anton Valukas, chairman of the Chicago law firm Jenner and Block.

Valukas was the lead examiner into the collapse and bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers. His speech, Knollman said, provided the MCCC students with a first-hand account of an event that precipitated the economic events of 2008 that we are still dealing with today.

“[Valukas] detailed the critical events of a weekend that involved decisions that did not meet the highest standards of ethical conduct,” he said.

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