

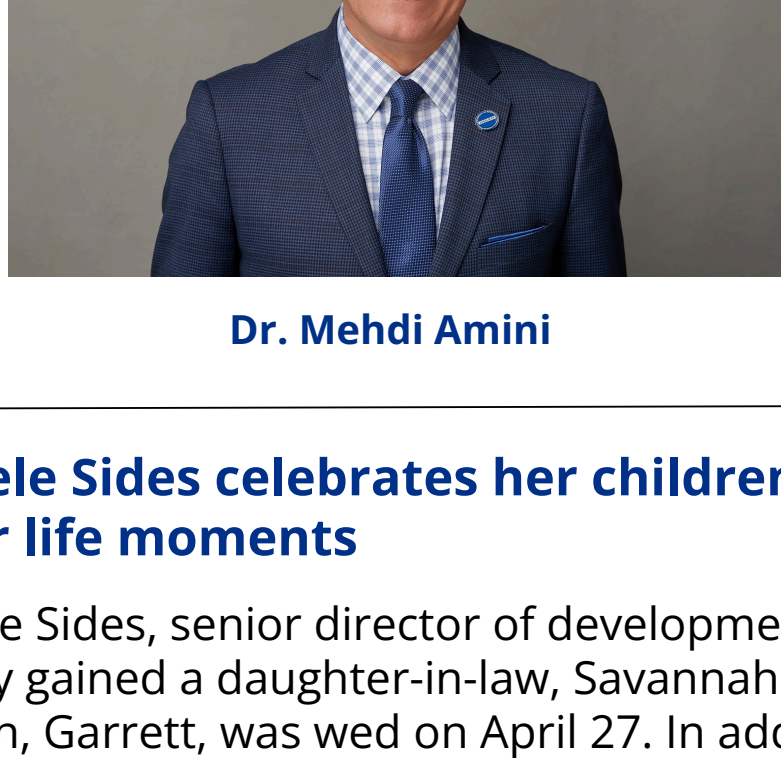
## Maddie Stoks engaged to be married

FCBE Communications Specialist Madison Stoks and her (now) fiancé, Mikey Chappellear, got engaged on May 11. Both played NCAA soccer here at the University of Memphis and have been together since 2020. Also, they recently adopted a puppy named Banks! Congratulations, Maddie! We are so excited for your family.



## Dr. Mehdi Amini received approval for prestigious research grant from NSF

Dr. Mehdi Amini, George Johnson Professor in the Department of Marketing & Supply Chain Management, and four faculty from the Herff College of Engineering and College of Arts & Sciences recently received approval of a \$600,000 research grant from the NSF Industry-University Cooperative Research Centers Program. The committed four-year research grant from the NSF will be matched by industry partners to reach a total of \$1.2M. Their research will focus on the collaboration with the industry partners on a host of integrated research projects within a newly established center, the Center for Electrified and Automated Trucking (CEAT). Mehdi will serve as a Co-PI.



Dr. Mehdi Amini

## Michele Sides celebrates her children’s major life moments

Michele Sides, senior director of development, happily gained a daughter-in-law, Savannah, when her son, Garrett, was wed on April 27. In addition to this exciting news, Garrett graduated from UT Knoxville on May 16 with a BS in Forestry and a minor in Wetland Management. The newest Mr. & Mrs. Sides will continue living in Knoxville where Savannah will pursue her MS in English and Garrett will continue working at Fleet Feet while pursuing opportunities in his field of study.

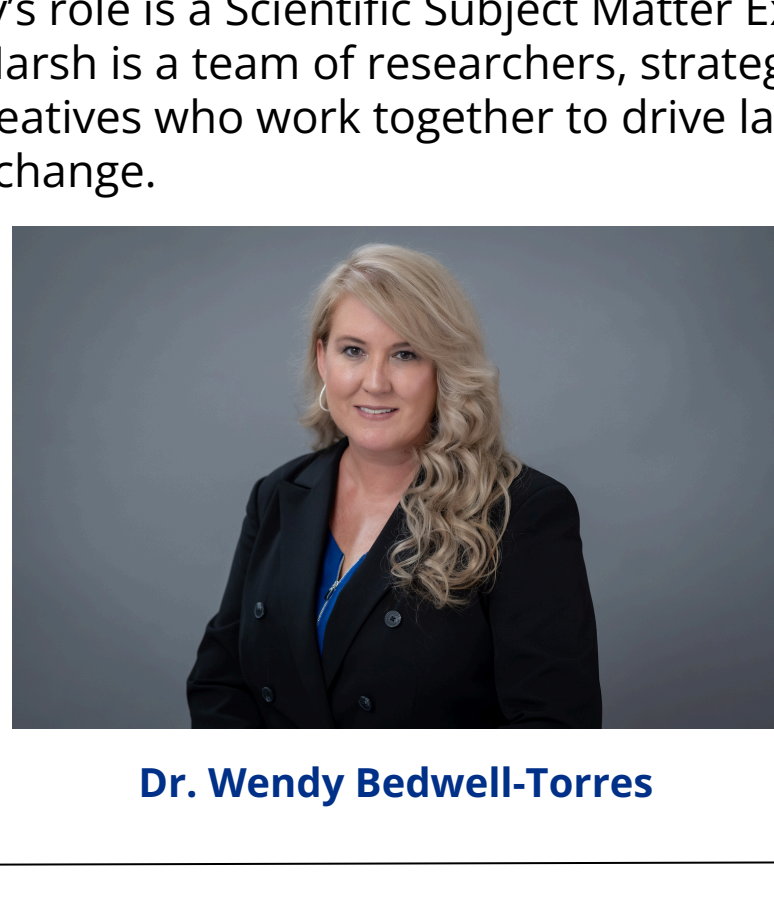
Michele’s younger son, Brice, earned the Spirit of PE award and the Heart of the Eagle award his school’s eight grade end-of-the-year program. Brice attends Chester County Junior High School.

Congratulations, Michele! We know you are a very proud mom!



## Dr. Kurt Kraiger and MBA Student Diana Acosta awarded Research Grant

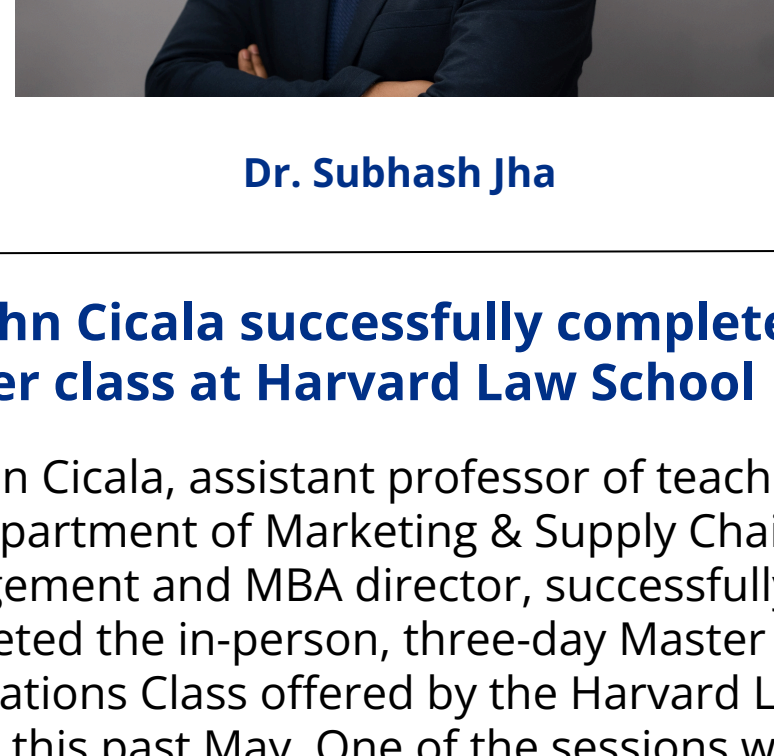
Dr. Kurt Kraiger, chair of the Department of Management, and Diana Acosta, current MBA student, were awarded a Faculty Summer Research Grant for their proposal “Longitudinal Effects of Mentor Instrumental and Psychosocial Support on Trust in Mentor and Protégé Outcomes.” Preliminary results of the study will be presented in October at the 17th Annual Mentoring Conference hosted by the University of New Mexico.



## Dr. Wendy Bedwell-Torres published paper & received research grant

Dr. Wendy Bedwell-Torres, director of Executive Education Programs and assistant professor of teaching in the Departments of Management and Marketing & Supply Chain Management, recently published a paper in the *Journal of Organization Behavior* titled “Initial development of perceptions of ability and intent factors of (un)trustworthiness in short-term teams.” To read the full piece, click [here](#).

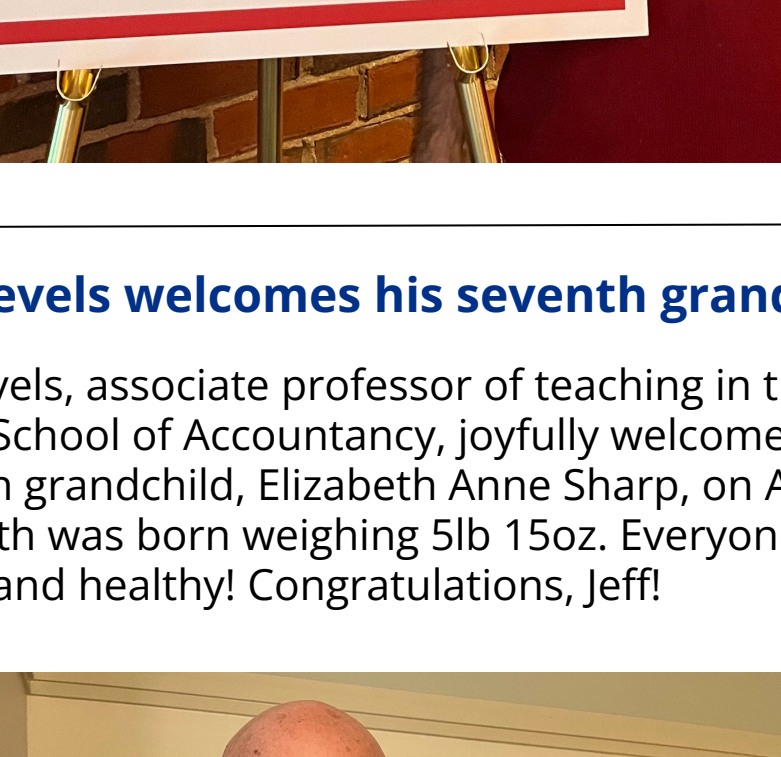
Additionally, Wendy and her colleagues at Fors Marsh were awarded a nearly \$748K grant from the Army Research Institute (ARI) titled “Mitigating the Impact of Personnel Turnover for Teams in Future Operational Environments.” Wendy’s role is a Scientific Subject Matter Expert. Fors Marsh is a team of researchers, strategists and creatives who work together to drive lasting social change.



Dr. Wendy Bedwell-Torres

## Dr. Subhash Jha appointed Associate Editor & published a paper

Dr. Subhash Jha, associate professor in the Department of Marketing & Supply Chain Management, was recently appointed at the associate editor for the *Journal of Marketing Theory and Practice*. Additionally, he published an article titled “It is a match! The effect of regulatory fit on new product recommendations” in *Psychology & Marketing*. To read the complete paper, click [here](#).



Dr. Subhash Jha

## Dr. John Cicala successfully completed a master class at Harvard Law School

Dr. John Cicala, assistant professor of teaching in the Department of Marketing & Supply Chain Management and MBA director, successfully completed the in-person, three-day Master Negotiations Class offered by the Harvard Law School this past May. One of the sessions was led by Shelia Heen, coauthor the book of “Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most.” John stated, “It was an incredibly rewarding experience to represent the Fogelman College and University of Memphis among such an elite group of attendees.”



## Jeff Nevels welcomes his seventh grandchild

Jeff Nevels, associate professor of teaching in the Crews School of Accountancy, joyfully welcomed his seventh grandchild, Elizabeth Anne Sharp, on April 30. Elizabeth was born weighing 5lb 15oz. Everyone is happy and healthy! Congratulations, Jeff!



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