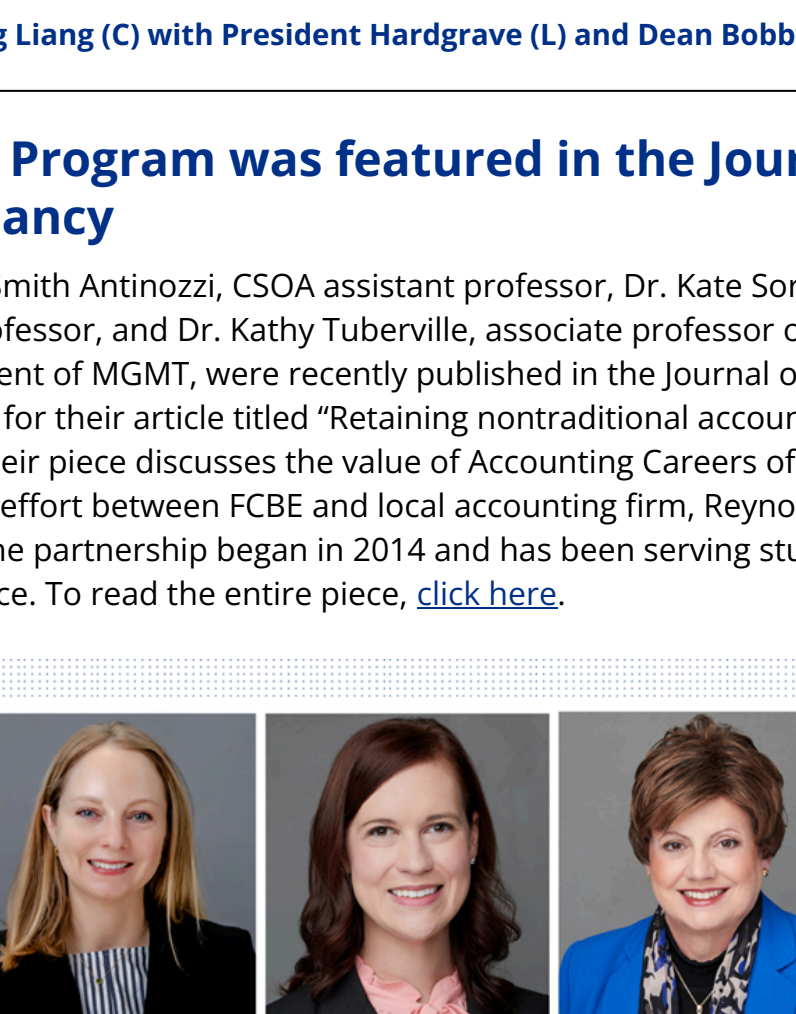


Dr. Huigang Liang received the Distinguished Research Award

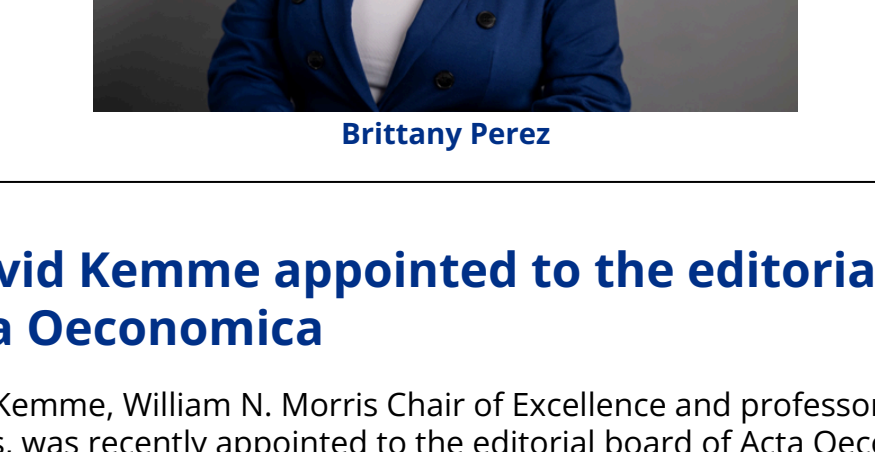
Dr. Huigang Liang, FedEx Chair of Excellence and MIS professor, was honored at the 2025 Distinguished Research and Teaching ceremony, hosted by the UofM Alumni Association. He was named the recipient of the Distinguished Research Award in Social Sciences, Business & Law. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition! Read more about the [faculty award winners](#).



Dr. Huigang Liang (C) with President Hardgrave (L) and Dean Bobby Garrett (R)

The ACT Program was featured in the Journal of Accountancy

Dr. Hannah Smith Antinozzi, CSOA assistant professor, Dr. Kate Sorensen, CSOA associate professor, and Dr. Kathy Tuberville, associate professor of teaching in the Department of MGMT, were recently published in the Journal of Accountancy for their article titled “Retaining nontraditional accounting students.” Their piece discusses the value of Accounting Careers of Tomorrow (ACT), a joint effort between FCBE and local accounting firm, Reynolds Bone & Greisbeck. The partnership began in 2014 and has been serving students every semester since. To read the entire piece, [click here](#).



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Brittany Perez received a GSA Award

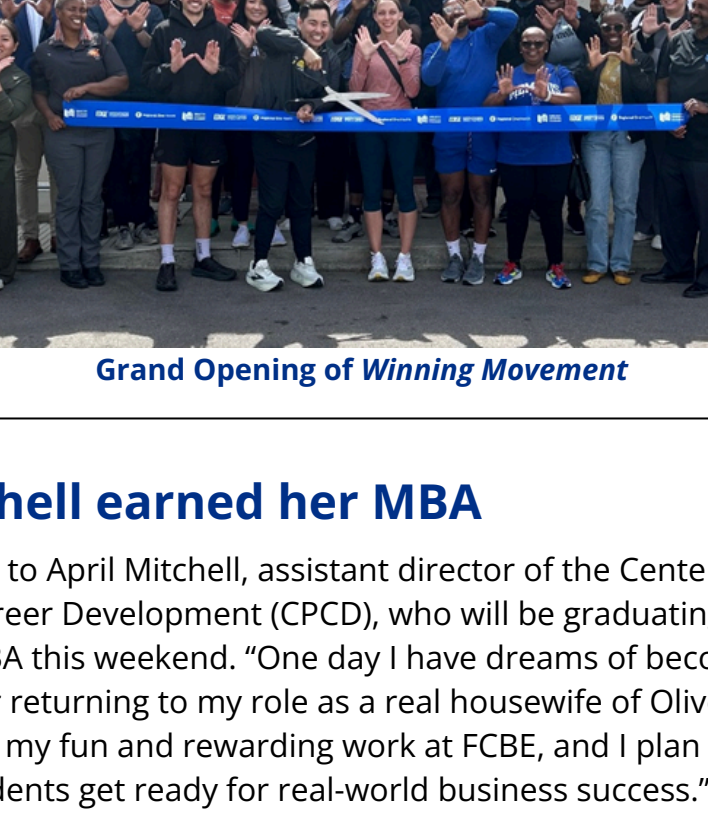
Brittany Perez, academic advisor in the Undergraduate Student Services Office, was awarded the “Celebrate Student Success Award” by the Graduate Student Association. This award recognizes outstanding student accomplishments such as publications, conference presentations, leadership roles and community service activities. Brittany is currently pursuing her Doctor of Education in Higher and Adult Education with a concentration in Higher Education.



Brittany Perez

Dr. David Kemme appointed to the editorial board of Acta Oeconomica

Dr. David Kemme, William N. Morris Chair of Excellence and professor of Economics, was recently appointed to the editorial board of Acta Oeconomica, an economics journal focusing on the key development issues of Central and Eastern Europe and the EU. It is a leading European economics journal published by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.



Dr. David Kemme

Multicultural Entrepreneurship Accelerator Participant Celebrates Grand Opening

Dr. Jimmy Nguyen, a licensed physical therapist and founder of Winning Movement, celebrated the grand opening of his new physical therapy and wellness practice. Nguyen is a graduate of the Multicultural Entrepreneurship Accelerator, a project funded under a contract with the State of Tennessee.

This 10-week accelerator, facilitated by the Crews Center for Entrepreneurship in partnership with the Greater Memphis Chamber, is designed to support multicultural and immigrant entrepreneurs through education, technical assistance and mentorship. These sessions were co-facilitated by Daryl Rojas, graduate assistant for the Crews Center and MBA candidate. The program offers a customized experience that supports entrepreneurs where they are—our Memphis community!

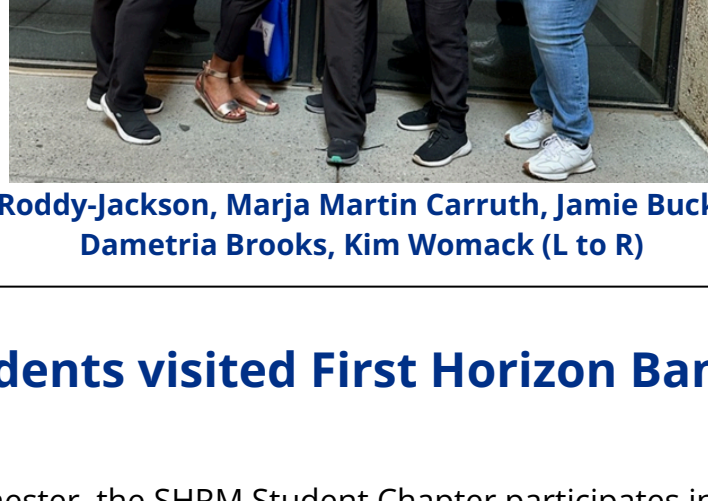
Jimmy's business, Winning Movement, specializes in orthopedic and sports physical therapy, helping clients recover from injury, optimize movement and return to peak performance. His grand opening reflects the impact of community-focused entrepreneurial programming and the strength of Memphis' growing small business ecosystem.



Grand Opening of Winning Movement

April Mitchell earned her MBA

Congratulations to April Mitchell, assistant director of the Center for Professional Career Development (CPCD), who will be graduating with her Professional MBA this weekend. “One day I have dreams of becoming a beach bum, a pirate or returning to my role as a real housewife of Olive Branch,” said April. “But I love my fun and rewarding work at FCBE, and I plan to continue helping our students get ready for real-world business success.”



April Mitchell

Dr. Wendy Bedwell-Torres named MVP

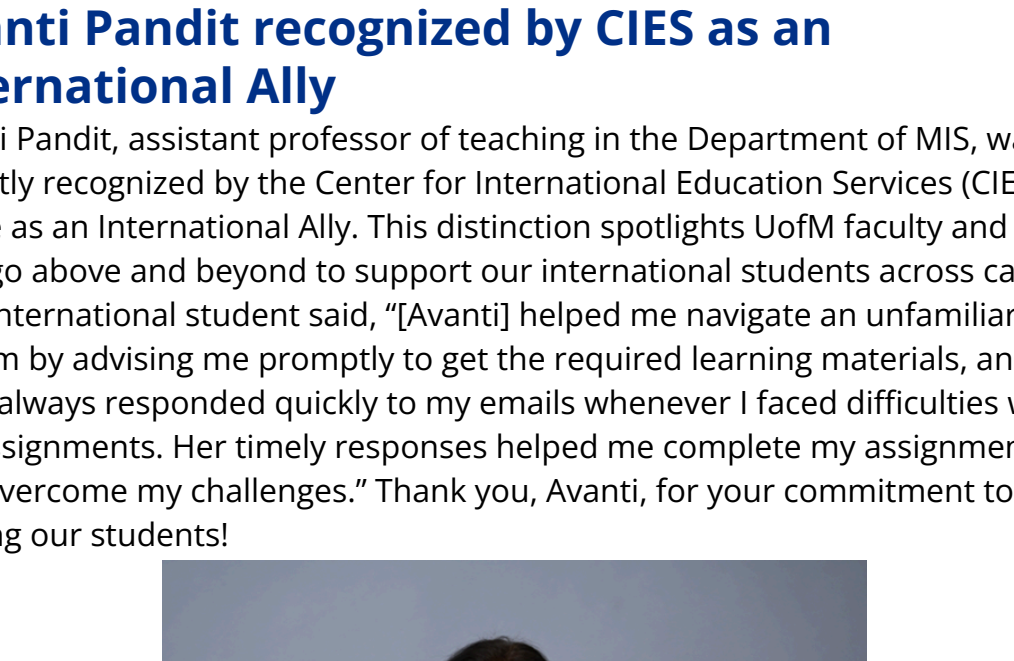
Dr. Wendy Bedwell-Torres, assistant professor of teaching in the MSCM & MGMT Departments as well as director of Executive Education Programs, was named the Most Valuable Professor (MVP) by her student athlete, Josie Gex. Josie is enrolled in Wendy's BA 7501 “Impactful Leadership” course, and she is on the UofM Women's Softball team. As a part of this honor, Wendy was invited to attend the game against Jackson State on April 9 and throw the ceremonial first pitch. Our Tigers won the game 9-1!



Dr. Wendy Bedwell-Torres (L) and student athlete Josie Gex (R)

FWL hosts annual Student Leadership Conference

This year's annual Fogelman Women in Leadership (FWL) Student Conference was an engaging and informative day for women students across campus. The keynote speaker, Cody Griggs from C.H. Robinson's Minneapolis headquarters, spoke to the student audience about how to develop confidence as an emerging leader. Representatives from more than ten organizations participated in the event as “Table Mentors.” In their role, they worked directly with the students to help improve their public speaking skills and overall confidence. Thank you to all of those who participated in this important student development event. The conference was generously sponsored by C.H. Robinson.



FWL Student Leadership Conference

FCBE staff volunteered for the UHS Amazing Race

Jamie Buchanan, administrator for the Departments of MGMT and the Crews School of Accountancy, Kim Womack, administrator for the Departments of MIS and MSCM, Dametria Brooks, administrator for the Dean's Office, Felicia Roddy-Jackson, USSO's Scholarship & Recruitment coordinator, and Dr. Marja Martin Carruth, assistant dean for Student Success, recently participated in University High School's “Amazing Race” event. As facilitators, they worked with the high school students to complete fun challenges such as a scavenger hunt around our building. This was a fun, collaborative experience between FCBE and University High. Thank you, ladies!



Felicia Roddy-Jackson, Marja Martin Carruth, Jamie Buchanan, Dametria Brooks, Kim Womack (L to R)

SHRM students visited First Horizon Bank & FedEx Logistics

Each spring semester, the SHRM Student Chapter participates in a HR Discovery Day event. This year, the event was co-hosted by First Horizon Bank and FedEx Logistics. Twenty-seven students travelled downtown to visit the HR teams of First Horizon Bank, led by Jabiana Bolden and Dr. Mario Brown, both of whom are UofM alumni. The students were able to learn first-hand the importance of Talent Acquisition and Talent Management and how it is crucial in growing organizations. After lunch with First Horizon professionals, the students visited FedEx Logistics and learned how their growing initiatives are responding to change in HR with their new learning and development goals. The group ended the day with a roof-top tour. This was a great learning opportunity for our HR students!

SHRM Students at First Horizon Bank

Dr. Zabiollah Rezaee papers accepted for publication and presentation

Dr. Zabiollah (Zabi) Rezaee recently had two papers accepted for publication. The first article titled “Predicting the Type and Class of Critical Audit Matters” was published in the Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting. His second paper titled “The Impact of Mandatory ESG Disclosure on Firms' Graph Disclosure Quality: Evidence from the European Union Directive” was published in the International Journal of Accounting. Additionally, he had four papers accepted for presentation at the upcoming 2025 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, which will be held in August.

Dr. Zabiollah (Zabi) Rezaee

Avanti Pandit recognized by CIES as an International Ally

Avanti Pandit, assistant professor of teaching in the Department of MIS, was recently recognized by the Center for International Education Services (CIES) Office as an International Ally. This distinction spotlights UofM faculty and staff who go above and beyond to support our international students across campus. One international student said, “[Avanti] helped me navigate an unfamiliar system by advising me promptly to get the required learning materials, and [she] always responded quickly to my emails whenever I faced difficulties with my assignments. Her timely responses helped me complete my assignments and overcome my challenges.” Thank you, Avanti, for your commitment to serving our students!

Avanti Pandit

MIS Professors presented their work in AI in Software Testing

Drs. Mark L. Gillenson, Pavankumar Mulgund and Ankur Arora, of the MIS Department, recently presented their ongoing work on AI in software testing to the Workshop on AI in Test & Evaluation, at Booz, Allen, Hamilton's offices in Washington DC. The meeting was sponsored by the International Test and Evaluation Association (ITEA) of which Dr. Gillenson is a board member. This work represents ongoing research projects of the Systems Testing Excellence Program (STEP), a unit of the University of Memphis' FedEx Institute of Technology (FIT).

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