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© The Class of 2013 and Robbins Institute faculty visit the Texas Hospital Association headquarters and the Texas State Capitol in Austin.
I only seem fitting that the Robbins MBA Healthcare Administration Program is transitioning into a new phase in its development at the same time that the U.S. healthcare system is undergoing its own transition. There is one big difference: The transition at Baylor is not nearly as chaotic. There are no lawsuits, no constitutional challenges or questions about the program’s overall sustainability. For Baylor, those types of issues were settled in May 2011 with the creation of the Robbins Institute for Health Policy and Leadership. Thank you to the Robbins family for their generous gift making this possible.

In addition to securing funding, more milestones have been reached for the program. The multi-year process of accreditation by CAHME was successful only five years after graduating our first class. The 2011 U.S. News & World Report rankings of healthcare management programs placed Baylor at number 25. (A side note: Baylor is the only university in the nation that has two ranked healthcare management programs. The Army-Baylor program at Fort Sam Houston is ranked eighth in the nation.) The Class of 2013 is the largest in the program’s history, holding undergraduate degrees from prestigious schools such as Boston University, Northeastern and Rice. The new resources provided by the Robbins’ gift allow us to move forward on several mission-critical initiatives. The first is the immediate expansion of our existing Executive MBA program in Dallas for Fall 2012. In the same way our healthcare administration students are integrated into the full-time MBA program on the Waco campus, our Dallas Executive MBA program will offer a healthcare curriculum for industry professionals.

A longer term goal is the development of a Ph.D. program in health economics and health services research through the Baylor Business School. A task force is gathering information on the form and structure of the proposed program. Regent approval is required before we can begin the process of faculty and student recruiting.

It’s an exciting time to be at Baylor. While the challenges are undeniable, we are determined to realize our mission of advancing healthcare policy through education, research and leadership development. By influencing and empowering healthcare policy decision makers, we strive to improve the administration, organization, finance and delivery of health care in the United States.

- JAMES W. HENDERSON
Ben Williams Professor in Economics and Academic Director, Robbins MBA Healthcare Program

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The Class of 2013, the largest class in program history with 19 students, started the program in August 2011. The class boasts an average GMAT score of 620 and is quite diverse with about 35% female and 45% minority students. The class has a wide variety of academic backgrounds and many have post-baccalaureate work experience. These students will begin their seven-month residencies in late May 2012.
The Robbins MBA Healthcare Program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). Initial accreditation by CAHME was awarded in May 2010 after several years of planning, preparation and a CAHME site visit. The CAHME Site Visit Team Report recognized the following Strengths of the program:

- Support provided by Baylor University and the Hankamer School of Business for the continuing development and expansion of the program
- Personalized matching process for placing students in residencies
- The overall administration and organization of the program
- The communications course and the integration of concepts from the course throughout the curriculum
- The program's relationships with the practitioner community

The Report also recognized as a Best Practice of the program the comprehensive manner in which students' attainment of competencies is measured and documented, including:

- Semester-by-semester faculty assessment of each student's competency attainment
- Pre- and post-program test results
- Written assessment of each student's performance on the comprehensive oral examination

**High Marks**

**PROGRAM STATS:**

- Average GMAT score*: 620
- Average class size**: 14
- Completion rate for healthcare specialization**: 91%
- Completion rate for MBA*: 100%
- Employment at 90 days after graduation**: 93%
- Employment at 180 days after graduation**: 100%
- Average starting salary**: $63,500

**Fall 2011 entering class**  
**Last 3 entering classes**  
**Last 3 graduating classes**

**CAHME ACCREDITED**

**CAHME REACCREDITATION TIMELINE:**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2011–2012
- Self-study year for reaccreditation is underway

ACADEMIC YEAR 2012–2013
- CAHME site visit will take place in Fall 2012
- CAHME will vote on program reaccreditation in Spring 2013

**Faculty Writings**


The work of SCOTT CUNNINGHAM, Assistant Professor in Economics, has received a great deal of attention in the popular press lately. One of his four recent publications, “Men in Transit and Prostitution: Using Political Conventions as a Natural Experiment,” The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, 2011, examined data from Craigslist’s now-defunct “erotic services” during the days of the 2008 political conventions in Denver and Minneapolis and found increased advertising for prostitution services compared to two other control group cities. Huffington Post and Financial Times highlighted this research because of the potential impact on Tampa and Philadelphia where the 2012 presidential nominating conventions will be held. Two other publications authored by Cunningham in Sexually Transmitted Infections and Journal of Urban Economics examine how the Internet has changed the market and demographics of prostitution.

**EARL GRINOLS, Distinguished Professor in Economics** builds on previous research (coauthored with James Henderson in “Replace Pharmaceutical Patents Now,” Pharmaceutical Economics, 2007) in “Patent Replacement and Welfare Gains,” Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, 2011. There he develops two theoretical models of product innovation and simulates the welfare effects of replacing patents with an intertemporal-bounty. Grinols concludes that this alternative reward structure has the potential to increase U.S. welfare by 0.3–1.3% of annual GDP.

January 2011 JAMES HENDERSON, Academic Director and Ben Williams Professor in Economics, presented “Institutional Supports for Ideal Health Insurance,” at the annual meeting of the Allied Social Science Association in Denver, Colorado. In April he presented two papers at the annual meeting of the Association for Private Enterprise Education in Nassau, Bahamas: “Post-Obamacare Prospects for the Future of Medical Care Delivery” and “Medical Travel: A New Form of Competition in Medical Markets.” The fifth edition of his book Health Economics & Policy (2012) is available from CENGAGE/South-Western.

When Alex Colyer enters a room, her presence is felt immediately through her beaming smile and radiating personality. Alex is originally from Houston and she exudes humble Texas charm.

Alex graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Science in Education, a Health Science major focusing in Pre-Medical and a Business Administration minor. While at Baylor, she was softball team captain two years in a row. She is the recipient of multiple athletic and academic scholarships, awards and recognitions including the Big XII Commissioner’s Honor Roll four years in a row.

If you didn’t see Alex play softball, you might have seen her on TV or heard her on the radio as a color analyst for Baylor softball games. She was a featured commentator for the 2011 Women’s College World Series as Baylor swung its way to the Final Four.

Alex always thought that she would be a doctor, but she became increasingly interested in the business side of the healthcare industry while completing business classes for her minor. After speaking with Nicole Jackson, a softball teammate who was in Baylor’s Robbins MBA Healthcare Program, Alex knew enrolling in it would combine her passions for medicine and business and give her invaluable hands-on experience during her seven-month program residency.

Alex completed her residency at Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital in Houston, Texas and after graduation in May of 2012, she plans to return there. She truly enjoys the culture of the organization and commitment to excellence that each employee exemplifies. Alex’s ambition, commitment to excellence and compassion for people will no doubt take her far.

- COLE KALETAA Class of 2013

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**BAYLOR DALLAS Launches Executive Healthcare MBA**

There is no doubt in our minds that the face of healthcare in the years to come will be very different from what it is today. Research will yield more solutions, provider expertise will be deeper, wellness will be of utmost importance and patients increasingly will be more sophisticated consumers. It is within this changing environment that we were motivated to launch our Executive MBA Healthcare Program at our Dallas campus. Our mission—to impact an ever-changing world—gives us the privilege of partnering with healthcare managers and executives. The curriculum for our Executive MBA Healthcare Program at Baylor Dallas was developed with healthcare executives for healthcare executives. It will engage minds in very practical ways in strategy, marketing, information technology, economics, finance, accounting and operations, to name a few. Taught by faculty who are in tune with the complexity of healthcare, our program will provide significant and well-deserved traction to the careers of our students for decades to come.

- GARY CARINIA Associate Dean Graduate Programs Hankamer School of Business

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**2011 – 2012 Robbins MBA Healthcare Program Leadership Speaker Series**

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