Welcome From Associate Dean Vickie Thomas

One of the proudest moments in my life was when I “got out” of Georgia Tech upon graduating with my degree in electrical engineering, and I am just as proud to come back as the new Associate Dean of Executive Education. I am excited about the Executive MBA program continuing on the path of becoming one of the best in the country and the world. Excellence and innovation are in Georgia Tech’s DNA and we are uniquely positioned to lead in the areas of Management of Technology and Global Business. I know we have some of the most ardent and committed alumni in the world and I plan to engage you more in our programs. Over these next few months, I am looking forward to getting to know you and hearing all about all of the excellent work you are doing.

Vickie Thomas
Associate Dean, Executive MBA and Executive Education
EMBA Guest Speaker Webinar Series

Scheller College welcomed Cassandra Worthy, Founder & CEO, Change Enthusiasm® Global, and John F. Brock, Chief Executive Officer, Coca-Cola European Partners (Retired) “eSports” to the EMBA Speaker Webinar Series in May. See below for recordings of the sessions.

Cassandra Worthy Recording

John F. Brock Recording

Alumni in the News

Shally Pannikode Defines Good Leadership During Scheller’s Women’s Day Panel

In celebration of International Women’s Day, Scheller College of Business hosted a discussion on “When Women Lead: Insights and Experience” that included EMBA current student Shally Pannikode, Senior Vice President and Chief Information and Digital Officer of WellStar Health Systems. When asked the definition of a good leader, all three panelists agreed that being a servant leader is key to a successful workplace environment. Pannikode added, “It’s about lifting people up and doing what’s right.”
The Role of an EMBA During a Merger, Career Shift, and COVID-19: Perspectives from Alumnus Jon Michael Thomas

Jon Michael Thomas, a 2019 Scheller College of Business Executive MBA (EMBA) alumnus, set the goal of getting an MBA shortly after his undergraduate graduation, but grappled with the question that so many prospective students come across – When is the right time to go back to school?

Jared Hasty Promoted to Director of Sales and Key Accounts of OGARAJETS

OGARAJETS, a leader in comprehensive, concierge-level service for aircraft acquisitions and sales, has announced the promotion of Jared Hasty, EMBA Class of 2016, to Director of Sales and Key Accounts. Hasty is a general aviation industry veteran and pilot with ATP single- and multi-engine ratings and over 5,000 hours of flight time.
Women in Leadership:
Georgia Tech Scheller
Executive MBA Alum Profile,
Chan By

Chan By, EMBA Class of 2019, never let being a female in the male-dominated industry of information security (InfoSec) intimidate her. She viewed it as motivation to excel.

Christian & Christian’s Journey from EMBA Classmates to Business Partners

Some people believe in coincidences. Some people believe in fate. For Christian Hyatt and Christian White of the EMBA Class of 2016 - they believe in serendipity.

Additional Alumni Profiles:
Executive Alumni Profile: Charlie Harty

Executive Alumni Profile: Snehal Doshi

Are you an Alumni Newsmaker?
If you have interesting alumni news, please let us know!

Scheller Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Sluss’s Article in Harvard Business Review Looks at Building Virtual Team Resilience

Dr. David Sluss’s article “Build Your Team’s Resilience — From Home” was published in Harvard Business Review. Sluss, Scheller College of Business Associate Professor of Organizational Behavior, and colleague Edward Powley, Associate Professor of Management, Naval Postgraduate School, studied U.S. Navy recruits to understand how leaders can build resilience in others.

Servant Leadership: A Lesson in Harmony, Humility and Helpfulness

Nearly five years ago, Georgia Tech started the Serve-Learn-Sustain initiative as an institutional effort designed to equip students with the tools and experiences to change the world, one person and one community at a time.

Read More
Vickie Thomas Named Associate Dean for Scheller College of Business Executive Education

Vickie Thomas, a Georgia Tech alumna, has been named Scheller College of Business’ Associate Dean for Executive Education. Thomas joins Scheller after an accomplished corporate career at the Coca-Cola Company, Equifax, and the Metro Atlanta Chamber, serving as an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Leader. She is a results-oriented professional with a unique blend of strategy development, business planning, and operational execution experience.

Meet Our New EMBA Recruiting Manager Lael Whiteside

Lael Whiteside joined the EMBA team as Recruiting Manager in February and comes with seven years of business school admissions experience from both the University of North Carolina and Mercer University. As Recruiting Manager, Lael is the first point of contact for EMBA program prospective students and is here to help guide individuals through the application process. Native to North Carolina, Lael earned her B.S. in Business Administration and M.Ed. in Higher Education from the University of South Carolina.
Executive Coaching

Hello to all of our EMBA alumni! I hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy. These are challenging times and we want to support you. For some, your career may already be impacted and for others, you may have concerns about career future. Executive coaching and career services are available to all EMBA alumni. Let’s brainstorm, discuss strategy, and look for opportunity together in the midst of crises.

Schedule Your Appointment

Host an EMBA Alumni Career Journey Webinar

Thank you to Denise Smith and Jacob Gelbaum for each hosting an EMBA Alumni Career Journey Webinar for our current EMBA students. Denise, who is the Senior Director of Product Management – Enterprise Technology Corporate Solutions at Cox Automotive, shared about her career journey, EMBA experience, and ideas and thoughts about her career after graduating from the MOT cohort in 2014. Jacob, Senior Program Manager Azure Global Expansion at Microsoft and 2018 MOT graduate, shared his thoughts about career growth and strategies and tactics for navigating and advancing his career.

Request to Host a Career Journey Webinar

See you soon!

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Refer an EMBA Candidate Today

As an EMBA alum, you know better than anyone else the type of leader best suited for our program. Year after year, alumni referrals continue to help us create strong EMBA cohorts. Take a look at some of the great admits we have for our Class of 2021. If you know someone who has expressed interest in earning an MBA and you see them as a potential fit for our program, please connect them to us! We offer a $75 application fee waiver to all qualified prospective students who are referred by an EMBA alum. Your referral is also guaranteed an admissions interview, provided they meet our minimum admissions criteria: at least 5 years of progressive professional work experience and a 4-year bachelor’s degree from an accredited university. As always, I am happy to answer any questions you may have.
Ways to Engage as an EMBA Alum

The Scheller MBA Annual Fund provides resources for the Dean and faculty to pursue innovative ideas while maintaining and enhancing quality. Your gift supports Scheller MBA Programs in four key areas: students, faculty, innovation, and alumni, allowing Scheller to continue to invest in its alumni by offering career development and lifelong learning opportunities.

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- Update your Alumni Info