

# Congratulations to the Class of 2009

On May 17, 2009, family, friends, faculty and staff of the Mason School of Business gathered at William & Mary Hall to celebrate the successes of our graduates.

The following is an excerpt from Dean Pulley's address at the 2009 Diploma Ceremony.

In two months we will move into our new home, Alan B. Miller Hall. It will be your home as well and we want you to visit us often. Miller Hall is designed to be the proper bookend to the Wren Building as the Western Gateway to the College. It is fully in keeping with the stately Georgian architecture of the College's historic campus. Once inside, you will find a facility befitting the College's aspirations as one of the great modern universities, and ours as a world-class business school. Please join us this fall for our public dedication on October 2nd or at Homecoming on October 23rd and 24th. [More >>](#)



[Alan B. Miller Hall will be open for classes in less than 100 days.](#)

## Join the Conversation

*From the Deans* : Jashmin Shrestha MBA '07 asks Dean Olver for his thoughts on a Forbes.com article entitled, "Are B-Schools to Blame?"

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*Everyone Has a Story* : Graduate Career Services Director Mark Case gets advice from alumni. [>>](#)



## Telling Stories



Brittany Scopa MBA '10 is blogging at BusinessWeek.com about her summer internship at Darden Restaurants. [>>](#)



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## News & Notes From Around the School

Mason School Professor Brad Lindsey and Duke University Professor Scott Dyreng examine how offshore tax havens affect corporate tax payments. >>

The EMBA class of 2009 traveled to Budapest and Vienna this month. Steve Nerheim says "It helped me develop new perspectives on managing in an international environment." >>

Congratulations to the newest inductees of Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society in business. >>

Save the date! Friday, October 2, 2009 - Join the Mason School of Business for the dedication of Alan B. Miller Hall. >>

Leslie Frank BBA '79 was named director of administrative services for Okaloosa County sheriff's office in Florida. >>

*Executive Ethics* by Professor Ron Sims covers lapses in ethical conduct as well as advises how responsible corporate cultures can be constructed. >>

Forensic Accountant and Mason School lecturer Harold Martin offers an insider look at the Vavasour Prime Bank Securities Fraud. >>

Rex Holmlin explains how the stone for Miller Hall's floors arrive at the building site. >>

One-on-one contact with faculty leaves Lesley Donelson MBA '10, confident that she will excel in the field of management. >>

David Scott MBA '80 is named president of Chase Investment Counsel. >>

Timothy J. Mulvaney BBA '91 was promoted to Controller for Media General. >>

BBC World News America follows BBA '09 graduates Lauren Jones and Rob Cottrell in a four month series on recent graduates in the job market. >>

Professor Emeritus Roy Pearson tells the Daily Press "the investment [people make] in their homes will prove to have been a sound and profitable investment - much better than their 401(k)s." >>

Single mother of two, Angela Osborne BBA '09 spoke with The Daily Press about the sacrifices involved earning her degree. >>

The Center for Corporate Education hosted the 2009 annual Strategic Planning and Management in Retailing program for an international audience. >>

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