Happy New Year 2015! As a new school year dawns, we look forward to the promises of what the future holds in each of our students lives from first year students to senior year students. With a new year, comes a renewed interest in what opportunities and goals are before them individually and collectively. In our SAM 419 Strategic Management in Sports Administration class, we will have the largest group of students in four years (a total of 40 students), since the course was created and first implemented in January 2012. Within this diverse group of senior status sports administration students, we have aspiring coaches, trainers, teachers, sports entrepreneurs, sport ministry leaders, and those that are still seeking their God-given purposes in life as they shape the future of this $9 Billion Dollar a year plus industry. A culmination of these students talents will be on display at the 4th Annual Capstone Conference on April 29th, 2015, as this year’s class will be going through a rigorous 12 week research methods process, strategic management processes used in the field of sports administration, virtual discussions, in class discussions, panel discussions, resume preparation process, and PowerPoint presentations, among other activities in preparation for the futures in society as a whole.

As our Sports Administration Department starts Year Two in the New Football and Sports Administration Building on Riverside Drive, The Newt and Becky Wilson Hall, we look back with great appreciation of the year that was and look forward to the year that is ahead.
As our student athletes in athletics and sports administration continue the transition from NAIA to NCAA Division III in Fall 2015, we are excited about how the **Sports Administration Academic Planning & Support Center (SAAPS Center)** can serve as a hub for not only student athlete success in academics, but also a place where sports administration academic planning and support can take place as well. A new feature that is being added to the **SAAPS Center** is a “**Dress for Success**” section for Sports Administration students to stop by and select donated business attire (shirts, ties, dresses, pant suits, etc.) that students can wear for prospective interviews and professional functions that they may attend as they do off-campus site observations, internships and networking in the field of sports. For more information on how to participate in this “**Dress for Success SAAPS Center Program**”, please see Mrs. Megan Tait, Administrative Coordinator of Sports Administration and submit a one paragraph request as to your reasoning (first come, first serve). **Clothing donations are welcome!**

**Sports Administration Academic Planning & Support Center (SAAPS Center)**

**Location:** Room 209

**Hours of Operation:** 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

- The **SAAPS Center** will provide academic planning and academic support for sports administration and student athletes toward their graduation on a semester to semester basis; WiFi accessibility; and Registration Computer Access.
- The **SAAPS Center** will serve as a meeting location for the Sports Administration Organization, Group Meeting Space for SAM Class Project Teams, and Registration Waiting Room for Students Meeting with their Academic Advisors.
- The **SAAPS Center** will also be available for planning sessions, tutoring sessions and SAM Department Meetings.
- In partnership with the School of Business, Wynn Kenyon Think Center, Campus Faculty, Coaches, and the Student Athletes, the **SAAPS Center** seeks to provide comprehensive academic planning and support as we compete on different levels of intercollegiate sports for our sports administration students, both on and off the field of competition.
- Reservations can be made through our Sports Administration Department, Administrative Coordinator, Megan Tait @ mtait@belhaven.edu.

Finally, during the Spring Semester 2015, our department looks forward to student participation in the following four events in January, February, March, and April. As the semester unfolds, please stay tuned to the Sports Administration Department e-mail list as other events and volunteer opportunities arise, including a Graduate School Speaker and Sports Community Speaker Series with dates TBA. Our Sigma Alpha Omicron club has had several meetings this past semester. We are pleased to announce our newly elected officers. New President Vinnessa Barthomew and Vice President Dawidi Russell, are doing an awesome job at getting students excited about the club and are in the process of trying to plan a few on campus activities! We will keep you up to date with events, meetings and an announcements as they become available!

Special condolences to the Family of Sports Administration Major and Football Player, Mr. Trey Rich, as we mourn the loss of his passing on Christmas Eve 2014. May your soul rest in peace!
January 2015

- We encourage all students to participate in the Résumé/LinkedIn Workshop on **January 29th, 2015** at 11 a.m. in Barber Auditorium, hosted by the Department of Career Services.

February 2015

- 7th Annual Career Boot Camp (**February 12th, 2015**; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., multiple locations) – open to all majors and includes Panel with the Professionals, Networking Luncheon, and mock interviews with leaders and professionals from the community.

- **Career Fair** (**February 26th, 2015**; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.). Location: TBA. Hosted by the Department of Career Services.

March 2015

- In partnership with the Communications Department, we will be Co-Hosting, the 3rd Annual Sports Media Ethics Conference Panel Discussion as part of the Annual Media Ethics Conference, Hosted by Belhaven University Communication Department.

  Date: TBA in March 2015   **McCraevey-Triplett Student Center.**   Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

April 2015

**April 29th, 2015** - “4th Annual Belhaven University Capstone Conference of Sports, Education, Religion and Ethics”. **McCraevey-Triplett Student Center.** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- This capstone event will feature poster-board presentations and individual portfolios from students in our SAM 419 Strategic Management in Sports Administration Course of about 40 students.

- Moving into the 2015-2016 school year, we will be launching International Sports Internships with some travel abroad opportunities. If you are interested, then please contact **mtait@belhaven.edu** for further information.

In closing, always, remember Psalms 121:1-2 and as you continue to prepare for life while “air is in the ball” as well as for life after the “air is out of the ball”.
Dr. Garrett took his SAM 310 class, along with Dr. Bartee to visit the Madison Healthplex where the Executive Director, David Carpenter, spoke to about 40 students about this unique facility.

Terrence Payne, along with Dr. Bartee, volunteered at the MHSAA Softball State Championships in Ridgeland, MS and Taylor Surrento, along with Mrs. Megan Tait, volunteered at the 2014 Sanderson Farms PGA Tournament at the Country Club of Jackson!
Antonio Wright spoke to our SAM 380 class taught by Dr. Ed Garrett and Dr. Marsha James—Our students loved Mr. Wright and his inspirational story!

Dr. Garrett was able to speak about leadership with the Mississippi Department for Human Services.

Grant Worsley, Owner and General Manager of the Jackson Showboats, spoke to Dr. Bartee’s SAM 306 class.
Dr. Mason, Dr. Bartee and Dr. Garrett met and established a partnership with Mississippi Association of Independent Schools that will provide students with an opportunity to volunteer at state championships in the Jackson, MS area during the Spring of 2015.

Dr. Bartee and Dr. Garrett met and established a partnership with the Mississippi High School Activities Association that will provide students with an opportunity to volunteer at the state basketball championships in the Jackson, MS area at the Mississippi Coliseum and Jackson State University, as part of the 84 team tournament.

(Left to Right). Dr. Ed Garrett, Regina Krylov, Sasha Krylov, Adjunct Faculty Member, Myrna Gregory, and Dr. Howard Bartee, Jr. attend a Guest Speaker event during the SAM 200 Introduction to Sports Ministry Course, where the Krylov’s spoke about their Sports Ministry experiences in Ukraine in Fall 2014.
**Student and Alumni News**

1. Congrats to Jacob Robertson who graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Sports Administration in December 2014!

2. We had several students complete Internships this semester as well. Will Cockrell completed an internship with Tupelo Christian Preparatory School, Eduardo Cruz completed his internship with the Meridian Football Club, Samuel Rosselli completed his internship with the Sky Blue Soccer Dome, Alex Palomeque completed his internship with the Stockwood Vale Golf Club, Dalwinder Dosanjh completed his internship with the Knoxville Force, and Kelvin Hilton completed his internship with Presbyterian Christian High School. Many of which were offered full time positions after the completion of their internship. Our department website includes these and others as some of the places, students have most recently completed internships, volunteer opportunities and site observations in the field of sports administration.

3. Dr. Garrett is in the planning stages of a SAM 450(20) Internship course abroad in London! If you are interested or having any questions please feel free to contact him at EGarrett@belhaven.edu.

**LONDON 2015**

“Don’t You Want To Go?”
Let your words guide your actions

By Ed Garrett, PsyD, CC-AASP

In the world of sport psychology I speak with a lot of athletes who struggle with the negative side of their game. About 90% of that negativity comes from their own internal thoughts and messages. To help improve focus an athlete must first change the way he or she speaks. In my practice I use a technique called self-talk. Self-talk puts a positive focus on every step. If a golfer tells himself or herself, “Don’t miss this put”, there is a greater chance that he or she will actually miss it. Positive self-talk would change that statement to, “I can make this put.” Ungerleider (2005) calls this having a personal pep talk. Self-talk can be a great affirmation to emotional strength and allow for an enhancing of the golfer’s self-confidence. Self-talk can provide strength to the golfer’s mental skills by allowing him or her to block out unsuccessful images or events and focus on the performance of peak output (Ungerleider, 2005). Self-talk can also have an erasing effect. A golfer may use self-talk to stay focused, such as; “I need to stay focused on the present and prepare for the next shot.”

But adding self-talk to your routine takes practice. To help nurture this skill first establishing a routine for each tournament or competition. Use the clubhouse, or a quite area in the gym, as a relaxing place to practice the positive talk you want to use. Develop a routine for starting each practice this way as well. An example in golf would be walking the course once and using imagery to see each shot on the course coupled with self-talk on how you want to hear yourself comment about each shot. Through practice this focusing skill can increase your self-confidence and make a big impact in the way you play.

Reference:

Summer 2015

Our Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 Schedule of courses are currently posted on BlazeNet. If you have not done so already you can now register for both Summer and Fall semesters with your advisor at your convenience. We will still have our Academic Planning Sessions Scheduled for Undergraduates if you wish to wait to register. The dates are as follows:

**Academic Planning Sessions** for the Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 Semesters will start with classifications on the following dates. Please ensure that you print your Academic Plan from Blazenet and review it before meeting with your Academic Advisor.

- **Seniors** meet Monday, February 9th thru Friday, February 13th
- **Juniors** meet Monday, February 16th thru Friday, February 20th
- **Sophomores** meet Monday, February 23rd thru Friday, February 27th
- **Freshman** meet Monday, March 2nd thru Friday, March 6th

Remember 2015 Registration Advising and Advance registration for Summer and Fall 2015 (Jackson Traditional) is ongoing. Please contact your advisor with any questions and to meet about your Academic Plan and Registration. As always, our goal is 80% early registration!

Information about our Master of Sports Administration program can be found at the following link:  [http://online.belhaven.edu/Master-of-Sports-Administration.htm](http://online.belhaven.edu/Master-of-Sports-Administration.htm)

Internships are still available on the “Out of Bounds with Bo Bounds Show” has partnered with our Sports Administration Department to provide support staff. If interested, then forward your resume to Dr. Bartee at hbartee@belhaven.edu for review. Additional opportunities are available for Game Day Operations and Sports Information with Belhaven University Athletics Department. If interested, then contact Dr. Bartee at hbartee@belhaven.edu.
**Where Are They Now?**

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*Attention:  In an effort to reconnect with alumni of the Sports Administration Department, we would like to continue our “Where Are They Now?” campaign. Currently, we have mailing addresses and phone numbers, but we are now seeking **email addresses and current places of employment** as we try to build up the following areas of our programs, including internship opportunities, site observation opportunities and the ability to connect with our newly launched sports administration organization, called Sigma Alpha Omicron. Any information that you can provide as a campus community, then we greatly appreciate it. The information may be sent to Mrs. Megan Tait, Administrative Coordinator, Sports Administration Department at the following address: mtait@belhaven.edu.

**Stay tuned for more exciting events in the field of sport administration at Belhaven University in areas of sports administration, coaching, sports ministry, and sports broadcasting!**

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