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"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life, as by the obstacles one has overcome trying to succeed." - Booker T. Washington

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The CMBA Exam's 2002-2003 "Top 10 Performers" Announced *Kudos to these Top MBAs and the Schools that Prepared Them!*

Not knowing what to expect, 300 confident MBAs sat down in front of CRTs last winter to face the CMBA exam. Later, when asked why they did it, 70% responded, "for personal differentiation in the marketplace," 61% answered, "for the personal challenge" and 60% said, "to test my command of the business fundamentals." These answers are testimony to the determination and aggressiveness of the first class of CMBA candidates. The exam proved to be a demanding and rigorous challenge. MBAs from over 160 schools representing all types of programs were in the initial group and 54% earned the CMBA designation.

As with any challenge, some excelled. We are pleased to announce the "Top 10 Performers" on last year's exam offering.

- **Patrick Moran**
Washington University, St. Louis, John M. Olin School of Business, May 2002
- **Edward Russell McAllister**
Northeastern University College of Business Administration, August 2000
- **John M. Novak Jr.**
New York University, Leonard N Stern School of Business, May 2003
- **Marvin Robert Walgast**
University of Texas at Austin, The McCombs School of Business, May 2003
- **Paul Allen Hawkins**
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Graduate School of Business, May 2000
- **Neil John Edwards**
Harvard University, Harvard Business School June 2003
- **Christopher Richard Gillman**
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Lally School of Management and Technology, May 2003
- **Randall Terry Gilliland Jr.**
Wake Forest University, Babcock Graduate School of Management, May 2003
- **Claude F. Corcos**
Pennsylvania State University at Harrisburg, School of Business Administration, May 2003
- **Mingjia Liang**
University of Maryland, College of Business and Management, December 2003

No Surprise!

Unranked Schools Produce Some Good CMBA's

One of the missions of the ACMBA is to help employers identify top quality job candidates whether or not their school is ranked by one of the publications. When analyzing this year's Top 10 Performers on the exam, all are from AACSB accredited programs. Five are graduates of Business Week's top 30 ranked programs for 2002 and two are from programs ranked in the 30 - 50 list.

Three of the ten are graduates of programs not ranked in the top 50 by Business Week, US News or WSJ, including the second highest score. We would like to bring special recognition to the MBA programs of Northeastern, Rensselaer and Penn State at Harrisburg. The performance of their graduates is testimony to the quality of their graduate business programs.

Expanding the range to the Top 30 candidate performers, or those above the 90th percentile mark, all were from AACSB accredited programs. But nearly half, 14 can-

didates, were from schools not ranked in the Top 50 by any of the publications.

In addition to the schools listed above, the fourteen 90+ percentile MBAs were from:

- City University of New York, Baruch College
- University of San Francisco, McLaren School
- Clemson University, College of Business
- Notre Dame, Mendoza School
- University of Kansas School of Business
- University of Florida, Warrington College
- University of Georgia, Terry College
- Southern Methodist University, Cox School
- Pepperdine University, Graziadio School
- Wichita State, Barton School
- Louisiana State University, Ourso College



ACMBA and the MBA-Association Partnership

Working Together to Add Value to the MBA Community Through Accountability, Communication & Service

An innovative relationship has been established between the Association of Certified MBAs (ACMBA) and the MBA Association (MBAA) to bring the MBA community together through accountability and communication. The core competency of the ACMBA is accountability, while the MBAA is focused on communication and service to MBAs.

The MBA Association is developing an exclusive and unmatched online resource for the estimated 5 million-member community of MBA-professionals around the world. Via this Internet platform, the MBAA endeavors to bring together business leaders in a mutual exchange of experience, expertise and vision with the goal to assist each member in achieving his or her goals be they career or academic. The ACMBA is organizing to promote the value and increase the awareness of the CMBA designation to the business community while advancing the level of professionalism,

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community standing, employment opportunities and service of its members in their respective communities.

Initially, the MBAA Web site will serve the ACMBA membership by providing private discussion forums for ACMBA members, listing of the "CMBA" designation in its career services database and by informing all MBAA members about the benefits of membership in the ACMBA. Consequently, scholarships are being offered to MBAA members to take the exam at a lower exam fee.

To access the private group area of the MBAA website, ACMBA members will need to create a sign-on at www.MBAAssociation.org. If you are prompted to "receive more information about the CMBA exam," select "No" because we are tracking stats from the response. Click the Groups icon and request membership into the "ACMBA - Association of Certified MBAs" private group. Your sign on name and profile must give us enough information that we can positively identify you as a member of the ACMBA. Once identity is confirmed, ACMBA members will be provided access to the forum where they will find open and lively discussion regarding the work of the association and its committees, as well as general discussions about the CMBA credential. We encourage all ACMBA members to join the group to get involved in your community.

ACMBA Committees *Up and Running*

The Committee structure is up and running for the Association of Certified MBAs. Chairpersons have been appointed to each of the standing committees, and they are calling for volunteers to serve with them. Please visit your ACMBA Private Group discussion board at www.MBAAssociation.org to view messages from the chairs of each committee.

ACMBA Committee Profile

Ethics Committee
Bill Dabroski, CMBA, Chairman

When William (Bill) Dabroski (CMBA) of Fort Myers, Florida, a Tax Analyst for GE Client Business Services, was asked to chair a committee, he jumped at the chance to chair the Ethics Committee. Bill completed his MBA in May 2003, at State University of New York, New Paltz. Hadi Salavitabar, Dean of the School of Business at New Paltz, observed, "Bill is a natural for the ethics chair as he championed ethics issues while attending New Paltz."

"My particular interest in ethics development for the ACMBA follows a lifelong commitment to ethical behavior," says Bill. "As Chairperson of the Dean's Student Advisory Board at SUNY New Paltz, I recently had the opportunity to serve as student representative on the Ethics Committee of the Business Advisory Council that drafted an ethics statement and is improving the School of Business Statement of Academic Integrity."

In his letter to the ACMBA soliciting ethics committee members, Bill states "as leaders of business, especially educated MBA's, we have an opportunity to offer a fresh perspective that educated business leaders want to make this a world that operates under sound ethical standards." The Ethics Committee, has been charged to "establish professional standards of ethical professional conduct and require members to uphold such conduct to reinforce the integrity of the organization by its members providing services and leading businesses in an ethical and professional manner, benefiting their company, employees, clients and the public at large."

Please visit the Ethics Committee Forum in the ACMBA Group to participate in the discussion and join the committee.



Remember: Update Your Address and Contact Info

Are you moving or changing email addresses? Please remember to update your information in the "MY CMBA" section at www.certifiedmba.com.



Have you Graduated Since You Passed the Exam?

Don't forget to send us your transcript so we can change your status from conditional to final and send your certificate. The transcript request letter is still available to you in the "MY CMBA" section.

CMBA Quick-Facts

In its first year, 1972, the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) offered the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) exam to 410 candidates, and certificates were awarded to only 54 candidates. In the thirty+ years since, the IMA has awarded 25,138 CMA designations. In 2002, more than 4,650 candidates took the test in approximately 300 locations around the world.



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