

Business Professionals Panel for the PEOPLE Program

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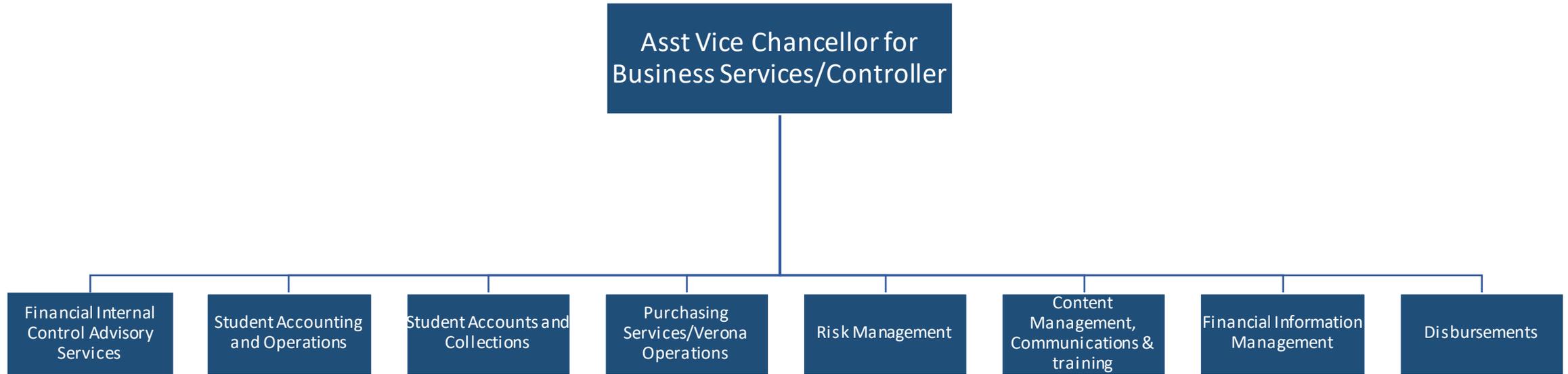
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Foodie

Funny

Reader

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Accounting Services, Division of Business Services, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Attended high school in Madison, WI

Earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Personal Finance from University of Wisconsin-Madison

When I graduated from high school...

I thought I wanted to be an Accountant. Then I switched to being a Personal Finance major because financial literacy is something I can apply to my life and my family. The emphasis was on financial planning which is something many people may need to understand and plan for their future goals. Personal life events and my teachers helped bring the interest to me. My PEOPLE summer internship in Business Services was one of the biggest influences because I returned to Business Services as a student employee during my sophomore year and now, I am a full-time Financial Specialist Senior where I did my PEOPLE internship!

Success is...

For me, success is being able to progress towards your goals with minimal stress. This could mean being financially stable, having wonderful physical and mental health and good relationships. Living a comfortable life while doing something I love to do is my definition of success.

Go for it...

Figure out what YOU want. We may have ideals of what we want, but that may change and that is okay. Networking is important. You will meet amazing people who can open new doors for you. Do NOT procrastinate because someone else can snatch an opportunity before you.



Organized

Efficient

Detail-Oriented

Meghann Grove

Interim Travel and Card Program Manager (Accounting Services)

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Attended high school in Sun Prairie, WI

Earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from University of Wisconsin-Madison

When I graduated from high school...

I was planning to be a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) nurse. Lo and behold, that did not pan out. Oftentimes, I think kids set out on the path they feel will be most impressive or well-received by their family and peers, but then find they are much better suited on a different path. In college, I quickly learned I much preferred classes that allowed me to read and write over those that were strictly math and science. While I do not focus on my major in my day-to-day work, I do leverage many of the communication skills I acquired during my days at the UW.

Success is...

Too often, success is measured by one's paycheck. While reality dictates how much money is enough for us to meet our basic needs, I feel success should be measured using a variety of components including how fulfilling one finds their work, relationships with family/friends, making time for hobbies you truly enjoy, how often you can get outside, and your level of satisfaction with the effort you put into your day at the end of it. Being proud of the work you do - no matter how much it pays - is a great measure of professional success.

Go for it...

Establish a good work/life balance. Find a job that makes you happy and lets you demonstrate your best qualities. Be kind and know there is something to learn from everyone. Live on a farm!



Positive
Detailed
Understanding

Tricia Johnson

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Accounting Services, Division of Business Services, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Attended high school in Madison, WI

Earned an Associate Degree in Accounting from Madison Area Technical College

Earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Upper Iowa University

Earned a Professional Development Certificate in Advanced Management & Leadership from UW-Madison

When I graduated from high school...

I really liked math, but I didn't want to do anything with science. Following recommendations, I started out in the Middle-Management degree at MATC. When I got to the accounting classes, I loved it! A friend was heading towards his CPA, so, I jumped ship from Middle-Management and dove deep into the world of Accounting. During my entire post-high school education, I worked in accounting offices while attending school. This really helped me to apply actual experience to what I was learning in class.

Success is...

These days I look for happiness. Success to me is enjoying where I work, who I work with and what work I'm doing.

Go for it...

Soak up as much experience as you can. Do the grunt work, work hard, and put your name in on those special projects. These experiences give you much more than just accounting. You learn how to engage in business settings, work with different personalities and exposes you to areas of organizations you may not otherwise interact with.



Understanding
Cooperative
Resourceful

Jeff Karcher

Director of Risk Management
Division of Business Services, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Attended high school in Delavan, WI
Earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Management from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.
Earned a Master of Science Degree in Occupational Safety & Health from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

When I graduated from high school...

I was not sure what career I wanted to pursue. Since then, combination of working, family, friends, assessments and a variety of classes helped shape my career goals and progress. I developed professionally by learning from every aspect of life's experiences.

Success is...

For me, success is being satisfied with progress towards personal objectives and goals. Helping others in that area is an important aspect of success.

Go for it...

Have good understanding of your thoughts and beliefs and work hard towards achieving. Seek out help from others and give back where you can. Budget your time and resources well. Explore and take on challenges.



Sincere

Ethical

Driven

Dan Langer

Assistant Vice Chancellor/Controller

Division of Business Services, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Attended high school in Milwaukee, WI

Earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting from University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Business

When I graduated from high school...

I wanted to have a professional experience which provided the opportunity to travel with New York City as home base. Have since been fortunate to have worked in 28 countries as an auditor, and, in 42 years of work experience have been affiliated with 9 large corporate, professional services and higher education organizations, three for longer than a decade each. My life and professional experiences benefited by having my life partner, Sharon and mentors, including, but not limited to, Dr. Larry Rittenberg, UW-Madison Audit Scholar.

Success is...

For me, success is my children not being embarrassed to introduce their parents to their friends 😊

Go for it...

Seek relationships and affiliations which provide the opportunity to add value, enhance your personal balance sheet and have fun; don't take yourself too seriously.



Honest

Accountable

FUN

Sarah Martin

Procurement Specialist

Purchasing Services, Division of Business Services, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Attended high school in LeMars, IA

Earned a Bachelor of Business Management Degree from University of Northern Iowa

When I graduated from high school...

I went to college to go and have fun. I knew I wanted to get a degree, but I had no idea what I wanted to do when I grew up. I landed in Business with an emphasis in Human Resources. To this day, I have yet to work in HR. I have moved around throughout UW-Madison, doing a mixture of customer service, accounting and purchasing work. I love to shop, and nothing is better than getting a bargain on something. I have been in Purchasing Services for eight years and it is exactly where I want to be!

Success is...

Success is getting the job done. Whatever the task at hand may be and achieving it and feeling good about the accomplishment.

Go for it...

Stay true to yourself. Set goals that are achievable. Work hard, play harder!



Honest

Ambitious

Empathetic

Imad Mouchayleh

Director of Financial Internal Control Advisory Services
Division of Business Services, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Attended high school in Beirut, Lebanon

Earned a Master Degree in Business Administration – Finance and Banks from St. Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon

When I graduated from high school....

I decided to explore a few paths i thought I liked, to see which profession I liked, fit in, and make enough money on my own to live a decent life. I faced a lot of difficulties for a variety of reasons, until I met a Math professor who believed in me and was able to show me what I am capable of. It kind of released a force in me that I did not know I had. Through her support and guidance, I discovered that I like looking for problems, and finding solutions. This is what I now do in my position at UW-Madison. I look for opportunities for improvements, research solutions, and make recommendations that I think will fix these problems.

Success is...

For me, success is to be proud and happy with who I am as a person. I want to look in the mirror every morning and see a good person who does good things for people around him. Regardless of how much money I make and save, and how good i am at my job, if i don't see myself as a good person, i will not be happy or satisfied with my life.

Go for it...

People around us help us build a career and be successful and prosperous. No one can do it alone. My advice, is to have a lot of friends, respect the different opinions of the people around you, learn a lot, and rely on the people around you. They will help you be successful.