January 18, 2018
Thomas Kennedy
Chief Financial Officer
The Hertz Corporation

Tom Kennedy is the Chief Financial Officer, The Hertz Corporation. Mr. Kennedy has served as the Senior EVP and Chief Financial Officer of Hertz Holdings and Hertz since December 2013. Prior to joining Hertz Holdings and Hertz, Mr. Kennedy served as Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President of Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. (formerly, Hilton Worldwide, Inc.) from 2008 to 2013. Between 2003 and 2007, Mr. Kennedy served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Vanguard Car Rental (parent to Alamo Rental Car and National Car Rental brands).

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February 21, 2018
Rusty Braziel
President
RBN Energy

Rusty Braziel is President & Principal Energy Markets Consultant for RBN Energy. RBN provides energy market advisory services specializing in strategy, acquisitions and divestures. The company works with companies engaged in trading, marketing or purchasing of energy commodities, purchase and sale of energy related assets and E&P for oil and gas.

Rusty Braziel is one of the most respected authorities in the field of energy information and markets, with an extensive background in energy marketing, trading and data services. Over the past 20 years he has worked in an executive level capacity with a major producer (Texaco), a major pipeline (Williams), a leading software company (Altra Energy), and a leading energy analytics and information company (BENTEK Energy).

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**Student Investment Fund Profile**

**Rebecca Mitchell**

Becca Mitchell (Sociology, 2012; MBA, 2017) served as the student executive officer (SEO) this past fall. Taking a leap of faith she switched careers and came back for a graduate business degree at TU. “Throughout the MBA program, my professors presented challenging material while at the same time being approachable and supportive. I expected to be challenged in the MBA program, and knew from my undergraduate experience that TU professors take teaching as seriously as they do research, but the support received from professors, staff, and the Tulsa business community was above and beyond my expectations.”

Her focus in the MBA program was Finance and she enrolled in the Student Investment Fund. “SIF Fund gave me the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills I will be applying in my career while also meeting people in the finance industry in Tulsa.”

After graduation in December, she will be joining the Trust Company of Oklahoma as an investment officer. “I look forward to what the future holds and being able to return to TU as an alumnus to help future TU students as they begin their careers.” Congratulations to Becca and a job well done.

**CFA Research Challenge**

Hoàng Đinh, Ksenia Laskutova, Madeline Soukup & Aleks Rapp are representing TU in the CFA Research Challenge this year. They will compete in the US Southwest Region against 25 other universities from Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. All universities will be producing an analyst report on Andeavor (ANDV), with the best 10 teams making an oral presentation to a group of analysts and the company.

**Internships and Mentoring**

Your support of the Finance department through contributions to the Finance Excellence Fund is very much appreciated. It helps build the endowment for future scholarships for finance students and supports the resources our finance students and faculty need to succeed in their classes and careers.

Another way to support the finance students is through internships and mentoring. While our students receive a world-class education at the University of Tulsa, adding experience to the education helps develop these students by putting into practice what they have learned, and gaining the guidance and experience of area professionals as they begin and continue to advance in their careers.

If you have an internship opportunity for a finance student, whether it is a summer internship or one that occurs during the academic year, please contact Joel Harper (joel-harper@utulsa.edu, 918-631-3426) in the School of Finance and he will be happy to help find the right student for your internship.

Another way to have a substantial impact on a students is to serve as a mentor to a student as they complete their education and begin their career. Providing career advice, discussing next steps, letting students know about your experiences and successes provides a real connection to students that will help them advance now and in the future.

**CFA Scholarship Recipients**

Amina Bibi, Mahitha Dadireddy, Thomas Kerwin and Jie Sheng have received scholarships to take the Level I CFA exam in June. The globally recognized Chartered Financial Analyst designation represents expertise in the field of investment and portfolio management. These four students will be committing additional hours of study on top of their coursework to prepare for the exam. Congratulation to these students and Best wishes on their exam preparation.
2017-2018 Finance Excellence Fund

The 2017-18 Finance Excellence Fund Campaign is well underway. Last year 88 donors contributed to the Finance Excellence Fund. Our goal is to have at least half of our members contribute to the Finance Excellence Fund. The Fund supports student scholarships, resources for students in the Risk Management Center, and activities of the School of Finance, Operations Management and International Business. Contributions also help grow the Student Investment Fund that awarded over $150,000 in scholarships and provided almost $100,000 in support for the Risk Management Center. Contributions of any size significantly impacts the education of Finance majors and provide opportunities to students they would not otherwise have.

You may contributing on-line at: Finance Excellence Fund Online Gift or mail a check payable to University of Tulsa Finance Excellence Fund to:

Friends of Finance
Collins College of Business
The University of Tulsa
800 South Tucker Drive, Helm 122-A
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104-9700

To date 37 members have donated to the 2017-2018 Finance Excellence Fund. Honor Members are:

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We have 302 members to date. Members since our last newsletter are listed below:

Tom Campbell
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Membership

Last year we had membership of 354. This year our membership goal is 500. Membership fees support all of the expenses associated with Friends of Finance. To renew your membership or join, go to Membership Application. Encourage your friends and colleagues to do the same. Friends of Finance is the largest and strongest finance group in Oklahoma and the Southwest. This year our membership goal is 500. If you are a TU graduate within the last twelve months, your membership fee is only $10. If you live outside of the Tulsa area (more than 50 miles) your membership fee is only $10.

Membership Dues

Fees for the 2017-2018 academic year (reduced 11/28/2017)

- $200 (Membership + all remaining luncheon fees)
- $50 (Tulsa area members - membership fee only)
- $10 (out-of-area members - outside 50 mile radius of Tulsa)
- $10 (current TU full-time student or TU graduate within the last year)
- $375 (Membership plus all remaining luncheon fees for yourself and one guest)
- $1,600 One reserved table (8 seats) at each luncheon

Leadership

Our Friends of Finance officers and directors for 2017-2018 are:

Officers
- President: Andrew Ziola, ONEOK
- VP Programs: Kala Sharp, ONEOK
- Treasurer: Roberta Preston, Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma
- Secretary: Phil Reedy
- FEF Chair: Marcia MacLeod
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FOF Membership Committee

The following members are the 2017-2018 Friends of Finance Membership Committee. The Membership Committee promotes membership, plans and runs the Members Only functions, and facilitates check-in at the Executive luncheons.

- Megan Cordle, Alliance Resource Partners (Chair)
- Brad Beeson, J.P. Morgan
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- TD Eureste, ONEOK
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- Chris Guglielmo, Williams
- Jeff Husen, ONE Gas
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- Ann Lowry, Accounting Principals
- Jason Maloney, Hogan Taylor
- Gavin Pearson, Bank of Oklahoma
- Mahlon Pitt, Pitt & Associates
- Charles Secrest, Key Personnel
- Tanya Wilson, First Financial Services

FOF Web Site

The FOF website www.utulsa.edu/fof/ includes a number of services as listed below. It also has an excellent short video on the organization and the Student Investment Fund.

New Membership
- Membership

Meeting Registration
- Meeting Registration

Members Services
http://www.collins.utulsa.edu/secure/fof/Members/login.aspx
(Restricted to FOF members and requires a user name and password which you obtain when you join or renew your membership). After signing in, you may go to:

Membership Directory
A listing of all FOF members is provided. Contact information is available only if members agree to have it posted.
Executive Luncheon Sponsors

If your firm would like to gain some additional recognition and support FOF, it is now possible to be designated as a Friends of Finance Executive Luncheon Sponsor. A Luncheon Sponsor receives recognition in our newsletter, recognition at the meeting on PowerPoint slides prior to the meeting, recognition from the podium, and a table for eight at one luncheon with preferential seating. At least one member of the sponsoring firm will be seated at the Head Table with the speaker. The Luncheon Sponsorship is for one meeting. The cost to sponsor the luncheon is $2,500. Contact Judy Adair, (judy-adair@utulsa.edu or 918-631-2588) if you are interested in being a Luncheon Sponsor.

Take-A-Student to Lunch

One goal of Friends of Finance is to assist our students. Assistance may be in the form of employment advice, employment opportunities, and mentoring. In support of this, members and their firms may participate through our Take-A-Student to lunch program. Just contact Judy Adair at 631-2588 or judy-adair@utulsa.edu and tell her how many students you would like to host. She will arrange for the student(s) to meet you at the registration desk for the luncheon. Please ask for the student(s) when you check in.

Affiliate Programs

Tulsa’s Young Professionals

Giving Tulsa’s Young Professionals a voice. A voice in our community. A voice in the business community and ultimately, a voice in our future.

Tulsa's Young Professionals is a quality group of diverse young professionals working together to showcase Tulsa as a cool place to live, work and play. TYPros provides its members with opportunities to get in front of and build relationships with local community and business leaders.

Not only does TYPros give young professionals a voice - it gives them an outlet for affecting change in the Tulsa community. TYPros seeks to work hand-in-hand with current community and business leaders to learn from their experiences and to create a young professional-friendly atmosphere.

For more information, go to: http://www.typros.org/

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**Corporate Sponsors**

A Corporate Sponsorship provides a table for eight at each luncheon with preferential seating; recognition in each newsletter; recognition at each meeting on PowerPoint slides prior to the start of each luncheon, a listing on a display board at each luncheon, and recognition from the podium at a number of the luncheons.

To ensure that individual members have adequate seating the Board has limited the number of Corporate Sponsors to fifteen. If you are interested in having your company participate, contact Judy Adair at 918-631-2588 or judy-adair@utulsa.edu for details. Corporate Sponsors for this year are: