

Penn State Smeal MBA

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Dear MBA Class of 2019,

We trust that you are having a great summer! As some of you may already be arriving to Happy Valley, we wanted to draw your attention to the very popular [Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts](#)! The 2017 Festival is next week on July 13-16, with Children and Youth Day on July 12. For those of you with families, trust me, you won't want to miss Children and Youth Day. It is a great time! The Festival brings together over 125,000 people to downtown State College and the Penn State University Park campus to enjoy arts and entertainment of all kinds. Haven't arrived yet, no to worry. There are many great activities and events throughout the year! You can keep an eye on upcoming events via the [Central Pennsylvania Visitor's Bureau](#) home on the web. For this week's Monday Message we also want to remind you to **complete by August 9th the ALEKS Pre-Term Accounting modules and assessment**. We also want to draw your attention to the important message from our Employer Relations Team included below for the upcoming NMBBAA/PROSPANICA Career Fair. **Please note that for the Career Expo registration, the Early Bird Pricing ***EXPIRES TODAY*** July 10.**

Sincerely,

Denise & Chelsea
The MBA Student Services Team

Subsidized Lodging for the NMBBAA/Prospanica Career Fair (Original message May 23, 2017):

The Smeal MBA Program plans to subsidize student lodging at the [National Black MBA Association \(NMBBAA\) career fair](#) in Philadelphia, PA this coming Fall Semester 2017. Complimentary hotel room space will be available at this fair which takes place on Thursday and Friday, September 28 & 29. (Ideally, students should arrive at the career fair site the night before the start of the fair.)

In order to reserve adequate hotel space and prudently allocate our limited budget dollars, we need a firm gauge of planned student attendance for this event. Therefore, we ask that students wishing to utilize this complimentary lodging to sign-up for space in our hotel block by sending an e-mail message to Carol Lockard at cll2@psu.edu. Moreover, we ask that people not sign-up just as a placeholder, only RSVP if you are nearly certain you will attend the NMBBAA/Prospanica fair.

SPECIFICS ABOUT THE BLOCK OF HOTEL ROOMS:

- Sign-ups end at noon on Thursday, August 24, for NMBBAA/Prospanica. There will be no exceptions nor extensions to the deadlines. In addition, you must submit a copy of your paid, conference registration receipt (e-mail a copy to [Carol Lockard](#)) to finalize your place on the hotel rooming list. RSVPs that lack a corresponding conference registration receipt will not be honored.
- The hotel block for the NMBBAA/Prospanica fair includes a three-night stay (September 27, 28, and 29).
- There will typically be two or three students assigned to each hotel room.
- The room block is at the Club Quarters Hotel (1628 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia).

- Students are responsible for any and all incidental costs (e.g. room service, parking, phone calls) related to their use of the hotel room.
- Individuals will be personally responsible for covering all incurred costs should a person reserve a room then later decide against attending the career fair after the RSVP deadline has passed (assuming we could not fill the open space with another interested student).
- Students who reserve a spot in the room block may not, on their own, transfer the right to their hotel space to another individual.
- Budget limitations and overall hotel availability may dictate the use of a hotel beyond normal walking distance to the career fair site. In such cases, students are responsible for the cost of transportation (i.e. taxi or public transportation) between the hotel and the career fair.

SPECIFICS ABOUT THE CONFERENCE:

- To assist in your decision process to attend the conference, please review the student survey results from last year ([view it here](#)).
- To view the Career Expo floor go to http://nmbaa17.mapyourshow.com/7_0/exhview/?hallID=A. By using the zoom in function, you can see which companies have purchased booth space so far. Our booth location is #141.
- The most economical option is to become a student member for the year and then register as a student member for the Career Expo Access (<https://nmbaa.org/conference-pricing/>).
- The Early Bird Pricing expires on **July 10**.

SMEALCONNECT (Original message May 15, 2017):

- To register, go to <https://smeal-psu-csm.symplicity.com/students/>
- Click on the “Sign Up” button on the right, and enter your **personal email address** (i.e. gmail, yahoo, hotmail) as your “Username” and **jobs4u** as your “Password.” After you arrive on campus, we will get your account information adjusted.
- To learn more about registering, go to <https://vimeo.com/192490644>.
- If you need assistance with SmealConnect, please contact [Carol Lockard](#).

Sincerely,

Paul, Kim and Carol

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