ENTREPRENEURSHIP STUDIES PROGRAM COMPLETES 5TH YEAR

Every fall a new group of 12-15 selected students begins the E-Scholars program. They have the opportunity to learn and practice entrepreneurship over two years. They complete a three-course sequence in entrepreneurship studies and develop a detailed venture plan. They also travel to entrepreneurial hot spots. And they get hands-on experience by starting or leading a student run venture or being an apprentice of entrepreneur alum. Students have over a dozen volunteer mentors as well as staff members who provide individualized coaching and expert advice.

Since beginning 2004, the E-Scholars program has engaged a total of 72 students from both the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University. Another 12 students will begin fall, 2009. During the past five years, students started nine ventures and over 45 students experienced intensive apprenticeships with entrepreneurs in business and nonprofit ventures. E-Scholars have traveled to Hong Kong, Southern China, Silicon Valley and San Francisco, Kansas City, Phoenix, Seattle and, of course, the St. Cloud and Twin Cities areas to visit businesses demonstrating entrepreneurship.

E-Scholar sponsors make it happen. There is a student fee, currently $3,500, to participate in the E-Scholars program. The remaining costs of the program are covered by generous E-Scholar program sponsors.

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13 E-SCHOLARS COMPLETE THE PROGRAM SPRING 2009

This spring 13 E-Scholars completed the program. This diverse group has 7 members who were born outside the USA. This diversity deepened the experience as multi-cultural viewpoints were always present. This group loved to travel. During the last year at least one of them was studying in: France, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Morocco, India, Venezuela, Chile, and Argentina.

Bibi Abdalla
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12 NEW E-SCHOLARS BEGIN FALL 2009 AND FORM THE 6TH COHORT

This spring 12 sophomores were selected in a very competitive process to become E-Scholars starting fall 2009. They bring with them the most diverse group of majors and the most businesses already started and include a magician, a musician, a jewelry maker, and a photographer.

Keenan Brugh, economics
Anne Carney, communications
Ben Crist, music
David Foster, management
Kira Garrett, English
Aaron Haadonson, management
Sarah Hupperts, management
Hao Lei, physics
Jingkun Li, accounting
Ben McDermott, art
Jarod Sherlock, individualized
Grady Sloan, management & accounting
E-SCHOLARS COHORT 5 HAVE NEW VENTURES UNDERWAY

- **Schoolhouse Scoop:** Josh Weinzetel opened a new ice cream shop in Hastings in June 2008 after planning it during his E-Scholars classes. It features locally made ice cream with fun flavors like: tortoise and the fair, heavenly raspberry road, and pistachio!

- **Brush and Floss:** Megan Kack and Lindsay Hansen are starting a social venture that creates dental care kits for young children and offers training to young ones at child care centers, food shelves and other locations where children living in poverty may gather. They received a grant from the Saint Ben's Student Philanthropy Fund to begin fall of 2009.

- **PawPrintz Company:** Tom Hende-son built upon the idea of E-Scholar Professor Paul Marsnik to create a Web based venture that commissions paintings of pets by Chinese artists using photographs from customers. A test painting is getting rave reviews.

- **The Beehive:** Hibes Galeano and Libby McMurray dream of a CSB/SJU online resource for selling or trading items, promoting events, and more. This spring an honors Computer Science student joined the team and is creating the needed technology tools over the summer.

- **Collegiate Financial Awareness:** Matt Mulligan is leading this effort to combat the lack of personal financial awareness among college students. 76 percent of college students reported in a national study that they wished they were more prepared for their financial futures. Using alumni/ae volunteers Matt intends to start an extracurricular course this fall.

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