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Faculty serve Business School dinner

Donning aprons and holding pitchers of iced tea, faculty members of the Mason School of Business prepared to serve dinner to the large group of seniors in the Alumni House. The annual event was a chance to recognize the graduating seniors' accomplishments throughout their time in the School of Business and at the College.

Seniors were served a buffet dinner catered from Sal's Italian Restaurant. Professors, serving spoons in hand, piled up students' plates. The evening also included a variety of raffles. The idiosyncratic prizes were specific to each concentration. For example, Professor Ronald Sims gave out a ceramic squirrel figurine because, as all of his students knew, he had a certain fondness for squirrels. Virginia Boardman was surprised by the amount of faculty members that participated. "The number of professors serving the students really showed their dedication," Boardman said. In fact, many students were impressed with the fact that the professors seemed to go above and beyond their classroom duties to show they cared about the students' well-being on a personal level. "To me, it reinforced the fact that the Mason School and its professors are constantly trying to make our experiences here as valuable as possible and that we will always be welcomed back," Rob Franklin said.

The evening concluded with toasts made by various professors. Students were sent away with champagne flutes engraved with 'William and Mary Mason School of Business, Class of 2009' as a memento of the evening. The toasts were a way in which the professors offered advice to the soon-to-be graduates. "I found it refreshing to be recognized for all of the work that we have accomplished as a class during our time at the business school," Nubia Dickerson said. "My favorite part was definitely the faculty toasts because it was interesting to hear what advice they would give us for the future."

Ultimately, the night was a moment for the seniors to not only reflect back upon their time in the School of Business, but also to look forward to the new world in front of them. "The faculty really goes the extra mile with this event to show the seniors how much they care about their students," Franklin said. "Through the pictures and stories told by professors, this unique event both brought back memories of the foundation semester and also sent us on our way into the professional world with a smile."

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 Professors from all four business school disciplines serve Tiffany Alcorn, Clara Ngomba, and Thomas Milteer an Italian dinner catered by Sal's. The event was held at the Alumni House.

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> In order to apply for admission into the Business School, students had to take prerequisite courses in Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Statistics, Calculus and Accounting.

> The Business School offered an International Emphasis on students' degrees. To complete this, a student needed to study abroad and take cultural, language and international business courses.

> Each year, graduates of the Mason School of Business accepted jobs from a number of employers, including Deloitte Consulting, J.P. Morgan, Booz Allen Hamilton, and Navigant Consulting.

> There were many opportunities to participate in a business organization, ranging from the Investment Club and Mason Entrepreneurial Club to the Wayne F. Gibbs Accounting Society and more.