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Smith Ranks Top-10 in *Financial Times* Survey

The Smith School of Business earned three top-10 rankings in the *Financial Times* MBA2002 survey. The rankings place the school 6th in research, 7th in entrepreneurship, and 8th in IT. In addition, Smith ranked 6th overall among U.S. public schools, 21st overall among all U.S. business schools, and 29th worldwide.

The *Financial Times* published its survey results January 21. The results are based on statistical data submitted by business schools and survey responses from 1998 MBA graduates. Our thanks to the Smith MBAs who responded to the survey.

Smith MBA Students Appear on CNBC

The Smith School's Mayer Fund MBA students appeared on CNBC's *Power Lunch* January 23. The 11 MBAs were interviewed on the nationally televised program during a two-day trip to New York City, primarily to meet with Smith School alumni and others working on Wall Street as portfolio analysts, fund managers, and investment bankers. The Mayer Fund team successfully managed the fund, leading it to outperform the S&P 500 and the Dow in the fourth quarter of 2001. Congratulations, team!

CPA Review Course Offered

Did you know the Smith School's Center for Executive Education offers one of the most successful CPA review programs in the nation? Throughout its 23-year history, the Maryland CPA Review has produced many Sells and Sells Gold Medal award winners. One Smith student earned the highest score in the nation. The three-month course begins in February 2002 and includes comprehensive coverage of theory, practice, audit, and law. For more information call Valerie Kent at 301.209.3555.



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Coach Gary: Get Motivated!

A great coach is a great motivator. And we have a Smith alumnus who is among the best: Maryland men's basketball coach Gary Williams '68. In a very special presentation to alumni only, he will tell you how to motivate yourself and your team.

When? April 16, 2002, 6 - 8 p.m. *Where?* The Pier 5 Hotel, Baltimore. *Cost?* \$15 for students, \$20 for University of Maryland Alumni Association members. For more information, contact Francena Jackson, director of alumni affairs, fjackson@rhsmith.umd.edu.

Second Annual Netcentricity Conference: April 22-24

Mark your calendar, April 22-24, for what promises to be one of the most stimulating gatherings of academic and business leaders this year. The Second Annual Netcentricity Conference-held at the University Inn and Conference Center in Adelphi-will join business, government, and academic leaders to explore Internet practices and technologies. The Smith School is one of the sponsors.

If you're in IT, e-business, supply chain management, or other Internet-related fields, don't miss this event.

Finance Lab Brings Wall Street to Smith

Ticker-tape lights, plasma displays, and real-time trading prices from around the world. That's the Smith School's new Netcentric Financial Markets Laboratory on Van Munching Hall's first floor.



Sixteen sleek, flat-screen computer stations provide a virtual command post for researchers and students as they gain new insights into global financial markets in the netcentric economy. With over \$1 million in installed hardware and software, it's not only a high-tech teaching and research environment, it's also an exciting place to be.

To learn more about the new lab, contact director Russ Wermers at rwermers@rhsmith.umd.edu.

Make Your Career Zoom with the Smith PT MBA

You've earned your MBA and people keep asking you, "How do I get mine?" Just tell them to "zoom" down to one of the many convenient part-time MBA information sessions offered by the Smith School in Washington, D.C., Shady Grove, or Baltimore. For more information, visit <http://www.rhsmith.umd.edu/partmba>.

Show Your Smith Pride

Wondering what to wear to the NCAA Final Four or to your next golf outing? Why not show your "Smith pride" by sporting a golf shirt, baseball cap or sweatshirt emblazoned with the Smith School logo? Check out the online "Smith Store" operated by the MBA Entrepreneur Club. You'll find a variety of Smith School gear just a point and click away!

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