



## Goodbye, Tamara and Diane...



All good things must come to an end. That's the case with Tamara Maull, former director of alumni relations for the Smith School. Please join us in wishing Tamara the best of luck as she says goodbye to the Smith School for other opportunities.

Tamara energized the Smith alumni program with her enthusiasm, smarts, and imagination. She cared very deeply about the alumni, and it showed by the great work she did here.

Tamara's able associate, Diane Craver, has also left the Smith School. Before joining the Smith School, Diane served over 22 years as a computer programmer for the Navy. Working nights and weekends, Tamara and Diane worked well together to ensure successful alumni events. It was Diane who came up with the name for this newsletter. Tamara and Diane, congratulations on a job well done.

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## ... Hello, Francena!

With Tamara's and Diane's departures, we are fortunate to have Francena Jackson with us to pinch-hit while a national search is under way for a new director of alumni relations. Francena is an '87 alumna of the Philip Merrill College of Journalism and holds a master's degree in information technology and publications design. "I am delighted to be here to serve my alma mater during this transition," she says. "I'm looking forward to all our planned events and networking opportunities, and to meeting everyone at our Sept. 20 golf tournament." Please welcome Francena and wish her luck by dropping her an e-mail at [fjackson@rsmith.umd.edu](mailto:fjackson@rsmith.umd.edu).

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## NYSX comes to Van Munching.

The excitement is building here as the school gets set to launch the new Financial Trading Laboratory this fall. Located on the first floor of Van Munching Hall, the lab resembles a New York Stock Exchange



specialists' post surrounded by broker booths. Developed in partnership with Reuters, it has 16 trading terminals seating 32 students, a twenty-foot electronic ticker tape, Daktronics' electronic display boards, and two 42-inch plasma monitors for displaying live cable news feeds. "The chief goal of the lab is educating our students in real-time financial concepts in order to increase their marketability," says assistant professor Russ Wermers, the lab's director.

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## **Visit with us in Disney World.**

We'd sure like to see you. Where? At the career fair of the National Black MBA Association Conference on Sept. 27-28, Walt Disney World Resort Dolphin and Swan Hotels in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Visit the Smith School booth and then network with representatives from some of the world's top companies.

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## **Mark your calendar for these events!**

### **Thursday, August 2, First Annual Maryland in New York Internship/Alumni Reception.**

Penne à la vodka... rigatoni bolognese... chicken sautéed in mushroom sauce... veal Milanese... the Big Apple. What more can we say? Join us Thursday, August 2, 2001, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Red Blazer Restaurant, 32 W. 37th Street, New York City, for the first annual Maryland in New York Internship/Alumni reception. Just \$15 for students, employers free. Sponsored by the Office of Career Management, it's a huge networking opportunity, bringing together Smith School interns and graduates and the companies they're working for in the Big Apple. RSVP to Jean McLaughlin at [jmclaugh@rhsmith.umd.edu](mailto:jmclaugh@rhsmith.umd.edu) or 301.405.2213.

### **Saturday, September 8, Fall Fest 2001.**

Are you looking to make a career move, or just interested in the opportunities out there? If you answered yes, then come in under the "big top" for Fall Fest 2001, just before the Maryland/Eastern Michigan football game. You'll find major regional and national companies very interested in talking with Smith School alumni. Festivities will include food, spirits, games, music, and career-networking opportunities. This is a



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major career-management event you don't want to miss. For more information, contact Francena Jackson at [fjackson@rhsmith.umd.edu](mailto:fjackson@rhsmith.umd.edu) or Cornelia Kennedy at [ckennedy@accmail.umd.edu](mailto:ckennedy@accmail.umd.edu).

**Thursday, September 20, Alumni Golf Tournament.**

It's blue skies and green grass this September when you tee off in our favorite fund-raising event of the year. Join our corporate sponsors, other alumni, and graduate students in a super setting for networking and fun. Funds raised will be distributed to the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund and to alumni programs. For more information, contact Francena Jackson at [fjackson@rhsmith.umd.edu](mailto:fjackson@rhsmith.umd.edu).

**Saturday, October 20, University of Maryland Homecoming Festival.**

What better way to celebrate homecoming than to grill the Duke Blue Devils! Get your game tickets now for the Maryland/Duke game and join us outside Byrd Stadium's Tyser Tower for the Smith School celebration, compliments of the University of Maryland Alumni Association. Fun starts, rain or shine, three hours before the game (game time TBA). There'll be live music, interactive games for the entire family, free food and beverages, and visits by Testudo, the Maryland cheerleaders, and the Maryland Marching Band. There also will be a tailgate competition, so decorate your tailgate! For more information, contact Lori Hill at [lh110@umail.umd.edu](mailto:lh110@umail.umd.edu).

**Saturday, October 27, Gaining a Competitive Edge.**

This weekend workshop is designed for first-year and part-time MBA students who seek top-notch career opportunities with leading companies. Now in its second year, this student-conceived and student-organized event relies heavily on the participation of alumni volunteers to conduct interviews, review resumes, and lend career advice. Volunteers needed! Contact Laura Koehne:

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