Weinert Center for Entrepreneurship Newsletter

2005-06 Academic Year In Review:

The Center welcomed 12 new students in the fall of 2005:

**Incoming Students/Internships**
Jane Bills, Italy Restaurant Business
Scott Daigger, Madison Angel Network
Tom Godfrey, Honest Tea
John Halter, Copenhagen Business School
Jung Eun Hong, Hi-Mo, Inc.
Robert Kilzer, IBM
Andrew Kotila, Copenhagen Business School
Jason Loughrin, GE Healthcare
Cailin Mani, Cohort Z
Andrew Strunk, Guidant
Todd Wendrick, Italy Restaurant Business
Eugene Yang, Nerites

**Second-Year Students Graduated in May**
Alfredo Armengol, Courdis
Amy Bina, TEK
Tim Gill, Consulting, not seeking
Chan-Woo Kim, Samsung
Linda Li, Pacific Cycle
Nathan Meredith, Guidant
Kyle Montgomery, aOvaTechnologies
Brent Newport, GetIPIC (Founder)
John Schuster, Young, Schuster and Maslowski, LLP (Founder)
Sara VanderLind, Seeking
Steve Voss, Sun Edison

Average Starting Salary: $88840, Signing Bonus: $16,000

**Guest Speakers for Entrepreneur Association:**
- Andy Albert, Nashua
- John Fromstein, Fulton Market Films LLC
- Noah Alper, Noah Alper Consulting
- Neil Thall, Aldata Solution, Inc.
Numerous Board Members and others as Class speakers

Center Hires New Director

On-Site Visit to California where students visited various entrepreneurial enterprises and technology companies.

Students Win Competitions

Four finalists for the Wisconsin Governors Business Plan Contest. Winning alumni include:

Brent Newport, GetIPIC, 1st place in Info Tech, $10,000 cash + business services (Weinert, WAVE, Burrill-1st place) (2006 Graduate)
http://www.bus.wisc.edu/burrill/schedule/

Heather Hilleren, GreenLeaf Market, 2nd place in Business Services, $5,000 cash + business services (Weinert, WAVE) (2005 Graduate)

Tony Escarcega, Ratio, 3rd place in Life Sciences, $2,000 cash + business services (Weinert, WAVE, Burrill-1st place ’05) (2005 Graduate)

Tom Godfrey, Healthy sTarts, finalist (Weinert, Burrill-2nd place) (2007 Graduate)

Eugene Wang placed first at the CIBER International Business Case Competition

Nathan Meredith and Sara VanderLind win Business Case Competition

Venture Capital Investment Competition (VCIC) had many Weinert Center winners.

WAVE – December Board Meeting and Thanks to Gerry George for all of the great things he has done for the Weinert Center and WAVE while he was at Madison. Gerry is now teaching entrepreneurship at the London School of Business.
WAVE Invests in two start-ups

Ratio (11/2005) -- Tony Escarcega (2005) co-founded this company that uses an innovative patch technology to deliver small quantities of prescription drugs over an extended time period

GetIPIC (July 2006)—Brent Newport (2006) co-founded this company that provides an IT solution to prevent online identity theft.

WAVE – May Board Meeting and Graduation

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