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SMAA Host Alumni Reunion Feb. 6 and 7

Sport Management Alumni Association (SMAA) hosted the second-ever alumni reunion in February. The reunion featured a mix of social events for alumni and students as well as professional development opportunities. The reunion provided numerous opportunities for old friendships to be renewed and new ones to be established.

Friday evening's banquet at the newly renovated Rhatigan Student Center featured keynote speaker Nikki Epley (pictured above), Director of Stadium & Game Operations for College Football Playoff. The Sport Management faculty also presented the 2014 recognition awards at the banquet.

Congratulations to this year's award winners.

Undergraduate of the Year - Blake Molina (B.A. '15)

Graduate of the Year - Alexi Thackery (B.A. '13, M. Ed '15)

Practitioner of the Year - Josh Whitson (B.A. '01)

Alumnus of the Year - Tyson Billings (M. Ed '12)

Thank you to all who contributed and attended the reunion!



SMSA attends OKC Thunder Career Fair

Members of the Sport Management Student Association (SMSA) traveled to Oklahoma City on February 24 to participate in the annual OKC Career Fair. Students were able to network with several organizations, were given a private tour of Chesapeake Energy Arena by Thunder staff, and attended the Thunder vs. Pacers game.



Career Fair set for March 10

Sport Management hosted its annual Career Fair on Tuesday, March 10th. Students were able to network with several organizations from around the Wichita and Kansas City area. Employers in attendance include the Kansas City Chiefs, Kansas Speedway, Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, Intrust Bank Arena, and many more!



Class Campaigns to Bring College Gameday to Wichita

Mike Ross' Public Relations class (SMGT 426) campaigned to bring College Gameday to Wichita. Students used a variety of social media platforms to get the word out about their campaign. College Gameday made their first ever visit to Wichita on February 28 for the WSU vs. UNI game. [Read more.](#)



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