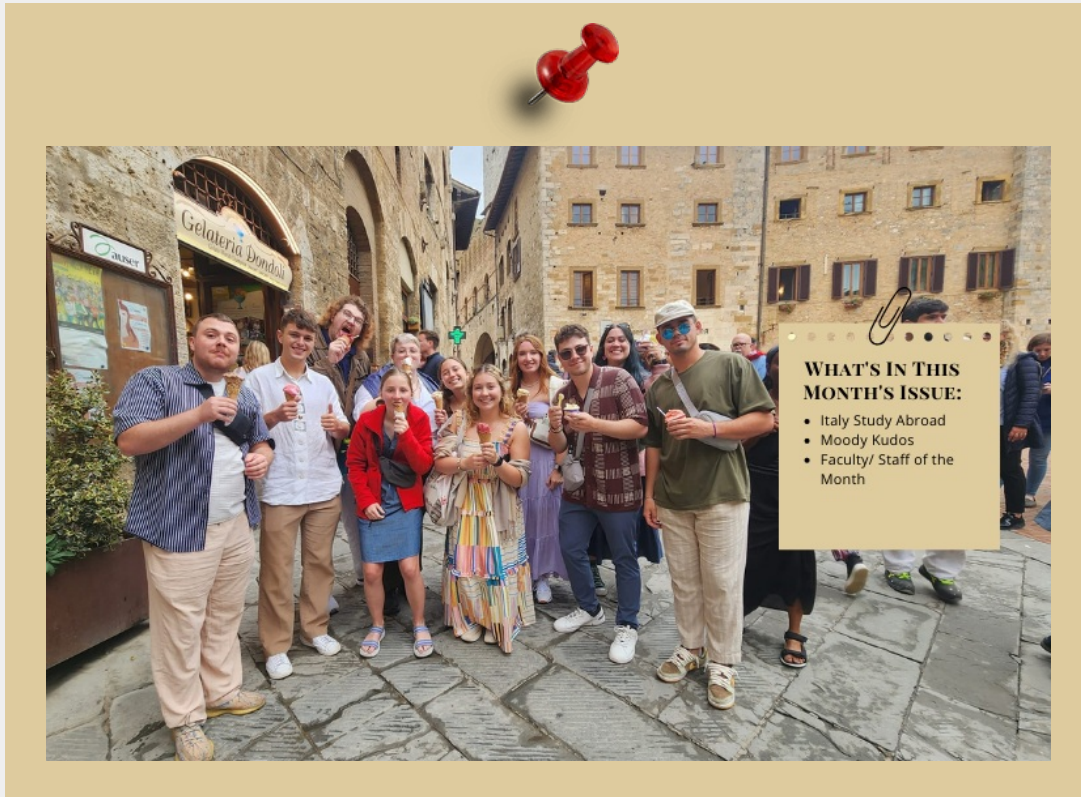




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Picture: Students visiting Siena, Italy for Study Abroad courses in Italian Food Tourism and Beverage Management.

## **ITALY STUDY ABROAD**

Hospitality Management Students traveled to Italy on May 14, 2023 to learn about the Italian Food Tourism and Beverage Management. Read the excerpts below to learn about the experiences of two students who embraced the opportunity to study abroad!



## **Farewell from Italy**

**Jackson Barousse: Senior, Industrial Design**

As the curtains draw to a close on my transformative six-week study abroad program in Florence, my heart swells with gratitude and nostalgia. This journey has been nothing short of extraordinary, filled with incredible experiences, cherished friendships, and a newfound appreciation for the world. Florence, an open-air classroom, offered an immersive learning experience beyond textbooks and lectures. Our excursions to Via Reggio and the Amalfi Coast brought our academic pursuits to life as we delved into Italy's rich history and culture. Whether unraveling ancient ruins' mysteries or appreciating renowned artists' masterpieces, each journey fueled our thirst for knowledge and deepened our appreciation for the subjects we studied. From the warmth and hospitality of the Tuscan locals to the vibrant cosmopolitan ambiance of Paris, we were exposed to the mosaic of humanity beyond our borders. These interactions challenged our preconceptions, dismantled stereotypes, and instilled profound respect for diversity. The transcendent power of travel and shared experiences allowed us to forge connections, transcending language barriers and cultural differences. We became ambassadors of cultural exchange, embracing the beauty of communication in all its forms. As I bid farewell to Florence and the memories of our extraordinary long weekend trips, my heart swelled with gratitude for the experiences, the friendships, and the personal growth this study abroad program has gifted me. Our journeys to Via Reggio, the Amalfi Coast, and Paris have enriched my life, fostering a deep appreciation for the beauty of the world and a burning desire to continue exploring, learning, and connecting with different cultures. This study abroad experience has empowered me to approach life with curiosity, empathy, and an unwavering passion for embracing the world's endless possibilities.



## **Goodbye Italy**

**Layton Berard: Senior, Management**

This trip has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. I came on this trip only knowing the three guys that I hung out with a lot beforehand. Leaving now I can say that I've met many people and made some friends that I never thought I would've made. We had many bonding nights and great times with a lot of people on the study abroad trip with us. I even met 5 French people that I made really good friends with who said they'd even come to meet us in Louisiana to see us again. The experiences that we have had over the last six weeks are some that most people will never get to say they had. I think as a person Italy has helped me develop into a more independent person and given me a much bigger appreciation for all the life experiences I have going forward. It has also taught me so much about Italy and its way of life. I love how family oriented and relaxed they are because they enjoy many of the little things in life. They live life slowly and I want to make sure I do this when I get home so that I can appreciate things in life so much more. My biggest reason for people to study abroad is to come over here with a group of people that they've never met and meet all new people and get out of their comfort zone because it helps them grow so much as a person. The second reason is that you may never get this chance when you're older, so take advantage of it while you're young because these things are memories you'll cherish for the rest of your life. The third and final reason is it opened my eyes as to what I kind of want in life, and it gave me a break from my life at home and gave me some time to think and figure some things out about myself, which is something you can't get really any other way. I am beyond grateful for this trip and I think everyone else would be too if they decided to study abroad. Thank everyone on this trip for giving me six of the best weeks of my life!

## Buongiorno from Italy!

Check out this Video from two Students studying abroad touring an Olive Oil Farm:  
*Adeline Miller and Madeline Melancon*



Special thanks to our Faculty member who accompanied students during Italy Study Abroad.

Becky Dubois, MS  
Master Instructor  
Department of Management  
Pictured with daughter Amelia, future Cajun- we hope!



To support future students in their study abroad journey, please contact Camille Breaux, Senior Director of Development using the contact information found below! All gifts are greatly appreciated.

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## Dr. Huong Nguyen published in Applied Finance Letters

Dr. Nguyen's paper "*Covid-19: Performance of ESG ETFs and. ESG ETFs vs Their Declared Indexes*" has been accepted for publication in Applied Finance Letters (B ranking based on ABDC list). This is a sole author paper. Dr. Nguyen is an Associate Professor of Finance in the College. Click the link below to read the full version of the publication!

Congratulations Dr. Huong Nguyen!

[Read Here!](#)

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## Guest Speaker, Nathan Carmichael inspires Students

Entrepreneur Nathan Carmichael, owner of Carmichael's Honey spoke to Fred Davis' BLAW 310 classes. His inspirational talk covered the essentials of the qualities necessary to succeed in business and life. Alongside his wife, Marcela Carmichael, the company began in July, 2013 in response to an overwhelming need and demand for local raw and unfiltered honey. Thank you Mr. Carmichael for visiting campus and supporting the educational development of our students!



Learn more about the Carmichael's Honey on their website below:

[carmichaelshoney.com](http://carmichaelshoney.com)

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## STEP Grants awarded for FGM Classroom Improvements

STEP Grants were awarded at the end of the Spring semester for two much-needed improvements in FG Mouton Hall. The STEP Grant requests were submitted by Associate Dean Dr. Lise Anne Slatten and Angel Littlejohn, ISM Manager. One grant

of \$46,000 will be used to refresh FGM Room 205 into an active learning classroom. This will include a new podium, computer, document camera, projector, and new furniture. The new furniture will include moveable tables and chairs allowing for small group work and more interactive learning. The second grant was awarded (\$28,000) to replace and upgrade all existing computers in the FGM Room 111 Computer Lab. This upgrade will allow for the use of specific software packages for certain classes and help prepare students for real-world situations in this technology-centered business environment.



### **Dean Nichols guest lectures for Engineering Study Abroad - England**

On May 10th, 2023, Dean Nichols guest lectured for Engineering Systems Global Studies Class taught by Dr. Jonathan R. Raush,

Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at UL Lafayette. The presentation focused on Geopolitical Issues and Energy Security in preparation for the class departure to England for a 2 week Study Abroad Focus. Thank you to Dr. Raush and the College of Engineering for hosting the presentation and creating yet another great University partnership!

### **Dr. Anthony Greco published in the Journal of Business and Economic Perspective**

Dr. Greco, Professor in the Department of Economics and Finance, had an article accepted to the Journal of Business and Economic Perspective, VOL.XLIX, Number 2, Fall/ Winter 2023. The article was titled "Employment Effects

of State and Local Government Response to the Coronavirus: A Glaring Illustration of Unintended Consequences". The article describes the economic consequences of the governmental response to the Coronavirus.



### **Hospitality Law Field Trip to Stone Oak**

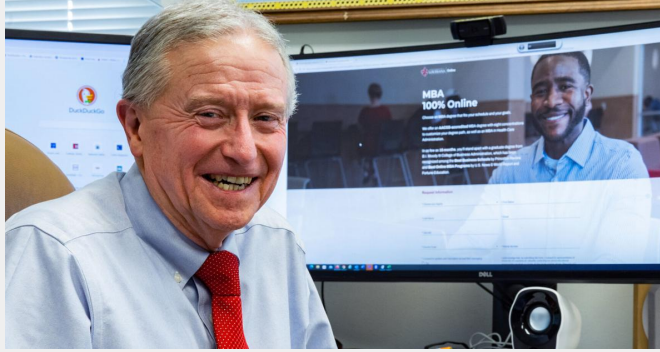
Fred Davis' BLAW 412 class took a field trip to Stone Oak event center in Opelousas. Owner Chris Granger discussed the various legal concerns applicable to operating his facility from contracts to tort liability. Thank you for Mr. Granger and Stone Oak for hosting our students!

### **Enhancing Learner-Content Interaction with H5P**

Guolin Lai initially participated in H5P 2022 summer workshop series. In Fall 2022, he applied and was selected to the H5P faculty learning community (FLC) as a member of the cohort – Enhancing Learner-Content Interaction with H5P, funded by a Louisiana State Board of Regents eLearning Innovation Grant. During Fall 2022, Guolin learned on how to design and develop H5P learning activities, and integrated these activities in his Spring 2023 QMET251-M01 section. The FLC presented their research and findings during the 2023 Faculty Learning Community Showcase in Dupre Library on May 3.



### **UL's online MBA program may aid enrollment growth; bolster workforce skills**



The University of Louisiana at Lafayette's online MBA programs continue to feed the institution with enrolled students at a time when campuses nationwide are facing the impending threat of diminishing

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## SPOTLIGHTS

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### **Faculty/ Staff of the Month** *Jeremiah Fisher: Academic Advising Coordinator* *Office of Student Services*

"Jeremiah goes above and beyond not only to assist our students, but to also help the MCOBA faculty and staff. His work ethic, attention to detail, and vast knowledge of academics provides our students with the essential and most importantly, a solid foundation for them to be successful. He creates a positive work environment, in addition to extraordinary interpersonal skills, makes collaborating with him a pure joy."

- Anonymous



**Do you have someone in mind that exceeds all expectations in the College of Business? Click the link to nominate them for next month's faculty/ staff person!**

[Nominations](#)

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## Submissions!

Please use the link below to submit any events, accomplishments, announcements, or feature stories to be placed on the calendar, social media, and or newsletter. We are looking for information on topics such as student activities, faculty publications, community service, outreach, and engagement events. This form will replace the

previously used- MoodyKudos@louisiana.edu.

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