Accounting

- From January-April, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offered free income tax assistance to UNT Dallas Students and the community. Several accounting faculty and students participated in the effort. The VITA program is sponsored by the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. Mr. Ron Fory was the faculty sponsor for the VITA program at UNT Dallas.

Entrepreneurship

- Big Ideas, Big Dreams was held on Tuesday, April 8. The event featured the award winning entrepreneurial projects of current UNT Dallas students, followed by a discussion with moderator Dr. Isaura Flores, Assistant Professor of Business & Entrepreneurship.
- UNT Dallas hosted the “Access to Innovation,” a guest panel of prominent innovators from the Dallas business world. These young movers and shakers shared their insight and secrets to success, moderated by UNT Dallas Alumnus Sam Nix. Panelists included: Dr. Jose Briones, Director of Operations, SpyroTek Performance Solutions; Carl Dorvil, CEO, Group Excellence; Mina Chang, CEO, Linking the World; Baylor Barbee, CEO, Ikanik Strategy; and Trey Bowles, Co-founder & CEO, The Dallas Entrepreneurs Center.

Finance

- In April Dr. Kashi Tiwari was the section coordinator for Economics: Business and Finance presented “Real-Insurance and Financial-Insurance: Ranking Desirability,” “Harnessing Volatility Gains,” and “Trading and Behavioral Finance” at the 2014 Western Social Science Association Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Dr. Jeffrey A. Manzi has been hired as a lecturer in business-finance. Most recently, Dr. Manzi was Vice President of Online Programs and Curriculum Innovation at Mount Washington College in Manchester New Hampshire. He has nearly 20 years of teaching experience in finance and has had significant experience overseeing distance learning as well as corporate experience.

General Business

- During the spring semester, Master of Business Administration (MBA) students in Professor Banu Goktan’s Administrative Strategy capstone course placed 19th out of 2,651 teams from 185 colleges and universities participating in the Business Strategy Game (BSG): Competing in a Global Market. BSG is a competitive business strategy simulation used by 49,491 students in 2,720 classes/sections at 558 college/university campus locations in 53 different countries.
• Professor Banu Goktan is the faculty advisor for Enactus. The organization is “A community of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better more sustainable world.”

• Associate Dean John Wong presented “Recent Trends in State Business Climate and State Economic Performance” at the 2014 International Conference on Social Sciences in Honolulu, Hawaii in May.

Logistics and Supply Chain Management

• Dr. Subhro Mitra is the faculty advisor for Association of Logistics and Supply Chain Management (ALSCM) at the University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT Dallas). The organization seeks to produce well-prepared and knowledgeable students capable of success and excellence in the workplace in the rapidly growing field of logistics and supply chain management. ALSCM sponsors roundtables every semester. Some past roundtables included: “Experiential Learning and Summer Internships,” “Logistics and Supply Chain Management: An industry Perspective,” and "Trends and Opportunities in Logistics and Supply Chain Management." Representatives from the industries like DART Trucking, Samsung, DOD, AT&T have participated in the roundtable. Participants have provided valuable input to students on internships, resume building, networking, and career development. ALSCM has also organized site visits to distribution centers, warehouses and intermodal terminals. Some of the sites that have been visited include the Walgreen distribution center, the Walmart warehouse and the Union Pacific intermodal terminal.

Organizational Behavior and Human Resources Management

• Dr. Elizabeth Muniz is the faculty advisor for the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM). SHRM is a professional organization for students who want to pursue a career in human resources. Students are exposed to leadership, organization, time management and communication skills. Students are presented the opportunity to meet professionals who can help with networking. During the spring, UNT Dallas SHRM students volunteered at the North Texas Food Bank and helped package 21,600 pounds of food which will be used to provide 18,000 meals for needy families across North Texas. In addition, Anne Hudson, an Employment Consultant Manager at LaunchAbility spoke to HR students about programs to help individuals with cognitive disabilities obtain jobs that make the best use of their skills and abilities. Also Terry Cooley, Vice President of Human Resources Education Futures Group, spoke to HR students about best practices for conducting performance appraisals.

Public Leadership

• Dr. Larry Terry, II was hired as an assistant professor in public leadership. Most recently, Dr. Terry was an assistant professor in the public administration program at Long Island University’s Brooklyn Campus. He has also previously taught at Arizona State University, and the University
of Texas at Dallas. Dr. Terry also has professional work experience with the City of Santa
Barbara, California; San Diego County, California; and in Montenegro.

- In April Professor Ron Hy presented “Economic Impact of Public Health Spending in Texas” at
  the 2014 Western Social Science Association Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- In April the UNT Board of Regents approved a new Master of Science (MS) degree in Public
  Leadership. The MS degree in Public Leadership at UNT Dallas is designed for all students
  interested in a career in public service and mid-career professionals seeking to improve their
  leadership skills and thereby increasing their opportunity for career advancement. The program
  will explore theories, skills, and practices from a variety of disciplines with an emphasis on public
  leadership. The program will fill a need in the academic and professional landscape that will
  prepare students to become effective mid-level to executive level leaders across the continually
  evolving public service setting. Specialized concentrations will provide students with the
  necessary knowledge and skills to succeed in leadership positions in various public and other
  not-for-profit organizations. The program will focus on building a framework and practical skills
  in leadership and management in public policymaking, budgeting, and personnel management.
In May, the proposal was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
and is now before the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for consideration.