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The three-day student orientation featured exercises in live business cases, sessions for preparation on business presentations and consulting practices, and a leadership and special team-building project – “Fast and Furious” – on the Alemany Library lawn using plastic model cars.

Dominican faculty Christopher Leeds, ChangSeob Yeo, and Jacob Massoud and members of Dominican’s MBA community along with Sam Beldona, Dean of the Barowsky School of Business, led discussions.

The MBA's core is focused on providing students with an interdisciplinary set of business skills. Students can complement these skills with a concentration in either global business, sustainable enterprise, or strategic leadership.

The highly interactive program will enable students to apply what they have learned in the classroom through an integrated capstone experience and a global consulting project, during which a faculty-led team will research the strategic needs of an international organization. The following semester, students will present consulting recommendations in person during a 10-day in-country visit.

“Our global consulting project will give Dominican’s MBA graduates a significant competitive edge when they enter the workforce,” Beldona said. “As more employers either look to expand overseas or work with companies based outside the United States, the global consulting project will provide students with extremely valuable skills and experience.”

Dominican’s new MBA is a more cohesive, interdisciplinary program designed to respond to market demand for employees with demonstrated capacity to think critically, communicate effectively, and solve complex problems. The flexible program features a full-time, one-year program; a part-time, two-year evening program; and a part-time, two-year weekend program. The 40 new students enter the MBA program as members of a cohort – a team of students who will work together while progressing through the common core. This structure will enable students to share ideas, gain new perspectives, and collaborate productively with others. The next MBA cohort begins in January of 2015.

The inaugural “boot camp” concluded August 24 with a careers panel discussion led by Fred Dopfel, professor of finance at Dominican, plus Steve Goveia, Venture Mentor, Manager Director of Madeira Ventures LLC, and AdVantage Tec Inc. CEO and chairman Thomas Jung followed by dinner in Guzman Lecture Hall.

For more information about Dominican’s MBA program and the Barowsky School of Business call 415-458-3737 or email bsb@dominican.edu. To enroll in the MBA program, call Admissions at 415-485-3204 or email graduateprograms@dominican.edu.

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