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Top business executives will be among the prominent guest speakers this semester when the Barowsky School of Business hosts the Barney Mizel Executive Forum, an interactive course designed to explore and discuss different leadership and management theories.

Internationally-known restaurateur [Larry Mindel](#), Anita Friedman, a national leader in nonprofit organizations, and Richard Riley, former chairman of Aon, the second largest insurance broker in the world, are among nine business leaders scheduled to speak in the weekly class, led by [Barney Mizel](#) and professor Mona Sabuco, in the [Barowsky School of Business](#).

“We want to stimulate thinking from students and make them more aware of their future in business after they leave Dominican,” says Mizel, who built three national insurance firms including USI, the sixth largest insurance brokerage firm in the United States. “We discuss the process of putting a business together, building a business, as well as the practical elements of leadership.”

Students will meet with top executives to integrate concepts taught in class and determine best practices. The unique learning experience affords students, like Blake Rose '16, access to business leaders across the country plus networking opportunities.

“The Barney Mizel Executive Forum allowed me to intimately connect with a plethora of industry leaders and entrepreneurs in the Bay Area,” says Blake, who is pursuing his undergraduate degree in [Finance](#) and his MBA in Strategic Leadership through [Dominican's 4+1 MBA program](#). “The course allowed me to apply what I have been studying to real-life scenarios while connecting with high level individuals. This course was extremely valuable to me this summer when I was looking for an internship (with Maxwell Money Management) because I had established professional contacts from various businesses who were all more than willing to either employ me or connect me to someone who could potentially help me land the internship of my dreams.”

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