

# THE BUSINESS COUNCIL BUZZ....

The Official Newsletter of the Business Council of the  
Leon Hess Business School

On Thursday, June 30th, the Business Council gathered for its annual Summer Social at Deal Golf & Country Club. Nearly 70 Business Council Members and guests attended the gathering. The Summer Social was facilitated by Business Council Chair, John DiNapoli.



Dean Raj, Christine Schaeffer, Richard Ricciardi



Erin Moran

Richard Ricciardi, Chair, Membership Committee, had the privilege of welcoming two new members to the Business Council. Erin Moran, VP of Brokerage at Jones Lang LaSalle, and Christine Schaeffer, Director of Planning & Performance at Bristol Myers Squibb, were the inductees. As members, they will add industry diversification to the council in the areas of Real Estate and Technology Management.

Erin & Christine are excited to be a part of the Leon Hess Business Council. They are thrilled to have the opportunity to impact the career trajectory of students at the Leon Hess Business School. They look forward to being Executive Mentors in the SEEMA Mentoring Program.

The Gloria Nilson "Mark of Distinction" Award was also presented at the Summer Social.

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This award is given to council members that have gone above and beyond in their service to the Business Council and students at the Leon Hess Business School.



Richard Ricciardi, Gloria Nilson, Karl Gordinier

Gloria Nilson is a former Chair of the Leon Hess Business Council. Gloria built her career in real estate and has engaged in philanthropic activity for many years. She has given so much to Monmouth University and its students over the years. She was honored with an award named after her legacy of distinguished service.

The recipients of this year's awards were Karl Gordinier and Richard Ricciardi. Karl and Richard embody the phrase 'distinction in service' as their contributions to the Business Council have had a positive impact on students at Monmouth University.

In addition to being the recipient of the Gloria Nilson "Mark of Distinction" Award, Karl Gordinier, was granted emeritus status on the Leon Hess Business Council. This was presented to Karl by Steering Committee Member and former Chair, Bill MacDonald. Bill outlined Karl's years of distinguished service to the council and Monmouth University dating back over 50 years. Karl represents the first Business Council member to achieve emeritus status.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

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Joseph Adelhardt (2010)

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Dr. Stuart Rosenberg was presented with a plaque in recognition of his outstanding leadership and service as former Chair of the Management and Leadership Department from 2017-2022.

Dr. Joseph J. McManus assumed the position of Chair for the department beginning on July 1st, 2022.

Dr. Stuart Rosenberg, Dr. Dean Raj

The recent recipients of the Leon Hess Business Council Award were in the audience. Both Monica Gonzales and Jade Falvo-Hernandes had the opportunity to thank and express their gratitude to council members and Joe Rice, Chair of the Business Council Award.



Jade Falvo-Fernandes, Monica Gonzales

Dean Raj concluded the program emphasizing the importance of the strategic plan for the Leon Hess Business School that works in unison with that of University as a whole. The core of this plan is built around the idea of using a business education as a force of good. The work of the Business Council compliments this plan and in cohesion will put the Leon Hess Business School and Monmouth University on track to continue and enhance its reputation as a premier institution.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

'DAY AT THE RACES'  
MONMOUTH PARK RACE TRACK  
JULY 29, 2022  
1:00PM - 5:00PM

BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING  
DEAL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB  
OCTOBER 14, 2022  
8:30AM - 10:30AM

## 2022-2023 BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Friday, October 14, 2022

Friday, December 9, 2022

Friday, February 24, 2023

Friday, May 5, 2023