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Hello everyone, this edition of the PCLE NEWS is being distributed to provide you with an update on several topics of interest. Please remember that as members of the PCLE it is important that you share your PCLE experiences with your fellow advisory board members, so please share this issue of the PCLE News with your fellow advisory board members.

New PCLE Members

I am pleased to announce new advisory board leaders joining the PCLE as of July 1.

Kenneth Cooke, Chair ACIS Advisory Board

Ken is a long time member of the ACIS Advisory Board and takes over from Kevin Lane as its Chair. He is also a member of the PAC. Ken is Director: Data & Controls for Scotiabank, residing in New York City and Richmond. He graduated from Virginia Tech in 1992, majoring in ACIS.

Neeraj Dalvi, Chair BIT Emerging Leaders Board

Neeraj is a Sports Operations Insights Manager for FanDuel, based in New York City. He is a 2018 graduate from Virginia Tech with a major in BIT.

Patrick Kampfmüller, President PRISM Alumni Advisory Council (PRAAC)

Patrick is a Manager (Human Capital) with Deloitte. He is a 2016 graduate from Virginia Tech with a major in Marketing. He lives and works in the Washington, DC area.

Bennet Kawas, President Deans Advisory Board of Students (DABS)

Bennet is a senior, with a dual major in BIT and Management. He is from Fairfax.

Taylor Watts, President Recent Alumni Board (RAB)

Taylor is a Financial Advisor with the Wealth Enhancement Group and lives and works in Charlotte. He is a 2017 graduate of Virginia Tech with a dual major in ACIS and Finance

Upcoming PAC/PCLE Meetings and Events

The next PCLE meeting will be a hybrid in person/Zoom meeting in Blacksburg. The meeting will begin at 2:30pm on Thursday, September 19, 2024 and end at approximately 4:30pm. The location of the meeting will be in the Alumni Board Room in the Holtzman Conference Center. Please mark your calendars now.

The PCLE meeting will be held in conjunction with the Fall meeting of the Pamplin Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC events will begin with a welcome reception, beginning at 5:00pm on September 19th at the Holtzman Alumni Center. The PAC meeting is scheduled to begin on Friday, September 20th at 10:00am and conclude at 3:00pm. A reception and dinner will be held at the Data & Decision Sciences Building, beginning at 5:00pm. As Ex-officio members of the PAC, PCLE members are invited to the PAC events.

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Tentative Agenda Items for the PCLE Meeting

Pamplin Update, Dean Sarker

Deans Advisory Board of Students (DABS) Presentation- Associate Dean Michelle Seref, & Bennett Kawas, DABS President

Pamplin Mentoring Initiative- Emily McCorkle, Director of Undergraduate Analytics & Student Engagement

For your advance information and consideration, Emily has provided the following brief description and survey on the Mentoring Initiative-

The Pamplin College of Business is launching the Pamplin Mentoring Initiative with the goal of continuous engagement and holistic development of all members of our student and alumni community, providing support throughout the entire lifecycle of a Pamplin Hokie.

Currently, we are gathering alumni to opt-in to joining the initiative through our **Alumni Mentor Directory**, which will be open to all alumni and students to connect informally, or through our **Direct (1-on-1) Mentoring**, which is a more formalized program through the College, Departments, and/or Advisory Board(s).

If you are interested in learning more about the program or would like to opt-in, please complete the following survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Q8dRK8nzLu>

For questions regarding mentoring undergraduate students, please contact Emily McCorkle (eamccorkle@vt.edu), and for questions regarding alumni mentoring, please contact Crystal Jefferson ([crocke@vt.edu](mailto:crcrocke@vt.edu)).

As members of the PCLE representing Pamplin's advisory boards, it would be very important for you individually and collectively, through your boards to help promote overarching Pamplin mentoring and expanded advisory board alumni and student engagement. Here are some things that you can do in that regard:

1. If your department, program or center does not currently have an emerging leaders (recent alumni) or student advisory board, please consider promoting the concept with your advisory board or department, program or center head.
2. Opt in to the Alumni Mentoring Directory and encourage your fellow board members to do so as well.

3. If your board, department, program or center does not currently have a mentoring initiative, consider establishing one as a best board practice among all boards.

Thank you,

I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Jim Hatch, Chair
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