

Spring 2008 New York Trip:

FMA Sponsors Trip to New York City

Georgetown's Financial Management Association (FMA) again hosted its annual trip to New York for undergraduate students from the McDonough School of Business. Professor Lynn Doran accompanied 27 students on this trip in April.

On April 3, the group was treated to a spectacular dinner at Lehman Brothers. The dining room located at the top of Lehman's building afforded the students an amazing view of the city. McDonough School of Business alumnus, Chris O'Meara, who is Lehman's global head of risk management, spoke to the students about risk management generally and at Lehman in particular. Given current market conditions, this topic of risk management was particularly relevant for the students to consider. Following the keynote address, many Lehman employees who are Georgetown alumni joined the students for dinner to allow for one-on-one conversation and networking.

The following morning, the group visited Merrill Lynch for breakfast, networking with Georgetown alumni, and touring the equities and fixed income trading floors. The visit was organized by Roger Gill (MSB 2001), Vice President in Specialist Sales at Merrill Lynch.

Lunch was provided at the Goldman Sachs offices on Broad Street. During lunch, there was a panel discussion by Georgetown alumni working in various divisions at Goldman. This discussion helped students to differentiate the various career paths at an investment bank such as Goldman Sachs. Jenny Diorio, Goldman Sachs Campus Recruiter at Georgetown organized the visit.

The group finished the day by visiting the New York Stock Exchange where the students were able to watch trading on the floor of the exchange from the observation deck. Students who had visited the NYSE on previous trips noted that, as the exchange has moved to more electronic trading, the activity on the floor is greatly diminished. Murray Teitlebaum, Director of Educational Services at the NYSE arranged for this visit. Students then explored New York on their own that evening and the next day before returning to campus.

A similar trip is currently being planned for next April. Students should watch for announcements about the trip and sign up right away since this annual trip always fills quickly.