new ideas, new challenges, new connections

Welcome Weekend 2016
Welcome! Our MBA admissions team was obviously impressed with you, and we believe you will be a terrific fit for the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington. This weekend is meant to help you determine if Foster is the right fit for you. During your visit, you will experience PACCAR Hall, where Foster MBAs spend much of their time. If you don't know this already, you will discover why the University of Washington and the Michael G. Foster School of Business are ranked among the top 10 university learning environments in the U.S. However, a building, a tour of the campus, or a drive around the surrounding streets and communities will not tell you much about a program. The essence of being an MBA student at a particular school really rests with the people with whom you will interact on a day-to-day basis. It's hard to overstate the importance of finding a good fit in an MBA program because that is what will sustain you through the challenges that lie ahead for any MBA student. Welcome Weekend is your chance to get to know the people of the Foster School of Business, including many of the people who will be sitting next to you in class this fall. This is that rare chance to have a window into a potential future. Enjoy!

On behalf of the MBA Admissions team, I'm delighted to welcome you to the Foster School of Business. In my experience, your adventure as a Foster MBA student begins right now. Welcome Weekend provides a diverse array of resources to help you start your transition to business school. You will begin to collaborate with current students as well as future classmates. Information about the multitude of opportunities both in and out of the classroom will allow you to start mapping out a customized two-year plan that fits your specific goals. Advice and insight from the Foster MBA community will calm your worries about affording grad school, getting hired post-MBA, balancing school and family, and managing your time. Welcome Weekend is intended to be informative, but fun as well! We hope you use this time to ask any remaining questions you might have about the program, but also to enjoy yourself and get to know each other. We've enjoyed working with you these last few months and we are thrilled that you are here!
Welcome Weekend Agenda

Thursday, April 14

5:30—6:30 PM Welcome Reception
   The Landing
6:30—8:00 PM Celebration Dinner
   The Landing
8:00 PM Pub Club - Social Event
   Big Time Brewery

Friday, April 15

8:30—9:20 AM Check-in and Breakfast
   Paccar 3rd Floor
9:30—10:50 AM Welcome Session
   Paccar 392

**SETTING YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS**

11:00—11:40 AM Foster MBA Academics or Career & Professional Development
   Paccar 392
   Paccar 490
11:50—12:30 PM Foster MBA Academics or Career & Professional Development
   Paccar 392
   Paccar 394
12:30—1:45 PM Lunch
   Optional Tour Red Square/Suzzallo
   On Campus
1:30—1:50 PM Mock Class: Professor Mark Forehand
   Paccar 392

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

3:00—3:20PM Experiential Learning at Foster
   Paccar 392
   Entrepreneurship at Foster
   Paccar 490
   Global Business at Foster
   Paccar 492
3:40—4:00PM Financing your MBA
   Paccar 392
4:00—6:00 PM Blue Dots Happy Hour
   Shultzy's
4:20—4:50 PM Activity: Getting to Know Your Classmates
   Paccar 392
5:00—5:50 PM Alumni Panel
   International Students at Foster
   Paccar 392
   Exec 410B
6:00—6:15 PM Closing Thoughts
   Paccar 392
6:15 PM Bollywood TG—Social Event
   Paccar, 2nd Floor
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Saturday, April 16

10:00 AM—12:30 PM   Student-led Outing

12:30—2:00 PM   Lunch

Thursday Details:

Pub Club: This informal club meets in hot spots in various neighborhoods throughout the year. Students attend to relax and enjoy getting to know Seattle and each other on a more personal level. Please plan to fund your own way for this particular portion of the event.

Friday Details:

Concurrent Sessions: Following the Welcome Session, you'll split into two groups to attend both the Foster MBA Academics and Career and Professional Development sessions. In the afternoon, choose the sessions that are of most interest to you:

Experiential Learning at Foster
Foster offers a host of opportunities to move beyond the classroom, roll up your sleeves, and solve real problems. Learn more about the opportunities available to gain new skills to boost your resume.

Entrepreneurship at Foster
Whether you want to start or support the launch of a new business, or if you simply understand the great value of the entrepreneurial mindset, come find out about courses, funding, mentorship, and Foster's deep connections in the Seattle entrepreneurship community.

Global Business at Foster
Foster has led study tours of businesses in Japan, South Africa, and Cuba, and more. You can also learn a lot about international business on campus. Professionals from around the world share their insights into the complexities of doing business globally through the Global Business Forum.

Significant Others: Blue Dots Happy Hour
The current Blue Dots have invited you to a Happy Hour just off campus. A current Blue Dot will meet you at 4:00PM near the fireplace and significant others will be there to provide you with some great conversation and insights on the Foster Blue Dot life.

Saturday Details:

For this student-led outing, we will learn more about the history of Seattle through an Underground Tour. Those at the hotel: check out early and store any luggage at the hotel. Students will meet you in the lobby at 10am, provide you with Orca Cards (bus passes) and escort you to Pioneer Square. Lunch in downtown Seattle will end around 2:00pm. Afterwards, we can provide you with suggestions for exploring Seattle on your own or with some new friends! Your Orca Card will get you back to the hotel.

A Student Ambassador Coordinator will provide further details via email to those who registered via the Welcome Weekend Survey. Please direct any questions about Saturday's outing to Pine Kopka-Ross at kopkap@uw.edu.
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