



Message from the dean...

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When I started at the College of Business last July, I was excited about the challenge ahead because I could envision a bright future for the college. Sometimes a good dose of reality, however, can put a damper on things.

Not this time.

Now, six months later, I am even more encouraged because I have discovered the depth of leadership, expertise and passion the faculty share to serve our students more effectively. I said we were playing smaller than we are, and they agreed.

Things are changing fast. We are now doing a better job of preparing students for life after graduation by focusing on three areas: leadership, entrepreneurship and global vision.

After graduation many of our students will go to work in small businesses or large firms where they will need to be entrepreneurs to succeed. Many will be called upon immediately to lead. In fact, some of our students serving internships are already recruited into leadership roles because of the expertise they have developed.

We also acknowledge the growing need for leaders who have a global vision of what can be done and an understanding of how to do it in an international context. We did a survey last spring and found that 40 percent of the respondents had lived abroad for at least three months and 45 percent were fluent in a second language. We need to do a better job of helping our students leverage their international experience.

That is why I am so pleased that Professor Chris Fawson has agreed to serve as our new associate dean for international affairs. Dr. Fawson, the former vice provost for academic and international affairs for USU, has traveled and interacted with community and cultural leaders

