

Kappa Beta Delta debuts at BC3

First induction ceremony into international honor society set for business students

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Ramin Hajave, right, an instructor in Butler County Community College's business division, is shown Tuesday, March 26, 2019, with BC3 student Rachel Watson, of Slippery Rock, in a computer science class on BC3's main campus in Butler Township. Hajave will serve as faculty adviser for Delta Theta, BC3's chapter of Kappa Beta Delta, an international honor society for students pursuing associate degrees in business.

(Butler, PA) Butler County Community College on April 10 will induct its first members into an international honor society for business students who have outstanding academic credentials, BC3 instructor and Kappa Beta Delta faculty adviser Ramin Hajave said.

More than 70 students pursuing an associate degree among BC3's 15 career and transfer programs in business are eligible for induction into Delta Theta, BC3's chapter of the

international honor society affiliated with the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs.

BC3's business programs are nationally accredited by the council.

Students must have a grade-point average of 3.5 or greater, have completed at least 15 credit hours in BC3's business division and must currently be enrolled at BC3 to be eligible for membership in the international honor society.

"Kappa Beta Delta allows me to recognize students for their academic excellence," Hajave said, "and their hard work."

Any opportunity to laud exceptional BC3 students is "exciting," said Dr. Christian Ola, dean of BC3's business division.

"But to be able to recognize those students by integrating an international honor society into our already outstanding curriculums provides evidence of consistently doing the right thing for our students," Ola said.

BC3 offers career programs within its business division that enable students to develop skills needed to enter the workforce immediately after graduation.

Those programs are in accounting, business management, computer information systems-computer forensics and security, computer information systems-computer support specialist, computer information systems-network administration, computer information systems-programming specialist, computer information systems-website development specialist, hospitality management, human resource management, marketing management, office administration-executive, office administration-medical, and technical trades-cosmetology management option.

BC3 also offers transfer programs within its business division in business administration and in computer science.

Business administration and business management are among the top five most popular associate degree programs at BC3, according to Sharla Anke, BC3's assistant dean of institutional research.

The attraction of BC3's business division, Hajave said, is "due to ever-changing, and adapting to, job market demand. Credit goes to all the faculty for their outward thinking and changing the majors to fit the demand of the job market and giving the students the best opportunity to succeed."

BC3's business programs "continue to evolve with industry changes, outstanding professors who take time to get to know their students and tremendous partners who focus on what students are asking for," Ola said. "These partners include not only bachelor's degree-granting colleges

we've partnered with, but entrepreneurs within the communities we serve who actively solicit BC3 students, including alumni and donors. It's a great mix.”

BC3's main campus in Butler Township offers 15 career and transfer associate degree programs in business. BC3 @ Lawrence Crossing, New Castle, offers seven associate degree programs in business; BC3 @ LindenPointe, Hermitage, five; BC3 @ Brockway, Brockway, three; BC3 @ Cranberry, Cranberry Township, two; and BC3 @ Armstrong, Ford City, one.

Kappa Beta Delta has 14,000 members and is represented on 1,000 campuses, said Sherry Williams, senior coordinator of administration of the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, Overland Park, Kan.

Thomas Crowley, managing director of Key Bank's Western Pennsylvania Private Bank, will be the keynote speaker at the induction ceremony, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Founders Hall on BC3's main campus.