



UW MBA Executive Leadership Speaker Series – Steve Farkas

As the spring semester kicked off, the MBA program once again announced an impressive line-up of business executives scheduled to speak to students. A strong emphasis throughout the MBA program at the University of Wyoming is placed on providing students with real-world experience. Throughout the year, the program hosts a Friday Leadership Speaker Series comprised of experienced business professionals and executives.

Recently MBA students had the opportunity to hear from MBA Director Steve Farkas.

Farkas had the rare opportunity to share his story and advice for success based on his years of diverse experience. During his presentation he shared the importance of listening to the customer and making sacrifices, the value of lifetime learning, professional networking giving back to the community.

MBA Candidate Cody Hoffman shared, "I think the whole class benefited greatly from having Steve as our presenter. It was relevant to everybody in the class as he knows the curriculum better than anybody and gave advice that will help us complete our coursework, get a job after graduation, and be successful in our careers. I was interested in his story as he is somebody we all look up to for direction but were not all familiar with his real-world business experience. Not only was his dedication and work ethic something we can all take-away from his story but I think more importantly was the values he stood by."

Robert Trabing, MBA candidate also commented, "I learned a lot while listening to Steve's story. The main thing that I took away from his presentation is that hard work, persistence, and creating relationships both externally and internally within an organization is crucial. He also discussed the sacrifices he had to make early on in his career in order to gain knowledge in a field that he was unfamiliar with. These sacrifices included a minimal social life and long nights spent in the Cheyenne, WY public library. On a final note, I would say Steve taught me that finding the right people within the organization and asking them the right questions can create a huge advantage for an individual moving forward."

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