



UW MBA Executive Leadership Speaker Series – Susan Pamerleau

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.

Steve Farkas, Director of the MBA program commented, "I encourage our guest speakers to share as much real-world experience with our students as possible. Speakers will share a variety of topics with students from industry trends, strategic challenges, management styles, career management, and networking."

On Friday, October 11th the MBA students met with Susan Pamerleau. Pamerleau is the Sheriff of Bexar County. The Office of Sheriff serves as the chief law enforcement officer for the county and is also responsible for all judicial support including court security and oversees the operations of the Bexar County Adult Detention Center. Pamerleau was elected to the position on November 6, 2012, becoming the first woman to be elected to the post.

Pamerleau began her 32-year career in the United States Air Force when fewer than one-percent of the Armed Forces were women, and rose to the rank of Major General. During her Air Force career she served in the Pentagon developing plans, programs, and budget requirements for personnel programs, and base realignment and closure actions. Pamerleau received numerous major awards and decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

MBA Candidate Charles Cauffman shared, "we heard a lot of great advice about leadership and how to deal with the challenges of a leadership role. Sheriff Pamerleau shared, if there's a problem, meet with the individual directly and discuss possible solutions. As a leader you must have the ability to listen and make changes accordingly."