

## **UW MBA Executive Leadership Speaker Series – Pam Ruehle**

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 Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> the female MBA students had the unique opportunity to meet with Pam Ruehle. Ruehle grew up in Cody, WY. Upon graduation, she attended Cottey College for two years before returning to the University of Wyoming to complete a B.A. in journalism with an emphasis in public relations. After graduating, Pam spent time in Washington, D.C. as a press intern in Senator Wallop's office and as receptionist and assistant press secretary for Senator Alan Simpson. After two and a half years in Washington, Pam made the decision to leave and pursue a MBA. Upon completing her MBA in 1982 from the University of Wyoming College of Business, Pam went to work in the consulting division of Arthur Andersen (which later became Accenture) in Denver, Colorado where she would work for the next 25 years. In 2007 Pam retired as a Senior Executive from Accenture and has enjoyed spending more time with her husband Tom and son, Jonathan (13). The family now resides in Steamboat Springs, Colorado where they are active in many community activities. Pam is currently the Vice Chair for College of Business Advisory Board.

Tiffany Young MBA candidate shared, "The luncheon with Pam Ruehle about work/life balance was very applicable to my life. She was very insightful and was open to sharing her experiences. I enjoyed hearing about the various pathways that led to Ms. Ruehle's successful career and family life. There were two things she said that were especially memorable to me: 1) we need to be in complete control of our own careers, and 2) we need to strive for a career that fulfills, not only some, but all aspects of our lives. The meeting with Ms. Ruehle left me with an optimistic outlook on my future in the business world."