

# SPOTLIGHT

On Engagement, Innovation, & Impact

### VOL 12(2)

## Mission Beyond Classroom: What Professors Do When Not Teaching

**Prof. Jeffrey D'Amico** has been a faculty member of the **School of Business** since 2011. When he is not teaching, he can be found with his motorcycle racing at various circuits in the U.S. and Europe. He usually travels around the U.S. with his van, two race bikes and gear, visiting as many circuits as possible. The active participation is about between 10 to 20 weekends a year. He gets to make friends from all over the world that he meets at the various circuits. As a Faculty member committed to a Learner-Centered environment, the mission beyond classroom drives him. **The Professor** is how Prof. D'Amico is known as a homage to his **SUNY Old Westbury** connection and his racing leathers have that on the back.

In 2022, in addition to local circuits in NY, NJ and VA, he tried four new circuits in Jennings, FL, Pittsburgh, PA, Las Vegas, NV and

Portimao, Portugal where he was clocked at 158.2 mph on the front straightaway. For 2023, he already had race weekends in California and in Valencia Spain.

# SOB AACSB ACCREDITATION IN PROGRESS

# Peer Review Team Visit April 2-5

### Celebrations

### • On Tuesday, February 21, recently appointed SUNY Chancellor John B. King visited SUNY Old Westbury.



His visit is part of the ongoing tour of SUNY's 64 campuses that began at the start of his tenure at SUNY in January. During the Chancellor's visit, he learned more about our mission, our students, and our potential.

#### February 23, 2023

• Dr. Marissa Hoffmann has 20 years of experience across all areas of finance and accounting. While she started her career in corporate finance, she later transitioned to public accounting working at a Big Four as an auditor of public, private, and not-for-profit clients. From there she served as a management consultant, providing her expertise on forecasting, budgeting, modeling & valuation, and operational finance. She later served as acting CFO for a mid-size tech firm providing financial leadership of six legal entities, across three countries, and having responsibility for all accounting, treasury, financial analysis, and financial compliance. Currently, she is a full-time Assistant Professor at SUNY Old Westbury's School of Business, where she was so fortunate to have been a student in the same program, and



keeps up with the industry by providing accounting, forensic and advisory consulting services. Dr. Hoffman has a B.A. in Psychology and an MBA in Finance from Stony Brook University, an MS in Accounting from SUNY Old Westbury (Go Panthers!), and a PhD in Accounting from the University of Scranton. Dr. Hoffmann is a licensed CPA in New York, as well as a CFE, and has completed level one of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

#### Announcements

- With enthusiasm, dedication, disposition and Learner-centeredness, the SOB is working diligently on its first accreditation. In preparation for the event to come, a Peer Review Team Mock Visit is scheduled for Friday March 3.
- Starting on Sunday April 2 and ending on April 5, the School of Business (SOB) will have the official visit of the <u>Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business</u> (AACSB) Peer Review Team (PRT). Go
  Panthers! Show the Paws of the committed heart and mind.
- From Wednesday, April 26, to Friday, April 28, there will be the Virtual Conference on Student Success



Summit 2023: Meeting Students Where They Are. SUNY campuses increasingly recognize the importance of being student-ready and culturally responsive, thus meeting students where they are to facilitate the co-creation and attainment of personal, academic, and professional goals. Read more at <u>www.suny.edu/studentsuccesssummit</u>. The Summit is free for SUNY campuses. Register at <u>https://sunycpd.eventsair.com/sss2023/reg/Site/Register</u>.

SPOTLIGHT is a publication of SUNY Old Westbury, School of Business

Designed and edited by Raul Zevallos & Louise M Rotchford

