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Alumni Spotlight

This issue's spotlight is on Sean Kinnally, 2014 Sport Management Master's graduate. Sean currently works for Wasserman Media Group in the Team Sports Division, with a focus on basketball, where he works with NBA players and Nike on their shoe contracts. He said the contacts he made during an internship at UCLA lead to the position he has now.

When asked how the Sport Management Department prepared him for this position he said his finance class was especially helpful as he does a lot of work with billing in his current role. Sean also liked how well-rounded the courses and curriculum were at Wichita State.

He offers some words of advice to current students, “Every one you meet make sure to stay connected with them because that is the key to the sports business. All this takes is just emailing them about 3 times a year and don't bug them but keep it short and let them know what you are doing with internships to class work and that will keep the connection, because you never know who can help you. Wish you all the best and finish strong as the semester only has about two months left.”



Papa John's Discount

This is a great opportunity to raise a little money for SMSA and get a discount at Papa John's. If you place an order online and use our code 'WSU017' you will receive 40% off your order. SMSA will receive 10% of the money spent on online orders using our code. The code works on online orders only, in Wichita, Andover and Derby locations.



John F. Hansan Fellowship

Congratulations to this year's John Hansan Fellowship recipient, Brandon Grengs (pictured above). Brandon is in his first year of the graduate program and currently serves as a graduate assistant in the Office of Student



Save the Date!

The 20th annual College of Education Graduate Showcase will be held Saturday, April 25, starting at 8 a.m. in the Heskett Center. This event provides an opportunity for candidates in the graduate programs to present their research to colleagues, local school officials, employers, community members and prospective students. For more information, [click here](#).

Involvement. The Hansan Fellowship is the single largest scholarship awarded to a sport management major each year. This year's fellowship is valued at \$1,050.

The fellowship is in name of John F. Hansan, a longtime WSU professor who passed away in 2013. Hansan served at Wichita State for 31 years as a member of the faculty in the College of Education's Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Sue Bair, a former department member, said "Hansan played a key role in the creation of the successful Sports Administration program on the WSU campus."



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