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2012 SPRING BREAK!

During Spring Break, seventeen business students (including two accounting majors: T.J. Thompson and Shanna Miller) and three faculty members went to Costa Rica. Here are some of the comments written by the students:

- Our visit at Dos Pinos today was a very educational and exciting experience. It was my first factory tour of any kind so it was especially exciting for

me. Dos Pinos is a dairy company (similar to Coleman back home in Arkansas). The difference with Dos Pinos is they are a co-op that was established 65 years ago in 1947 by a group of farmers and producers. The company produces milk, yogurt, cream cheese, sour cream, ice cream, and juices for all of Central America – *T.J. Thompson.*

- The Botanical Orchid Garden was developed 38 years ago on an old coffee farm mainly as a personal hobby. Our guide Marianela informed us that the owner realized that maintaining an orchid garden was expensive so he opened the garden for business 5 years ago. One of their main goals is to preserve the orchid population which inadvertently led to raising Macaws - *Evan Nguyen.*



- The garden is full of native and non native trees from different regions of the world. I found the group of Giant Bamboo amazing. Back in Arkansas we all know what bamboo looks like, about six to seven foot tall and anywhere from a quarter of inch to one inch in diameter. When I came across this Giant Bamboo, the name

spoke for itself. They were anywhere from forty to sixty foot tall and around six to eight inches in diameter, they were huge! The interesting part of these bamboo were the amount of carbon emissions they could absorb. One of these bamboo sticks can capture more carbon emissions than any large tree could retain - *Chase Owyong.*

- Today we left our hotel bright and early to make the two hour drive to the Coopedota coffee plant in Santa Maria, When we arrived at our host Gabby brought us complimentary coffees to try in their little coffee shop out front. I tried the iced coffee, a seasonal drink made of “chiverre” fruit or according to Dr. Daily, “magic fruit.” It was tasty. Gabby took us to watch a short film introducing us to the history of Coopedota and how the coffee plants are harvested and distributed. It also discussed the challenges that come with climate changes, especially in production. Coopedota is dedicated to reducing its carbon foot print and has instilled measures such as reducing wood burning by 95%, organic fertilization, and better waste management. As a result,



it has been awarded blue and white flags from the government to fly as indicators of superior environmental awareness. - *Marilyn Breaux. Marilyn BreauxMarilyn Breaux.*

They also visited a Butterfly Farm, a Pineapple Plantation, a Botanical Orchid Garden, the Dos Pinos Dairy Factory, posed for a picture with Col. Sanders in front of (that's right) KFC, and much more. They had a *GREAT* time!



DUBLIN, IRELAND

While the students were enjoying life in Costa Rica during Spring Break, our very own Irish Rose, Dr. Stephanie Farewell, was taking a break in Dublin, Ireland. *Ahh, the luck o' the Irish!*



In Sympathy

Our thoughts go out to the family and friends of Gloria Thomas who passed away Tuesday, March 27, 2012



after a year-long battle with cancer. Gloria received a BS in Accounting at UALR, she was a CPA and she worked in the College of Business Dean's office for

many years as the Chief Financial Officer. She had a great sense of humor and was a lot of fun to be around. At her request a

celebration of her life through stories and reminiscences or a "party" as she said, was given in her honor on April 1 (she would have loved that date) at her church. She will be missed.



SPRING 2012 PROFESSIONAL EDGE SERIES

- **Speed Mixer** – Tell Your Brand Story - April 12, 5:00-7:00 PM, Atrium. Deadline to sign up: April 6, by 5:00 PM. Deadline for resume submission, April 9, by 5:00 PM.
- **Dress For Success** – Manage Your Brand Identity, May 3rd, 2:00 PM, Atrium. Deadline to sign up May 1st, 5:00 PM.

SPRING 2012 CALENDAR

2012 SUMMER & FALL ADVISING

APRIL 2 - 13

LAST DAY OF CLASSES – MAY 7th

FINALS BEGIN – MAY 9TH

GRADUATION – MAY 19th

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