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"Knowledge, Network, Know-How" Elevate Evening MBA Program

In a recent exit survey, nearly 90 percent of Kelley Evening MBA grads said if they could do it again, they'd make the same call – to complete their graduate business degree in the Evening MBA program at the IU Kelley School of Business.

"I use what I learned at Kelley every day," says Jill Margetts, a 2007 Evening MBA graduate and associate with private equity firm Centerfield Capital Partners. "The program truly teaches the skills you need to know to be successful."

Gaining knowledge for today's business world

Accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), Kelley follows the accrediting association's faculty hiring model, drawing nationally recognized business professors to its Indianapolis campus.

"Kelley faculty treat business not just as a practice, but as a science," says Steve Jones, associate professor of finance and past chair of Kelley's Evening MBA program. "Our faculty members are not only widely published in their field, but also contribute to new, innovative ways of thinking and strategizing about business issues."

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BUILDING A PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Kelley's Evening MBA program consistently attracts high-achieving business professionals. In fact, Kelley's average GMAT score of 605 out performs four of the nation's top 10 part-time MBA programs ranked by Business Week.

"The majority of our students have already achieved professional success in their own right," says Phil Powell, associate clinical professor of business economics and chair of the Evening MBA program. "They are very proficient at analysis which lends itself well to enriching the classroom experience and motivating peers to raise the bar."

Christopher Overstreet, president of xiik, a marketing and web development company, considers the exposure to other working professionals one of the real pluses of Kelley's Evening MBA program.

"Hearing the experiences of other classmates and exchanging ideas is quite valuable," says Overstreet. "Everyone is very motivated, and it's contagious."

With Kelley Evening MBA cohorts in both Indianapolis and Carmel, the program's potential to help students expand their portfolio of business and community contacts can't be overstated. "The MBA program has helped me build a network," says Margetts. "I still deal with and stay connected here in town with many of the people I met during the MBA program."

Offering real-world know-how

Combining real-world experience with academic study is one of Kelley's trademarks – manifested in Indianapolis with Kelley's Evening MBA enterprise program. Three enterprises – focusing on finance, supply chain management and entrepreneurship/new ventures – are available to Kelley MBAs. The program offers students the chance to work on high-level consulting projects with central Indiana companies.

"With our faculty and offerings, our MBA program is a recipe for excellence," says Powell. "The academic rigor and opportunity to attain real-world business experience is a combination that simply can't be beat."

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