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Fall 2016 Lecture Series

A Conversation with Lou Pastina'79

On October 13th, the SFC Entrepreneurship Club and the Accounting Club, co-hosted an interdisciplinary lecture series event featuring the CFE's Advisory Board Chairperson Lou Pastino. The lecture was moderated by Accounting Club President, Manuel Medrano, and project managed by Entrepreneurship Club President, Vuk Kesik.

Lou spoke about his career within the financial services sector including his experiences at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) from which he retired as Executive Vice President. The discussion included details regarding the rigorous accreditation process required for initial and continued listing on the NYSE. In addition to SFC students, alumni, and faculty, over 40 New Utrecht High School students were in attendance

Entrepreneurship Club Event

Peer 2 Peer Networking

On October 17th, the Entrepreneurship Club hosted a Peer 2 Peer networking event. The event included a presentation of the YouTube channel IFTV (Italian Football Television) by SFC students and co-founders, Michael Kantaris and Marco Messina. Ron Johnson, owner of Mrs. Dorsey's Kitchen, gave a motivational speech regarding his experiences as a millennial entrepreneur. The event drew around 20 students from a variety of majors including business, accounting, healthcare, biology and communications.



From left: Lou Pastino and Manuel Medrano

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From left: Vuk Kesic, Michael Kantaris, Marco Messina. and Ron Johnson





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From left: Isabel Walcott Draves, Ita Ekpoudom, and Tanya Van Court



From clockwise top: Isabel, Ita with SFC Student, and Tanya

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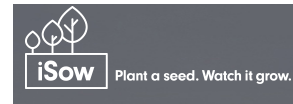
November 7th (M), 12:20PM-1:15PM, Entrepreneur Series: Social Entrepreneurship.

November 21st (M), 12:20PM-1:15PM, Entrepreneur Series: Starting a Consulting Practice.

November 28th (M), 6:30PM-7:30PM, Entrepreneur Series: Best Practices for Conducting Business in China.

Holiday Party Save The Date

This year's CFE holiday party will be held on Monday, December 12th starting 5PM. More details to follow.



Third Annual CFE Woman Entrepreneur Forum

Moderated by Ita Ekpoudom with panel members Isabel Walcott Draves and Tanya Van Court

On October 20th, the third annual CFE Women Entrepreneur Forum was held in Founders Hall. In her capacity as the Chair of the CFE's Women Entrepreneurship Council, Ita Ekpoudom, Founder and CEO of Tigress Ventures, moderated the event which included a panel discussion followed by a Q&A session. Tanya Van Court, Founder and CEO of iSow, and Isabel Walcott Draves, Founder and President of CrowdFest and Leaders In Software and Arts (LISA), were panel members. The panel members discussed their individual challenges and triumphs as women entrepreneurs and reflected on best practices for obtaining investment money, marketing your product or concept, and networking. The panel graciously engaged in a lively Q&A session with the audience members.

In addition to SFC students, alumni, and faculty, nearly 80 high school students from New Utrecht High School, Cathedral High School, and Fontbonne Academy were in attendance. SFC Director of Admissions, Lisa Randazzo, attended the event and met with the high school students. Lisa was happy to report that two students completed the application process immediately following the event.