<u>Transcript of the December 9, 2010 UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School</u> International Students Chat

<KFBS12Fabio> Welcome to the Kenan-Flagler International Students Chat. My name is Fabio Bertolla, I am a first year student and member of the International Business Association. I am joined today by Grayson Leverenz from Career Management; second year international student Maggie Wu; first year international students Parit Aranyawat, Adrian Hermosillo, Nitin Kachhwaha, Jungsang Pyo; Julie Wiley from Admissions.

<KFBS11Maggie> Hi all, my name is Maggie Wu, I am a 2nd year MBA student here at Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC

< KFBS12Parit> Hi guys, I am Parit. I am a first year student from Thailand. I was in consulting before joining business school.

<KFBS12Jungsang> hi guys. My name is Jungsang and I am from Korea. Before MBA, i studied engineering and worked for auto parts company for 5.5years (2yr marketing & 3.5 R&D). Now, I am trying to get into finance, so i hope i can be of help for the career switchers.

AdmissionsJulie> Hello everyone, this is Julie Wiley, Assistant Director of MBA Admissions.

<KFBS2012Nitin> Hello everyone! I am a first year at Kenan- Flagler. Before B-School I was working in Pune, India.Loving the experience here.

<KFBS12Fabio> I'm from Brazil, and I was working in the Capital Goods Industry before coming to b-school. I'm concentrating in Global Supply Channel Management and Corporate Finance.

<KFBS12Adrian> Hi guys, I am Adrian, first year student. I'm from Monterrey, Mexico. My academic background is engineering and my work experience (3.5 years) is in manufacturing sales. Thank you for being in the chat I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

<KFBS11Maggie> My background is: I was born and grew up in China, worked for consumer product company as a sales and marketing manager in China and came to KFBS in July 2009, and my concentration is general management and consulting

<CMCGrayson> Hi everyone, I am Grayson Leverenz with the KFBS Career Management Center. I specialize in helping International Students succeed in their U.S. career search.

< KFBS12Fabio> If you have any questions, feel free to send them out. If you have a question specific to someone, you may direct it as well (use @username)

- <Villalbi1> How does Kenan Flagler deal with non 4.0 GPA grades? I'm from France and we have a rather different grading scale and converting it into GPA would be almost meaningless?
- <AdmissionsJulie> Villalbi, you can use the optional essay to explain your grading scale. Also, our Senior Associate Director in charge or Europe is familiar with the grading systems in the different countries of her admissions region.
- < Villalbi1 > no conversion needed then? Thanks
- <KFBS12Fabio> @Villabi1 you shouldn't convert your grades to a GPA scale. If you have other measure (rank in class, for instance), that would help
- <Guest397> Hi guys.. I am Varun from India.
- <Ashish> Hello, can you tell me what are profiles offered by companies to students at Kenan Flagler for a tech consultant aspirant
- < KFBS2012Nitin> @Ashish, the profiles offered as consultants varies from company to company.
- <Ashish> @KFBS2012Nitin: Is there any link from where I can see such details?
- <KFBS2012Nitin> @Ashish, I don't think we have the profiles posted on our website. Pls note the following description of tech consulting job "As a Summer Associate in our Business Technology practice: You will gain valuable insights and experience in business technology consulting. If you have an interest in Management and Information Technology Consulting, or if you are excited about understanding critical business problems that require enabling technology as part of their solution.."
- <Ashish> @KFBS2012Nitin: Thanks Nitin
- <Guest007> hello everybody.I am Utsav Kalra from Bangalore,India.
- <Guest397> Is there a considerable difference in how the applications received would be treated in either rounds... especially the Jan round- being last for International Students?
- <AdmissionsJulie> Guest 397, the January round is not the last round for international students, we do consider applications from international students in all rounds. However, by the 4th round, we have found in the past that our class starts to fill from prior rounds, making the 4th round at times more competitive simply because we don't always accept as many applicants.
- < Rajesh > Hi Grayson...I am from India and am looking for a career in international development post MBA...
- < Rajesh > I have research and consulting background... what are the possibilities at KF?

< KFBS12Jungsang> Rajesh: international development meaning something like WORLD BANK?

<Rajesh> Yes

< KFBS12Jungsang > Raj: You can find opportunities thru net impact.

< Rajesh > Great to know...

< KFBS12Jungsang > Raj: I guess ADB intern position is currently open.

<KFBS12Parit> @Rajesh a lot of consulting companies hire directly from our school. There are tons of opportunities in this area

<CMCGrayson> @Rajesh - Hi! Excellent focus post-MBA. There would be several paths we could take, depending on your specific development interests. The CMC would be available to support your goals.

<Rajesh> Thanks Grayson

<Lakshmi Raj> Hello! thanks a lot for taking time to help us applicants... Can you please tell me if there will be a significant difference between applying in R2 and R3?

<AdmissionsJulie> Lakshmi Raj, please see my posted answer to Guest 397

<Pranjali> hello. Am Pranjali from Pune, India. As I nervously await my fate on the 13th of Dec, 5 pm EST, I just want to know whether you send out communication to admitted students before the 13th or does everyone have to wait until the 13th, 5 pm EST to log in and check the status

<Prof.Roberts> Hi everyone. I am Dave Roberts, a Professor in the marketing area here at KFBS: I teach the B2B sales curriculum. I can only be here until the top of the hour but wanted to connect and offer my help.

< KFBS12Fabio> Welcome professor Roberts. Thank you for joining us.

<Varun> Is there a considerable difference in how the applications received would be treated in either rounds... especially the Jan round- being last for International Students?

<AdmissionsJulie> Varun, please see my prior response to Guest 397.

<Guest007> By what time can we actually expect a decision for students who have applied in first round..?

<AdmissionsJulie> Guest 007, decisions for Round 1 will be released Dec. 13.

<KFBS12Fabio> @Guest007 I got my decision at 5pm... Sorry if that only increases you anxiety level!

<Guest007> Ok.thanks for the reply. So what about interviews.?

<AdmissionsJulie> Guest 007, our interview policy is posted on our website. Again, any interview questions can be directed to Deepa Nair, our Interview Coordinator, at deepa_nair@unc.edu.

<Guest007> thanks Julie.

<Pranjali> @Fabio, you mean to say you got your's on the decision date itself right?

<Rajesh> Hi Julie...I have applied in December 03 deadline..by when the interview invites would start to flow in?

<AdmissionsJulie> Rajesh, you should hear soon about an invitation to interview. You can also contact our Interview Coordinator, Deepa Nair, directly at deepa_nair@unc.edu.

<Rajesh> Thanks Julie!

<JudithOnsomu> Question: Do you overlap courses between the MBA program and the PHD program in case one is interested in doing a PHD latter on?

<KFBS11Maggie> To: JudithOnsomu:there are students who pursued Ph.D. studies. I don't think there are classes from MBA that Ph.D. are taking. But MBA prepare them well in applying. Many faculty teach Ph.D. as well.

<JudithOnsomu> Thanks Maggie.Are there course waivers for individuals who may have done some courses that will be offered in the MBA programme?

< KFBS11Maggie> To JudithOnsomu: yes, there are some courses that I can waive. Many CPAs waive the core accounting classes, for example

<JudithOnsomu> Thanks.I have the CPA Kenya and CPA US designations so I may be eligible should I be admitted. Are there other electives that one can choose from to substitute for the waived ones. How many on average are there, can I find the list on the UNC website?

< KFBS11Maggie> To JudithOnsomu: for most elective classes they are built upon the core classes and extend the subjects.

<JudithOnsomu> Ok. thanks

<KFBS12Fabio> @JudithOnsomu the only classes that can be waived are accounting ones (core), for people with CPA

- <AlokVerma321> @Julie, what are the unique strengths of the KF program for someone looking at a career in management consulting post MBA
- <Villalbi1> For fellowships & financial aid, how does it work for international students? offered or has to be requested post-admission?
- < KFBS12Fabio> @Villabi1 fellowships are merit-based and awarded after admissions offers are extended. No additional application is necessary. About 25% of admitted students receive fellowships
- <Varun> When do we get calls for the interview?
- < KFBS11Makiko> Here we are in a classroom answering your questions http://tinypic.com/r/28rdwl1/7
- < KFBS12Fabio > Thanks Makiko!
- <Varun> DO I get a call for an interview before my deadline??
- <AdmissionsJulie> Varun, you may be contacted at any time for an interview up until the date decisions are released for your decision deadline.
- <Varun> ok
- <AdmissionsJulie> To all applicants, our interview policy is explained at this link: http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/interviewsVisits/index.cfm.
- <GauravDobhal> What are the opportunities for those focused on entrepreneurship at KF, both inside and outside the classroom
- <CMCGrayson> @Gaurav, KFBS has excellent opportunities for entrepreneurship.
 There is an Entrepreneurship concentration with many classes and support throughout the start-up process. Two years after graduation, I started my own business, and the faculty continues to support me today.
- <Prof. Roberts> Re questions about consulting and entrepreneurship.
- <Prof. Roberts> To be a consultant or entrepreneur need 3 things; 1) Content (finance; sustainability; etc.); 2) skills /methods (consulting approach; business planning; etc.);3) opportunity to apply-running real-life projects. I think that at KFBS we provide the combination of all 3 and have many people successfully transit into a consulting or entrepreneurial career

<KFBS12Fabio> @Gaurav there's a Carolina Entrepreneurial fellows program. If you have more questions on this, shoot me an e-mail and I'll forward it to someone you can dive deeper (Fabio_Bertolla@unc.edu)

<Deepak_Bangalore> can someone comment on the housing facilities at the campus and Chapel Hill?

< KFBS12Jungsang> @Deepak: most of the students live in BaityHill(on-campus housing), Alta springs, autumn woods

<KFBS12Jungsang> @Deepak: I personally live in Alta with 2 other roommates, and I love it.

< KFBS12Jungsang> @Deepak: Baity - walking dist. Alta or Autumn Woods - 7~8min drive

<Villalbi1> Do international students get help or advice for relocation to Chapel Hill?

<KFBS12Fabio> Baity Hill is an on-campus housing facility for Grad students (families welcome). Off-campus the most popular are Alta Springs, Autimn Woods and Southern Village

<KFBS12Jungsang> Baity Hill is a campus housing built in 2005, and people live that one too. It is literally right next to the school

<Villalbi1> Thx

< KFBS12Parit> @ Villabi1 I signed my apartment lease online and talked to apartment admin. over the phone a couple of times. It's not too painful

<Deepak_Bangalore> @Jungsang can you elaborate on the facilities? approx. how much rent and expenditure one incurs per month on an avg.?

<KFBS12Adrian> About housing, I live in the Baity Hill appartaments. They are on campus, right besides the business school, very affordable, you pay a fixed rate and get unlimited services (electricity, cable TV, internet, etc). Besides, there is a free taxi campus service (P2P) throughout campus all nights, seven days a week, so you don't worry about driving at night.

<KFBS12Jungsang> About housing: Alta \$1000(1BD), \$1350(3DB) Baity Hill \$850(1BD), \$950(2BD)

< KFBS12Jungsang > Baity hill includes all util and internet.

<Ashish> Is there any much difference between a candidate interview on phone or skype interview, does the type of interview somehow effects final decision?

- <AdmissionsJulie> Ashish, phone interviews and campus interviews are weighted the same.
- <Varun> How do you rate the Kenan Flagler experience in terms of the experience compared to other IVY league?
- <KFBS2012Nitin> @Varun, I haven't studied in an IVY so cannot compare. But I can vouch that we are no less than any other top school. Ours is a small program but the faculty, student quality and facilities are comparable to any top business school.
- <Lakshmi Raj> What do you think is one single factor that differentiates KFBS from other leading schools?
- < KFBS12Jungsang> @Lakshmi: people.
- <KFBS12Jungsang> @lakshmi: they are very collaborative and warm. it is not just words
- < KFBS11Maggie> To Lakshmi Raj: It depends to different people and on your interest.
- <KFBS11Maggie> If you ask specific areas that you are interested, i can share with more
- <KFBS11Maggie> To Lakshmi Raj.
- <KFBS12Jungsang> @Lakshmi: I highly recommend you come visit us is possible
- <Lakshmi Raj> @Jungsang, Thanks a lot! Since I am based out of India, visiting is difficult...
- <KFBS12Jungsang> @Lakshmi: frankly, I had no idea about the area, but once I arrived here, I love the place and people.
- <Deepak_Bangalore> one more imp. thing, what r ur suggestion for ppl flying in to Chapel Hill?
- <AlokVerma321> what are the strengths of the KF program for someone looking at a career in consulting post MBA
- <Lakshmi Raj> I am interested in consulting with a supply chain focus.. What opportunities can I make use of at KFBS?
- < KFBS2012Nitin> @Lakshmi. McKinsey, BCG, Bain, Deloitte are regular recruiters at KFBS. Opportunities in consulting are enormous.
- <Lakshmi Raj> @Nitin, @Maggie, Thanks a lot!

<KFBS11Maggie> To Lakshmi Raj: most consulting firms have supply chain practices. And you can express your interest when you apply and interview. I think BCG even encourages people have an interest

<Lakshmi Raj> Thanks a lot Maggie

<lvamea> Hi ppl.

<Pranjali> Please could you share someone's e-mail who is in the Consulting Club

<KFBS12Fabio> @Pranjali send me a request to my e-mail and I'll reply later, ok?

<Pranjali> thanks Fabio

<GauravDobhal> thanks a lot Fabio I shall definitely send you a mail

<AdmissionsJulie> Pranjali, the emails of club leaders are listed on our website under MBA activities. You can also connect through our website with an MBA Ambassador (1st or 2nd year) based on your career interest.

<Attasit> Hello

<Guest159> Hi

<Villalbi1> How many nationalities in grad school this year ?

<lvamea> Could somebody elaborate on Global STAR program plz.

<KFBS11Makiko> @lvanmea - I did a global business project in Japan. I worked with students from other schools and worked for a pastry firm in Japan. Other students worked for multinationals. Is there a specific question you had?

yeah...i was curious how Globa Star is programmed. Do students get a chance to select the visiting location or scheduling the visit?

<KFBS11Makiko> @Ivanmea. Yes, it is an application process and you choose your first and second choice. It helps to have language capabilities of the country but is not required. You just need to display an interest in that country.

<Guest733> Is there any student who has low TOEFL score such as 90 or 95?

<AdmissionsJulie> Guest 733, we accept a wide range of Toefl scores, but you have to demonstrate strong English speaking and written communications skills through your interview, essays, and recommendations.

<Guest733> Thanks Julie.

- <Varun> Could I get an email id of someone from India, so I could relate in the experience and the take-aways I can expect from the KF program??
- < KFBS2012Nitin> @Varun. You can mail me at nitin8k@gmail.com
- <AdmissionsJulie> Varun, I would suggest connecting with a student from India through our MBA Ambassadors program (listed on our website).
- <Varun> Awesome.. thanks Nitin!
- <Guest159> I am Abhishek. How strongly is GMAT valued in the application process. I have given GMAT 4times but only manage to score 670.
- < KFBS12Fabio> @Guest159 a 670 is not a bad score, at all! It is bellow our average, but if you have a solid background, it isn't a deal-breaker
- <AdmissionsJulie> Guest 159 (Abhishek), while we look at your GMAT score, other factors are important as well: academic record, strong job progression, your admissions interview, recommendations, professional and community leadership.
- <Guest159> Thanks. But I have received a feedback that each school pays heavy attention to GMAT because it affects their rating
- <AdmissionsJulie> Guest 159, as previously stated, we look at the GMAT as well as other factors. In fact, we have a wide range of GMAT scores represented in our current students.
- <SeanSun> How many Chinese students are now on KFBS campus?
- < KFBS11Maggie> To Sean: For the past two years, there are 6 Chinese students each year who directly come from mainland China.
- <SeanSun> only six! i thought it was 10. :(
- <KFBS12Jungsang> @Sean: six is a lot. considering there are only 290 students.
- < KFBS12Jungsang> @Sean; we also have 6 Taiwan students too
- <KFBS11Maggie> Sean: UNC is a small program. Berkeley has only 4 students who come from mainland China. and they have the similar size as UNC. the good thing about smaller is there is less competition within the same group
- <SeanSun> @maggie thank you!
- <Varun> what are the major hiring companies if I am interested in the Strategy and marketing...

- < KFBS12Parit> @ Varun A lot of companies hiring for marketing position here, including Johnson and Johnson, Elly Lilly, and Dupont
- <CMCGrayson> @Varun, consulting is a good way to combine strategy and marketing. As @KFBS2012NitinLaxmi said, "McKinsey, BCG, Bain, Deloitte are regular recruiters at KFBS. Opportunities in consulting are enormous." There are also interesting possibilities in industry-specific marketing.
- <Varun> Thanks Grayson... what is the likely job profile of an immediate MBA pass out.. say if I would be interested in a Financial Services... 'Marketing n strategy' / Consulting... ??
- <Varun> Is there anybody in the marketing concentration?
- <Guest007> Can somebody tell me are there any marketing clubs being formed in KFBS.?
- <JudithOnsomu> How many africans are currently at KF and possibly kenyans too?
- < Villalbi1> How is weighted the gmat score of a US student and a non native english speaker?
- < KFBS12Fabio> @Villalbi1 they are equally weighted. You'd be surprised how well internationals do!
- < Villalbi1> @Fabio not so fair :)
- <AdmissionsJulie> Villalbi, we do not compare the scores as you are suggesting. We look at each applicant individually, and the skills they have and would bring to the program.
- <Ashish> @KFBS2012Nitin: While submitting the application (in early decision round) I didn't submitted my TOEFL score, but later after learning from KFBS adcom that it might be required, I submitted it last week. Will my TOEFL score be considered now?
- <AdmissionsJulie> Ashish, you can check with Sharon Moore, our Records Room Manager to verify if she received your Toefl score. Her contact email is sharon_moore@unc.edu.
- <Ashish> Thanks Julie
- <KFBS2012Nitin> @Ashish. I think all your required documents should reach admissions before the deadline. So if you missed this deadline then it would be considered in the next on in January.
- <SeanSun> hi maggie, can you share some chinese students' job placement? most of them stay in US or head back to China? thanks

< KFBS11Maggie> To Sean: most students have diversified internships. About myself: I interned in the US with DuPont Marketing Leadership Development Program in Delaware US

<KFBS11Maggie> To Sean: some other students interned with Eli Lilly in the US and Finance interned in the US. But there are also students went back to China to do VC

<Guest733> How many students take real estate major recently?

< KFBS12Fabio> @Guest733 Our Real Estate concentration is one of the strongest in the country, and, despite current economic conditions in that field, several of our students still pursue that concentration

<Guest733> Thanks a lot Fabio. I heard that there are more than 70 students who focus on real estate around 2006. Do you know how many students take real estate major at present?

<Pranjali> Hello.I had contacted the Admissions committee while submitting my application and was told that TOEFL is waived for Indian applicants this year. thanks for that, but i took the TOEFL as it might help in the Visa process and I reported the score on the application. Now, will my application be considered incomplete if ETS does not send UNC the score report? pls let me know if my question sounds convoluted

<AdmissionsJulie> Pranjali, I am going to refer your question to Sharon Moore, our Records Room Manager. Please contact her at sharon_moore@unc.edu as she is the best person to answer your question.

<Pranjali> thanks Julie.. Do you think that disqualifies me from the EA round? (I know I you just asked me to get in touch with Sharon , but am totally freaking out right now)

<AdmissionsJulie> Pranjali, please don't freak out!! Sharon is very responsive. She will answer your question right away, but it is not going to make or break your decision.

<Pranjali> thanks Julie. It does put me at ease, knowing this.

<AdmissionsJulie> Pranjali, I did just verify with a Senior Associate Director that your application will be considered in the Early Round, so you do not need to contact Sharon. Rest at ease!

<Pranjali> thanks Julie. I will sleep well tonight

<Guest732> Is it mandatory to report the official GMAT score before we submit the application?

<AdmissionsJulie> Guest732, you can report the unofficial score at any time, but we do need the official score before the deadline date.

- <Yasutoshi Ishizukai> Hello again from Japan! How do current students manage their time to actively participate in several student activities? On graduating from business school, I aim to support entrepreneurs as well as non-profit organizations from the standpoint of management consultant, and intend to relevant student clubs, such as Consulting, Entre, and Net Impact.
- <KFBS12Fabio> @ Yasutoshi Ishizuka don't worry about time management, b-school students dont's have a life! rsrs... KFBS is big on student involvement, MBASA (student association), so you'll see its a lot of fun. We have 3 types of clubs (career clubs, diversity clubs and activities clubs). They are all a great way to get involved
- < Yasutoshi Ishizukai > Thank you, Fabio.
- <Ashish> @Nitin: For an Indian student is it required to submit TOEFL score?
- <JudithOnsomu> How many africans are currently at KF and possibly kenyans too? Just curious.
- < KFBS12Jungsang> @Jud: not sure, but about a dozen. And I know one guy from Kenya.
- <JudithOnsomu> Nice to know. Thanks!
- <Ashish> Does it make a difference between a phone/skype interview ?
- < KFBS12Fabio > @ Ashish no, it does not make any difference
- <AdmissionsJulie> Ashish, as previously mentioned, the various types of interviews are not weighted in any certain way whether it is phone or campus.
- <Ashish> Thanks
- <Joon Teon Hwang> What is the main difference between the Global STAR program and the GBP program?
- <KFBS12Fabio> @Joon Yeon Hwang: Global Star is a new program, it is only focused on African Nations, has a more sustainable focus and is only conducted with KFBS students. GBP is conducted through a consortium of top-MBA programs (includes Duke, Maddison, George Washington).
- <Joon Yeon Hwang> Thanks Fabio. It seems there are 4 domestic STAR projects and 1 global STAR project this year. Is STAR a highly selective project? or does everyone who wish to join get a chance to participate?
- <KFBS12Fabio> @Joon Yeon Hwang there is an application process for it. Over the fall semester, we do usually have fewer students, because of conflicts with recruiting process and core curriculum. We usually have way more spring STAR programs

<Varun> what is the likely job profile of an immediate MBA pass out.. say if I would be interested in a Financial Services... 'Marketing n strategy' / Consulting...?

<CMC Grayson> @Varun, there are a wide range of profiles across financial services, marketing, strategy, and consulting. When new students arrive the CMC and career clubs will help you narrow your focus to find the internship that's the right fit for your immediate and long-term goals.

<Guest526> What about the job statistics of international students?

< KFBS12Fabio> @ Guest 526 99% of our students interned this year

< KFBS11Maggie> To Guest 526: most int'l students have done an internship this past summer. And full time this year it is still in the process.

< KFBS11Maggie> to Guest 526: and I know there are many 2nd year Int'l students who already got one full-time offer

<Pranjali> what advice would you give to partners who want to apply together to UNC? Am aware that each application is weighed on its own merit.. but any other pointers?

<AdmissionsJulie> Pranjali, it is helpful to mention to your interviewer that you are applying with your partner.

<Pranjali> @Julie: sorry. I am not applying with my partner this year. My partner plans to apply to UNC next year in EA. It was just a worst case scenario option wherein if I dont get in this year, I plan to re-apply with my partner the next year.

<Pranjali> hence wanted to know, if you have any word of caution for partners applying together

<AdmissionsJulie> Pranjali, I can't think of any other words of advice, but I certainly hope it all works out well for you.

Pranjali> Thank you Julie. If an applicant is waitlisted, what level of communication do you encourage?

<Pranjali> @Julie: sorry my question was incomplete, if an applicant is waitlisted, what advice would you give?

<Pranjali> i.e. what sort of information/ updates do you expect from waitlisted candidates, or none at all? I do understand that the admissions committee is overburdened and would not have time to keep a track of all communications from waitlisted candidates?

<AdmissionsJulie> Pranjali, if you are waitlisted, I encourage you to write a letter and send it to Sharon Moore, our Records Room Manager, indicating your intent to remain on the waitlist and reiterating your interest in Kenan-Flagler. I would also encourage you to update us with any changes in your job or community activities, particularly promotions or leadership opportunities.

<Pranjali> Thanks Julie, point noted

<AdmissionsJulie> Pranjali, we certainly keep track of additional information provided by waitlisted candidates.

<Pranjali> thanks Julie, it means a lot to me.

<Varun> Can I get a no co-signer loan?

<KFBS2012Nitin> @Varun. All international students can avail the non-cosignor loan and I am currently availing the same.

<Varun> Thanks Nitin! Are there any prerequisites for a non co-signer loan? What is the interest rate? And where can I have access to details of all scholarships available?

<AdmissionsJulie> Varun, information about financial aid and scholarships is available on our website. For scholarships (our merit fellowships), you don't have to complete a separate application - you are automatically considered as long as you apply by our Jan. 7 deadline.

<Guest732> What role does a club (consulting club in specific) play in career search or preparations related to it?

<KFBS12Parit> @Guest732 I am in consulting club so I am going to focus on that. The club does very good job preparing us for the recruiting process. Club activities includes case-off competition, mock interviews, and education sessions

<Guest159> what is the job statistics for international students...

<CMC Grayson> @Guest 159 - per KFBS12Fabio: @Guest 526 99% of our students interned this year

<JudithOnsomu> Thank you so much for this forum and for responding to our questions. I have to leave now. Enjoy!

<Ashish> For an Indian student is it required to submit TOEFL score ?

< KFBS12Fabio> @Ashish Yes

- <AdmissionsJulie> Ashish, we are NOT requiring Toefl for an Indian applicant this year. I will post the link to this new change in a moment.
- <Ashish> @Julie : Thanks Julie, for soothing my nerves
- <KFBS12Fabio> I'm sorry I said that TOEFL was required from Indian students. This was true until last year, as Julie mentioned. So, good news Ashish!
- <Ashish> @Fabio: Yes, as I didn't submitted TOEFL score along with my application, so I just got little nervous. Thanks for the clarification
- <AdmissionsJulie> Here is the link to our Toefl requirements: http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/Apply/requirements.cfm#intl.
- <Varun> @ Nitin: I have pursued my engineering college affiliated to JNTU, hyd.. Is that considered as an English speaking institution.. as all courses were definitely taught in English?
- <Varun> Considering my background... would I get a TOEFL waiver?
- < KFBS2012Nitin> @ Varun. Pls refer to Julie's response.
- <Varun> Thanks!
- <Varun> the link is kind of a paradox--- You earned an undergraduate degree or graduate degree from India. We will request test score from these candidates as needed.
- <Varun> if it isn't required.. why would it be requested?
- <Guest159> so TOEFL is not required for Indians
- <Guest159> undergraduate degree for IIT
- < KFBS12Fabio > Julie, can you take these TOEFL questions, I'll step back to avoid miscommunications.
- <AdmissionsJulie> Guest 159 and Varun, if you read the Toefl requirement as stated in the link I provided, it indicated that if you received an undergraduate or graduate degree from India, we do not require the Toefl but may request it as needed.
- <AdmissionsJulie> To further this point, we might request the Toefl, for example, if there is some concern about the strength of your English skills,
- <Guest007> @Julie: I have submitted my application before the first deadline but reported my TOEFL score two weeks later. So could you tell me whether I was considered for the same round.?

<AdmissionsJulie> Guest007, yes, you will be considered in the first deadline.

<Guest007> @Julie: Thanks.

<Rajesh> Hi...typically how many students pursue a career in international development/non-profit management?

<CMC Grayson> @Rajesh, overall numbers of students focused on international development/non-profit management are relatively small. However, that means less competition, and more personalized attention from professors, the Net Impact club, and the CMC.

< Rajesh > Thank you Grayson!

< KFBS12Fabio> @ Rajesh we are one of the top non-profit schools in the country

<AlokVerma321> @parit what opportunities do you get to interact with consulting companies through via campus events, clubs?

<KFBS12Parit> @AlokVerma321 Many big-name consulting companies hold recruiting events on campus. A lot also come in for office hour where you can have conversation with their employees in a small group. We also have access to alumni who currently work at the firms

<AlokVerma321> thanks parit for the info!!

<Guest007> @julie: Will you notify the candidate about the status of the application by e-mail..?

<AdmissionsJulie> Guest007, you will receive communication from us by email and also be regular mail on decision release dates regarding application decisions; other communication will be made by email (i.e. if your application is incomplete).

<Guest007> @julie: Thanks

<SeanSun> how are events among Chinese students? :)

< KFBS11Maggie> Sean, what kind of events?

<SeanSun> any social event? will 2nd students give help on 1st on job hunting?

<KFBS11Maggie> Sean,what kind of events that you are interested to know? Do you mean career or student social life?

<KFBS2012Nitin> @SeanSun. We get a lot of help from second years and Career Management Center for job search.

<SeanSun> i mean both if you could share. thanks

<KFBS11Maggie> To Sean: for career events, there are school organized career workshops for students to attend. And unofficial events highly encourage each first year talk with second year students for experiences and understand better about career search. Specifically for Chinese students, every year the 2nd year students organize a workshop to 1st year Chinese students to share our experiences.

<SeanSun> @maggie thanks. that is very helpful.

<KFBS11Maggie> for student life events, for every one, there are tons that you will need to manage your time to attend. There are global nights and each country workshops that international students are hosting. And international nights that everyone is attending in the spring. And there are UNC's best attraction: games: for every season: football, basketball and others: students will have the opportunity to get tickets and go. that is definitely the highlight.

<Guest159> how is the operation management program at UNC rated?

<KFBS12Fabio> @Guest159 we do have a very strong operations programs, even though we aren't historically known as an "operations school". As an operations concentrator, I know our program is at the same level as other top MBA programs

<Pranjali> @Julie : If an applicant is denied an admit this year, when is the best time to contact Admissions to get insights into any weaknesses in the profile / areas of improvement?

<AdmissionsJulie> Prajali, the best time to contact Admissions for feedback is in mid-May of 2011.

<Pranjali> thanks Julie

<Ashish> @Julie: Is there some formal process to get the feedback or do we have to request my e-mail?

<AdmissionsJulie> Ashish, in the past we have offered feedback but this varies year to year. The best thing to do would be to email this email address in May: mba_info@unc.edu.

<Ashish> Thanks Julie

<Varun> What was the most splendid aspect of the KFBS that made you feel that--- 'This is an awesome place!' reaction.

<Varun> would appreciate multiple answers.. different perspectives!

- < KFBS12Parit> @ Varun You will love working with people here! they are really great to work with
- <KFBS12Jungsang> @Varun: splendid aspect i must say it is people.
- < KFBS12Fabio> @ Varun trust me... this is a GREAT place! Great environment, engaging faculty, strong student body, really, a great experience
- <CMC Grayson> @Varun, as an '06 graduate, I would say the continued support throughout your entire career.
- <KFBS12Jungsang> @Varun: to be honest, I did not know much about UNC, but once I got here, I love it because people are very warm and willing to help out.
- <KFBS12Jungsang> @Varun: Listening from other students who visited other schools, that warmth and help is not exactly the aspects that you can get from any school
- <KFBS2012Nitin> @Varun. What stood out for me was the faculty and small size of the program. Small size means more collaboration.
- <KFBS12Adrian> Varun.. nice question! the student environment is competitive but in a very friendly and easygoing way. The program is academically very tough but excellent so far. The weather is great, you have the beach on summer, a lot of nice sunny days through the year and the winter is not that cold (and long) compared to other places. The campus life is excellent, you will enjoy the football and basketball college games, the night life at Franklin street full of different bars... overall the experience is perfect!
- < Varun > Thanks for the lovely insider-insight Jungsang, Fabio, Grayson, Parit...
- <Varun> And special thanks to Nitin and Adrian for that perspective...
- <Guest732> Can anybody share their ASW experience? How relevant do you think the workshop is? Also do the financial aids include ASW expenses?
- < KFBS12Jungsang> @732: ASW, must attend. highly recommended
- <KFBS11Maggie> To Guest732: ASW is a great opportunity for students to get adapted to Chapel Hill and know better about your fellow students. The classes are relevant. but the fun and relaxing time to adjust your life is beneficial
- <KFBS12Jungsang> @732: time to enjoy your life and really good to get used to the area
- <KFBS12Jungsang> @732: you will need a lot of time to move, settle down, get license, buy a car and so on.
- < KFBS12Jungsang> vou will not regret it

< KFBS12Jungsang> @732: For additional time, hang around pool, have lots of parties and socials. I love it

<KFBS12Jungsang> @732: ASW is not required, but I think it is highly recommended. very good

<CMC Grayson> @Guest732: I completely agree on the benefits of ASW.

<Guest732> Thanks all for sharing your views about ASW

<Guest159> are there any strong points related to operation program for example any center of excellence....

< KFBS12Fabio> @Guest159 can you e-mail me the operations question? I can answer, but I'd rather forward to people who can share a greater insight

<Guest159> I am still waiting for answer to my question

<KFBS12Jungsang> @159:KFBS12Fabio (guest): @Guest159 can you e-mail me the operations question? I can answer, but I'd rather forward to people who can share a greater insight

<Guest159> your email ID?

<KFBS12Fabio> Fabio_Bertolla@unc.edu

<Guest159> thanks...

<Guest159> any idea what operation firms come at UNC

<Pranjali> How active is the Carolina Women in Business club? Do we have mentoring sessions/coaches who help women navigate the process of job search, networking and maintaining a family/ work balance? I plan to actively participate in such activities, as I consider this important.

<KFBS11Makiko> @Pranjali - I am the VP of Finance and Strategy. We have info sessions about career opportunities. We also host a annual conference on topics such as work/life balance, negotiations, entrepreneurship. Here is more info http://specials.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/MBAclubs/cwb/Lists/Events/AllItems.aspx

<Pranjali> Thank you Makiko

<Guest007> Are there any marketing clubs..?..What kind of activities do we have in there..?

- <KFBS11Makiko> Guest 007 The marketing club does a lot with bringing in speakers and setting up a lot of career assistance. They are especially helpful in practice for interviews and marketing case questions, etc.
- <Guest007> Thanks makiko.
- <Ashish> Between first year and second year break, do international students really get any chance/time to go back home ?
- <KFBS12Fabio> @Ashish, it depends on your internship program. Usually students have 2-3 weeks to go back home
- <Ashish> Thanks Fabio
- <Prabal Majumdar> Hi Fabio can you please provide a bit more insights regarding the case competitions you all participate?the team size how do you prepare, any faculty mentoring you etc?
- < KFBS12Fabio> @ Prabal Majumdar Nitin has participated of more case competitions, he will take your question...
- <KFBS2012Nitin> @Prabal. The Consulting Club does an awesome job for preparing students for case competitions. I have participated in a few of them and our level of preparation was really good.
- < Prabal Majumdar > Thanks Nitin
- < Prabal Majumdar > I see the students for case competitions I did quite a few case studies and project pitches for my firm, so naturally got very interested and god-willing if I get through I will immerse myself in the case competitions.
- < Prabal Majumdar > *I see the students at KFBS focus a lot on case competitions
- <KFBS12Adrian> Hi Prabal, about the case competitions, I participated in the GE case, it was a general management problem, they gave us 6 days to prepare. You present information to GE executives and professors it is a really great experience. If you get in the top place you get nice rewards.
- < Prabal Majumdar > Thanks adrian
- <Ashish> If I want to come along with my partner, can I do that ? Is it possible for her to have a part time job while I am in KFBS ?
- <KFBS12Fabio> @Ashish it depends on her Visa, so you need to check in the US consulate site

<Ashish> Thanks Fabio

<CMC Grayson> @Ashish, partners are very welcome at KFBS. There is a Partners club with lots of events. Most international partners do not work though because of work authorization requirements.

<Ashish> @Grayson: Thanks. Can you elaborate what in kind of activities does Partners club involved?

<CMC Grayson> @Ashish, sure! Here's a link to events: http://specials.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/MBAclubs/pf/Lists/Events/AllItems.aspx

<Ashish> @Grayson : Thanks

<Guest732> What are the opportunities and in what ways can an international student contribute to UNC K-F?

< KFBS12Fabio> @ Guest732 whatever you want! KFBS is a very engaging schools, with great opportunities for involvement

<KFBS11Maggie> There are lots of opportunities that int'l students can contribute. the students just did an essay: most students said int'l culture had a big influence to their student life. int'l students can contribute perspectives from int'l biz and cultures that definitely enrich the student experience here.

<Guest528> hi,I had submitted my application in the EA round. have all the interviews been extended for the EA applicants?

<AdmissionsJulie> Guest 528, interviews continue to be added. For example, I am having some added on today and tomorrow.

<Guest528> @Julie:Okay,but the decision date for EA applicants is Dec.13th right?

<AdmissionsJulie> Guest 528, yes, decisions will be released Dec. 13.

<Guest528> @Julie - Okay.But if interview invites are being sent now for EA applicants, when will the interviews be held? -Thanks!

<AdmissionsJulie> Guest528, any additional interviews at this point would have to get scheduled before Monday.

<Guest528> @Julie - Thanks a lot for that information.

<AdmissionsJulie> Guest 528 - good luck to you.

<Pranjali> could someone put me through any Indian female student who would be willing to take questions.. I have had a great experience with everyone at KFBS and I am sure it will continue

<KFBS2012Nitin> @Pranjali Pls refer MBA Ambassadors webpage: http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/programs/MBA/interviewsVisits/Ambassadors/index.cfm#details

- <Pranjali> thanks Nitin, glad to know you are from Pune too :)
- <Pranjali> hi Fabio, not sure if you have already answered this, but if you were to give me (a Consulting Club hopeful) some tips about preparing for the case interviews even before school begins, what tips would you give?

<KFBS12Fabio> @Pranjali there will be a lot of prepping for cases while you are at school. Trust me, A LOT OF CASING (students usually do over 100 cases in their first semester here)

<Pranjali> ok thanks Fabio.. 100 cases sound good.. a robust preparation for the interviews!!

<KFBS11Maggie> 100 cases is the least

< KFBS11Maggie> for a good preparation

<SeanSun> it seems a lot of workload.100 cases

< KFBS12Fabio> @ Paul Friga (recognized author of The McKinsey Engagement and The McKinsey Mind) is our head of consulting department

- <Pranjali> Oh Yes, I have read some of his work
- <Varun> Ur replies are really sending positive vibes about the college.. I must say!
- <Varun> Guess... ill start working rt aways.. :) Cheers guys... hope to see you next year! Ciao!

<KFBS12Adrian> See you guys! good luck!

- <Guest159> thanks
- <Pranjali> is there any one thing you wish you had known before joining school and would like a prospective student to be prepared with before he/she joins school?
- <Ashish> Thanks KFBS Adcom, alumni & current students. Session really helped a lot in clearing many of my doubts. Thanks again !!

<SeanSun> thank you all!

- <AdmissionsJulie> To all international applicants, good luck to you all, and we look forward to reading your applications!
- <CMC Grayson> Best of luck, everyone!
- <Guest732> Just for confirmation. you do not have a rolling admissions process right?
- <AdmissionsJulie> Guest 732, we do not have a rolling admissions process.
- <JoonYeonHwang> Julie, could I have your e-mail address please?
- <AdmissionsJulie> Joon, it is julie_wiley@unc.edu. You can email me your admissions questions that did not get answered today.
- < KFBS12Fabio > Thank you everyone for participating, and good luck on the application process
- <Pranjali> thank you Julie, I have always had a good experience interacting with everyone at KFBS..
- <Pranjali> and thanks others
- <Rajesh> Thank you for taking out time to conduct this session...it was really extremely helpful!!
- <Guest526> Can we get a transcripts for this discussion?
- <KFBS12Fabio> The chat transcript will be posted on our website within two weeks: http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/MBA/infoSessions/Chats.cfm.
- <KFBS12Jungsang> good luck guys.
- <KFBS11Maggie> to all applicants, UNC is good school that you should seriously consider. good luck to you all.
- <rRvVzFXsJ37> Thank you everyone
- < KFBS2012Nitin> Best of luck to everyone!
- <Guest732> Thank you all
- <Ashish> Thanks Julie for all clarifications
- <Joon Yeon Hwang> Thank you so much everyone for great insights!
- <KFBS12Parit> Thanks everyone for joining us today. Good luck in your admission process

<AdmissionsJulie> you're welcome, Ashish!
<Yasotoshi Ishizuka> Thank you all!
<Guest007> Thanks everybody for your help..Hope to see you all @ UNC.
<Guest528> Thanks.
<Guest007> Thanks Julie.
<KFBS12Fabio> Thank you all and good luck!
<Rajesh> Thank you Julie and team!!
<AdmissionsJulie> You're welcome, Guest007 and Rajesh. Thank you all for joining us today!
<AlokVerma321> Thankyou everyone!
<Pranjali> hi all, just to confirm, how much time do we have left?
<AdmissionsJulie> The chat has now concluded. Thank you everyone!
<Pranjali> thanks.