



**Message from Dean Mohamad Sepehri**

*“It is hard to fall, the challenge is to get back on your feet”*



Nothing gives me more pleasure to share the SBPA’s success and accomplishments. We stride to achieve our objective, while setting ambitious goals and far-reaching vision. We will not be satisfied by doing the minimal, but rather to surpass and exceed the highest quality and trait.

It is a distinct honor and a unique opportunity for SBPA to host the Academy of International Business – South East Region (AIBSE) in October 2017. The conference will provide a worldwide exposure for UDC-SBPA by showcasing our campus and our quality academic programs. Many of SBPA faculty and students will be participating in the conference by presenting research papers, chairing sessions, and helping with other aspects of the program. This is unprecedented in UDC’s history. ([Continue Reading](#))

**SPBA Hosted a Very Successful AIB-SE Conference**

The Academy of International Business – Southeast region (AIB-SE) had its Annual Conference in Washington, DC on October 26 – 28. The mission of the AIB-SE is to foster education and to advance professional standards in the field of international business. The membership of the academy includes university professors and practitioners, as well as graduate students from many countries around the world.



The **University of the District of Columbia – School of Business and Public Administration (UDC – SBPA)** hosted the 2017 conference at the UDC campus. The conference served as a medium for sharing and presenting scholarly research, workshops and seminars, panel presentations and discussions, and experiential learning experiences such as X-Culture. More than 200 participants from 55 or more countries attended the conference this year. ([Continue Reading](#))



**Conference Host**  
**UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
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Conference Chair: Jeffrey Kappen  
 Program Chair: Stanford Westjohn  
 Conference Host Chair: Mohamad Sepehri

**Academy of International Business CHAPTER US Southeast**  
 October 26-28, 2017  
 Washington, D.C.



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**“This Millennial Earned Six Figures From Her Side Hustle, Then Decided To Quit Her Job” - [Forbes Article Here](#)**

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## Student Spotlight: Dressed for Success with total S.W.A.G.



Kevin Lopez is a Junior Accounting Major and an aspiring CPA. He currently serves as the Community Service Chair of the UDC NABA Chapter and is an Accounting Supplemental Instructor on campus as well.

Kevin was the recipient of the **S.W.A.G (Scholar With A Gift)** Scholarship sponsored by The First Suit Project at the SBPA 2017 Leaders of Tomorrow Conference. The First Suit Project is a nonprofit organization, their mission is to fully equip well deserved college students that attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities

(HBCUs) with the appropriate business attire and other resources that will enhance their personal brand. The scholarship provided a unique shopping experience that ended with Kevin picking out and owning his very first business suit. Additionally, the SWAG scholarship recipients receive resume development and interview coaching.

He is also a 2017-2018 UDC SBPA Dean Awards Scholar, AICPA Legacy Scholar, NABA DC Metro Scholar, SWSCPA Scholar, and has accepted an Audit internship with KPMG, on of the "BIG 4" accounting firms.



## Distinguished Lecture Series & Leadership Forum

### Major General Arnold Fields, USMC (RET)



The School of Business and Public Administration welcomed Major General Arnold Fields as the Fall Distinguished Lecture Series speaker this month. He retired from the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in 2004 while serving as the Deputy Commander of Marine Corps Forces in Europe and Africa. Major General Fields, USMC (RET) currently serves the Department of Defense in support of congressionally authorized Vietnam War Commemoration. ([Continue Reading](#))

## Going Global: UDC and WUT Join Forces-President signed Memorandum)



The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) hosted a group from Wuchang University of Technology (WUT) on August 28, 2017, and both institutions signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to pursue future collaborations in research/education.

The four-member delegation was here on an invitation from President Mason. The WUT group, led by its president, ZHAO Zuobin, included XU Hongyi (Dean, WUT Business School), LU Jiangbin (Dean, International Education), and FU Shiwei (Executive

Assistant to the President), met with faculty members and leadership from the School of Business & Public Administration (SBPA). Following that, they had discussions with Dean Sepehri (SBPA), Dean Shetty (SEAS), Dean Massey (CAS), and Dean O'Hara (CAUSES). The President's Office hosted the group to a lunch reception where they all had a hearty discussion about DC and Wuhan. The WUT delegation ended their day with a tour of our campus.

SBPA has already formed a 4-member task force to work on the details of the "3+1+1" program. It will not be long before the first batch of WUT students arrive at UDC.



University Presidents signing MOU, left to right: UDC President Mason and WUT President Zhao Zuobin.