

Dinner and some networking - Phi Beta Lambda serves up an opportunity for Rutgers students

Rutgers Phi Beta Lambda hosted its fourth annual "Dining with the Distinguished" event on Friday, Dec. 5, giving students an opportunity to network with a wide variety of industry professionals.

Students had a chance to speak informally with individuals from such companies as Deloitte, Unilever, Johnson & Johnson, AT&T, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Merrill Lynch.

Jake Comito, a Rutgers Business School sophomore majoring in marketing and supply chain management, said the dinner gave him a chance to expand his network and made him aware of more companies and industries to consider as career choices.

"Dining allowed me to network with employers I was interested in while also introducing me to new, innovative companies and industries," Comito said.

"Dining with the Distinguished" is open to students of all majors and classes. The event gives students an opportunity, in a unique setting, to seek career advice and gain knowledge of various industries they might consider entering after college. With 42 professionals and more 200 students in attendance, the event saw more than a 150 percent increase in the number of attendees over last year.

Kathy Meyer, a Rutgers Business School student and a member of PBL's Public Relations and Events Committee, said "Dining with the Distinguished was a great event. "Attending helps students practice their professional skills and build lasting professional relationships," she said.

Phi Bet Lambda extended special thanks to the Rutgers Alumni Association and the Rutgers Business Governing Association for co-sponsoring the event.

Rutgers Phi Beta Lambda is a business organization on the New Brunswick Campus. The main focus of the organization is to teach professional development to prepare students for their future careers. It is open to all majors. For more information about Rutgers PBL, visit www.rutgerspbl.com.



A scene from Dining with the Distinguished in December.