

continued, "I didn't want to go into the classroom as 'just another number.'" Vincent commended Hofstra for putting a lot of effort into the program. Mature, accomplished, innovative and talented students, from varied professional and cultural backgrounds enhance the dynamic elements of the classroom. "I learned a great deal in class, especially from my classmates, with whom I continue to maintain great relationships,"



Xuemao Wang '02

said Xuemao Wang, director of information technology for the Metropolitan Library Council. "What we learned in class on Friday or Saturday, I applied to my job on Monday, including planning, presentation and organizational skills, as well

as ways to improve my relationships and communication with my staff," said Wang.

The 20-month E.M.B.A. program consists of seven consecutive semesters. The first 12 months combine an overview and introduction of the various business functions in the context of decision making and management. The final eight months adopt a more interdisciplinary methodology and begin with the International Management Practicum, an intense international business study.

To qualify for admission to the E.M.B.A. program, applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree, have at least seven years of managerial or equivalent professional experience reflecting a progression of responsibilities, and demonstrate the potential for executive-level leadership.

Faculty are selected on the basis of teaching, business/consulting experience and research productivity, and are specially trained for E.M.B.A. instruction. "The professors were very accessible and friendly. They treated us more like peers and colleagues than students," said Forte, who also earned a B.B.A. in management from Hofstra in 1997. "The atmosphere was welcoming and I was not afraid to question the professor," he continued. Added Milke, "Overall, I was very pleased with each professor's performance and teaching style. I am confident this program will continue to grow and prosper."

JED MOREY '02



If operating and managing one of the top entertainment industries in the country is not in itself, a difficult task, then try adding to that an arduous Executive Master's program, once a week for 10 hours a day. Jed Morey did just that and is one of 10 elite executives to complete Hofstra University's inaugural 20-month long E.M.B.A. program. The youngest broadcasting company president in the United States, Jed, 29, has idealistic plans to expand entertainment on Long Island. He owns three Long Island radio stations, as well as The Vanderbilt, a catering hall and concert venue he single-handedly rescued and refurbished, located in Plainview, New York.

Jed, who majored in business and minored in music at Skidmore College, worked as general manager for Jarad Broadcasting in Albany, New York, before moving to Long Island. Featured in *Long Island Business News* as one of 40 businessmen and women under the age of 40 on the rise, Jed is an entrepreneur planning to shape and direct the future of Long Island entertainment. As owner and chief operating officer of the Garden City-based Morey Organization, founded by his father, Ron, Jed is the power behind the entertainment enterprise that includes radio stations WLIR-FM, WDRE-FM and WXXP-FM, as well as The Vanderbilt, Strong Island Events, an event marketing company, and his most recent acquisition, *The Island Ear*, a local entertainment biweekly that he revitalized through a case study and marketing project he presented while earning his E.M.B.A. Jed acquired the 23-year-old newspaper through lenders and was able to transform *The New Island Ear* into a *Village Voice*/alternative style publication.

In his spare time, Jed has been an active member of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Long Island since 1993, representing the organization as its current president while heading a fund-raising event at The Vanderbilt that raises \$130,000 annually for the program.

In October 2000 Jed married singer-songwriter Eden White, they met at Lilith Fair, where Jed was captivated by the opening act – who would be his future wife. They reside in Manhattan, New York.

Dr. Ralph S. Polimeni was appointed Dean effective **May 9, 1997**. He served as Interim Dean in 1996, and was previously Chairperson of the Department of Accounting and Business Law for 21 years.

In October 1996 Hofstra established the Business Development Center (BDC), which was named for Scott Skodnek '73 on **November 25, 1997**.

The McGraw-Hill Companies committed \$2.4 million in **1997** to assist in construction of the McGraw-Hill Companies Business Technology Laboratory.

Advanced graduate certificate in business programs was created in **1997**. Master of Science program was first offered in **1997**.

C.V. Starr Hall was dedicated on **May 21, 2000**.

The first students were admitted to the Executive M.B.A. Program in **August 2000**. An E-commerce course was first offered in fall **2000**.