

## DEARBORN DEBUTS PART-TIME POLICY PROGRAM

The University of Michigan-Dearborn debuted a new master's degree program in public policy studies this fall. The program caters to adult, part-time students working in policy-related positions; it is the only MPP evening program offered in southeast Michigan. Courses in the 42-credit hour degree program include public administration, health psychology, business administration and liberal arts. Graduates of the program could work as policy analysts in government units at the local, state and national levels.

## A COOL MICHIGAN TRADITION SPREADS



NBA basketball coach and Michigan grad Rudy Tomjanovich, '67-'70, and his wife, Sophie, like Stucchi's ice cream. A lot. So when Tomjanovich became head coach of the Houston Rockets, they knew they just couldn't live without their favorite flavors. The couple received shipments of the Michigan-based ice cream in Houston and on their travels so frequently that, in 2000, Tomjanovich decided

to take matters into his own hands. He started the Rudy Tomjanovich Sales Foundation, which supports cancer research, and opened the first Stucchi's store in Houston (profits from the store benefit the foundation). Since then, the Stucchi's brand has grown in Texas, and there are now 12 Stucchi's stores in the Lone Star State. Now that Tomjanovich is the head coach for the Los Angeles Lakers, there are plans to bring the popular ice cream store to Los Angeles.

Stucchi's president Shilpan Amin says the company gets numerous requests from Michigan alumni who want to bring Stucchi's stores to their own backyards. The company has responded to the requests and now offers a licensing agreement for those who want to open a Stucchi's store. Information is available at [www.stucchis.com](http://www.stucchis.com).

## IT'S GOOD TO BE THE BUSINESS SCHOOL

September brought a whirlwind of good news for the students and faculty of the U-M Business School. Early in the month, Stephen M. Ross, '62, donated \$100 million, the largest donation ever to an American business school and the largest gift to the University of Michigan in its 187-year history. The board of regents met on September 9 to rename the business school The Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

Ross received his bachelor's degree in accounting and went on to become founder, chairman and CEO of The Related Companies, which developed the \$1.7 billion Time Warner Center at New York City's Columbus Circle. The company's real estate portfolio is valued in excess of \$8 billion, and it's the largest shareholder in CharterMac, the country's biggest financier of affordable housing in the United States. Ross is also a co-chair of The Michigan Difference, the University's \$2.5 billion fund-raising campaign. President Mary Sue Coleman praised his "breathtaking generosity," which places him in the upper echelon of U-M philanthropists, joining such familiar names as Horace and Mary Rackham and William W. Cook.

Following this announcement was more good news: On September 21, The Wall Street Journal named the Ross School of Business the number one business school in the country. Reporter Ron



Ross School of Business

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Also cited the school's focus on real-world experience, which allows students to hit the ground running when they enter the workplace. Dean Robert J. Dolan called the ranking a "terrific tribute" to the students and community of the Ross School. The announcement was broadcast live by CNBC from the school's Alessi Courtyard before morning classes, and more than 130 students, faculty and staff greeted the news with cheers, whistles and chants of "Go Blue." Rounding out The Wall Street Journal's top five business schools are Carnegie Mellon (Tepper) in second place, Dartmouth (Tuck) at three, University of Pennsylvania (Wharton) at four, and the University of Chicago in fifth.

(LEFT) A FULL HOUSE GREETED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ROSS' GIFT WITH A STANDING OVATION.



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