Olin scores its highest spot on the Financial Times global MBA ranking. Plus, we launch new online graduate programs, expanding our offerings to a growing segment of the population.

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Highly ranked in Financial Times
WashU Olin earned its strongest showing ever in the Financial Times’ global ranking of full-time MBA programs, coming in at 25th—and No. 1 for faculty research.

New online masters programs
Olin is introducing three new online masters programs designed for working professionals. The three programs—business analytics, finance and accounting—will have the same high academic standards as on-campus programs, three levels of credentials and a best-in-class online learning experience.

Faculty updates
Adrienne Davis, William M. Van Cleve Professor of Law and co-founder of WashU’s Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity, now has a joint appointment to the Olin faculty. Plus, Peter Boumgarden is
named Koch Family Professor of Practice for the Koch Center for Family Business.

DEI strategic plan update
Dean Mark Taylor appointed a task force last summer to recommend high-level goals and strategies for a strategic plan focused on diversity, equity and inclusion. He shares his update and next steps.

Beloved career coach retires
Thousands of you turned to Frans VanOudenallen for career advice or to be a sounding board when life upended your plans. Frans retired last month to spend more time with his grandchildren and travel.

Smartphone, sure. But a smart tractor?
Mark Schwager, MBA '11, is behind this innovation with his company Monarch Tractor. “Farmers are just over the moon about this thing.”

Entrepreneur professor cashes in
Doug Villhard, EMBA ’14, academic director for WashU Olin’s entrepreneurship platform, sells the startup he co-founded for $30M. “I teach students to fall in love with the customer’s problem. If you get that right, it can lead to amazing things.”

In the White House
Jaimie McFarlin, MBA ’10, joins the Biden Administration as deputy associate counsel for the Office of White House Counsel.
Olin alumnus dies in avalanche

Experienced climber Matthew Nyman was an Army veteran, wounded warrior, innovator and 2017 EMBA alumnus.

Alumni lifelong learning opportunity

The Koch Center for Family Business is inviting all alumni to attend the Ownership Insights: Competitive Advantage of Family and Employee-Owned Firms course during the guest speaker portion. Contact Spencer Burke on how to connect and view speaker schedule here.

Higher temps, higher tension

A rise in local temperature of half a degree Celsius is associated with a 10% to 20% increase in the risk of deadly conflict. Olin’s Tarek Ghani coauthored a report in Foreign Affairs magazine.

Other big alumni news

Lal Karsanbhai, MBA ’95, was named successor to Emerson CEO David Farr upon his February 5 retirement. Led by Chuck Cohn, BSBA ’08, Hatchery-spawned Varsity Tutors—renamed Nerdy—goes public at a $1.7 billion valuation.
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