The Vasey Academy is a scholarship program for minority students to explore business and enhance their success.

Through the generosity of Roger and Sandy Vasey, the Vasey Academy has introduced more than 700 underrepresented minority students to business since it was established in 1997. The Vasey Academy enriches students’ education, careers, and lives.

The Vasey Experience

The Vasey Academy enhances education and career opportunities through a one credit hour seminar course that counts toward your business degree. The program provides essential connections to major company representatives and offers mentoring with a previous Vasey class member and Vasey alumni. Key opportunities:

• Receive a one-time $1000 scholarship
• Participate in corporate visits
• Attend the Corporate Showcase and meet company recruiters and executives
• Learn about different business majors in faculty-run sessions
• Build networking skills leading to internships and full-time positions.
• Develop strategies for success
• Explore current events and emerging topics in business

Application Process

Students interested in the Vasey Academy must complete an application and respond to a short answer question. Applicants are selected based on responses and academic record.

• Incoming freshmen: a preferred 3.0 high school GPA
• Current business students: a preferred 3.0 UM system GPA

We’ll Show you Honors

Vasey Academy scholars have received numerous honors:

• Mizzou ‘39
• Ernst & Young Emerging Leaders Achievement Program
• University of Chicago Booth Scholars
• Recent Alumni Citation of Merit
• McNair Research Scholarship
• George C. Brooks Scholarship
• Trulaske Student Leadership Award
• Griffiths Society
• LEAD Mentor Program
• Omicron Delta Kappa Top 14

“We feel that if students have the chance to learn about and then enter the world of business, they will be more likely to have successful business careers and better lives.”

- Roger Vasey
On-Campus Vasey Alumni

Your connection with the Vasey Academy doesn’t end after your first semester in the program. Upon completion of the Vasey Seminar you will become part of our on-campus alumni. On-campus alumni are invited to attend all academy activities, as well as participate in scholarship, leadership, and educational opportunities.

Stay Connected

Vasey alumni stay involved with the program and the Trulaske College of Business after graduation. Alumni receive newsletters, are invited back to the Vasey seminar course, and are encouraged to serve as alumni mentors.

About the Vaseys

The Vasey Academy is funded through the generosity of Roger and Sandy Vasey. Roger graduated from the College of Business in 1958 and was Executive VP of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. He is currently the managing partner of Conyers Capital, LLC. With their vision, the Vasey Academy was established in 1997, and in the past 15 years the program has introduced more than 600 underrepresented minority students to the world of business.

Stay Connected

Vasey alumni stay involved after graduation. Alumni will receive the Vasey Vibe newsletter, which provides updates about the program, a current student spotlight, and a calendar of events. Alumni are always welcome back to campus and invited to attend the Alumni Tailgate each fall. Interested alumni can also serve as mentors to Vasey students and are encouraged to meet students through the Vasey Class Seminar.

Our Commitment to Diversity

The Trulaske College of Business is committed to promoting diversity. We want our students to be prepared to contribute to the global economy, while benefiting from a network of support and the invaluable resources our faculty, staff, and corporate partners provide. To that end, the college has included diversity as one of its Strategic Priorities. Because the business world recognizes the importance of diversity with respect to minorities and the global business environment, enhancing the diversity of its student body, faculty, and staff as well as diversity-focused programs is essential to a complete business education.

Degree Programs

Think of your degree as the foundation for the rest of your career. Today’s employers expect more from employees, and a professional education will help you exceed those demands. At Mizzou’s Trulaske College of Business, you’ll learn everything you need to know to get a head start in today’s competitive business market. The 120 credit hour bachelor of science in business administration (BS BA) is for students interested in economics, finance, management, marketing, or real estate. Our accountancy program awards students a bachelor of science in accountancy and master of accountancy degree (BS Acc/M Acc). The 150 credit hour program merges the BS Acc and M Acc degrees into an integrated curriculum to provide high-quality preparation for a career as a professional accountant.

Admission

All students admitted to the Trulaske College of Business are considered undeclared business or accountancy until they apply to the Upper Level program of their choice (business administration or accountancy). Students interested in the business administration program will typically apply to the Upper Level second semester of their sophomore year or first semester of their junior year. Those interested in the accountancy program will apply second semester of their sophomore year. To be eligible to apply to the Upper Level, students must meet the minimum GPA, course, and Professional Development Program requirements.

Robert J Trulaske, Sr. College of Business

What is now the Trulaske College of Business was established in 1914. In October 2007, the University of Missouri announced that MU’s business school would be named the Robert J. Trulaske, Sr. College of Business in recognition of the unprecedented support of the college by Bob and Geraldine Trulaske and the business and personal achievements of Bob Trulaske (BS BA ’40). The College currently enrolls approximately 4,000 undergraduate students and 350 graduate students.