



# College of Business Timeline and History

- 1959-61** Arlington State Junior College became a senior college awarding the first bachelor's degrees in business administration.
- 1965-67** Arlington State College became a member of the University of Texas System and was renamed The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA).
- 1969** The College of Business Administration received initial accreditation for its undergraduate degree program from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The first master's degrees in business administration were awarded.
- 1973** The college received initial AACSB accreditation for its master's degree programs.
- 1977** The first Ph.D. in administration was awarded.  
MBA Magazine recognized the college as having the No. 4 MBA program in the southwestern United States.  
The college moved into a modern 157,810-square-foot building with a six-story office tower and a three-story educational wing. The building was dedicated by Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe in January 1978.
- 1980** The first endowed chair at UTA, the Eunice and James L. West Chair of Private Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, was established with a gift of more than \$1 million.
- 1981-82** The Center for Professional and Executive Development was established to provide quality continuing education programs to area businesses.
- 1984** In the 1981-83 CPA exams, UTA had the highest overall pass rate among Texas universities with one percent or more candidates sitting for all four parts.  
The college received AACSB accreditation for its accounting programs.
- 1985** Annual giving to the Partners and Associates Program exceeded \$500,000.  
Additional funding for the C.J. and Clara Earle Scholarship Fund increased the size of the endowment to over \$225,000.
- 1986** The college established its first two endowed professorships: the Public Accounting Professorship and the Gould/Mayfield Professorship in Real Estate.  
UTA graduates received the first, second and third place for the highest grades on the CPA exam, an event unequaled by any other university in Texas history.  
The college opened a 50-unit PC lab.
- 1987** The third endowed professorship in the College of Business Administration, the Accounting Alumni Professorship, was established.  
The college opened the first state-of-the-art networked executive PC classroom at any north central Texas university.

- 1989** The college received a \$249,000 grant for the development of an accounting personal computer lab and an advanced software evaluation center.
- 1990** The college received approval to offer a Ph.D. in business administration degree rather than a business track under the previous Ph.D. in administration program.  
The college's MBA program was recognized as one of "America's 57 Best" in Prentice Hall's Top Business Schools.
- 1999** SAP R/3 system and software was donated to the college from SAP America, Inc.
- 2000** Renovations of the business building were completed.  
Launched accelerated, cohort-based MBA program at the UTA Fort Worth Center.
- 2001** Began first M.S. in health care administration cohort class at the Fort Worth Center.  
Received approval to launch an Executive MBA program.
- 2002** Received approval from the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China to offer an Executive MBA at Tongji University and the Beijing University of Science and Technology.
- 2003** Received a \$2 million gift to establish The Goolsby Leadership Academy and four professorships. The anonymous gift honors John L. Goolsby and his wife, Judy, and is the largest single gift in UTA history.
- 2004** The first Commencement ceremony was held in Beijing for graduates of the Executive MBA program.  
Began offering M.S. in health care administration at University Center–Dallas.
- 2005** The college received a \$250,000 gift to establish the Chester "Chuck" Carlock Distinguished Professorship in Accounting in honor of Chuck Carlock, the 2005 UT Arlington Distinguished Accounting Alumnus.  
The college received a \$250,000 pledge from Alcon Foundation to fulfill the first matching gift requirement in the Goolsby Leadership Academy, establishing the Goolsby-Alcon Endowed Chair in Leadership.  
The college received approval to offer the Master of Science in quantitative finance.
- 2006** The first cohort of domestic EMBA students began classes at the UT Arlington Fort Worth Center.  
Maintenance (continuance) of AACSB accreditation was achieved in business and accounting, at all degree levels.  
General Tommy Franks ('71 B.B.A.) was awarded the first Goolsby Leadership Medallion.
- 2007** The first cohort of domestic Executive MBA students traveled to China for a two-week immersion.
- 2008** The college received the second Alcon Foundation gift in support of Goolsby Leadership Academy scholarships.  
The family of Manny Rosenthal contributed \$250,000 to fully fund the Goolsby Rosenthal Endowed Chair.

- 2009** The College of Business Administration is renamed the College of Business.  
A College of Business alumni gathering was conducted at Hunt Oil Company in Dallas, hosted by Ray Hunt.  
Stephen Jones, executive vice president of the Dallas Cowboys, spoke at the Business Week Executive Dinner.
- 2010** A College of Business alumni gathering was hosted by BNSF and Lockheed Martin Aerospace at their Fort Worth locations.  
The first meeting of the M.S. in human resources advisory board was conducted by the Department of Management.
- 2011** Maintenance (continuance) of AACSB accreditation was achieved in business and accounting, at all degree levels.  
The college's summer undergraduate study abroad program in Barcelona, Spain, began.
- 2012** The first of several successive years in which TaxTalent ranked the M.S. in taxation program in the top 10 such programs nationally.
- 2013** Through pledges and funds received, the college met the \$1 million goal for establishing the Dan Himarios Endowed Chair.  
Initial year of the college's title sponsorship for the CFO of the Year Awards presented by the Fort Worth Business Press and the Dallas Business Journal.
- 2014** The college surpassed 2,000 graduates of the Asian Executive MBA program.  
The Goolsby Leadership Academy began its Early Leader Program for freshman students with endowment funding from BNSF.  
Construction was completed of the outside deck on the east side of the Business Building.  
Jody Grant addressed the Business Week Executive Dinner audience and received the second Goolsby Leadership Medallion.
- 2015** Two new specialized master's degree programs launched: the M.S. in economic data analytics and the M.S. in business analytics, both STEM designated.  
The inaugural meeting of the M.S. in health care administration advisory board was held.  
The College Business opened a new bake sale area on the first floor of the Business Building.  
A major gift was received from alumna Jacquelyn Fouse, establishing the Jack and Doris Fouse Study Abroad Program.

# College of Business Deans

**1965-73** W.B. (Larry) Nelson

**1975-79** Roger Dickinson

**1979-93** Walter Mullendore

**1994-96** Russell Peterson

**1999-2012** Daniel Himarios

**2013-Present** Rachel Croson

## INTERIM DEANS

Jerry Wofford

Robert Martin

Dan Worrell

Lawrence Schkade

Peggy Swanson

David Gray



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