



Message from Dean Edwards

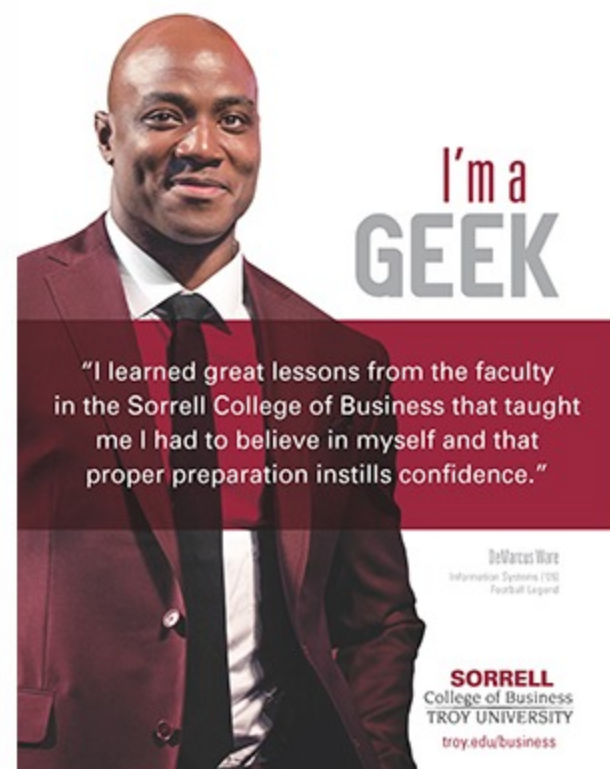
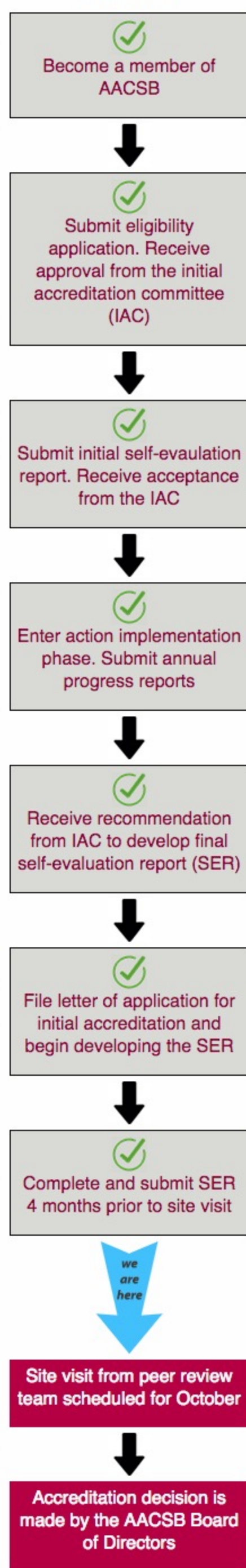
I always enjoy the start of fall semester when the hallways and classrooms of Bibb Graves are filled with students buzzing with excitement and anticipation of the new school year and sharing stories from their summer travels and internships. Many of our students returned to campus after gaining global experience studying abroad this summer or doing internships. Isabel Smelko, featured in our "Spotlight On," is one of these students. We are also fortunate to have had more than 250 students from around the globe studying business with us on the Troy Campus last year, and we're thrilled to welcome back many familiar faces and to greet our new students.

This fall semester is a particularly important and exciting time for us as we prepare to host visiting teams in both business and accounting as we seek initial accreditation from AACSB International. AACSB provides quality assurance, business education intelligence and professional development services to organizations and accredited business schools worldwide. The efforts made by the Sorrell College to earn this prestigious accreditation has been a true culture change for us, but I have no doubt that the many years of work to align with AACSB standards has made us a better business college, our strength is built on a foundation of high-quality as we embrace the future.

As we begin this new school year, we are proudly showing off how Sorrell students and alumni are GEEKS — globally aware, engaged with the business community, ethical decision makers, knowledgeable to compete, and successful. Our faculty and staff work every day to align these overarching strategic initiatives of the college with their teaching to instill these important traits in our students. It is my hope that our collective efforts in meaningful teaching, engaging, caring and scholarship will produce graduates with a strong foundation for successful careers and rewarding lives. I'm especially looking forward to hosting the Anise Sorrell Book Club this fall where we'll focus on ethics and read *First Entrepreneur: How George Washington Built His – and the Nation's – Prosperity* by Edward Lengel. We are fortunate that Mr. Lengel will visit our campus on November 6-7 for a public lecture and discussions with the book club members. I invite you to sign up for the Book Club or read along with us.

If you're on campus this fall for a visit, please stop by to say hello. This is a very important year for the Sorrell College, and we look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the days ahead. Long live the Sorrell GEEKS....JCE

AACSB Accreditation Timeline



Spotlight On: Isabel Smelko, RMI, class of 2020

Rising junior Isabel Smelko, third from the left front row, traveled to London this summer with a group of 16 Sorrell Risk Management and Insurance students led by Dr. Ed Duett. Upon her return, Isabel authored a TROY Today blog post to share her insights from, and appreciation of, the opportunity.

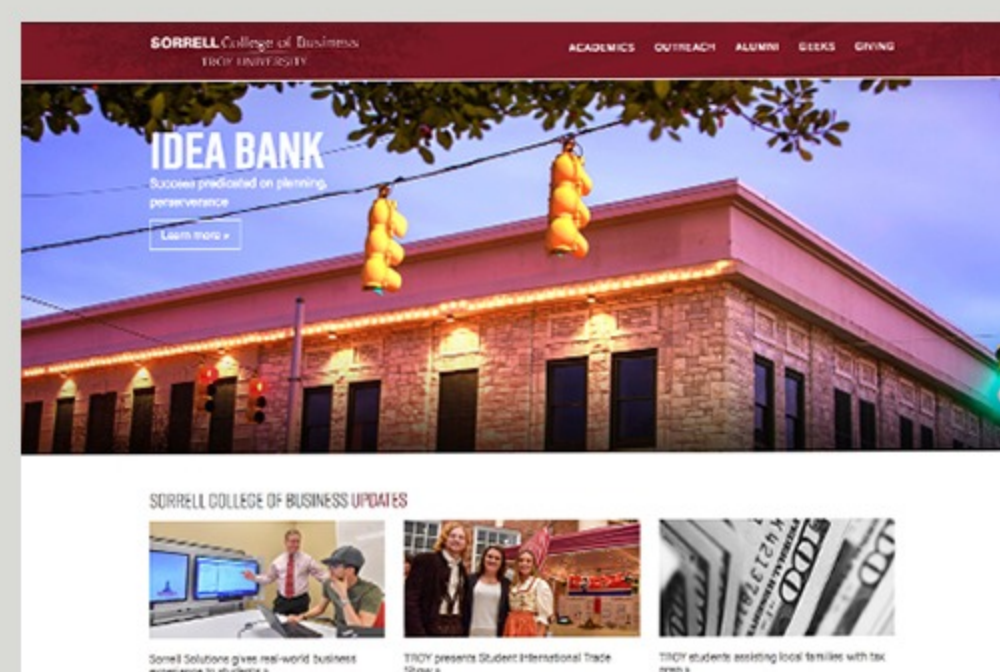


New & Noteworthy

- Read about **Sorrell Solutions** providing real world experience to business students.
- Troy University's Risk Management and Insurance Program has been recognized by the A.M. Best Company as one of the **Top 20 RMI Programs** in the country.
- Dr. McKinney's gift to the IDEA bank **Success predicated on planning, perseverance.**
- Bookmark the **TROY Today** blog to stay up-to-date with news from Sorrell and the University.
- Find out what happens when economics professor Daniel Sutter takes on a **DIY project.**

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