

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INTEGRATIVE ESSAY**

### **The Integrative essay is due:**

- December 1, 2008 for students graduating in December 2008 or January 2009
- May 1, 2009 for students graduating in May, 2009
- August 1, 2009 for students graduating in Summer 2009
- December 1, 2009 for students graduating in December 2009 or January 2010

### **The essay is:**

- a means to distill your own meaning from your educative journey,
- a mechanism to help you make sense out of the process,
- an exploration of the ways you have developed during the process

### **We call it an integrative essay because it requires that you:**

- look back over your experiences (e.g. assignments, readings, interactions with peers, faculty, etc.) during the MBA program – use examples
- examine and recognize your increase in knowledge and understanding
- examine your developmental growth as a business leader
- relate your growth to your current aspirations and future goals.

### **You should reflect on three fundamental questions:**

- What have you learned about yourself through this experience; how have you grown?
- Have your goals and aspirations changed? How?
- In what ways do you still need to grow? Why?

The Integrative Essay rubric for grading can be seen on the Integrative Essay section of the website. These can guide you and focus your effort on the important features of your essay.

The essay should be a maximum of 8 pages, typed, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font with one inch margins all around. You should complete the essay on your word processor and then copy it into the "Integrative Essay" learning section. Once the essay is completed and submitted for assessment, you are ready to graduate!