




### 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 fortunate to have had more than 250 students from around the globe studying with us 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


### AACSB Accreditation Timeline

  
Become a member of  
AACSB




  
Submit eligibility  
application. Receive  
approval from the initial  
accreditation committee  
(IAC)




  
Submit initial self-evaluation  
report. Receive acceptance  
from the IAC



  
Enter action implementation  
phase. Submit annual  
progress reports



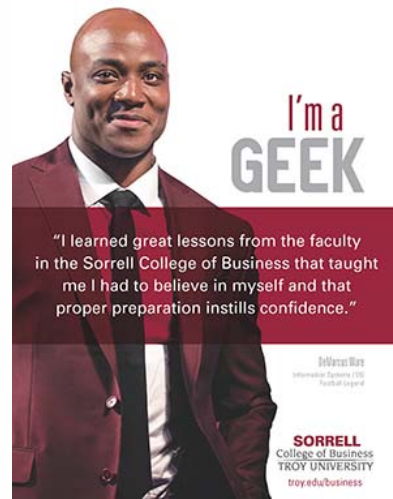
  
Receive recommendation  
from IAC to develop final  
self-evaluation report (SER)





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



File letter of application for initial accreditation and begin developing the SER



Complete and submit SER 4 months prior to site visit



Site visit from peer review team scheduled for October



Accreditation decision is made by the AACSB Board of Directors

### 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](#).

## Did You Know?

[Troy.edu/business](#) has a new look! Check it out and let us know what you think.

