THE BBC was very excited to spend a Thursday afternoon at the zoo. What business is there at the zoo, you may ask? The students had the same question and learned that there is a highly skilled and business-oriented team running Tampa’s Lowry Park Zoo. From running an education center to the purchasing of new animals, the zoo’s staff works hard to keep this non-profit a successful business in the Tampa community.

TECO’s Big Bend Power Station in Apollo Beach hosts another non-typical business environment. Hard hats and ear plugs replace suits here, yet the business principles of meeting demand and competition remain the same. Accommodating visitors of the manatee viewing center is another important aspect of the plant that the students were able to witness first-hand.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2: Tori Harper
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5/30: Robert Norris
5/30: Jodi McFarlane

Dean Forsythe and College of Business faculty shared dinner with current and past members of the BBC. Students put those etiquette dinner and networking skills to work, enjoying casual conversations with each other. This was yet another BBC opportunity to share great food with great people and build stronger relationships with staff of the College of Business.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to BBC residents Ashley Ciccarello, Tiffany Eveld, and Ryan Spellins for being recognized in the University of South Florida's College of Business 25 Under 25 Program! Former BBCers Ross O'Bryan, Frank Cabano, Ben Gasparini, and Eric Holland were also chosen for this year’s group. For full bios on each student, visit: http://usfbusiness.wordpress.com/

BBC’s Relay for Life team was very successful this year, raising nearly $850 for the American Cancer society! The team consisted of 38 members, making them the third largest team to participate at USF. Thanks to all who prepared for and participated in this event.

RELAY FOR LIFE

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END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

The BBC wrapped up a great year with food, fun, and superlative awards. Ashley Ciccarello (right) was chosen as BBC’s Resident of the Year by her peers for her dedication to and involvement with the community. The BBC mentors were also honored with certificates for their commitment to the program. The BBC would be nothing without all of its hard-working and loyal students. Congratulations to all those who received awards!

BBC GRADUATION CEREMONY

Four years ago, the BBC began as a small community of 28 students. Some changed majors and some graduated early, but nearly a dozen of the inaugural BBCers were honored at a brief ceremony at the College of Business, with special guest Katie Elverson, former BBC advisor, in attendance. The BBC looks forward to making this an annual event as its members graduate. For more pictures, visit the BBC Fan Page http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bulls-Business-Community/186967852660

GROW FINANCIAL NETWORKING EVENT

BBCers were able to speak with local area business leaders at the annual networking event held at the Grow Financial headquarters in Brandon. This event is intended to provide a safe space for students to practice their networking skills in a professional setting. While many students were nervous at first, everyone walked away feeling confident in their abilities and excited for the connections they just made. This excitement makes this BBC event a favorite at the end of each year.
THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR BBC!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!