

COLANGELO COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

# Where PURPOSE FUELS LEADERSHIP

## A Legacy of Leadership: Jerry Colangelo's Influence



As a leadership and management student, you don't just follow a path — you build on a legacy. Jerry Colangelo's name represents more than business experience — it stands for visionary leadership, integrity and

making an impact beyond profits. At the Colangelo College of Business, we prioritize real-life impact over traditional accolades or superficial recognition, focusing on how we can help you make a difference in your community:

- PRACTICAL EDUCATION: We prioritize hands-on learning led by industry professionals, helping you gain practical skills and knowledge to face everyday challenges
- NETWORKING AND EXPERIENCE: We aim to create opportunities for you to build connections, secure internships and engage in experiences that extend beyond academic theory, fostering professional growth and readiness

Character is not just about reputation, but about tangible, meaningful contributions to your success and the broader business community.

## **BUSINESS EDUCATION THAT PUTS YOU FIRST**

GCU offers a range of degrees designed to help you flourish in today's evolving business landscape and pursue a career that aligns with your calling. Our philosophy is Lopes First, which means we embrace a student-centric culture emphasizing higher purpose and conscious capitalism. Our faith-based programs empower students to develop their leadership and management skills through hands-on learning and mission-driven problem-solving.

## WHAT SETS US APART

- A welcoming christian worldview focusing on doing business for good through servant leadership, ethics and entrepreneurism
- Opportunities to build relationships with industry professionals through experiential learning like student worker opportunities in one of our enterprises, including the GCU Golf Course, Canyon Promotions, Grand Canyon Beverage Company (GCBC) and more
- Faculty and mentors dedicated to supporting your journey and fostering connections that could benefit your future career
- Innovative environments with advanced facilities and industry connections to help you gain practical insights into effective management practices – at GCU, you'll combine sound business principles with a purpose-driven approach to lead with integrity across various fields

## **DESIGNATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS**

#### ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR BUSINESS SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS (ACBSP)

GCU's Colangelo College of Business has 23 programs accredited by the ACBSP, including:

- Bachelor of Science in Applied Accounting
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Management
- Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurial Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Sports and Entertainment Management

For more details and a full listing of degrees, visit gcu.edu/CCOB

## **CREATING COMMUNITY:** Resources and Clubs

## ON-CAMPUS FACILITIES AND STUDENT RESOURCES

*Our campus is equipped with modern facilities and diverse resources to support your educational journey. From the library to our labs, we're here to help you reach your academic goals. Here are some of the amenities available to you:* 

**CANYON ANGELS:** Founded in 2015 by Colangelo College of Business instructor Timothy Kelley, Canyon Angels connects GCU member investors with early-stage, high-growth startups. Through this program, student teams conduct due diligence on potential investments, collaborating with startup leaders to analyze business plans for sustainability and growth. Students have the opportunity to gain valuable experience and present their findings to angel investors, offering key insights into investment opportunities and risks.

**TEDXGCU:** Since its inaugural event in 2017, TEDxGCU has become a hub for bold ideas and meaningful conversations, bringing diverse perspectives to the stage, challenging conventional thinking and inspiring attendees to make an impact beyond the event each year.



"As an entrepreneurship student, I found that GCU has so many amazing opportunities. I was part of Canyon Angels, where I got to work with actual angel investors and help them decide who and what they invested in. I also got involved in the Project Management Club and worked as a leader early on. I absolutely loved that."

**Avery Bernard**, Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurial Studies, Class of 2023

## **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Joining a club is a great way to enhance your academic experience, develop new skills and connect with fellow students. Some leadership and management related clubs at GCU include:

**COLLEGIATE DECA OF GCU | @GCUDECA:** Grow as a leader while networking with college and university students from around the world.

### **FUTURE HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS**

**@GCUFHCA:** Network within the health care administration industry and grow as a professional.

### HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT CLUB

**@GCUHospitality:** Gain hands-on experience and industry connections in the world of hospitality.

**IDEA CLUB** | **@IDEAGCU:** Join students in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship as the driver of economic development and prosperity in our world.

### PROJECT MANAGEMENT CLUB | @GCU\_PMClub:

Get project management experience, enhance your professionalism and connect with like-minded students in your intended industry.

#### **SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS CLUB**

**@GCU\_SEBC:** Gain insight and enjoy experiences and opportunities in the field of sports and entertainment business through guest speakers, networking, field trips and more.

## JUMP START YOUR LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT CAREER

**CANYON VENTURES:** GCU's hub for scholars, entrepreneurs, investors, revenue growth experts and mentors to foster collaboration and growth. This space hosts local businesses dedicated to providing career opportunities for GCU students, including some ventures founded by students themselves. All participants can benefit from industry-level experience and connections.

**CANYON CHALLENGE:** GCU's entrepreneurial pitch competition, Canyon Challenge, takes place twice a year, giving students the opportunity to compete for investor funding to support the innovative products they develop for the event.

See how GCU helps entrepreneurs like Hunter Breshears, founder of Chewk's, turn their dreams into reality:



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## STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

## HEAR FROM SOME OF OUR STUDENTS!

Racer DeBoard, Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Advertising, Class of 2026



Lela Lewis, Bachelor of Arts in Digital Design with an Emphasis in Animation, Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurial Studies, Class of 2025



"In my entrepreneurial studies classes, I've been trained to start and grow a franchise business – and now I operate one in over five states! My business partner and I manufacture products right here at Grand Canyon University. On top of owning a business, I also run the IDEA Club, where we help students turn their ideas – whether physical products or services – into cash in their pockets."

**Connor Vicary,** Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurial Studies, Class of 2024 Engineering, Class of 2023

Scan the QR code to learn how GCU can help you reach your full potential and find your purpose!



## Learn by Doing. Serve with Heart. MAKE A LASTING IMPACT.

At Grand Canyon University's Colangelo College of Business, we believe that "the way to learn business is to do business," a guiding principle shared by Timothy Kelley, Chair of Entrepreneurship. Through immersive, hands-on learning experiences and a student-first approach, we inspire leadership with purpose, management with meaning and a commitment to serving others. Our mission is to equip you with the skills and values to make a lasting impact in your community and beyond.



Welcome Message from John Kaites, Dean of the Colangelo College of Business

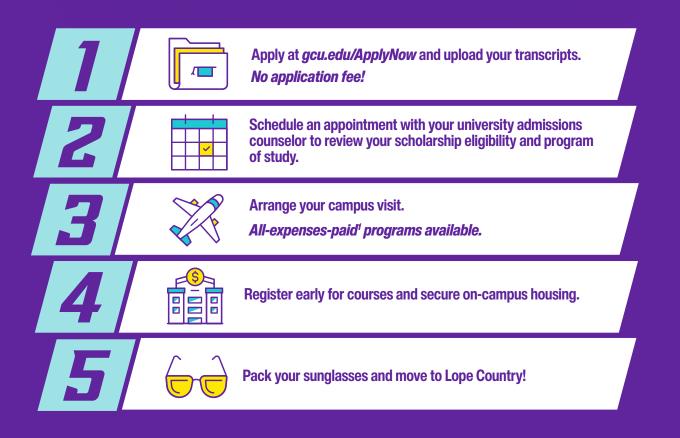
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## DEGREE PROGRAMS

GCU offers a transformative higher education designed to help prepare you for a career you may find rewarding. Our programs — including bachelor's degrees in applied management, business administration, entrepreneurial studies, supply chain and logistics, sports and entertainment management, finance and economics and more — will challenge your intellect, expand your horizons and can help you contribute to the ever-evolving field of leadership and management.

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# NEXT STEPS



## TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

undergraduate programs offered on campus, available scholarships and more, contact a university admissions counselor.

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