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To All MSA and CAMS students:

I am writing to inform you of changes to the Master of Science in Administration (MSA) graduate degree program at Saint Michael's College. The College has been fortunate to have had this program in place for many years, with outstanding academic leadership by Drs. Robert Letovsky and Paul Olsen, and strong instruction and advising by other members of the department. The professional expertise and knowledge of a dedicated group of adjunct faculty has contributed to the success of the program and its graduates.

However, for a number of years enrollments in the MSA program have been declining and the outlook for a change in that pattern is not optimistic. After considerable analysis and deliberation, the college has decided to phase out the Master of Science in Administration (MSA) and Certificate of Advanced Management Study (CAMS) programs over the next four years. Classes will continue to be offered through at least May 2012, to provide you with the opportunity to complete your degree at Saint Michael's College. Although new degree students will not be admitted, students who are interested in simply taking courses will be allowed to enroll. The tuition for MSA courses taught on the Saint Michael's campus during this time will be held at the 2008-09 rate. We are taking this step in order to encourage current students to complete their program in a timely fashion.

This difficult decision came after much study and was based on a number of factors, including resource constraints, revised standards from our accrediting agency, and changes in the marketplace (such as the increase in online programs) that give us little hope that the enrollment pattern will change.

A proposed schedule of courses through May 2012 will be posted on the college's MSA web site. As always, Drs. Paul Olsen and Robert Letovsky are available to meet with you for advising assistance. I encourage you to contact them as soon as possible so that you can map out your degree completion plan.

Sincerely,

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