

Update from the  
**Alumni  
Association**  
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Last month the Fort Lewis College Alumni Relations Office partnered with The Society of Business Leaders (a Registered Student Organization) to host the first annual Graduate Networking Forum. The event was broken into two sections - the first focused on networking etiquette (skills useful to all disciplines on campus), and the second section gave students the chance to network with community professionals. This was a first year event so we knew the measure of success would be difficult to quantify.

Student attendance at the event doubled expectations during the 4-5 PM etiquette-of-networking component. At 5 PM we had approximately 25 business representatives come through the door and begin connecting with our 70+ students. Many of the businesses represented were looking to make connections and fill open positions within their organizations.

At this event, The Society of Business Leaders (SOBL) fulfilled its mission as an RSO aimed at community involvement.

We look forward to continuing this partnership with SOBL and hope to involve several additional campus organizations such as Career Services and Professional Associates in future years.

Also, the ever effervescent Professor Duane Smith will be offering his final lecture on Thursday April 24th at 7:00pm. Dr. Smith will discuss his nearly five decade career of teaching, the history of the Southwest, Colorado, Durango, the Cubs, provide some life lessons, and a little advice. Everything you could possibly want from a brilliant lecture by this Fort Lewis College legend. Additionally, former President Joel Jones will introduce Dr. Smith.

Tickets are free, and available [here](#). They are going very fast, so be sure to get yours before it's too late!

Happy spring everybody!



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*Networking is a skill useful in every situation, but it must be learned and practiced.*



*Students learned the fine art of conversing with a plate of tasty goodies in one hand.*