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| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Welcome to the chat--we will be officially starting in about 5 minutes |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): hi |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Hi Stacey, Ana , Rama and Jingwen |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hello! |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Hi Ameyathorat |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hello Ameyathorat! |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Are we good to start? |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hello! Welcome to the Smeal MBA Program online chat. We've got students and the Admissions Team with us today. What questions would you like us to answer today? |
| Jagadeesh | Jagadeesh: Hi Stacey, Ana , Rama and Jingwen |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Hi Everyone. |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Hello Ameyathorat |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Jagadeesh and Mehul |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Hi Jagadeesh |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Hi Mehul |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Hello All, it's my pleasure to chat with you...You can ask about anything! |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Well to start with I have a very specific query. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Ok |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: I have completed my application in the 1st round |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): That is good, Ameya. |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hi Ameyathorat, it's great to know you have completed your application. Do you have anything you want to learn from any of us? |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: I had received an application fee waiver so I selected the method for payment as Cheque |

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| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): correct |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: but my app status still shows pending |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: and says app fee not received |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): yes--it probably will for a while due to the way the system is set up, we will take care of that on our end--I have confirmed we have your application file |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Hi team, I wanted to know how has been the applicant pool so far as compared to last year. Specially in terms of number of applicants. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: oh ok thanks Stacey!! |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): you're welcome |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Mehul--so far we are very comparable to last year thus far |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Thanks Stacey. Had one question for all first year students. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Also, is discussion about scholarships, admissions within the scope of this chat? or is that something that I need to ask in a separate mail? |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Please ask all you want ;-) |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Sure Mehul, go ahead. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Sure Ameya--go ahead |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Friends, How has been your experience of leaving in Happy Valley. |

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| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Living here is honestly Awesome! Town is small but conveniently located in the middle of DC, New York, Philadelphia |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Happy Valley is a great place to live. Although it is a cold winter, you can feel the warmth of the small town. |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: in terms of housing, weather, transportation. |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hi Mehulpathak, it has been great since we started this program. MBA's life is busy and productive, studied hard and played hard. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): All the people at Smeal are so approachable and down to earth. |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Housing: Start looking with time, plan for a roommate if you can, preferably with a grad student |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): You can approach any of the faculty and administrative staff anytime, for anything. We have a happy family in the valley! |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: What % of international students receive any kind of scholarship in the 1st year, and out of these how many % receive a full scholarship, also what appeals to the adcom when it comes to a full tuition waiver? |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: ok. Thanks Rama, Thanks Jingwen, Thanks Ana. |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Weather: It's nice most of the year. However, the winter is cold (Boy I know, coming from the caribbean) |
| | ga(Jingwen First Year): |

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| ga | Mehulpathak, about transportation, we have CATA bus that cover most of the town regions, and you can also purchase a car here. And, when you're searching for an apartment, please take CATA bus coverage into consideration.:) |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Can some of you share your interview experiences? as in the nature of the conversation? |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Ameya--I can tell you that overall, about 30 assistantships are given each year and 15-20 scholarships. Both international and domestic students are considered for those awards. I don't have the exact breakdown available, but I can tell you that all candidates are given consideration as long as they apply before February 1st. The committee looks at the merit of the overall application, including GMAT, GPA, work experience (both quantity and quality), leadership experience and potential, essays, focus, goals, recommendation letters... |
| Jagadeesh | Jagadeesh: I have a question regarding shortlisting for Round 1 applications. The Site says nothing about the status of the application. By when can I know if my application is shortlisted or should I contact the Adcom to know the status of the application. |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Thanks Friends for the detailed answer. |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Yes, sure. My interview was a web cam chat, totally laid back but to the point. |

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| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Jagadeesh--all of those who applied for the December 1st deadline will have a decision from the admissions committee prior to January 31st. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Thanks Stacey, well I kinda get the big picture now. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): You're welcome Ameya |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): My main point is Admissions officer wants to know your approach to simple matters of life, how well are you able to recognize your own shortfalls and what are you doing to deal with them. Also, they want to know what is your plan for the future. And of course they try to |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): "see" your true self in the conversation |
| Jagadeesh | Jagadeesh: Thanks Stacey, how could I know my application status? specifically completeness of my application. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Frank--welcome |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hello Frank Wang, welcome to chatting! |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Jagadeesh--If your application is missing something, you will hear from us |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Thanks Ana.. |
| frankwang | frankwang: Thanks, it's nice to talking to you all! |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Hi Frank. Welcome to the chat.. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Hey Frank |
| Jagadeesh | Jagadeesh: Thats great |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: In MBA, do we have classes on all weekdays? |

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| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Yes....no kidding...We have classes Monday through Thursday. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): We have classes Mon through Thursday |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): But, we have team meetings, assistantship work and home assignments to work on during that time. |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Don't think that you'll have to time party ok...well you do have a little of that..But Friday is the day to "catch up" on the rest of thing you have not done over the week |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hi Frank, please feel free to ask us anything you want to learn about Smeal and Happy Valley? |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): sorry, during Fridays. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Also, MBA is all about meeting new people and socializing as well. So, we do have time for that. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: I am looking forward to a specialization in marketing, and I have been talking to a few friends in various universities across US, a majority of them mentioned that in the US job market, recruiters generally prefer locals over international candidates when it comes to marketing, as the local students have the added advantage of knowing the consumer culture, what are your comments |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Thanks Rama, Thanks Ana. Can you please tell me few tasks that students do in their assistantship during Smeal MBA. |

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| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Mehul, I am a graduate assistant for accounting department. I have a teaching assistantship, where I teach under-graduate students. |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Thanks Rama. |
| frankwang | frankwang: ok,thanks.Dear sirs, I submitted the online application of Smeal MBA ten days ago. However, although my total TOEFL score was 101, but 19 in oral tests, I tried to take another one this year, but unfortunately, I only got a score of 99, 22 in oral part. |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: hello all |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Well Ameya, I think recruiters look for the student that not only fits their organizational culture, They are also looking for a good leader with creativity and team skills. It really doesn't matter if you're from India or US. |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Mehul, I am a graduate assistant for MBA program office. GA is actually a general name of different positions including Research Assistant, Teaching assistant and Graduate assistant. |
| frankwang | frankwang: I just want to know how would you think of my toefl score to the whole package of application? |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Ameya, This is a general mis-conception. If you are passionate about marketing and it shows in the work that you do, there are many companies who hire international students for Marketing positions. I have personally met so many internationals who have great careers in Marketing in American companies. |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Thanks Jingwen. |

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| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Hi Ankur! |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hello Ankur. Phour, welcome to chatting! |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Cool. Thanks for the clarification Ana and Rama |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Frank--it is below the minimum, but the combined scores each meet the minimum on each part. The committee will take that into consideration. |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): I know of a Smeal Grad that is Marketing Manager for a huge division in Dupont and he's not a US citizen nor resident. It's true though that there are some recruiters that because of their company policy are not allowed to hire any person that's not US citizen or resident. BUt it's in all areas not just marketing |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: oh ok, thats good to know Ana. Thanks |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: How has been the placement and internship scenario so far? Is the job market picking up? |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: How do I get to know whether the committee has received my transcripts and all supporting documents and that my application is complete? |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: specially for international students.. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Ankur--If your application is incomplete, we will contact you and alert you to what we are missing |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Yes, Internship time begin in January, but we have a lot of our classmates already hooked with internships for the next year |

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| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Please DO keep track on your end as well--it's helpful to us and speeds along the process |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: Thanks stacey. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Can you guys tell me a little more about the Immersion module, something that the website does not cover |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): If you have specific questions, you are always welcome to check with us as to what we still need |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Thanks Ana. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Mehul, A lot of the international students have been placed well. The current second years have been placed in companies like Dell, Apple, Sears, etc. |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): 1) We have career Immersion: It's one week in the fall where we go over our resume, how to dress,etc. to improve professional development |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Great. Thanks Rama. |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: What is the average gmat of international students in the current class. Though we all know the overall average is 652. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Ankur--we do not calculate that separately |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: Thanks stacey |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Last year second year students got an opportunity to meet Warren Buffet. Was it open to all. If not, on what basis selection is made for such opportunities? |

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| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): 2) Global Immersion: one week in the spring semester where you have the opportunity to go to either India, China or Chile (these were our choices) visit companies, government dependencies and learn about the business culture in the country |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Mehul--the trip to meet Warren Buffet was arranged by a group of students. While admissions was not part of planning that trip, it is my understanding that everyone who was interested was able to go |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): We also have Service immersion, a new initiative where we will be doing some community service in Spring break. This will be clubbed with Global Immersion. Global Immersion is an opportunity to learn about corporate culture in foreign countries. This time, we have opportunity to go to China, India, Chile or San Francisco. |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Thanks Stacey. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Great!! That is really cool thanks Ana and Rama I am sure you both are looking forward to that. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): In addition to what the program organizes, students are always encouraged to be proactive in seeking out opportunities to network |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Ameya, yes we are. We are looking forward to a great trip. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Stacey I have a question for you |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): ok--go ahead Ameya |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: How many members does an APEX team have? |

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| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: I worked with an NGO at the grass root level and the office there did not have that much exposure to English as a language, as a result I could not get a recommendation in the Smeal-defined format but they did give me a recommendation in the form of free form comments, which I have mailed to the Adcom, I hope this is not a problem |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Ameya-- while it is helpful to have the form if at all possible, we can still accept the recommendation if there is no possible way to get a translation of the form |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Hi Stacey, is the decision date for assistanship/scholarship (March 31st) fixed? or those will be declared on a rolling basis. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Well they have written the recommendation in English, but just that it is in a free form |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hi Ankur,APEX teams are comprised of three to five MBAs in their final semester of studies. |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): And if you need further information, please refer to the following link about Apex http://www.smeal.psu.edu/apex |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Mehul--we award some assistanships on a rolling basis, but most are awarded later in the cycle with the goal of having awards finalized by 3/31 |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Ok Ameya, thank you. |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Thanks Stacey. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: thanks Stacey. |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Hey Frank, do you have any questions or any curiosity |

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| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Is anyone of you looking forward to concentrate in Marketing, I have a question related to faculty |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Please ask |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Hello Guys. Please feel free to ask any question to us. We were exactly in your shoes about a year back, so we understand. Feel free. |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: How has been the opportunities for budding entrepreneurs at Smeal. |
| frankwang | frankwang: thanks Stacey. Another question I may ask 1st years students about internship in corporate finance. My background is an auditor and I want to pursue a corporate finance position in the future. How is the internship situation of corporate finance now in US? |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Mr. Ralph Oilva, the prof for marketing and Exec Director of ISBM , works a lot on marketing papers etc, what are the provisions for students to get involved with him and learn about his papers and assist him while he is in process of preparing these amazing papers.. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Frank-- Corporate Finance is competitive, but there are opportunities. We encourage our students to start the internship seeking process very early. The more proactive you are, the better. |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): As long as you are an active member of the marketing assoc. and go to the ISBM and network I'll say you have pretty good chances. Also, we have full access to ALL faculty here |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Mehul, I don't quite understand your question |

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| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Stacey, the intake at Smeal is relatively less compared to other schools, is that conscious effort of just a coincidence? |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Thanks Ana. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Mehul, There have been some opportunities for entrepreneurs. But, one has to be on one's toes to find a job in start-ups. We also have an association for entrepreneurship. You can craft your MBA the way you want. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Ameya--we purposefully craft our classes to be between 85-100 students. One of our goals is to ensure personal focus on each student |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Sorry Ana for the cofusion. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Stacey thats great, I am really looking forward to be among that 85 ;) |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): no problem, Rama already did a great job answering! |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Ameya, we have formed a sort of a family because of the small intake. We practically know everyone in the class, though the class is split into 2 sections. Also, this will also help you get more focus. |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Thanks Rama. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: yeah I totally agree Rama, Thanks |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: How many times in an year does the members of Alumni Advisory Board meet up students? |
| Jagadeesh | Jagadeesh: Rama, how is the Indian community there? and about the Indian food. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Good question Jagadeesh. We have two Indian restaurants here for good Indian food. |

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| ga | ga(Rama First Year): We also have a huge Indian community who pursue their PhD and Masters in Science. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Jagadeesh, please take time to look at the Diwali celebrations at Smeal. It was a roaring success this year. Many domestic students were so eager to dance bollywood style and sing hindi songs. It was a great hit! |
| frankwang | frankwang: Thanks Stacey:) I submitted the whole application package at the end of November. Am I supposed to receive a notification of interview or something else in December? |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Hey Ankur, We have our personal alumni-mentor. We meet with them twice a year. But they are totally available through email and phone |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: I am curious to know, if Smeal has any magazine, monthly or quarterly, that talks about students and community. In my college we had a similar concept for students to showcase their writing skills at the same time create awareness. I understand that nowadays the web and blogs do all this, but just wanted to know if Smeal has such student magazines published regularly? |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): It's great to have them because they're able to "see" some aspects of your professional development that you are not even considering. |
| Jagadeesh | Jagadeesh: Thats great Rama, Good to know. Thanks Rama. will definetly take a look. |
| | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): |

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| ga | Hi Frank--we will do our best to notify you of an interview decision as soon as we can, but it may be January until you hear something |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: Thanks Ana. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Ankur, Alumni board is a great initiative to talk to leaders in the business world from Smeal. They are again, very approachable and very considerate. They give you a lot of advice on how to approach your career and give their advice. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Ameya--we do not have anything in "print" but there are periodic updates online. One regular newsletter update is "The Smeal Report"--that details activities of the entire college |
| frankwang | frankwang: ok, I see, thanks Stacey. |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: Thanks Rama. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Anytime, Ankur. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Thanks Stacey. |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: PennState has a huge and diverse student population. Do MBA students frequently interact with students of other departments? |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: I understand that the coffee buzz is a great platform to bond with classmates, but how do international students cope up with the culture there |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Mehul-- Yes you are right we are a very diverse university. We have a lot of opportunities to interact with Law school and other graduate schools. It's amazing that we can have more opportunity to gain other exposure. |

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| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hello Dawei, welcome! |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Ameya--I think all of the students really get involved during the Buzz...it's a very energetic 30 minutes! |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Oh Great. Thanks Jingwen. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Hi Dawei--welcome |
| Dawei | Dawei: Hi...great to see you guys~~ |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Ameya, There is a weekly Nittany Lions, where they tell us about the current events. But, there is no magazine that I know of. But, I am sure, you can join a club in Penn State. Also, we will have very little time to do that. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Mehul, You need to take initiative to interact with these departments. You will have plenty of opportunity to talk with other students. |
| mehulpathak | mehulpathak: Thanks Rama. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Ameya, There is a cultural shock at first, but nothing that international students cannot handle. It was very difficult for me to network at first, but I am getting better by the day. It is a good experience, everyday! |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Hi Dawei, Welcome. Please feel free to jump in and ask questions. |
| | frankwang: I want to learn about if there are any extracurricular activities or organizations in Smeal that focus on community service? and how the students at Smeal devote themselves in the community? |

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| frankwang | |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Thanks Stacey, Ana and Rama |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hi Ameya-- you asked a great question. For international students, it is quite important to get into this culture ASAP, and coffee buzz is actually a great opportunity to chat with your classmates and professors. You can feel very safe to ask any culture relevant questions to domestic students, and you will find Smeal is one of the best places to start your journey to US. |
| Dawei | Dawei: i have a question here. i complete my online application before the 1st round deadline, but my other documents may arrive at Penn State days later.....am i counted as a 1st round applicant? |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Cool.. thanks Jingwen for the answer |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Stacey I am sure that you receive loads of applications from India, and predominantly from people in the IT background, so when the gmat and the work experience is |
| ameyathorat | almost comparable which is that one factor that comes into play |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): There are a fair amount of applicants from India--many with IT background, but other industries are represented as well |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Ameya--we look at everything in the application...essay quality, focus, goals, quality of recommendations, specific work experience |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): I can't specify "one" factor |

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| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: I understand , thanks Stacey |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Good question, Frank. We have a Penn State tradition of fundraising for cancer patients (children) in the name of THON. Also, we have contributed in Food Banks and Building life from scratch (forgot the name of the service). |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): overall quality is very important beyond the numbers represented |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): www.thon.org |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Dawei-- you're still in the first round pool. But admissions will not start to evaluate your package before everything is here.:) |
| Dawei | Dawei: Thanks Jingwen! |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): You're welcome Dawei. You can also call or email to check your application status. |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Can each one of you tell me what you think is BEST at Smeal from the experience u've had so far? |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: Is the Net Impact Club at Smeal an active club? How difficult is it to take time out of classes and contribute in the club. |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Simple: The School itself, (it's not only community, it's academics, it's faculty, administration, location..what can I tell you) |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Ameya--I think Smeal has great cohesive alumni network which will benefit you not only in both career and personal development. |
| | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): |

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| ga | Ankur--Net Impact is a very active club. Your schedule will be busy, but there's definitely time to participate in club activities if you manage your time well |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Ankur, Net Impact is a very active club. I am part of it and I went to the national conference of Net Impacters in Cornell University this year. It was a wonderful experience. I had a great time meeting people of same likes and finding innovations in the field that you like. Also, career opportunities in sustainability were also a revelation this year. |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: Thanks Stacey |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Thanks Ana and Jingwen. |
| Dawei | Dawei: how busy will it be like? could you describe an example of a daily schedule for an MBA student? |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Ankur, Stacey is right, there is so much to do in the first year, you will need to manage your time really well to involve yourself in clubs in the first year. |
| Dawei | Dawei: I saw such a description on a student's blog....but she is with another MBA community |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Ankur, for instance, I had my mid term exam right after the trip to Cornell University. We all had to manage well to do well in the exam as well. |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: Thanks Rama. You mean it is very much possible to participate in the club during first year itself. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Ankur--absolutely! Many first years are very involved |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Has there been an occasion in the past where students graduating from Smeal have set up a start up just after graduating? |

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| mehulpathak | <p>mehulpathak: Team, I will have to take your leave now as I have to rush for office.</p> <p>Thanks Smeal Panel for taking time out and helping us with answers to our queries.</p> |
| ga | <p>ga(Jingwen First Year):</p> <p>Dawei--A typical day for 1st year MBA starts from 6:30am, and the first class starts at 8am. We have two classes in the morning and normally we will have group meetings or career events in afternoon. Some times we will also have parties and other events, you can allocate your time after you finish all assignments productively.</p> |
| ga | <p>ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Thank you for joining us Mehul!</p> |
| ga | <p>ga(Rama First Year): Hi Dawei.. good questions.. I am talking for first years here. Classes start at 8am and finish at 12:30pm. You will have 2 classes in a day, Mon-Thur. We have a half hour coffee buzz in between the classes. After the classes, graduate assistants, get their daily work done and start on the assignments and team meetings and projects. Also, we need to prepare for next day's class.</p> |
| ga | <p>ga(AnaS1st Year): Yes, we have a few grads with their own companies (I can't think of name right know) and also other are hired in the innovation departments for business organizations as well as consulting firms</p> |
| Dawei | <p>Dawei: thanks Jingwen and Rama....that sounds like really a big day!</p> |
| ameyathorat | <p>ameyathorat: Thanks for the details Ana</p> |

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| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Dawei, Thursday evenings are generally relaxed and you have to plan for the next week the next day. You can also schedule meetings with the career counselors and help with your career search. |
| Dawei | Dawei: Ana....you mean the grads are working like an intern or something? |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Dawei--yes you're right, but you will feel need more time for a single day:) |
| Dawei | Dawei: thanks guys....that is really interesting! |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): After graduation? Nope, they're hired full time to turn around companies...It's like being entrepreneur within a big organization |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Thank Mehl for joining in. Hope this was helpful for you. Have a good day at work. |
| ankur.phour | ankur.phour: I need to rush for office now. Thank You Stacey, Ana, Rama and Jingwen for taking your time out and answering our queries. |
| Dawei | Dawei: i c, ana.... |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Thanks for joining us Ankur! |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Thanks Ankur. Have a great day ahead! And hope your questions have been answered. |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): You're very welcome Ankur. Best of luck in your projects! |
| Dawei | Dawei: where are the 2nd year students?.....:) |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hi Ankur, have a nice day! |
| Dawei | Dawei: Ankur.....take care...good lunch |
| Dawei | Dawei: luck...haha |
| Jagadeesh | Jagadeesh: I need to rush to now. Thanks Penn Team for your valuable inputs |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Thanks for joining us Jagadeesh! |

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| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Have a great day Jagadeesh ;-) |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Thanks for joining us Jagadeesh. Feel free to approach us if you have any questions. Have a nice day! |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Dawei--unfortunately, right now we are in the middle of final week, all of the second year students are doing their projects now. yes, All of us are 1st years. But if you have any specific questions you really need to learn from second years, we can transfer that question to them. BTW, Stacey can answer most of the questions~ Feel free to through Qs to her. |
| Jagadeesh | Jagadeesh: Thanks a lot.. Bye. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Bye Jagadeesh! |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Jaga--have a nice day! |
| Dawei | Dawei: thanks Jingwen |
| ameyathorat | ameyathorat: Great .. thanks for the insight, I guess I have my queries answered and as it is 8 am in India, I have to rush now too. It is a pleasure to chat with all of you, thanks again and have a good evening ahead. Looking forward to be a part of the Smeal community. |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Ameya, you're more than welcome to contact further with the admissions! |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Have a nice day! |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Thanks Ameya. Have a good day ahead! |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Have a productive day Ameya! |
| Dawei | Dawei: what kind of projects do the 2nd students will have? any example? |

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| Dawei | Dawei: is it in classroom or in real companies? |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Create an App to be submitted to apple for example. |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Dawei, please refer to http://www.smeal.psu.edu/apex, this is the biggest one~ |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): The APEX program is live consulting projects with real companies |
| Dawei | Dawei: Ana.....that is ooover cool |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Yes, Dawei. It is very intersting. |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): We have a few minutes left--what other questions can we answer for you? |
| frankwang | frankwang: I learn that Smeal can offer more than one concentration? |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Yes Frank. You can choose to take up multiple concentrations. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): You can craft your course just the way you want it. |
| Dawei | Dawei: nothing more....just want to say great talk with you... |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Plus you can design your own..! |
| frankwang | frankwang: So I will take more courses and credits to have 2 concentrations,right? |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): I'm doing that with Human Resources |

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| ga | ga(Rama First Year): This is possible in the second year where you have a wide range of electives. You can take any elective from any department. Even undergraduate classes |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Yes Frank, as a matter of fact, most of international students will choose 2 concentrations to enhance their expertise here. |
| frankwang | frankwang: ok, I see. Great to talk to you all, let me know more about the Smeal community. Thanks Stacey for your information. Thanks for your sharing your life in Smeal, first year students. It was nice to have a one-on-one talk to Jingwen, also thanks to other students. Have a nice evening! Keep in touch~ |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Of course the amount of classes it's totally dependent in the concentrations you choose |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Thanks Dawei. It was good talking to you too. Please let us know if you have any other doubts. |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): You're welcome Frank! |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): Have a great day FrankWang |
| Dawei | Dawei: not right now..... |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Thank you all for joining us! |
| Dawei | Dawei: can we call it a day? |
| Dawei | Dawei: thanks guys! |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Thanks all. Hope you have a great day ahead! |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Sure thing--if you have additional questions, please contact us! |
| Dawei | Dawei: have a nice day..... |
| ga | ga(AnaS1st Year): You're very welcome |
| Dawei | Dawei: merry christmas! |

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| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Thank you! |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Anytime Dawei! |
| Dawei | Dawei: haha |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Thank you! |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Merry Christmas and a happy new year! |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): We hope you found this to be a productive and informative session, and we're really glad you could join us. Please feel free to contact us at SmealMBA@psu.edu for any further questions. Thank you for spending the time with us, The Smeal MBA Program Team. |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): :D |
| frankwang | frankwang: thanks for your time! haha, merry christmas, Dawei and all of you~ |
| ga | ga(Stacey MBA Admissions): Thanks Frank! |
| ga | ga(Rama First Year): Thanks! |
| frankwang | frankwang: I'm worrying about my toefl score, because the oral part is below the minimum |
| frankwang | frankwang: I tried this year, although getting 22 in oral, the total score is 99 |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Prepare for your other parts in your package, that really depends.:) |
| frankwang | frankwang: I only sent the official score of 101, and sent an unofficial score of the 99 yesterday via email, is it ok for you? |
| frankwang | frankwang: ok, I see. But according to previous years experience, Smeal is quite fast in evaluating the application |

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| frankwang | frankwang: I learned that many alumni, they sent the application at the end of November, and got an offer in the middle of December |
| frankwang | frankwang: so I just want to learn the application evaluation status this year. Is this year as fast as previous? |
| frankwang | frankwang: will I have a notification in December? |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hi Frank, I'm not Admission officer, I'm a current student. |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): I asked this question to Stacey |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): And the answer is really depends on the whole package |
| frankwang | frankwang: ok, thanks a lot, Jingwen! |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): How much is your GMAT? |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hi Frank, Admission reps are making their greatest effort to accelerate the application review process, but the specific times vary between applicants. |
| frankwang | frankwang: 710 |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Some universities have lower GPAs overall, so if your college is one of them, please explain it to admins |
| frankwang | frankwang: ok, I see. I have explained it in my application forms. thanks, Jingwen. How was your first year life in Smeal? I mean how many indulged in the study, how many in the extracurricular and personal life? |
| | ga(Jingwen First Year): Since I was majored in literature in college, so I may have more challenges than you guys who actually have a degree of business relevant majors. |

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| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): In the first module, I studied to 1am everyday, but as time goes by, you will get used to the pace in mba program. |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): The extracurricular is mostly related to network with alumni, faculty and your classmates. |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Some guys are party animals but people allocate time quite differently:) |
| frankwang | frankwang: cool, i got it |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hi Dawei, are you from China:) |
| Dawei | Dawei: is it coming to the end of this event? i have no idea of east time here in china....how many time do we left...:) |
| Dawei | Dawei: oops..... |
| Dawei | Dawei: yes |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): for about 15 minutes:) |
| Dawei | Dawei: Jinwen, i am from China.... |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): Hehe, just let you know me too. I came from Beijing:) |
| Dawei | Dawei: Cool.....I am from Yunnan... |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): You can go and ask questions in the lobby |
| Dawei | Dawei: how many Chinese student in Smeal in your class? |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): 10, including ABCs and Taiwanese |
| Dawei | Dawei: kind of big number.....ha? |

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| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): less than indian students actually... |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): they have 14 |
| Dawei | Dawei:haha |
| Dawei | Dawei: i have been working with India people for some time... |
| Dawei | Dawei: they are coool |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): How about this |
| Dawei | Dawei: u know... |
| ga | ga(Jingwen First Year): If you have any further questions, please write me emails to jux107@psu.edu |
| Dawei | Dawei: Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! |