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# *Executive MBA Class of 2020*

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# Hail! to the conqu'ring heroes,



## LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Dear Graduates,

I am honored to recognize and celebrate your achievements at our special virtual commencement event. You have worked hard to reach this milestone, and I am especially impressed by your resilience and determination during this semester. Your ability to remain focused and persevere despite these unprecedented times has been remarkable.

Over the years at Ross, you have learned business skills, developed your leadership ability, tackled real-world challenges, and made meaningful contributions to organizations both near and far. You have started companies, participated in student clubs, supported community events, excelled in extracurriculars—all while juggling the demands of a rigorous business curriculum. And for that you should be extremely proud!

While your time as Ross students has come to an end, this is just the beginning of your life as Michigan Ross alumni. You are now part of one of the largest and most esteemed alumni networks in the world—52,000 Michigan Ross graduates in 98 countries. It is a special bond that unites our family. You are purpose-driven leaders who are defining the next frontiers of business, shaking up the status quo, and making a positive difference in society. Michigan Ross alumni are known for being high-achieving with bold aspirations, the first to help others and collaborate to overcome challenges, and deeply committed to the Block M. I encourage you to stay connected to your Michigan Ross family as you embark on the next chapter in your lives.

No words can express how grateful we are for our time with you. Thank you for sharing your innovative ideas, unique and positive perspectives, and spirit of collaboration. You are leaving a strong legacy that will benefit generations of talented Ross students who will follow in your footsteps. You have also played an important role in helping us advance our mission to create a better world through business.

On behalf of the Michigan Ross faculty and staff, congratulations on earning your degree.

It has been an honor to serve as your dean. On behalf of the entire Michigan Ross community, I wish you continued success in your professional and personal pursuits.

Congratulations and Go Blue,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott DeRue". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

**Scott DeRue**

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## FACULTY SPEAKER



### **M.P. Narayanan**

**ROBERT MORRISON HOFFER PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSOR OF FINANCE**

Professor Narayanan is the Robert Morrison Hoffer Professor of Business Administration and Professor of Finance at Michigan Ross. Narayanan received his PhD in finance from Northwestern University. His bachelor's and master's degrees are in electrical engineering, and for several years he was employed as a senior design engineer. He has been at the University of Michigan since 1986 and was chair of the finance area from 2003 to 2009. He teaches corporate finance courses in the MBA and the Executive MBA programs and has been presented the student award for teaching excellence in the MBA and EMBA programs several times. He served as the faculty director of the Executive MBA program from 2012 to 2015.

Professor Narayanan's primary research interests are related to corporate finance and include corporate governance, managerial incentives and executive compensation, merger and divestitures, and capital structure. Some of his recent publications include "How to Organize Retirement Plans," published in the *NYU Journal of Law and Business*, "Gender Differences in Executives' Access to Information," published in the *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, "Dating Games: Do Managers Designate Option Grant Dates to Increase Their Compensation?" published in the *Review of Financial Studies*, and "The Economic Impact of Backdating of Executive Stock Options," published in the *Michigan Law Review*. Some of his research (with Nejat Seyhun) on executive option backdating was instrumental in the investigation of this practice by the SEC, the Justice Department, and the IRS. He is also the author of the book "*Finance for Strategic Decision Making*."

Professor Narayanan teaches several executive education programs. He was the faculty director of the Finance for Non-Financial Managers program. He is also a core faculty member in several executive education programs, including the Executive Program and the Global Program for Management Development. In addition, he has taught in programs for leading multinational companies such as Citibank, Daewoo, General Electric, Larsen & Toubro, Mahindra & Mahindra, Precision Castparts, Shui On Land, Tata Group, and Texaco. He is also actively involved in the school's international executive education programs in Asia. He has served as the faculty director of programs conducted by the William Davidson Institute for senior managers from emerging economies. Professor Narayanan has extensive consulting experience with leading companies in the U.S. and abroad.

## STUDENT SPEAKERS

### **Manu Malhotra // EMBA '20**

**CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN, HENRY FORD HOSPITAL**

Dr. Manu Malhotra is an emergency medicine physician and chief medical officer for Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield and Henry Ford Health System's northwest market. He is an assistant clinical professor at Wayne State University and a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is also a member of several local and national societies and serves on various state and local boards and committees.

Manu was born in Detroit, Michigan, attended West Bloomfield High School and studied economics at the University of Michigan as an undergraduate. He now lives in Troy, Michigan with his wife and three young children. Manu is an avid reader, enjoys golf, loves to travel, and has a weakness for karaoke. Manu considers himself a destroyer of walls and a builder of bridges. He is also the sworn enemy of "that's just how we've always done it."

### **Rosalie Villapando // EMBA '20**

**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF STRATEGY & OPERATIONS A&E NETWORKS**

Rosalie Villapando immigrated from the Philippines at the age of one. Her parents' hope was for a better life. She grew up in East Los Angeles with her brothers in a bi-cultural environment. Rosalie graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a bachelor of arts in economics. Her career began at Ernst & Young focused on the entertainment media sector. After E&Y, she worked at Sony Pictures. She was subsequently recruited to WarnerMedia's nascent film division to help build out a start-up studio. Rosalie was then approached by her former CFO at Sony to work at Disney. She spent over 15 years at Disney in various roles and divisions gaining strategic, financial, operational, business development, and production experiences.

She currently serves as SVP Strategy & Operations at A&E Networks, a joint venture between Disney and Hearst. Her pursuit of an EMBA was deeply personal as she will be the first in her family to achieve a graduate degree. Rosalie lives in Pacific Palisades, California with her husband Bruce, daughter Sana, and golden retriever Bodhi. Dreams do come true!



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