

## **MBA Research and Curriculum Center's High School of Business program and Bellevue University Sign Affiliation Agreement**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – MBA Research & Curriculum Center and Bellevue University have joined forces to bring college credit to students participating in accelerated high school business administration programs nationwide.

MBA Research and Curriculum Center, which developed High School of Business, and Bellevue University signed an Affiliation Agreement in July. According to the agreement, students participating in High School of Business™ have the opportunity to earn up to six hours of college credit at Bellevue University.

“This partnership creates a very special opportunity for our High School of Business students throughout the country, particularly due to Bellevue University’s substantive online presence,” Dr. James Gleason, President/CEO of MBA Research, said. “The Bellevue agreement, along with our partnership with Bowling Green State University, demonstrates the power of a rigorous, research-based business administration program of study.”

The High School Business is a college-like high school business program. Approximately 4,400 students participated in the growing program in 2014/15.

“High School of Business allows us to support business education at the high school level and at the same time offer the opportunity for students to smoothly continue their business education at Bellevue University,” Rebecca Murdock, Dean of the College of Business at Bellevue, said. “Students completing this program can earn up to six credit hours of college credit which helps move them along their pathway to a degree. This program is quite unique, and we are looking forward to working with the High School of Business in this endeavor.”

Founded in 1966, Bellevue University is a private, nonprofit institution with over 40,000 graduates. The University is a recognized national leader in providing post-secondary education opportunities for working adults and is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

MBA Research and Curriculum Center, a Columbus, Ohio-based nonprofit, is operated by a consortium of state education departments. The organization created High School of Business in 2007 after educators and administrators voiced concerns that high school students planning

to major in business administration in college did not have access to accelerated courses in their high schools. Today, the program has grown to 71 participating high schools across 15 states. The hands-on program prepares students to excel in college business administration programs. High School of Business™ students dive into real projects via project-based learning – an educational method in which students learn concepts while completing projects that often involve collaboration with local businesses.

“We hope that the MBA Research partnership with Bellevue University will create new opportunities for both organizations as we work to recognize the rigorous program of study completed by students in High School of Business,” Gleason said.

To learn more about High School of Business visit [www.mbaresearch.org/hsb](http://www.mbaresearch.org/hsb).

To learn more about Bellevue University visit [www.Bellevue.edu](http://www.Bellevue.edu).

(Plattsmouth group of 4 students working photo)

#### *Photo Outline*

High school students nationwide who complete the High School of Business program will now have the option to receive credit through Bellevue University. Students learn accelerated business administration concepts via project-based learning and other 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning methods.