



SUPPORT FOR CANCER CYCLE CHALLENGE

Many of our students know Mrs Sonya Ashbarry, FMAAT, proprietress of Eagle Education & Training, the distance learning College where they are enrolled. Sonya sends her wholehearted thanks to every one of our students and others who sent donations in support of the Women v Cancer China Cycle Challenge. She was diagnosed at age 34 with one of the most aggressive forms of breast cancer. Last month Sonya, with just over 100 other women, many of them also cancer survivors, bravely took up the China Cycle Challenge and raised over £430,000 for breast, ovarian and cervical cancer. The picture above shows Sonya standing at the Great Wall of China. Her message to our students is: ***Your generous donations are helping charities search for a future without cancer. You also helped me achieve a personal challenge as a cancer survivor.***

EMPLOYER SUPPORT

The article above highlights the support our students have unselfishly given to a very worthy cause. Such support not only assists the cause, but also helps establish positive working relationships. So, to continue this theme, it's wholesome to remind ourselves of the following: ***"I'm suggesting that employers should sponsor students, so that we're prepared to take on the cost."*** We would therefore like to issue a fresh call to every student to engage in open dialogue with your workplace boss to appeal for support in your postgraduate studies. It is becoming increasingly clear how vital the employer's role is in encouraging: 1) initial enrolment; 2) perseverance in studying; 3) ultimate completion. You may remember another statement from the same source: ***"The monetary cost [of Postgraduate Studies] being met by the employer is key to the success of the whole initiative."*** As well as ongoing encouragement and interest taken, employer support can be in the form of paying course and exam fees fully or in part, a bonus for exam success, and provision of study time in a quiet room during paid working hours at work. The onus then comes back on you – the student – not to let him down and, above all, not to let yourself down, but to see the course through and become a **finisher**.

EVER CONSIDERED A PURCHASING COURSE?

Many school leavers consider sales as their preferred job role, but often overlook the vital role of purchasing/procurement. A career in procurement and supply can be both tremendously challenging and rewarding. This role can be the central keystone of organisations and can make the difference between success and failure. A company can spend more than two thirds of its revenue on buying goods and services, so that even a modest reduction in purchasing costs can have a significant effect on profit. Your position in procurement will have a direct impact on both the bottom line and the company's reputation.

Enrol today on a CIPS Procurement & Supply Course and fast-track yourself on the route to becoming an indispensable employee. To find out more email derek.hall@ubteam.com.

BOOKKEEPING COURSES

As some students prefer to focus on Bookkeeping skills rather than pursue the full Accountancy qualifications, AAT have recently introduced a route to a Level 3 Certificate in Bookkeeping and Ethics, or in Computerised Bookkeeping and Ethics. Email geoff.holding@ubteam.com for details.

WHAT IS ABM? HOW DOES IT WORK?

ABM 2013/14 course students have recently graduated, and the ABM Team have put together a Graduation Special Edition to commemorate this. We are issuing the publication with this Bulletin, in case any are interested in enrolling on the course. ABM 2015 starts in January next year, and **closing date for applications is 31st October 2014**. Read on to find out more...

ABM is a rigorous, self-study course, consisting of 12 modules studied over 15 months. Students are asked to commit themselves to 10-15 hours study time per week, some of which will need to be done during work time. Coursework is supported by webinars, supplementary reading/research and F2F workshops; students also have access to a learning platform, Moodle www.ubt-abm.com, where they can ask questions and join in discussions. As the ABM course is advanced, it is recommended that, before applying, you should first dedicate yourself to 2-3 years in business to build up as much experience as possible.

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The ABM Team believe that learning is more than just acquiring knowledge. They have toiled to provide the most interactive postgraduate learning experience possible. Participants **share business knowhow first-hand** – on the ABM website – with 100s of other students worldwide and, by applying proven business principles, they learn to lead their company forward with confidence. ABM's one goal is to provide students with the advanced knowledge and skills required to understand the science behind successful business management and **become one of tomorrow's business leaders**.

If you wish to secure a space – please contact info.abm@ubteam.com or visit www.ubteam.co.uk.

*What's In It for me?

'It is not doing the thing we like to do, but liking the thing we have to do, that makes life blessed.'