



Thunderbird Newsletter

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Thunderbird recognized for top leadership, management education by TIME and Statista

TIME and Statista's inaugural Best Colleges for Future Leaders list, which ranks Arizona State University No. 20 in the United States for shaping future leaders, recognizes Thunderbird as a "notable subsidiary" of ASU, regarded as a prominent school within the ranked institution for its top leadership and management education.

[Read more](#)

Thunderbird at ASU propels key partnerships in India; furthering global advancement

During fall 2023, Dr. Sanjeev Khagram, director general and dean of Thunderbird, made significant strides in advancing access to education across India and worldwide with the Francis and Dionne Najafi 100 Million Learners Global Initiative.

[Read more](#)

Alumni Spotlight



Celebrating Thunderbird's fall 2023 grads

Among Thunderbird's fall 2023 graduating class, we have a graduate looking to use her Thunderbird education to further propel the company she founded and runs, another graduate who will begin a fruitful career at one of the world's foremost providers of credit ratings, benchmarks, analytics, and workflow solutions, while another graduate fulfills a lifelong dream of completing her degree while balancing being a mother, Girl Scout leader, and active member of the T-bird community.

Learn more about some of our outstanding graduates:

Shannon Heying, EMGM | Thunderbird Outstanding Graduate uses education to propel own company forward | [Read more](#)

Gue Yong Lee, MGM | Thunderbird grad reflects on the diverse community that elevated his education journey | [Read more](#)

Vanessa O'Neal, BGM | Inspired by family, Thunderbird grad accomplishes a bucket-list achievement | [Read more](#)

Prerna Rodney, MGM | Thunderbird grad earns 2 prestigious awards and gains much more pursuing sustainability | [Read more](#)

We also invite you to watch the livestream link of the full ceremony below.

[View ceremony](#)

Upcoming Events



Africa Leadership Forum

February 2-3

Thunderbird Africa Leadership Forum

February 2 – 3 | Nairobi, Kenya and Kigali, Rwanda

Join us for Thunderbird's Africa Leadership Forum, hosted by our regional Center of Excellence in Nairobi, from February 2 to 3, 2024.

During the events in Nairobi and Kigali, participants can connect with alumni, Thunderbird faculty and staff, as well as regional and international partners. A series of interactive discussions will take place, each designed to bring T-birds together as never before.

To accept our invitation, register below by **Friday, January 19**.

[RSVP here](#)

Asia Regional Gathering in Chengdu, China

March 28 – 31 | Chengdu, China

The Greater China Alumni Chapters invite you to the Asia Regional Gathering this March 28 to 31, 2024! This four-day event, themed "Recharge and Reignite," promises to be an extraordinary T-bird gathering.

Keep an eye out for further details on this exciting event! We invite you to learn more below.

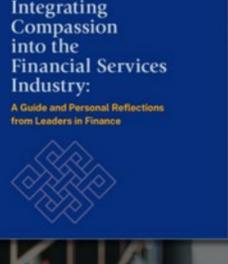
[Learn more](#)



Integrating Compassion into the Financial Services Industry

Book launch

Thursday, February 22, 2024



Integrating Compassion into the Financial Services Industry Book Launch

Thursday, February 22 | 5:30 to 7 p.m. MST | Thunderbird Global Headquarters

Join us for an inspiring evening of insights and connections on February 22 for a captivating book release at Thunderbird on ASU's Downtown Phoenix campus. We're thrilled to present the launch of the newly-released digital e-book Integrating Compassion into the Financial Services Industry. The e-book, with a novel approach, documents the importance and value of compassion in a business setting (for both corporate culture and client relations) to achieve optimal organizational purpose.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to engage with the authors and fellow enthusiasts. Free e-books for all attendees.

After the event concludes, join us at the Pub at Thunderbird (fifth floor) for networking and celebration.

[RSVP here](#)

Thunderbird Career Management Center Virtual Mock Interviews: Volunteers needed

Friday, February 23 | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. MST | Virtual

Each year, the Thunderbird Career Management Center hosts mock interview opportunities for current students to prepare them for the recruiting season.

We invite alumni to join us as mock interviewers for the event **Friday, February 23!**

Mock interviews with alumni provide vital practice and feedback for students

while boosting their confidence in an open, friendly environment. The experience can also help interviewers refine their interviewing and feedback techniques.

Choose a preferred time slot by clicking the link below.

[Register today](#)

Donor Spotlight



Xin "Dean" Ding '99

China

Xin "Dean" Ding '99 details education journey, giving back to Thunderbird, and advice for the next generation of T-birds

What led you to give back to Thunderbird?

Thunderbird's generosity in granting me a scholarship back in 1998 is very much in line with the school's normal support practices for students, but for me, that scholarship opened a brand new world of opportunities that would never have been possible without that support. It helped me to get a visa and finish my education in this great country. My education, in turn, has helped me a great deal in making solid business decisions ever since starting my own business in 2007. Now, I am in a better financial situation and it is high time that I give back to Thunderbird so our school can offer more opportunities to the younger generation.

Why do you feel it is important, as an alumnus, to philanthropically support Thunderbird?

As an alumnus, giving back helps Thunderbird continue offering more and more opportunities to younger generations who need more and more financial help. Alumni support also helps our School better itself, and the world as a whole by training new, responsible global managers.

What excites you the most about the future and the next generation of global leaders?

I hope the next generation of global leaders are able to come up with ideas that encourage greater innovation in technology that will make global life more convenient. For example, I hope one day a 13-hour international flight can be down to 3-5 hours!

What advice do you have for Thunderbird students as they embark on the next chapter of their lives?

Be kind! Be appreciative! Make your life meaningful!

[Give today](#)

Lifelong Learning



AI for Family Businesses Executive Program

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Thunderbird's AI for Family Businesses program delves into the ways families are challenged to make decisions on resource allocation to investigate and invest in new AI-based technologies. Learn about the repercussions of AI adoption in company culture, core business differentiation, employee safety, and intergenerational dynamics.

Alumni can save 50% with code: **BDA15E**.

[Learn more](#)

Space Leadership, Business, and Policy executive certificate

Taking place March 18–22 in Washington, D.C., Thunderbird's Space Leadership, Business, and Policy executive certificate is designed to equip professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to understand leadership in the rapidly evolving space industry. Taught by globally recognized space leaders and distinguished academic faculty, participants will learn from experts and practitioners how to discover growth opportunities in the space industry.

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[Learn more](#)

Faculty Spotlight



G.L.A. Harris

Mansour Javidan

Thunderbird professors honored for research, achievements

Several professors at Thunderbird have been recognized recently for their dedication to impactful research, lifelong academic work and significant achievements.

Among them are Mansour Javidan, director of the F. Francis Najafi Global Mindset Institute, and G.L.A. Harris, professor of global affairs.

[Read more](#)

Stay Connected

Update your contact information

Be sure to update your preferred contact information on T-bird Connect to receive the latest communications from Thunderbird and your local alumni chapter. Need assistance with activating or accessing your T-bird Connect account? Contact the Thunderbird Office of Alumni Engagement by [email](#) or phone at 602-496-7125.

Request Thunderbird alumni email address

All alumni have access to a Thunderbird alumni email account. If you haven't received one or need assistance logging in, please contact the Thunderbird IT department by email below. To log into your Thunderbird alumni email account, visit mail.global.t-bird.edu.

Activate your T-bird Connect account

Join the worldwide community of T-birds on T-bird Connect today! [Activate your T-bird Connect account here](#) or via the button below. For more details on signing up, check out our [step-by-step guide](#).

You can also access a suite of alumni resources right from your mobile device with the T-bird Connect mobile application! [Download the app for iOS](#) or [download the app for Android](#) to find a fellow T-bird, see the roster of alumni chapters and affinity groups, and participate in signature programs including the Thunderbird Mentorship Program.

[Activate account](#)

Estate Planning Resources: available to Thunderbird alumni at no cost

Are you ready to plan your will or trust? We would like to give you a free Estate Planning Guide. This information can help you successfully plan your estate and avoid an accidental disinheritance. Click below to request a copy today.

[Request Guide](#)

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