Dear MBA-MSF students:

As you certainly know by now, the CFA® Charter is a globally recognized investment credential. Employers commonly use the CFA charter to identify the most qualified job applicants and the most committed employees, and the charter has increasingly become expected of institutional money managers. Many employers, especially financial institutions, include the CFA Charter as a requirement in job advertisements. Many even offer in-house CFA exam preparation programs to their employees, further attesting to the importance of the certification.

Because of this trend, as well as our conversations with local employers, we initiated a CFA Level I prep class available to all of our masters students. The class counts as a 3-credit MBA/MSF elective counting toward your degree and may additionally serve as an elective in the asset management concentration for MBA students. Graduating with the CFA Level I exam under your belt is a good head start on certification that you probably will wish to pursue anyway.

The course is administered as a pass/fail class and the grading is based on usual MBA/MSF standards (rather than the passing grade of the CFA Institute).

The deadline to register for the course is December 1, 2015. We strongly encourage you to consider enrolling in the class and take advantage of this opportunity.

Sincerely

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