Dr. Konstantin Sokolov, Wunderlich Chair of Excellence in Finance and Associate Professor, was named the most recent recipient of the University-wide "Tigers Ascending to Excellence Award" due to his extraordinary leadership, commitment and service to UofM. As a part of his recognition, Kostia will serve as the honorary coach of the Tigers basketball game on Sunday, March 3, when our team takes on the University of Alabama-Birmingham at the FedEx Forum.

Dr. Grace Phillips, assistant professor in the Department of Economics, had a second working paper accepted by the prestigious National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Her paper is titled "Understanding the Demand-Side of an Illegal Market: Prohibition of Menthol Cigarettes." She co-authored this piece with Drs. Donald S. Kenkel, Alan D. Mathios, Revathy Suryanarayana, Hua Wang and Sen Zeng. "It is very impressive to have two working papers accepted by NBER in half a year, and we are very proud of Grace's accomplishments," said Dr. Bill Smith, chair of the Department of Economics. To read the complete article, click here.

Dr. Mehdi Amini, George Johnson professor in the Department of MSCM, published a paper titled "Segmentation of organic food consumers: A revelation of purchase factors in organic food market" in a forthcoming issue of the Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services. The paper is co-authored with Dr. Rohini Daraboina, at the Ness School of Management and Economics, South Dakota State University, and Dr. Orrin Cooper, previously FCBE associate professor in the Department of MSCM. To read the complete paper, click here.

We have two new faces in the Undergraduate Student Services Office. Brittany Perez and Philip Twumasi Ankrah have joined our team as college academic advisors for the Crews School of Accountancy and Department of Management. In these roles, they advise business students and answer inquiries regarding degree options, graduation requirements, academic plans and career directions. Additionally, they manage and perform duties related to improving student success and retention rates. Welcome, Brittany and Philip!

Dr. Greg Boller, FCBE associate dean, has many interests outside of FCBE. One of his favorite pastimes includes getting creative in the kitchen and experimenting with delicious dishes. Please click here for his Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls recipe. Happy eating!

From the kitchen of Dr. Greg Boller: Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls

Dr. Mehdi Amini published in the journal of Accounting and Consumer Behavior. Dr. Mehdi Amini, George Johnson professor in the Department of MSCM, has been successful in the segmentation of organic food consumers. A consumer is a "person in a consumer role" in a "marketing function" of the household in which the perception and choice of foods is made. The paper is co-authored with Dr. Rohini Daraboina, at the Ness School of Management and Economics, South Dakota State University, and Dr. Orrin Cooper, previously FCBE associate professor in the Department of MSCM. To read the complete paper, click here.

Dr. Kelly Amato started her position this month as the new assistant professor of teaching in the Department of FIR. Dr. Kelly Amato, George Johnson professor in the Department of MSCM, has been successful in the perception and choice of organic food consumers. A consumer is a "person in a consumer role" in a "marketing function" of the household in which the perception and choice of foods is made. The paper is co-authored with Dr. Mehdi Amini, George Johnson professor in the Department of MSCM, and Dr. Orrin Cooper, previously FCBE associate professor in the Department of MSCM.