Two students and faculty members from the Richards College of Business studied abroad in San Jose, Costa Rica and Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica December 11-18, 2011, through a program sponsored by the Economics Department. The eight-day trip included visits to international business firms, tours of world famous sites, and opportunities to explore the authentic local culture.

Students met with executives from CINDE, Boston Scientific, CANATUR, and Marina Pez Vela to name a few. The group also followed the journey of a coffee bean from seedbed to roasting on their tour of family-owned Doka Coffee Estate, located on the fertile slopes of the Alajuela Poas Volcano. Manuel Antonio offered students the chance to tour the national park, enjoy the white sand beaches of the Pacific Ocean, and to zip-line through the mangrove ecosystem on the Isla Damas Mangrove tour.

Students were charged to return home with a greater awareness of the global interrelation of economics, and to take home the Costa Rican mantra “Pura Vida!”, “Pure Life”.

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