

# Saint Francis University's MBA Program and Sheetz, Inc.

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Supporting the intellectual growth of local professionals is a primary ambition of the **Saint Francis University Master in Business Administration degree program**. Dedicated to developing talent for the surrounding community, Saint Francis offers the MBA degree to aspiring individuals who wish to expand business knowledge and networking with colleagues and local professionals. Sheetz, Inc., a local family-operated corporation, benefits from the skill sets employees gain from earning an MBA degree at Saint Francis University. The university has had an education cohort with Sheetz beginning 2004, offering several courses on-site at the Sheetz headquarters in Altoona, PA.



Many skills learned in the MBA program are transferable skills, essential to effective business practices and professional advancement within an organization. Some skills include interpersonal communication, effective writing, public speaking skills, presentation techniques, problem solving, and networking. Beyond transferable skills, the MBA program provides business-specific knowledge that directly enhances daily activities of professionals. Students also benefit from interactions with colleagues, each of whom bring unique experiences into class discussion.

**George C. Medairy III, Director of Corporate Information Technology with Sheetz, Inc.**, speaks highly of the Saint Francis MBA program. George says, "The MBA Program at Saint Francis is an excellent source for mental exercise! As an older student, I find the networking with the professors and other students to be very interesting and often entertaining. The coursework is challenging and often highly relevant to my business. Continuing education is a good way to stay in mental shape and remain current with trends and new ideas".

Not only can Sheetz employees directly impact the company with an MBA degree, they can also use the experience and knowledge to help the surrounding community. Giving back to the community is a main goal of the Sheetz organization. MBA students and alumni positively impact communities as leaders, teachers, and coaches. Gaining both interpersonal and business skills adds to the performance level of individuals. The values established and instilled by both Sheetz and Saint Francis University create an excellent opportunity for personal and professional growth of our students.

For the past 20 years, the Saint Francis University MBA program has offered a convenient, flexible program for business practitioners seeking higher education. Emphasis is placed on valuing people, appreciating diversity, managing with compassion in a socially responsible manner, and modeling sound ethical decision making. The Saint Francis University MBA program continues to work in cooperation with local companies, such as Sheetz, to provide an unparalleled experience and education for business professionals. The MBA program is a point of pride for Saint Francis University, and its graduates are influential and impactful "movers and shakers" in their organizations and communities.

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