

Alumnus gets new view on business with UT EMBA

David Dobrzykowski was a middle-level manager. He wasn't specifically planning to return to school, but "every other job opportunity I looked at said an MBA was required."

Enter Dr. Clint Longenecker, University of Toledo professor of management, who spoke with Dobrzykowski during a symposium. "He said, 'We have a program for young, aspiring managers just like you.'"

It was the Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) program at UT's College of Business Administration, a 15-month program built around the themes of entrepreneurship, e-business and global perspectives.

Dobrzykowski enrolled. "From the word 'go,' the program made me think differently on how to assess opportunities and risk. The classes helped me find my personal passions and apply them to my career," he said.

The program also expanded Dobrzykowski's business acumen. "As a non-

financial person, having the ability to focus on accounting and finance courses, to assess opportunities from a financial perspective, and to understand and speak the language was extremely valuable," he said.

Dobrzykowski now owns and operates 3D Properties Development, which has more than \$1 million worth of properties. "Would I have done that without this program? I really doubt it. Was there a course that taught me how to do this? No," he said. "But what it did was to open my mind to see new opportunities and take calculated risks.

Dobrzykowski also is vice president of strategy and business development with Corporate One Benefits Agency Inc. — a position he learned about through EMBA alumnus and friend Steven Dandurand.

"There is value in the academic knowl-



Dobrzykowski and Dandurand

edge you gain. Equal to that, if not more, is the value in the networking and in the relationships you develop," Dobrzykowski said. "When you enroll in the EMBA program, I don't believe you receive or earn a degree. I believe you earn a lifelong resource."

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