Finance Candidates:

I am happy to announce that, thanks to additional funding from The Dow Chemical Company, we will be able to reimburse students up to $400 for the CFA exam and other finance certifications!

A professional certification provides several advantages for you:
- A professional certification is a differentiator.
- Some companies look for specific certifications. The CFA is a popular credential requested by finance recruiters. Many corporations also look for progress through the CFA levels.
- A certification says that you know the technical aspects of your chosen career field.

Constraints on reimbursements.
- You must be pursuing a finance concentration and a career path in finance.
- The certification must be related to accounting or finance, such as the CFA, CPA, Financial Risk Manager (FRM), Certified Management Accountant (CMA) or Certified in Financial Management (CFM).
- Preparing to pass these certification tests is difficult and time-consuming. You need to ensure you have taken the right set of courses to acquire the knowledge base, and put in up to 300 hours (e.g., this is what CFA estimates) to pass.
- You need to register while you are still a student even though you probably will take the exam after graduation. For example, class of 2009 graduates may be reimbursed for the June 2009 exam, taken after they graduate, provided they register BEFORE graduation.
- You only can be reimbursed for an exam once. Reimbursement is not dependent on passing the exam.
- Funding is dependent on availability of the grant money. Once The Dow Chemical Company grant runs out, there will be no more reimbursements. Requests will be processed in the order in which they are received.

Here is how it works.
- Write a one-page ‘application’ that provides:
  - Your full name
  - Your planned graduation year
  - The name of the certification for which you request reimbursement
  - Your planned test date
  - The courses you have taken or plan to take in preparation for the exam
  - Any experience you have related to the certification.
- Bring a receipt showing you paid an exam registration fee to Penni Vandecar (MBA Office, 2nd floor Eppley).
- Reimbursement may take up to 3 months.

If you are unsure if a certification will be covered or not, please check with the CSC office before registering.