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The Master of Human Resources program in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business was recently profiled as one of eighteen leading HR programs in the country. BetterBuys.com places the Huntsman School in the company of outstanding HR programs including Purdue, Texas A&M, Loyola and Pepperdine. Dr. Steven Hanks, Director of HR Graduate Studies, noted, "We are delighted to be recognized as a top HR Master's Program by BetterBuys.com. As little as five years ago, most of our students stayed in Utah, taking jobs along the Wasatch Front. Huntsman MHR interns and graduates are now being recruited by top firms from around the world, including Boeing, Johnson & Johnson, GE, Ford, Disney, Honeywell, Raytheon, Chevron, 3M, Georgia Pacific, Rolls Royce, and PepsiCo, just to name a few. Our students are being recruited all over the country."

A strong HR curriculum, expert faculty, and powerful peer and alumni involvement attract these firms to recruit from this program.

The Huntsman School's unique dual degree option enables Huntsman students to complete an MBA in addition to their specialized HR training. Employers like the unique background of Huntsman students, their work ethic, business acumen, and willingness to roll up their sleeves and do what it takes to get the job done. Betterbuys selected the Huntsman MHR program for its demonstration of curriculum match with today's HR professional needs, practical skills development, expert faculty, networking opportunities, and track record of success.

Top faculty, as cited by an August 2015 article in Human Resources MBA, are another key to the success of this program. The addition of strong academics, alongside seasoned practitioners have created robust opportunities for students to make an immediate impact in their professional careers.

Likewise, current and former students exemplify a unique and strong dedication to the program's ongoing success and that of the students who follow them. For instance, students have prepared a Fortune 500 employer list of Leadership Development Programs (LDP) across the nation, along with their associated application timelines and requirements to benefit not only the current students but subsequent classes as well. When students receive multiple offers and choose their summer employer, they recommend other cohort members to fill the internship opportunities they have declined. At the end of spring semester prior to leaving for their summer internships, students provide a spring orientation to prepare incoming students for employer interviews scheduled the first week of fall semester. Several alumni of the program play key roles in mentoring incoming participants long before their first day of class.

Each class seems to stand on the shoulders of the class that proceeded them. The relationship with each firm begins when they hire their first Huntsman MHR student. The quality of these students is attractive to the firms, and increasingly they are coming back looking for more in subsequent recruiting cycles, thus perpetuating the strength of this top HR Master's program.