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**SMAA Host Alumni Reunion Feb. 6 and 7**

Sport Management Alumni Association (SMAA) hosted the second-ever alumni reunion in February. The reunion featured a mix of social events for alumni and students as well as professional development opportunities. The reunion provided numerous opportunities for old friendships to be renewed and new ones to be established.

Friday evening's banquet at the newly renovated Rhatigan Student Center featured keynote speaker Nikki Epley (pictured above), Director of Stadium & Game Operations for College Football Playoff. The Sport Management faculty also presented the 2014 recognition awards at the banquet.

Congratulations to this year's award winners.

Undergraduate of the Year - Blake Molina (B.A. '15)

Graduate of the Year - Alexi Thackery (B.A. '13, M. Ed '15)

Practitioner of the Year - Josh Whitson (B.A. '01)

Alumnus of the Year - Tyson Billings (M. Ed '12)

Thank you to all who contributed and attended the reunion!

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