ARVEST BANK CREATES BOND PORTFOLIO CLASS AT UA WALTON COLLEGE

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – The University of Arkansas Sam M. Walton College of Business Administration announced Thursday the establishment of the Arvest Bank Fixed Income Portfolio Management Program. Students in this newly created program will manage a $5 million fixed income bank portfolio of the Arvest Bank Group.

“The class will be an invaluable learning experience for future bond portfolio managers and bankers,” said Wayne Y. Lee, Alice L. Walton Chair in Finance and finance department chair.

Evaluating credit and interest risk is critical not only to the recognition of mispriced fixed income securities, but also to the success of a bank’s lending, trading, and underwriting activities.

Admission to the class requires the completion of prerequisite coursework, submission of an application, and willingness to devote time and energy to understanding credit markets.

This class will complement the Rebsamen Trust established in 1972 for a student-managed equity portfolio now valued at $1.4 million. “The opportunity to manage a bond portfolio assists the Walton College in teaching theory and allows students to practice what they learn,” said Walton College Dean Doyle Z. Williams.

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