

# Apollos Advocate



## Student Spotlight: Mr. Mike Gospodinsky, DBA Learner

**"Everyone at Apollos has been more than helpful throughout the process. The staff and course instructors have also been great to work with. So far, my experience has been great!"**

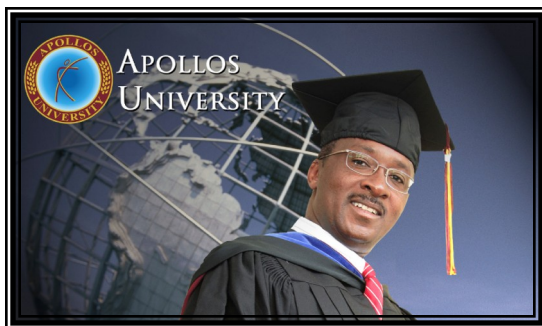


Mike Gospodinsky joined Apollos in early 2014. Mike says he chose Apollos after a long conversation with Apollos President, Dr. Paul Eidson, in which Mike became "very comfortable" with Dr. Paul's vision. Cost was another major factor in Mike's decision to join Apollos and he has found that the affordability is also coupled with a strong dedication to student service. He likes that Apollos "is a small school that can react quickly and on a personal level to any problem you might have," adding that he is "extremely pleased with the cost of the program" and the fact that the university is made up of "great people."

As a 52 year old with over 30 years of experience in the quality systems industry, Mike is transitioning into the higher education field and he feels that his degree from Apollos is a great stepping stone in this process. Mike's goal is to teach graduate level courses and believes that "Apollos will make that possible."

### STUDY TIPS FOR ONLINE

1. Make a plan: check the syllabus before the course starts and make note of due dates on your calendar
2. Check in daily: interact with classmates and professors by posting responses to their posts
3. Look ahead: know what is coming up to be able to manage your time between work and school
4. Speak up: don't stay silent, ask for help when needed



## Apollos Transitioned to 8 Week Terms but Remains Flexible

2014 was a milestone year at Apollos. Of the many advances and improvements we made to our university over the past year, one important achievement was the approval by the Distance Education Accreditation Commission (Formerly DETC) (<http://www.deac.org/>) for Apollos to offer 8 week terms in the graduate programs. Our undergraduate students have been studying in the 8 Week Terms since the inception of the programs, but our graduate offerings were offered in 12 Week Terms since the opening of the university in 2005. Today, graduate students can register for 8 or 12 classes. This provides significant flexibility for Apollos' students.



***If you have any stories to share, important news, accomplishments, Apollos experiences, or something that you would like to share in the newsletter, please send all information to Michelle Fox at [mfox@apollos.edu](mailto:mfox@apollos.edu).***

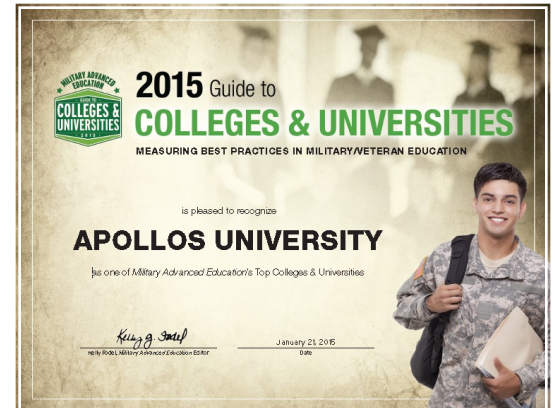


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## Apollos Named "Top Military University for 2015"

Apollos was once again named a *Military Advanced Education* "Top College and University". "We could not be happier to have Apollos recognized in this way because serving the educational needs of the military has been one of our key value drivers since the founding of our university," said Dr. Paul Eidson, President and CEO of Apollos University. Eidson continued, "As a veteran myself, I feel we have an obligation to provide this type of exceptional educational experience for the brave men and women of our country. Additionally, we have hired many veterans from all branches of the service to pursue their civilian careers as distinguished faculty members for the university. We believe they have a great story to tell and can purposefully guide and influence the minds of future leaders across the world. These faculty members are just one more part of how we create the Apollos Experience for all of our students."

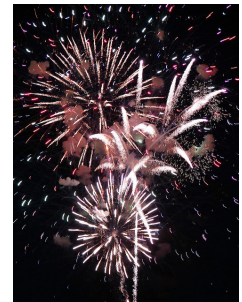


### Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Thanasak "Ole" Ruankaew

**Dr. Ole stated "Apollos University is an online educational institution with a student-center and is committed to providing high quality education."**

Dr. Ole joined Apollos University in late 2013 and has quickly become a favorite professor among students and administrators due to the dedication he demonstrates in his approach to the classroom and the individualized attention he provides to his students. Ole holds a Ph. D. in Business Administration with a specialization in accounting from Northcentral University and an MBA with a concentration in Supply Chain Management and Logistics from Kutztown University.

Ole likes the "diversity of the student population" at Apollos. He feels "when the university is more diverse, it enhances the students' learning and they can learn about their classmate's culture and perspectives." He has also found the number of adult learners "who have a lot of work experience in their field" to be one of the strengths of the university.



Happy Birthday Apollos!

In 2015, Apollos will be

10 years old and

celebrating.

