

Genius of Buffett Guest Lecturers



Clockwise from top left: Susan Buffett, chair, The Sherwood Foundation; Sam Taylor, president and CEO, Oriental Trading Company; Don Wurster, president, National Indemnity Company; Steve Jordon, writer, Omaha World-Herald

CHARLIE MUNGER SUMMIT

186 investors get wider perspective on Berkshire Hathaway



Fans of Warren Buffett had the opportunity to glimpse different perspectives of the Omaha investor at the 12th annual Value Investor Conference, held April 29–30 at Mammel Hall.

Author and acclaimed Buffett expert and scholar Robert Miles, who teaches the Genius of Buffett course each spring and fall at the College of Business Administration, says the addition this year of the Charlie Munger Summit gave 186 attendees from six continents yet another view of the leadership behind Berkshire Hathaway. Leading the summit was Berkshire Director and

legal counsel Ron Olson, who conducted a 90-minute question-and-answer session.

“Each spring, we take a different component of the Genius of Warren Buffett course and do a deeper dive,” Miles says. “The Munger summit was very well received.”

Miles says the conference drew a record 260 attendees from 33 countries, filling the Mammel Hall auditorium and two overflow rooms in the Executive MBA suite.

Speakers at the conference and the accompanying Omaha Value Dinner included Tom Russo, partner and portfolio manager at Gardner, Russo & Gardner; John W. Rogers, chairman and CEO

of Ariel Investments; Greg LeBlanc, adjunct lecturer at the University of California-Berkeley; Jon Clifton, managing director of the Gallup World Poll; and Lauren Templeton, founder and president of Lauren Templeton Capital Management.

“The topics were diverse and vastly engaging,” Miles says. “Jon Clifton, for example, detailed how Gallup tracks changes such as word usage over social media to predict violent uprisings around the world before anyone else is aware. This is the kind of information important to every investor.”