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Director of Casino Operations at Remington Park Highlights Variations between Casino and Racino Operations

Visiting from Remington Park in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Tyler Johnson joined the Racing Business Strategies & Global Perspective class as a guest speaker to guide students through the unique operations that are involved in the management of a racino.

Johnson first joined Remington Park in 2001 as an IT Technician before climbing the ranks to become the Director of IT in 2005. He accepted his current position as Director of Casino Operations in 2010.

Careful to point out the delicate balance that develops between casino operations and those of the racetrack, Johnson reminded students that this presents an extra challenge for managers—one that a traditional casino does not need to worry about.

“A certain animosity can develop between racing and the casino,” Johnson explained.

At Remington Park this potential for animosity is diluted by distributing funds generated from the casino to promote both casino and racing interests. “It’s all about guest relationships!”

With his IT background, Johnson also touched on the maintenance of casino machines, types of surveillance, and the more rigorous legal compliance racinos are required to meet.

The University of Arizona’s Race Track Industry Program offers both a Bachelors and Masters degree program with an emphasis on the pari-mutuel racing industry and hosts the annual Symposium on Racing & Gaming held every December in Tucson, Arizona.

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