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## **Epicurean Group CEO Mary Clark Bartlett Shares Her Experiences and Her “Toolbox for Success” with 2018 USF School of Management Grads**

Los Altos, CA (June xx, 2018) – University of San Francisco School of Management alumni are at the forefront of leadership and innovation in the business world, and alumna Mary Clark Bartlett is no exception. By basing her award-winning sustainable-food-services company on the lessons and values taught at USF, she now provides fresh, delicious food across California and the southwest in innovative yet socially responsible ways.

In honor of her accomplishments, Clark Bartlett was chosen by the School of Management to share her business acumen and experiences in a commencement address to the 2018 graduating class.

Studying economics at USF enabled Clark Bartlett to fulfill her entrepreneurial dream. She graduated knowing the ins and outs of budgets, finance, and economic opportunities. But she also learned, and took to heart, USF’s mission to reimagine business management to create a more humane and just world. “I first wrote Epicurean Group’s core values in one of my USF classes,” Clark Bartlett recalls. Working for social justice, serving others, striving to change the world for the better—all of those principles spoke to her, and still do.

In her commencement address, Clark Bartlett encourages graduates, as they move forward, to always be conscious of the choices they make and how those choices affect their families and their world.

She also shares her personal “toolbox for success,” which includes rising above and learning from failure, setting goals and making written plans to reach them, and developing long-term stakeholder value.

When Clark Bartlett started Epicurean Group, in 2003, her dream of serving fresh, organic food on corporate and education campuses in a socially responsible way was criticized as unworkable. Yet today, using lessons she learned at USF and her own “toolbox for success,” Clark Bartlett oversees more than 50 food-services accounts and has led Epicurean to revenues of over \$50 million annually.

She accomplished all of this while providing the highest-quality organic food, from local sources whenever possible; using sustainable management practices; and building an open, welcoming community of clients, customers, and employees.

“My business is successful,” Clark Bartlett told her audience, “but my road was not easy. I encountered many bumps and obstacles along the way. You can expect roadblocks, too,” she cautioned. But she also challenged graduates to be determined and to take the high road as they develop their own winning formula for leading a socially conscious and exciting life.

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*Epicurean Group is an independent food service management company, providing restaurant and catering services to corporations, universities and fine arts facilities throughout Northern California. Epicurean Group is committed to socially responsible and environmentally sustainable business practices.*

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