

ACCOUNTABILITY

McCoy College of Business | Department of Accounting

DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Accounting Christmas Party

On December 10th the Department of Accounting held a Christmas party to celebrate our student employees.

This semester, the department hired 18 Graduate Assistants (two returning and sixteen new). One of the GAs focused on research, and the English department GA concentrated on grading written assignments. Additionally, a Teaching Assistant was hired to hold review sessions several times a week for students in Intermediate Accounting. Four undergraduate student workers supported department staff.

The Department of Accounting strives to grow our undergraduate and graduate programs. In doing so, we look for talented students to assist us in our daily needs. It's no surprise that our MACy GAs plan to sit for the CPA exams as part of their career goals and our Student Assistants plan to start the MACy program after graduation. We hope to keep these students with the



department for as long as possible while fostering new talent for semesters to come.

To all of our students, we thank you for your hard work, dedication, and professionalism!

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December Accounting Events

December 6th	Last Day of Class	University Wide
December 7th	Reading Day	University Wide
December 8th	ACC 2362 and ACC 3313 Joint Exams	ACC 2362 at 11 a.m. and ACC 3313 at 2 p.m.
December 19th - January 2nd	Closed for Holiday Break	University Wide

Graduating This Fall



Katelyn Disney, GA

Katelyn will be starting full time with PwC in summer 2019.

She will begin sitting for the CPA exam in January.



Greyson Gillette, GA

Greyson will be starting full time with EY in fall 2019.

He will begin sitting for the CPA exam in January.



Conner Madere, TA

Conner will be working full time for KPMG after graduation.

He will prepare to sit for the CPA exam soon.



Brooke Taylor, Student Assistant

Brooke will be interning with Grant Thornton in spring 2019.

She has been accepted into the MAcy program.

Students Attend TSCPA-San Antonio Symposium

On October 26th and 27th, several members of Accounting Club and Beta Alpha Psi attended the annual Symposium sponsored by the San Antonio chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs (TSCPA). The students who attended were:

- Anais Baeza**
- Ashley Williams**
- Gregoria Garcia**
- Hector Portillo Rodriguez**
- Kara Kaspar**
- Marco Navarro**
- Mary Huron**
- Phuong Nguyen**
- Sarah Paciocco**
- Stephanie Robinson**
- Tyler Hartwick**

This was a professional continuing education event that gave students the opportunity to hear multiple presentations by accounting experts in income tax, au-

ditig, and cybersecurity. There were also opportunities for networking with local CPAs such as TSPCA staff pictured below: Joann Moore, Julie Aillet and Jacqui Belcher.

Mary Huvar described the event: "It was beneficial to attend the Symposium for the opportunities to hear the speakers and to talk with current CPAs and hear their career advice. It was definitely worth my time and enhanced what I'm learning in the classroom".



Millennials Out & the Next Generation In

Dr. Carolyn Conn and accounting major **Isabella Longoria** will be presenting their paper, “Millennials Out & the Next Generation In (Arriving at Your Accounting Classroom),” at the Southwest Regional meeting of the American Accounting Association (AAA).

This fall, Isabella contributed to research and reading while collaborating with Dr. Conn. Additionally, she reviewed and edited the paper in order to add her own perspective on the topic. At the AAA SW meeting, Isabella will be presenting alongside Dr. Conn with a focus on how accounting faculty can meet the needs of iGen (Generation Z) so that they may be successful in the accounting profession.



The meeting will be held in Houston in March. Isabella is one of the department’s Accounting Stars and it was that recognition that gave her the opportunity to work with Dr. Conn on this research project.



International Leadership Association Conference



Nathan Moore, a senior accounting major, and **Dr. Eve Prilipko**, lecturer of Business Communication and Professional Development course from McCoy College of Business, Department of Management, have presented the results of their meta-analysis study at the International Leadership Association (ILA) Conference in West Palm Beach, Florida on October 26, 2018.

Nathan, who took Dr. Prilipko’s MGT 3453 Business Communication class in the Spring of 2018, conducted, recorded, and transcribed interviews with participants and performed analytical data analysis utilizing SPSS Software. This meta-analysis compared the results of two quantitative studies in which 107 and 215 participants reported a significant improvement in self-confidence after taking one or more Dale Carnegie courses.

Industry Panel

On Thursday, November 15th, Accounting Club held its last meeting, an industry panel, for the semester. On the panel were five accomplished accountants who work in industry rather than public accounting.

The panelists included **Terry Klein, Olga Ovcharenko, Brian Raygon, Lee Bailey, and Mari-sol Villarreal-Alonzo**. Instead of the traditional panel format that is normally employed, the Accounting Club,

with the help of moderator Ashley Kruse, tried out speed networking.

The panelists would rotate amongst groups of students, answering their questions as they go. This new format gave students more up-close-and-personal contact with the guest speakers and provided more interaction between the two. After the speed networking, some pizza was provided for the students and the panelists to encourage additional networking.



CohnReznick Presentation on Business Writing

Beta Alpha Psi invited representatives from CohnReznick to campus on Thursday, November 8th. Four representatives from the firm gave a group presentation on Technical Business Writing, which meets BAP's essential skills requirement. The presentation began with some background on the firm, and members were told what to expect during recruitment in the upcoming Spring semester. After, they began the Technical Business Writing portion of their presentation.

Each member of the firm shared many useful and essential things to know about Business Writing; legal consequences, tone, effectiveness, perceptions, and many more. They gave many examples, encouraged members to ask questions, and shared their personal experiences with business writing in their professional careers.

To wrap up their presentation, the representatives from CohnReznick opened the floor to questions. The environment became a great place to learn more not only about CohnReznick, but also about professionalism in business writing as a whole.



Final Fall BAP Meeting

The last Beta Alpha Psi meeting of the Fall 2018 semester was held on Thursday, December 6th at 5p.m.

Several members participated in the ugly sweater competition. Others brought canned goods to contribute to BAP's canned food drive. At the meeting, the BAP Vice President, Walter Murray, presented graduating members with their hard-earned cords and

stoles.

Afterwards, a few announcements were made about what to expect in the spring semester (i.e the Joint Meeting, Spring Showcases, and VITA Clinic).

At the end of the meeting, members voted on the ugly holiday sweater contest, and the meeting ended in the org room for our end-of-semester party.



Check out our previous Accountability newsletters to learn more about prior student and faculty successes, events, and accomplishments by visiting:

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December Birthdays

Faculty

12/5 Dr. Jean Bradley

12/28 Ms. Ludmila Krylova

12/30 Dr. Linda Campbell

Graduate Assistants

12/18 Katelyn Disney



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McCoy Hall 115


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Do you have quick questions about your Fall or Spring schedule?

Come See Us!

Walk-In Academic Advising is available the following Fridays this Fall:

August 24	November 2
September 7	November 16
September 21	November 30
October 5	December 14
October 19	December 21

Check in between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
(Expect a 60-120 minute wait, with longest wait around lunch time)