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Scholarships & Awards

The Department of Accounting would like to congratulate the following accounting students on receiving scholarships this past spring! We are always excited to see business students receive accounting scholarships. These scholarships lesson students’ financial burden and enabled them to focus on their studies.

Outstanding Undergraduate Award
Aaron Contreras

Accounting Excellence Award
Olivia Birkhead

5th Year Accounting
Ashlynn Chouest
Jose Hernandez
Cassandra Lewis
Martin Rodriguez
Ellen Ygnacio

Accounting Club Scholarship
Haylie Harden
Kristen Hartman-Bueche
Brandi Hentges
Victoria Slaid
Ivana Valdes
Jordan Walden
Corey Walkup

Accounting Club Endowed
Jordan Walden

Accounting Club Endowed Graduate
Amy Arzamendi

TSCPA Accounting Education Foundation
Olivia Birkhead

PCAOB Scholarship
Aaron Contreras

H.C. Vivian Memorial Endowed
Amy Arzamendi
Diana Medlock
Katherine Rush
Micheal-Dennis Taylor
Meng Tian
Stefanie Welter

Jerry L. Moore Endowed Presidential
Nathan Bannert

Top: Faculty Advisor, Ms. Laurie Brown, and members of Beta Alpha Psi who received awards at the Awards Ceremony.

Right: Jordan Walden, Corey Walkup, Haylie Harden & Ivana Valdez are members of Accounting Club who received scholarships.

Farm Credit Bank of Texas Business
Javier Sanchez
CenturyLink Scholarship
William Birkhead
Woods Scholarship
Elizabeth Clementi
Dempsey Serur Business
Alejandra De La Mora De La Rosa
Stanley K. Tanger
Aubrey Dubose
Charles R. Bracy CPA Memorial
Jason Fischer
Otis G. Reese Endowed
Patrick Grossman
Gary & Mary Whittington
Kristen Hartman-Bueche

Mc Coy College Advisory Board
Brandi Hentges
Bill J. Bishop
Cassidy Jenkins

Robert Ellison Memorial
Lutin London
Dan & Cindee Diepenhorst Endowed
Justin Newby
John & Matt Edgar Endowed
Justin Newby
Danny & Lucy Davila Endowed
Mahbubur Rahman
Bobby & Michelee Kanz Endowed
Nichole Trembath
Richard & Kathy Clay Endowed
Jordan Turner
HEB Grocery Company Endowed
Robert Witherspoon
Ph.D. Conference

Three accounting majors: Stephanie Daul, Jose Hernandez, and Dennis Mina, attended the award winning PhD Project conference in Chicago on November 20-22, 2013.

Each November, the Project hosts an annual conference to provide individuals with useful information to help them decide if a business doctorate and a career as a business school professor is the right path for them.

Stephanie, Jose, and Dennis had the opportunity to meet other doctoral candidates and faculty members from across the country. They also had the opportunity to visit with approximately 100 doctoral program representatives from universities across the country.

Jose Hernandez, a MAcy student, said, “I’m truly thankful to McCoy and Texas State for the opportunity to attend this award winning conference. The amount I learned about doctoral programs was substantial and it has helped me figure out if a doctorate is in my future. Speaking to potential doctoral students who are at different stages in their careers gave me a unique perspective on the application process.”

The photo on the right shows Jose with Bernard Milano at a networking event during the conference.

The business honor society, Beta Gamma Sigma, welcomed 15 accounting majors into the organization during the Spring 2014 Induction Ceremony held on Friday, April 25.

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business accreditation opened the door to Beta Gamma Sigma, the preeminent honor society for business programs accredited by AACSB International, and the Texas State BGS chapter was established in November 1997. Only those students who meet rigorous standards of academic achievement are inducted into the organization.

**Undergraduate**

Aashara Humagain
Jessica Langford
Lucy Li
Kevin Mack
Alonso Mendoza
Katherine Rush
Cassie Schacht
Amanda Sikes
Victoria Winton
David Ferrier

**Graduate**

Olivia Birkhead
Jeremy Christopher
Austin Hatley
Wentao Lin
Jian Liu
Internships

![](image)

This spring semester, we had a total of 29 students participate in the graduate internship class. Audit was the larger portion of total internships with 25 out of 29.

52% of all internships took place at a “Big Four” while the rest took place at regional or local firms.

EY had the largest intern class with 7 students, while Deloitte came in second, with 6 interns. Firms who recruited our students can be viewed below.

**Firms**
- BDO
- BKD
- Calhoun, Thomson & Matza
- Carpenter & Langford
- Deloitte
- Ernst and Young
- Grant Thornton
- KPMG
- Novogradac
- Padgett Stratemann
- PriceWaterhouseCooper
- Weaver

Graduate Assistants

*Top Row: Eric Delafosse, Loyd Knight, Chris Boerner, Jose Hernandez, Rickey Wright & Matt Ming*

*Bottom Row: Ashlynn Chouest, Margaretta Adrienne, Elizabeth Mayhew, Laurie Barbosa & Olivia Birkhead*

The department would like to thank all graduate assistants for such excellent work this semester. Graduate assistants are crucial and their work is invaluable to their assigned faculty, students, and to the department.

The department had a total of 11 graduate assistants assigned to 25 faculty members this semester. Graduate assistants are responsible for assisting faculty with grading assignments and exams along with proctoring. Graduate assistants can also find themselves holding separate office hours to assist their students or assisting with special projects.

We would like to congratulate and wish the best of luck to Ashlynn, Olivia, and Jose who will be graduating this spring. Laurie and Chris will be graduating in the summer. Rickey Wright is leaving after serving as a GA for a year. Jose and Chris will join Ernst & Young and Laurie will be joining KPMG, both firms based in San Antonio. Ashlynn and Olivia will join Deloitte in Houston. Rickey will be graduating in fall 2014.

We look forward to hearing about your accomplishments in the near future!

Best of all, they possess a strong sense of personal integrity and moral character.

The Department of Accounting is lucky to have them!

Student Workers

*The department* would like to thank our student workers for their hard work this semester. Brandi Hentges and Amber Fleming joined Corey Walkup as full-time student workers this Spring.

Along with managing all incoming calls, emails, and walk-in requests from faculty, students, and staff, our student workers provide valuable assistance to the Department of Accounting.

In addition to helping keep the office running smoothly, they are all active leaders in the Accounting Club and Beta Alpha Psi. All three help plan and execute recruiting events such as the alumni dinner, annual golf tournament, and job fairs with prospective firms.

*Left to Right: Brandi Hentges, Amber Fleming & Corey Walkup*
Welcome

I would like to say hello to all of the current and entering graduate students in both our MACy and MSAit Programs. If we have not yet met, I hope you will introduce yourselves to me at the Accounting Club, Beta Alpha Psi meetings, or just in the hall! I would like the opportunity to meet with each of you personally each semester, to plan your schedules and make sure you are on track for graduation.

I am now located in McCoy 433, just across from the atrium. My hours are by appointment, and I am able to accommodate those students who are here only during evening hours.

You can reach me at Laurie.Brown@txstate.edu or by telephone at 512-245-3897.

Ms. Laurie Brown
Graduate Academic Advisor
MACy and MSAit Programs
Department of Accounting

Registration

This summer, ACC 5372, Tax Research is offered, as well as ACC 5389, Corporate Governance and Ethics, for those students who meet the pre-requisite requirements.

This fall, ACC 5373, Fraud Detection and Prevention is offered. Please take a look at this course and register if you are interested—it is an elective that is not offered every semester! The department is also offering ACC 5355, IT Auditing, during the upcoming fall semester.

Internships

Public Accounting firms interview 1+ years ahead of time for their internships, and this is an excellent way to earn both graduate semester credit and a beginning staff accountant salary! Many job offers are extended at the end of internships. Look on Jobs 4 Cats to see who will be interviewing on campus and be sure to attend Accounting Club and Meet the Firms events.

Please review the Internship Guide, which can be found at: http://accounting.mccoy.txstate.edu/resources/internship-guide

Important Announcements

The curriculum is changing for the MSAit Program, for students entering the program in fall of 2014. Please call or email me to set up an appointment so that we can discuss your course load and plan for a timely graduation!

We offer CIS courses at both the Round Rock and San Marcos campuses!

Helpful Links

Texas State Board of Public Accountancy:
https://www.tsbpa.state.tx.us/

McCoy Graduate Programs:
http://graduate.mccoy.txstate.edu/grad_programs.html

Application Process:
http://graduate.mccoy.txstate.edu/future_students/application_process.html

Dates & Deadlines

Hooding Ceremony: May 7th
Graduation: May 8th
Fall Admission Deadline: June 1st
Summer I Classes Begin: June 2nd
Summer II Classes Begin: July 7th
Fall Classes Begin: August 25th
Spring Admission Deadline: October 1st
Accounting Job Fair: September 19th

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply to the MACy or MSAit Programs if my bachelor’s degree is not in Accounting?

Yes, you can apply to either program. There can be as many as 12 semester hours of “leveling” courses, to give you a solid foundation for either program.

How can I find information regarding CPA exam requirements?

Your best source of information is to visit the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy website. All of the exam requirements are listed there and you can submit your transcript to them for review.
Accounting Club

It is an honor to be a part of the Accounting Club; the opportunities offered to our students are endless. The Accounting Club is a great way for students to network with accounting professionals and build long-lasting relationships with other students.

In addition, Accounting Club gives students the ability to be involved in activities, such as participating in Bobcat Build, which is a community-wide volunteer project. We also participate in high school tours to show students what being a Bobcat is all about. Specifically, we focus on what it means to be an accounting major. As always, we had a San Antonio office visit that helped the students get a feel for the culture and environment of various accounting firms.

It was a pleasure to have Wayne Berson, CEO of BDO USA, attend one of our meetings this semester. He spoke about BDO, and allowed students to ask questions they may have had about being CEO of one of the largest accounting firms in the world.

We pride ourselves in doing as much as possible to prepare our students to get in front of their future employer and putting their best foot forward.

The Accounting Department was honored to host Wayne Berson as its guest speaker for Business Leadership Week. Wayne is the CEO of BDO USA, LLP and Chairman of the Global Board of BDO International Ltd. He previously served as the Atlantic Assurance Regional Managing Partner and from 2010 through 2012 as the Presiding Member of the BDO Board of Directors. He also served as the National Director of the Not-for-Profit Services and was a Co-Founder of the Firm’s BDO Institute for Nonprofit Excellence, headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland. His participation in key Firm initiatives has included the Women’s Initiative, Alliance program, National Ad Campaign, International Recruiting Initiative, IT Advisory Committee, Leadership Institute Committee and Marketing Task Force.

After Mr. Berson’s guest lecture, the Advising Center hosted a reception in which over 20 BDO partners from Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and San Francisco and over 100 accounting majors attending were in attendance as well as faculty and staff.

Recruiters commented on how well Texas State students prepare for these professional events. They were impressed with the student’s professionalism and knowledge of the firm.

After the reception Mr. Berson, several student officers from the Accounting Club and NABA, along with faculty advisors attended dinner.

From the President

Ivana Valdez

Spring Meeting Schedule

1/23: Briggs and Veselka
1/30: Chevron
2/6: Dr. Thompson
2/13: Dennis Koch
2/20: BDO
2/27: Aventine Hill
3/6: Cohn Reznick
3/20: EY
3/27: Returning Interns
4/3: Grant Thorton
4/10: PWC
4/17: Deloitte

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Meet The Firms

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Save the Date

Accounting Club will host their Alumni Panel session on September 18, 2014 in McCoy Hall.

The annual “Meet the Firms” will take place on September 19, 2014 at the Hill Country Event Center at 2 p.m. The Alumni Dinner will take place in the McCoy College of Business after Meet the Firms.

The 11th annual Golf Tournament will be hosted at a new location and time this year! The tournament will start with lunch at noon at Onion Creek Club on September 20, 2014.

EY will host the Etiquette Dinner on October 30, 2014.

Office Tours

Accounting Club held its office tour on February 28th in San Antonio this semester. This is the second semester office tours have taken place in efforts to provide accounting students another opportunity to visit and network with firms.

The organization planned a trip around the city to visit firms ranging from Big 4, regional, and local. Accounting students visited BKD, Padgett, Stratemann & Co., and the San Antonio Auditor’s Office.

After two schedule changes due to weather, the “Meet The Firms” event was finally held on March 3 in the McCoy College of Business atrium. There were a total of 11 firms that attended this semester and approximately 80 students.

Thank you to all firms that attended!

Aventine Hill Partners   KPMG
BDO   Middleton Raines + Zapata
BKD   Novogradac
Cohn Reznick   Padgett Stratemenn
PMB Helin Donovan

Holmes High

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Officers not shown: Aubrey Debose, Justin Krautz & Diana Medlock
From the President

Beta Alpha Psi is an honors organization that seeks to shape the entire individual through professional and philanthropic activities, while consistently promoting academic achievement. The Kappa Eta Chapter of Texas State University boosts an astonishing 120-member chapter. As an organization, we seek to continuously set the standard for business professionals across our campus.

Our chapter competes in all Regional competitions and presents informative speeches both regionally and nationally. Our mission is to sustain growth and shape our diverse group of Accounting, CIS, and Finance members into the best and brightest leaders of tomorrow.

Bobcat Build

Bobcat Build was successful again this year due to the joint effort of approximately 60 Accounting Club, NABA and BAP members. Bobcat Build is a Texas State volunteer event that allows students to interact and offer assistance to the city of San Marcos. This spring, students volunteered at the San Marcos Fish Hatchery and then changed locations to assist a resident on Belvin Street with lawn care.

Photos on the left show the entire group at the Bobcat Build kick-off and volunteering at the residence on Belvin Street.

Volunteer Events

Beta Alpha Psi has continued to exceed in service to the university and the San Marcos/Austin community. As seen in the photos to the right, the chapter continues to participate with Adopt-A-Spot in order to keep the San Marcos City Park clean, which was an initiative started in the spring of 2011. The annual Spring Carnival is also a big volunteer event for the chapter where volunteers go and help run game booths.

The chapter has also seen success with the Capital Area Food Bank in Austin, which is a new volunteer event. A typical event has about 7-10 BAP volunteers and they (including the other volunteers) process anywhere from 5,000 to 10,000lbs of food, which translates to roughly 4,000 to 8,000 meals for the community.
This year the Kappa Eta chapter co-hosted the Beta Alpha Psi Southwest Regional Meeting in San Antonio, TX on Feb 28—March 1.

The Kappa Eta chapter had a running start in the Fall of 2013 as it began work with nationals to plan the regional meeting. Preparations involved constant communication with members and professional partners of the national office, search for a keynote speaker, and working with their co-host chapter from Stephen F. Austin State University.

In the spring, the regional planning committee created the meeting program, contacted the chamber of commerce, and created the volunteer schedule for both host chapters. As well as provided laptops and organized the scavenger hunt with a total of 15 chapters participating. Kappa Eta was the largest chapter attending the conference with a total of 30 members, along with their two faculty advisors, Dr. Keith Kebodeaux and Ms. Laurie Brown. 25 universities attended the conference with a total of 260 students from across the southwest.

Stephanie Welter, co-Vice President, said, “I always knew that Beta Alpha Psi was an exceptional student organization. After the 2014 regional conference, I am even more certain of this! Our chapter hosted the conference and did not fail to showcase what our officers, members, and advisors are really capable of . . . pure excellence.”

The chapter would like to give special thanks to their advisors and the Regional Planning Committee for their hard work.

Southwest Regional Meeting 2014

While the chapter prepared to host the regional meeting, best practice committees began to form in preparation to compete. This year, the Kappa Eta chapter competed in all three best practice competitions that are given by nationals annually.

All committees met during the Fall of 2013 to brainstorm their assigned topics and begin the creation of their presentations. In the spring, three speakers emerged from each committee and took over the presentations leading into the regional meeting.

The amount of time and energy committees and speakers put into their presentations is incredible. In the fall, committees meet weekly or bi-weekly to form ideas and create their concept for competition.

Speakers met even more frequently to finalize their Prezi presentations and memorize their speeches. The Texas State chapter has remained a superior chapter since inception due to the hard work of its members and candidates. For the past few years, the chapter has consistently placed at conferences.

All teams competed against 8 universities in the southwest this year. The chapter would like to congratulate all teams for their outstanding presentations. The Strategic Planning and Leadership teams both received third place at the regional meeting.

The chapter would like to thank those who helped their teams this year. Best practice would not have been successful without the help of members, candidates, officers, and faculty members.

Leadership:
Cole Lutzenburger
Melody Everson

Strategic Planning:
Justin Krautz
Amber Fleming

Collaboration:
Mary Ireland
Samantha Dunfee
The National Association of Black Accountants strives to diversify the workplace in Accounting and finance. The national association’s agenda is to provide a medium to share invaluable information that enhances the knowledge and skills of everyone involved so that the underrepresented minority can create a network to succeed in the business professional world.

The NABA chapter at Texas State complements the agenda by networking with professionals and sharing the knowledge they have vertically and horizontally so we can achieve our “lifting as we climb” NABA motto.

I want to thank NABA and the Texas State Accounting Department for allowing me to be the student chapter president of this organization. The memories and connections I have made will stay with me forever. I am so happy to have a minuscule part in solidifying the McCoy College of Business Bobcat paw print in the world.

The National Association of Black Accountants

Student Conference

The 2013 National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) Southwest Western Regional Student Conference was held in Houston, Texas, on October 3-5, 2013. Sixteen students from the Texas State Chapter of NABA attended the conference and volunteered to help make the event a successful experience.

The conference provided the students with many learning, networking and job opportunities. The students attended a variety of workshops such as “How to be the Ideal Intern Candidate”, and “CPA Exam: Qualifications and Resources”. A Career Expo kicked off the event where students mingled and exchanged ideas with their peers and with accounting professionals. Several students had successful interviews leading to office visits and internship offers.

Also, Christopher Villarreal, current NABA Treasurer, secured a spot in the Grow with Grant Thornton Leadership conference that will be held in Houston Texas this summer. The students continue to develop relationships with professionals from the many organizations represented at the conference and are pleased that invitations are accepted to be featured speakers at our NABA meetings. They look forward to developing additional relationships through conference networking opportunities.

The bottom left photo shows Colin Dehorney and Jonathan Stumpff visiting with Texas State alumni and past NABA president, Raven Cooper. The bottom right photo shows Jonathan Stumpff, Dominic Stephens with Sheri Marshall, current Austin Cen-Tex chapter president.

Top Photo:
Back Row: Marc Rodriguez, Louis Holley, Domenic Stephens, Jerome Harrell, Kelechi Madumere
Middle Row: Vanessa Jefferson, Alyssa Smith, Jonathan Stumpff, Christopher Villarreal, Amanda Sikes, Colin Dehorney
Front Row: Munachi Amaechi, Katherine Rush, Tonya Champagne, Wanetia Adams, Brooke Wilson
Six students from the Texas State Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) attended the 9th Annual Austin Cen-Tex Chapter Scholarship and Awards Luncheon held in Austin, Texas, on April 11, 2014. Students networked with professionals and students from other NABA chapters including UT-Austin and Huston-Tillotson.

Basil Brown, Texas State NABA President, welcomed the students to the event and introduced one of the corporate speakers. It was a great opportunity to meet Texas State alumni, Douglas Wilson, Inspector General for Texas Health and Human Services, and hear him provide students insight on “Embracing the Past, Transforming the Future”. They are excited and look forward to establishing a relationship with our proud alumni.

At the event the students met Texas State Alumni, Douglas Wilson, a 1988 accounting graduate and Inspector General for Texas Health and Human Services. They are looking forward to him returning to campus next year to speak at one of their meetings.

The Texas State Chapter received an Outstanding Achievement Award for Connectivity, Recruitment and SCREP Reporting which was accepted by Tonya Champagne and Basil Brown as shown in the bottom right photo. Valerie Amadi was also awarded a scholarship from the Austin Cen-Tex Chapter as shown in the bottom left photo.

DELL

Dell presented at a NABA meeting on Thursday, April 17th. Head of accounting and finance departments along with the lead recruiter presented and networked with a variety of accounting and finance students from Texas State. Their presentation gave students information regarding possible internships for sophomores, juniors, and seniors as well as development programs for graduating seniors.

Dell currently only recruits from Texas A&M and the University of Texas and are interested in recruiting bobcats from Texas State. This was a great opportunity for students to gain an industry perspective to the accounting profession.

Photo: Sheralyn Seaborn, Accounting Consultant, Natalie Coley, Audit Manager, Andre O’Brien, Audit Advisor, & Yves Amani, Accounting Advisor.
Every fall and spring, the McCoy College of Business Administration celebrates the graduation of their graduate students by hosting the Graduate Hooding Ceremony. The Spring 2014 Masters Hooding Ceremony was held on May 7th in the LBJ Student Teaching Theatre.

This special event is a smaller, more intimate event than commencement that is open to all business students graduating with a master’s degree as well as their friends and family. During the event, graduate students are “hooded” by a faculty member of choice that has positively impacted your education, career, or otherwise served as a mentor.

The photo on the above to the left shows William Franke, MAcy candidate, being hooded by Dr. Lucille Montondon, Accounting Professor. Assisting her is Dr. Robert Davis, former Associate Dean of Graduate Studies. William is now a staff auditor with Ernst & Young in the Austin. *(Photo by Don Anders, andersphoto.com)*

The photo below to the right shows Jose Hernandez being hooded by Ms. Sherry Ross, retired Accounting Senior Lecturer. Jose will work with Ernst & Young in San Antonio as a staff auditor.

The photo to the left above shows Olivia Birkhead being hooded by Mr. Robert Severance, Accounting Senior Lecturer. Olivia will work with Deloitte, LLP in Houston as a staff tax accountant after graduation.

The department would like to encourage all future MAcy and MSAIT graduates to participate in the hooding ceremony.

*Left to Right: MAcy students Laurie Barbosa, Olivia Birkhead, Jose Hernandez & Ashlynn Chouest preparing to walk into the ceremony.*
Changes in Undergraduate Curriculum

If you have NOT taken ACC 3313, 3314, 3363, or 3385, check with your advisor to see how the following changes may affect you:

Effective fall 2014, The Accounting Department has changed the prerequisite for ACC 3314 – Intermediate II, ACC 3363 – Governmental Accounting, and ACC 3385 – Accounting Information Systems. You must now earn a B or better in ACC 3313 – Intermediate I.

If you are taking ACC 3313, Intermediate I, in the fall 2014 or later, you must receive a B or higher to take 3314, 3363, and 3385.

If you are taking or have taken ACC 3313 prior to fall 2014 and did not make a B or higher, you must complete the following courses by the end of summer 2015: 3314, 3363, and 3385.

Also, in order to register for those courses (if you received a C in Intermediate I, ACC 3313), you must contact the Accounting department at 245-2566 to request a prerequisite override.

CPA Rates

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Texas State students excelled in the first quarter of 2014 by outpacing the national average on three out of the four sections.
### When to interview for internships:

1. After taking Intermediate I and II
2. One year before doing internship
3. Internship should be approximately 18 months before CPA eligibility and graduate graduation.

**Reminder:** Firms are interviewing for spring 2015 interns this spring.

### Fifth Year Scholarship:

Once you are in the graduate program, make sure you have the FAFSA and Application of Intent on file for the 5th Year Scholarship.