Dear Students, Alumni, and Friends of the Department of Accounting:

We have concluded another successful fall semester. We would like to share our activities and achievements of the fall of 2015 with you through this edition of Accountability, your semi-annual newsletter update from the Department of Accounting. We have new faculty to introduce, news of student organization activities and accomplishments, and faculty achievements to celebrate.

The McCoy College of Business accounting programs achieved separate AACSB accreditation in the fall of 2013. Less than three percent of business colleges worldwide hold this distinction. Fall 2015 marks the beginning of the year of record for our AACSB Continuous Improvement Review report. Next fall, the college will be hosting the AACSB peer team visit for its 5th-year maintenance review. We are confident that the college will retain accreditation for all business programs and separate accreditation for its accounting programs.

The department has enjoyed many successes over the past six months, including seeing our graduates go on to excellent professional programs and challenging careers in public accounting, industry, and government. We attribute these achievements to the quality of our students, alumni, and faculty. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has assisted the department with these achievements and milestones.

Best Regards,

Dr. Ann L Watkins

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Fall 2015
New Faculty

Ms. Alex Hampshire is a graduate of Texas A&M University, where she received both her Bachelor’s in Business Administration in Accounting, and her Masters of Science in Accounting. Upon graduation she worked in the International Tax Department of Deloitte & Touche and later the tax department of Brinker International. Alex began teaching at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, TX in 2010, instructing Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, and Computerized Accounting Applications classes utilizing both classroom and online teaching methods. In the summer of 2014, she moved with her family to New Braunfels. Alex continues to pursue her passion for teaching at Texas State University. “I am very honored and excited to be here, and look forward to what is to come!”

Dr. David Herda is joining the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Accounting. David received a BBA, MSA, and PhD in Accounting, all from the University of Texas at Arlington. David is a Texas CPA and spent seven years with Deloitte working as an auditor in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Prior to joining the Texas State faculty, David spent five years as an Assistant Professor at North Dakota State University teaching financial accounting and advanced auditing. His research focuses on the psychological bonds external auditors have with various entities they encounter at work, and how these bonds influence auditor behavior. David has published in Accounting, Organizations and Society, Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory, and Accounting Horizons.

Ms. Kristy McDermott is a CPA from Austin, TX. She grew up in Southern Illinois, where she earned her B.S. & MAcc. degrees in Accounting at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Kristy concentrated in taxation for her Master’s Degree and has fifteen years of public tax experience. She currently has her own CPA firm in Austin where she specializes in individuals/small business tax and temporary controller functions for growing companies. Kristy McDermott has been teaching accounting for Austin Community College for eight years as an adjunct. Two years ago, she also began teaching for Concordia University Texas in Austin, TX. There she has taught several of their upper-division courses for their accounting concentration along with their Managerial Accounting course for their MBA program, in-class and online.

Dr. Michael Stern is a practicing attorney with the Law Office of Hubert Bell, Jr. and is also a licensed certified public accountant, having thirty years of experience as an attorney practicing in Texas. Mr. Stern received his BBA from the University of Texas at Austin in 1982, and his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1985. His practice is principally concentrated in the areas of business formation and representation, contracts and commercial transactions, health law, real estate, estate planning, probate, and tax matters. He is an Adjunct Instructor at St. Edwards University, Texas State University and Trinity University, periodically teaching courses in Estate Planning & Probate, Business Law, CPA Review, Professional Ethics, and Health Law. He was previously a member of the University of Texas Legal Assistant Program Advisory Board, and regularly taught courses in Business Law, Estate Planning & Probate, Legal Concepts, Legal Research, Contracts, Legal Writing, and Legal Environment of Employee Benefit Plans, along with being a periodic lecturer for the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and others.

New Staff

Bridget Sarbu is a graduate of Huntington University with a Bachelor’s of Science in Youth Ministry in 2005. She served 15 years within the church, working primarily with 6th - 12th grade students. In her new role in the Department of Accounting, she serves as the Administrative Assistant II; among other duties, she has created many publications for the department since her start in May, including this newsletter. Bridget and her husband Nicholas expect their first child in late December.
Dr. Janet Butler

was promoted to **Full Professor**. She joined the department in 2003 and was granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor in 2009. We are delighted to announce that beginning September 1, 2016, Dr. Butler will become the department’s first **Assistant Chair**.

Dr. Linda Campbell

joined the department in fall of 2009. In addition to being granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor, Dr. Campbell received several awards and recognitions this fall. She was recognized for participating in and for completing the week-long **Multicultural Curriculum Transformation Project** sponsored by the Center for Diversity and Gender Studies. Dr. Campbell was also recognized for excelling in research and was awarded the McCoy College of Business’s **Gary V. Woods Research Award**. Dr. Campbell currently has over sixteen peer-reviewed journal articles published in quality journals including: *The CPA Journal*, *Strategic Finance*, *Journal of Accounting and Finance*, *Journal of Legal Tax Research*, *Management Accounting Quarterly*, and *Research in Accounting Regulation*.

Ms. Kathy Moffitt

was awarded the **Part Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award**. This award was established to recognize part-time faculty for excellence in teaching.

Dr. Robert Rutledge

was recognized and honored for 15 years of service. Dr. Rutledge was awarded a 15 year pin and a certificate to commemorate the milestone.

Dr. Cecily Raiborn

Cecily Raiborn, Janet Butler, Nathan Cannon, and Randall Young won third place in the Institute of Management Accounting’s 2015 **Case Competition** for their educational case, “Trust may Breed Trouble: Fraud Opportunities and Ethics at Saintly Church.” Their award-winning case is currently being revised for publication in the IMA Educational Case Journal (IECJ).

Dr. Nathan Cannon

received the **non-tenured tenure-track faculty College Service Award**.

Dr. Randall Young

was recognized for completing the **Program for Excellence in Teaching and Learning**.
Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles Published in 2015


Accounting Club

From the President

Aubrey DeBose

“The Accounting Club is a wonderful way for accounting students to prepare themselves for the transition from student to professional.”

The Accounting Club is a wonderful way for accounting students to prepare themselves for the transition from student to professional. Through networking with accounting professionals, peers, and faculty members during the events the club hosts, students gain tools and skills that will help them excel in whichever path they choose to take.

One of our main events, and a focal point for the club is Meet the Firms. This bi-annual job fair has a variety of firms that come to recruit our members and helps expose them to professional interaction. This semester we also hosted our annual Golf Tournament. The professionals who attend get paired up with Accounting Club members and play a golf game, resulting in a great networking experience in a relaxed environment.

We focus not only on our members, but the community as well. A business-oriented high school in San Antonio, Holmes High School, graciously welcomed a few of our officers to present to the high school students about the benefits of attending college. Specifically, we focused on communicating to them what being a Bobcat and an accounting major entails. We also planned visits to three accounting firms in both San Antonio and Austin. This gave our members the chance to experience the culture and environment of various firms. One of our last events of the semester is an etiquette dinner coordinated with EY that is open to all accounting students and faculty. We appreciate EY’s willingness to help us host an event that not only teaches attendees proper dining etiquette but provides yet another opportunity for networking with accounting professionals.

We pride ourselves on the development and growth of our members and our organization as a whole. The most important thing we strive for is to expose our members to as many opportunities as possible so that they are more prepared for the professional world.

Officers

President | Aubrey DeBose
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External Relations Coordinator | Andrew Gonzalez

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Special Projects Coordinator | Alex Carlos
Electronic Communications Admin. | Jordan Draper
Electronic Communications Admin. | Ximena Arbelaez
Dept. Relations & Scholarship Coord. | Brandon Hall

Events Calendar

January
- Bi-monthly Accounting Club Meetings

February
- February 5 | Meet the Firms Spring Job Fair
- February 15-18 | Business Leadership Week

March
- March 4 | Holmes High School Visits Texas State
“Our membership continues to improve the prestige of the McCoy School of Business and maintain an exceptional level of professionalism.”

The Kappa Eta Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi has experienced incredible success in the past year. Our membership continues to improve the prestige of the McCoy School of Business and maintain an exceptional level of professionalism.

The FES (Financial Education Seminar) was an initiative created last spring to communicate the importance of financial literacy throughout the University. This semester saw a tremendous growth of over 100 attendees. In our future endeavors we will look back to this experience and fall on the collective support of both membership and faculty that made the success of this event possible.

For the first time in Texas State history, we have placed first at the national level of the Best Practices Case Competition. Competing against the eight regional winners throughout the United States, we showcased the determination and intellect of San Marcos Bobcats.

We look to future semesters with optimism and will continue to persevere to become a model of excellence and professionalism. It is our mission to inspire our members, and give them the skills and resources necessary to reach their goals. We will do this by continuing to offer presentations by the industry’s leading professionals and challenge our membership through rigorous case competitions.

**Officers**

- **President** | Cole Lutzenberger
- **Vice President** | Ximena Arbelaez
- **Vice President & Fundraising** | Juan Garcia
- **Special Projects Assistant** | Ximena Arbelaez
- **VP of Finances** | Jordan Draper
- **VP of Volunteer Activities** | Victor Hernandez
- **Special Projects Assistant** | Jordan Draper
- **VP of Reporting** | Hugh Walker
- **VP of Membership** | Shea Young
- **VP of Regional Conference / FES** | Jaeece Cruz
- **VP of Volunteer Activities** | Mark Rodriguez
- **VP of Reporting** | Eric Lemkowitz
- **VP of Media Relations** | Kendra Dix
- **VP of Special Projects** | Sierra Ellis

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- Regular Club Meetings

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National Association of Black Accountants

From the President
Valerie Amadi

The National Association of Black Accountants is dedicated to improving opportunities and empowering minorities in the Accounting, Computer Information Systems and Finance professions. We strive to support our members by providing education, resources, and meaningful connections to facilitate professional excellence and civic responsibility that echoes our motto, “lifting as we climb”.

The Texas State Chapter strives to provide opportunities, as well as increase the diversity of students in these professions. We provide various opportunities for our members to improve their professional, interpersonal, and leadership skills. Meetings are held to enhance member’s knowledge of the profession, as well as to create an environment where students can network with working professionals and potential employers. Through the support of the Austin Cen-Tex Chapter, we are able to provide our members with highly applicable skill sets. By doing this, we invigorate and empower our members to pursue their dreams and career aspirations while instilling the importance of giving back to the community and others.

I am extremely proud to be serving as the chapter president. Continuing the legacy of this great organization is an honor made possible through the support of the Accounting Department and the McCoy College of Business Administration. Thank you to all who have supported us throughout the years; I know that we will continue to grow as diligent NABA members, supporters and proud Bobcats. Thank you.

Officers

President | Valerie Amadi
VP of Membership | Anthony Blumenthal
VP of Operations | Nicole Garza
Treasurer | Christopher Villarreal
VP of Communications | Sierra Wright
Faculty Advisor | Diane Eure

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Student Workers

Student workers are an essential part of the department. Thank you for all that you do!

Gliffze Buling, Drew Gonzales and Mark Junek have been the welcoming face of the department this semester and we are proud of all their hard work this fall! Gliffze and Mark will continue through the spring. As Drew heads on to bigger and better things, we are pleased to welcome Lanajha Porter as our newest student worker for the spring semester. We wish Drew the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

Drew and Mark sought internships for Summer 2016 and have both signed offers! Drew has signed with PwC and Mark with KPMG, both in Houston. Best wishes in these pursuits!

Graduate Assistants

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

We would like to congratulate and wish the best of luck to Melody Everson and Brittany Shostrom who will be graduating this fall. Melody will be starting with EY in Houston in January, meanwhile taking the CPA exam. She hopes to finish the CPA exam by October 2016. You can do it, Melody! Brittany will be starting with EY in Denver in January doing Assurance; though we’ll miss her in Texas, we’re confident she’ll do great things in Denver! Congratulations to Wanetia Adams who plans to graduate in May, complete her CPA exam and begin a full-time position at Deloitte in September of 2016.

We would also like to congratulate Amber Fleming who has accepted an internship with KMPG in San Antonio. She will be interning with their audit team. Good luck Amber!

Featured in photos | Our Graduate Assistants: (Beginning at the top, left to right) Haylie Hardin, Kristen Hartman-Bueche, Lauren Cooper, Orlando Martinez, Corey Walkup, Brittany Shostrom, Melody Everson, Sarah Kierein, Amber Fleming. Our Graduate Research Assistant: (Photo to left) Wanetia Adams.
Meet the Firms

The air in the LBJ Ballroom was heavy with anticipation. 40 student volunteers scrambled to prepare for the fall 2015 Meet the Firms job fair, Friday, September 11th. Behind the 38 booths, the 107 professionals in the room carried on small talk with each other as they stood, waiting for the event to begin. For the professionals, it was time to recruit again. Here, during this semiannual event, they would get a chance to meet many different students from diverse backgrounds all with the same goal: to land a job.

Outside the doors, 157 students stood in line nervously, looking over their resumes, practicing elevator speeches and handshakes. For them, Meet the Firms was a highly anticipated event and a very important one. They all came with a purpose: to learn more about accounting in general, the different firms that were present, or to give away their resumes in hopes of being interviewed.

As students slowly drifted around the room, migrating from booth to booth and from recruiter to associate, it seemed as if a collective sigh escaped from everyone’s lips, it was hardly challenging at all; students slowly realized there was no real reason to be nervous. After all, this was not an interview, but instead a chance to learn. Accounting faculty and staff egged students on, giving them encouragement and inspiration. There was a noisy buzz in the ballroom as over two hundred people excitedly talked about themselves, their jobs, their semester, and career options.

“It was awe inspiring,” remarked Michelle Leipnik, a junior, who was, at first, aimlessly walking around simply observing. “I did feel a bit ‘psyched-out’ at first, but was very impressed by everyone there.” “We were very excited to host Meet the Firms,” commented Nayab Dhukka, Special Projects Coordinator of the Accounting Club. “It’s a great way for students to pursue job opportunities and to network with professionals in accounting.”

The Accounting Club at Texas State puts many hours of dedication and hard work into organizing Meet the Firms. It is consistently well received by attendees and continues to help students reach their goals by providing endless networking opportunities. Every semester the event grows in number and popularity and for that, we can only look forward and are extremely excited for what’s ahead.

Alumni Dinner

The annual Alumni Dinner was hosted by Beta Alpha Psi on Friday, September 11, immediately following the fall Meet the Firms event. There were 19 firms represented at the dinner, which included local, regional and big 4 firms, as well as corporate representatives. The event was a huge success, giving the students who attended the opportunity to speak with the firms of their choice on a more personal level. The Kappa Eta Chapter was also able to raise funds for their activities with a silent auction.
Accounting is not always about Excel spreadsheets and financial statements. Many people don’t realize it but being in accounting also requires people skills and interacting with clients on an almost daily basis. One of the most common ways of interaction is through the dining experience. EY hosted a dinner for accounting students on October 27, 2015 at the Embassy Suites where students learned about proper dining etiquette in the professional world.

Amongst all the clinking of glasses and clatter of utensils, Summer Salazar from the Texas State Career Services Center led professionals and students alike in a very detailed presentation through a three course meal on etiquette ‘do’s and don’ts’ as well as different styles of dining. Students learned a great deal and some professionals even marveled at what they had been doing wrong their entire lives. In between demonstrations, students were able to chat with the professionals they were seated with. It was another amazing networking opportunity for the students, one that they won’t forget for the years to come.

Alumni Golf Tournament

It was a beautiful morning at Quail Creek golf course. The skies were clear blue and it was a very calm 68 degrees. However, it was early; maybe too early for the 23 volunteers. But the time was quickly forgiven as they took note of the delicious breakfast buffet and coffee generously provided by the Accounting Club. As the 53 students and faculty and 29 representatives of 14 different firms trickled in, the brisk autumn air was soon filled by the early morning banter and chat of the event about to take place. Many people ventured out onto the driving range to practice with their golf swings and had high hopes of winning the nine hole tournament.

Teams were divided and at about 10 o’clock, everyone boarded their golf carts and the scramble began. People of all ranges of skills participated in this event. At the end of the tournament two hours later, the scores were posted and the air was stiff with competition. Noses were upturned and sneers were exchanged, yet it was all in good fun. During the closing ceremony, the Accounting Club recognized the sponsors of the event and their unending support of our organization. The first placer winners were rewarded and the last placer winners were given vouchers for lessons. There were no losers that day.

“The golf tournament granted an opportunity for students to network in an environment other than the expected business professional atmosphere,” said Matthew Perry, Treasurer of Accounting Club. “It allowed a deeper and more personal connection for a positive networking experience.”

The main purpose of the golf tournament was to provide yet another networking opportunity for students. Students were paired with a professional from a firm and the close one-on-one interaction gave the professionals a chance to learn more about that student on a personal level. This invaluable experience gives our students a chance to feel more comfortable with professionals and to be themselves under no pressure.
Kappa Eta Chapter members of Beta Alpha Psi, along with Faculty Advisor Laurie Brown, traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 5-8, to present and compete at the International Beta Alpha Psi Conference. The highlight of the conference was winning 1st place in the Best Practices competition for Financial Literacy. A video of the winning presentation, as well as the other competitors’, can be viewed at www.bap.org.

Jordan Draper, Juan Garcia and Daniel Lichtenhan, composing our Financial Literacy Best Practices team, did an outstanding presentation on the chapter’s efforts to offer a seminar to all students at Texas State that educates the students on various topics of financial basics. The topics include budgeting, credit cards, credit scoring and student loans. In addition, Cole Lutzenberger, President, and Ximena Arbelaez, Vice President, gave a presentation on Chapter Operations. All of the attendees also participated in a volunteer event in the Milwaukee public school system, as well as listened to speakers giving short seminars on topics such as career advancement, appropriate office attire, and CPA exam tips.

Currently, the Kappa Eta Chapter is preparing for the 2016 Southwest Regional Conference, to be held in Houston, Texas. The members are working diligently preparing for their Best Practices presentations. The topics for the 2016 Best Practices competition are: Leadership and Management, Alignment of Officer Activities, and Good or Great! This year’s FES event, or Financial Education Seminar, was held on October 28th. The chapter also put together a seminar on advanced Excel topics, held on November 5th, that was offered to all students who will be participating in an accounting internship during spring, 2016.

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**2015 Beta Alpha Psi Inductees**

- Eriberto Arellano
- Erika Aucoin
- Chrisofofo Benavides
- Michael Bernay
- Katelyn Cole
- Chase Cullison
- Sarah Dresner
- Chandler Friesenhahn
- Lauren Hayes
- Abraham Junco
- Lisa Ledesma
- Rodrigo Lopez
- Charles McCulloch
- Biniyam Nida
- Janie Parada
- Taylor Rafford
- Ken Satchell
- Amber Thomas
- Daniel Uribe
- Katelyn Williams

**Beta Alpha Psi Scholarship Recipients**

- Erika Aucoin
- Taylor Rafford

**2015 Member of the Year**

- Jordan Draper
BAP Outreach

Beta Alpha Psi continues its proud tradition of giving back to the university and to the San Marcos and Austin communities. BAP works with the San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department to assist with Adopt-a-Spot and Keep San Marcos Beautiful events, the spring and fall festivals, and Party in Your Park events. The fall festival continues to be one of the biggest volunteer events for BAP members and candidates, so much so that additional spots had to be added this year to accommodate everyone who wanted to help out. In Austin, BAP members and candidates meet at the Capital Area Food Bank to help process food. At one recent shift, BAP and other volunteers helped sort over 4,000 lbs of food in three hours. This works out to approximately 3,100 meals for the 21 counties (including Hays) that the CAFB serves. Other BAP volunteer events during the fall semester include Habitat for Humanity, Veteran’s Day Breakfast, Funday Night, and Sights and Sounds.

Financial Education Seminar

In Fall 2015 BAP led their Best Practices—FES, October 22nd and October 28th. These highly interactive meetings provide a great opportunity for attendees to gain insight on the financial topics of credit cards, FICA Scores, budgeting, and student loans. BAP members also have the opportunity to collect field information and data to prepare their presentations for the Beta Alpha Psi Best Practices competition at the regional conference next semester.

Last semester, our Financial Literacy Team won the Best Practices completion at the regional conference in Dallas, Texas, and earned the opportunity to compete at the Deloitte Best Practices competition at the Beta Alpha Psi National Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We are proud to say that our team won first place! Thank you to our presenters Jordan Draper, Juan Garcia, and Daniel Lichtenhan for their outstanding performance at nationals and promotion of the Kappa-Eta chapter at Texas State.
NABA Student Conference

The 2015 National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) Southwest Western Regional Student Conference was held in Irving, Texas, on October 15-17, 2015. Seventeen 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. 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 with PWC, Deloitte, and Edward Jones, which have led to office visits and internship offers. The students attended a variety of workshops such as “From Backpacks to Briefcases”, “Forensic Accounting”, “7 Cs to Communicate More Effectively” and “Ethics: Do the Right Thing”. In addition to actively participating in the sessions, Texas State student Christopher Villarreal served as the moderator for the technical session sponsored by Dell titled the “Do’s and Don’ts in an Internship”. 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. We look forward to developing additional relationships through conference networking opportunities.

At the conference expo and during the technical sessions, Texas State students reconnected with three Texas State alumni, all of whom served as NABA Chapter Presidents while attending Texas State. They enjoyed connecting with fellow Bobcats and hearing about their experiences and career paths. We hope to see Bobcats Sullivan Thornton, Raven (Cooper) Orr and Jennifer Jones back on campus soon.

Lift as We Climb

NABA also continued to “Lift as We Climb” by volunteering at Bobcat Days and at the Financial Fitness Seminar sponsored by the NABA Austin Cen-Tax Chapter. NABA students enjoy sharing their experiences about college life at Texas State and the opportunities an Accounting degree can offer future Bobcats. The Financial Fitness Seminar is a free community event that provides information on personal finances and how to prepare for the cost of a college education.

Day with Dell

On September 12th, twenty students from the Texas State NABA Chapter attended “Day with Dell” along with students from UT- Austin, Huston-Tillotson, and Texas A & M. Professionals from both the Austin Cen-Tex NABA Chapter and Dell reviewed student resumes, held mock interview sessions, and provided each student suggestions for improvement. Students were able to meet and network with Dell employees making personal connections. Thanks to a successful “Day with Dell” workshop, students were very well prepared and walked into the conference feeling more confident and looking very sharp.
The scholarship luncheon featured two Texas State NABA members Tonya Champagne served as the mistress of ceremonies welcoming the participants and introducing the speakers, and Valerie Amadi gave the student address to over 300 attendees. Valerie effectively conveyed her NABA story and inspired others to continue their involvement with NABA.

The students heard from Jina Etienne, President and CEO of NABA, about the direction of the organization and how attending the conference demonstrates dedication to developing as leaders in the profession. The keynote speaker, Crystal Chism, a Senior Manager at PWC, delivered a very inspirational and motivational talk about her personal NABA experience and offered advice on taking advantages of opportunities outside your comfort zone and how it can lead to advancement in your career and the profession. Also, Texas State student and NABA VP of Communications, Sierra Wright, was one of ten students recognized during the luncheon with a 2015 NABA Scholarship.

Congratulations to the following Graduate Students who were collectively awarded $35,384.

Wanetia Adams  Justin Newby
Blake Berger   Daniel Schuster
Melody Everson Brittany Shotstrom
Haylie Hardin  Jessica Simon
Phoo Hentz     Hugh Walker
Orlando Martinez Corey Walkup

2015 Beta Gamma Sigma Inductees

Aysar A.M Abualrob*  Louise Angelica Margaretha Helldin
Nabeel Al-Mashouq    Andrea Hess
William Blanchette   Brittany Howie
Jamie Borque         Blake Huffman
Carly Bozka          Tazeen Khandker
Philip Cook          Tyler Kueny
Elizabeth Drury      Lisa Ledesma
Cramer Eaves*        Matthew Lenz
Hector Garcia        London Lutin
Phoebe Harris        Adriana Morales

Joycelyn Myles       Kelsey Nolen
Nicole Onyeador     Bailey Pasqua
Katherine Peabody   Jennifer Pirnik
Lanajha Porter       Jennifer Rohan
Nathan Sapers*      Skylar Schapiro
Melanie Schuchert    Rachel Schumacher
Shailee Shrestha    Jacob Stults
Austin Witt         Wai Chi Wong
Bryan Yamout        Adam Zolman
Graduate*
Holmes High School Visit

Seven of our Accounting Club officers along with Dr. Linda Campbell traveled to Holmes High School (Business Careers High School) in San Antonio to share the college experience with 257 curious high school students. They presented six, one hour, presentations about their personal experience with college and offered much advice to these nervous high school students.

This event was not only a learning experience for the high school students, however. The officers learned a great deal about public speaking and most of them overcame their stage fright. It was great practice for business communication. This is essential for our accounting students so that once they step into the professional world, speaking in front of people will hopefully not be a frightening experience.

PCAOB Scholarship

Under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, monetary penalties imposed by the PCAOB (Public Company Accounting Oversight Board) are used to fund merit scholarships for students in accredited accounting degree programs. The Board has established the PCAOB Scholarship Program to provide a source of funding to encourage outstanding undergraduate and graduate students to pursue a career in auditing. Texas State NABA student Jonathan Stumpff was nominated by Texas State and awarded a $10,000 scholarship through the PCAOB Scholarship Program. Jonathan is currently completing his first semester in the Texas State MAcy program and will be joining Grant Thornton upon graduation.

Office Visits

The office visits are a great way for students to network as well as learn about the culture of different sized firms, as well as the comparative cultures in different cities. The office visits typically consist of a presentation about each firm visited as well as a tour and question and answer session.

The Austin office visit took place on September 18th and students visited BDO, PMB Helin Donovan, and Padgett Stratmann. Each firm was visited for around an hour and half. 15 students attended this visit.

The San Antonio office visit took place on October 9th, and students visited EY, Weaver, and ADKF. 10 students attended this visit.

December
3rd Last Day of Classes
4th-11th Final Exams
11th Masters Hooding Ceremony
11th-12th Commencement
16th Grades Available on Cats Web
19th University Closed

January
5th-15th Late Registration & Schedule Changes
20th First Day of Class
17th-28th Schedule Changes

February
4th Last day to drop with 100% Refund
18th Automatic “W” deadline

March
13th Graduation Application Deadline
16th-20th Spring Break

PhD Conference

Students were unable to attend the annual PhD Conference scheduled for November 18 - 20, 2015 in Chicago, IL due to inclement weather.
McCoy College Scholarship application deadlines are:
February 8, 2016 for undergraduate students
and March 1, 2016 for graduate students

Completed applications should be turned in to the
McCoy College Dean’s Office, McCoy Hall 530.

Scholarships range from $250 to $2,500
and are only awarded to business majors.

For more undergraduate scholarship information, visit:
http://www.mccoy.txstate.edu/Undergraduate/scholarships.html

For more graduate scholarship information, visit:
http://graduate.mccoy.txstate.edu/financial_aid/scholarships.html

The VITA Clinic will begin hosting sessions in McCoy
Hall room 125 beginning Monday, February 15th and will
continue through Wednesday, March 30th.

THE SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS 5:00PM – 7:30PM (last intake)

The clinic will be CLOSED the week of
March 14th for spring break,
but will resume again Monday March 21st.

Find the Accounting Department on: