EY Etiquette Dinner

On October 18th, the Accounting Ambassadors helped host the 6th Annual EY Etiquette Dinner sponsored by EY at Embassy Suites in San Marcos. Attendees for this event included EY professionals, accounting faculty, and students eager to practice the basic rules of proper etiquette.

Summer Salazar, Assistant Director for Career Services, was the etiquette trainer for the evening. Students were able to gain valuable knowledge regarding etiquette expectations that will benefit their future careers. The event also enable students to engage with faculty members, EY professionals, and other students.

Many thanks to the Accounting Ambassador Advisor, Ms. Alex Hampshire, the Accounting Ambassadors and EY for putting together another successful etiquette dinner!

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Mock Interviews

On November 1st, the Accounting Ambassadors hosted Mock Interviews sponsored by 19 accounting firms in the Minifie Atrium on the 4th floor of McCoy.

There were three rounds of 30 minute interviews. In the last ten minutes of each round, firm professionals evaluated the interviewees and gave them valuable feedback.

A reception followed the interviews allowing time for students to network with recruiters. Feedback indicated that students enjoyed the event and are now better prepared for interviews that will begin in the spring. Recruiters were very appreciative of the access to faculty offices.

Ms. Alex Hampshire, the Accounting Ambassadors and the Department of Accounting look forward to planning next year’s Mock Interviews!

Accounting Ambassadors

This fall, six students were selected to be Accounting Ambassadors. They were chosen based on their strong academic performance in ACC 2361 and overall academic success. This year’s Ambassadors are:

Patrick Bryan
Briana King
Isabella Longoria
Kristen Olansen
Haylor Pruitt
Karolina Silvestre

The ambassadors serve as active student leaders and representatives of the Department of Accounting. This semester, they assisted with the EY Etiquette Dinner and the Mock Interviews by attending the events and assisting accounting firm recruiters.

The ambassadors along with their advisor, Ms. Alex Hampshire, play a critical role in providing students opportunities to network and improve their professional skills. Thanks to their hard work, both the EY Etiquette Dinner and Mock interviews were a resounding success.
BAP Excel Workshop

R.J. Salome, an audit associate at Maxwell, Locke, and Ritter, presented an Excel workshop during BAP’s October 11th meeting. The ability to use Excel is an essential skill accounting students will utilize in their internships.

Mr. Salome indicated that a student who understands Excel will set themselves apart from interns who do not. He went over a variety of different functions and shortcuts that he frequently uses as an auditor, including keyboard shortcuts such as F4 for absolute values, and Alt + space to highlight all the cells in a column. He provided a note card with MS Excel shortcuts to BAP members, which he recommended students reference when practicing the shortcuts in different course assignments and anytime Excel is used.

In addition, Mr. Salome went over functions including vlookup, concatenate, ind & replace, sort, filtering, subtotal, and more. Throughout the presentation, he emphasized how vital it is to make a copy before altering a page in Excel and to always check to make sure a function was executed correctly.

Students were invited to ask questions at the end of the presentation, and many BAP members approached Mr. Salome to further discuss the topic.

Public Accounting Panel

On Thursday October 4th, Accounting Club hosted a Public Accounting panel. Panel participants included: Katy Andres from Cohn Reznick, Brian Cox from Grant Thornton, Mike Fenton from Ridout Barrett, Michael Torres from EY, and Aaron Worthman from Baker Tilly.

Mr. Bruce Howard mediated the panel discussion. He asked the panelists how they decided to do tax or audit in public accounting, what the best and worst part of their day was, and what tips they had for students trying to stand out. Panelists agreed that it is okay to be unsure whether you want to go into tax or audit, what matters most is being a good accountant. Katy Andres said the best part of her day was when she received a thank-you email from a client. For Katy, and the other panelists, public accounting is gratifying work.

The panelists suggested that students to be honest, prepared, sociable, and unique when talking to recruiters to stand out. As always, the meeting concluded with pizza and networking with the panelists.
This fall, nineteen accounting students accepted membership invitations from the honors society, Beta Gamma Sigma.

These students are ranked in the upper 10 percent of sophomores, juniors or seniors, or the upper 20 percent of master’s students based on their Texas State GPA.

Congratulations to these students for their academic achievements and membership!

- Laura Bukstein
- Amanda Craig
- Cody Dewar
- Caitlynn Grimes
- Abigail Hays
- Brenda Le
- Jessie Miller
- Kara Molina
- Renny Moore
- Kristin Olansen
- Roxi Reese
- Logan Schroder
- Rachel Swafford
- Brianna Vaughn-Rivera
- Brandon Vizcarra
- Jerry Noe
- Song-Hee Roy
- Zachary Spivak

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November Birthdays

Faculty
11/29 Dr. Trent Henke

Graduate Assistants
11/22 Yanfei Shen

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
September 7
September 21
October 5
October 19

November 2
November 16
November 30
December 14
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]