

ACCOUNTABILITY

McCOY COLLEGE OF BUSINESS | DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back, Bobcats!

As summer has come to an end and fall classes are right around the corner, the Department of Accounting is looking forward to the start of another successful semester.

In order to continue with our student-centered learning community, the department has hired our largest number of graduate assistants, instructional support assistants, and

office assistants for fall 2018. These students have been selected based on their ethics, integrity, and prior success in accounting courses. They will provide support by offering tutoring sessions, assisting faculty, and holding extra office hours throughout the semester in order to help students better learn the material and prepare for exams.

With the additional resources and accredited courses offered, the Department of Accounting will continue with the goal of providing quality education that will contribute to our students' success both in the classroom and for future employment opportunities.

This information is available in alternate format upon request from the Office of Disability Services.

Fall 2018 Accounting Events

August 30, 2018 at 6 p.m.	1st Joint Meeting	LBJ Teaching Theatre
September 6, 2018 at 5 p.m.	Resume Workshop	MCOY 242
September 13, 2018 at 5 p.m.	Professional Certificates	MCOY 242
September 20, 2018 at 5 p.m.	Working a Career Fair/Dress for Success	MCOY 242
September 21, 2018 from 1-4 p.m.	Meet the Firms	LBJ Ballroom
October 4, 2018 at 5 p.m.	Public Accounting Panel	MCOY 242
October 18, 2018 at 6 p.m.	EY Etiquette Dinner	Embassy Suites
November 1, 2018 at 5 p.m.	Mock Interviews	MCOY 4th Floor Atrium
November 15, 2018 at 5 p.m.	Industry Panel	MCOY 242

Fall 2018 GAs



Alisa Medrano
MAcy



Bea Castillo
MAcy



Brandy Clark
M.A. Literature



Conner Madere
MAcy



David Starck
MAcy



Gabriela Mendoza
MAcy



Greyson Gillette
MAcy



Joey Courville
MAcy



Katelyn Disney
MAcy



Kelsey Christ
MAcy



Laura Bukstein
MAcy



Norah Chu
MAcy



Otto Grindler
MAcy



Rose Tavera-Mondragon
MAcy



Victoria Anton
MAcy



Tristen Horton
MBA



Tyler D'Angelo
MAcy



Yanfei Shen
MAcy

Office Assistants



Brooke Taylor
Accounting



Diana Oloteo
Accounting



Hannah Torres
Accounting

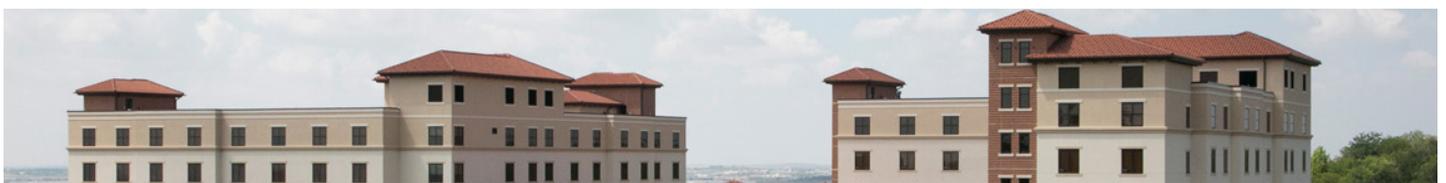
IMA Conference Finalist

For the first-time-ever, a Texas State student team entered the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Student Case Competition. Their work placed them among the “Final Four” teams in the national competition from a total of 25 teams that entered. Placing among the top four teams allowed the students to compete before a panel of four judges and more than 60 IMA members at the annual meeting held in Indianapolis in June. The team qualified based on a 15-minute video submission of their quantitative analysis of a case study for a hypothetical company, BabyFreedom, along with an evaluation of qualitative factors affecting the company’s decision of whether to supply their products to Walmart. An important aspect of the case was Walmart’s requirement to add RFID tags to all products. Thus, technology as well as ethical considerations of that were elements of the analysis.

The team was comprised of undergraduate accounting majors: Joey Courville, Peyton Dilts, and Greg Russell along with MSAIT students Elisa Amkreutz and Julia Lara. The students used a creative approach with their video submission by formatting it like the TV show, *The Office*. The project was truly interdisciplinary in that team members worked with Blake Lange, videographer and Mass Communication major, to produce the required video submission. Team mem-



bers described the case competition as an extraordinary experience. Peyton said, “This was an incredible learning opportunity, working with intelligent and diverse group members, each with their own special talents and experience...and, all with the same love for accounting.” Joey was particularly impressed with the script-writing aspect of the project, saying: “I cannot think of a better group activity than writing a script about a specific problem and then having to act it out. I learned a lot about group dynamics in a creative setting.” Dr. Ann Watkins told the team, “The faculty is so proud of your achievement of reaching the Final Four as the first team to represent Texas State in this tough IMA competition.” The Accounting Department is currently making plans to provide an opportunity for another student team to enter the 2019 IMA event.



1st Joint Meeting

The 1st Joint Meeting of fall 2018 will take place on Thursday, August 30, at 6 p.m. in the LBJ Teaching Theatre. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the accounting student organizations, meet faculty, and gain insight about upcoming events.

The president of Accounting Club, Diana Oloteo, and president

of BAP, Peyton Dilts, will discuss their organizations’ accomplishments, events, and volunteer opportunities.

The Accounting Stars, students who received an “A” in ACC 2361 Intro to Financial Accounting on their first attempt, will be recognized and awarded for their academic success.

Additionally, information regarding Meet the Firms, Mock Interviews, and EY Etiquette Dinner as well as events to help students prepare will be presented.

The 1st Joint Meeting is open to all students and pizza will be provided to those in attendance.

BAP International Conference

Three students, Diana Oloteo, Erick Garza and Lucas Gitzendanner, attended the Beta Alpha Psi Annual International Conference on August 8-11, 2018 in Washington, DC.

Erick Garza, VP of Reporting, participated in Project Run With It - a team competition that looks at the issues of area non-profits and offers solutions to their problems. Project Run With It is sponsored by Moss-Adams, a national CPA firm.

Diana Oloteo and Lucas Gitzendanner participated in Beta Alpha Psi's National Day of Literacy, sponsored by KPMG. The students visited low income schools and participated in fun

activities with the students, as well as gave each child a book of their own to take home.

All three students attended various sessions on Best Practices, Chapter Operations, Professional Partner topics, and networked with other Beta Alpha Psi Chapters from around the country and the world. Our Kappa Eta Chapter was recognized as a Superior Chapter.

In their free time, the students went sightseeing in the DC area and visited the US Capitol, Library of Congress, Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, Holocaust Museum, and took a nighttime tour of the historic monuments.



Meet the Firms

Meet the Firms will take place on Friday, September 21st from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the LBJ Ballroom. Students will have the opportunity to speak with recruiters from firms, companies, and state agencies.

Last year, 38 recruiters attended the event in order to meet students and discuss internships and employment opportunities.

Dress attire is business professional and students are encouraged to attend the Resume Workshop and Working a Career Fair meetings that are being held in September.



Applying for Graduation

All students who intend to graduate or participate in the commencement ceremony this semester must complete a Graduation Application through CatsWeb on the first day of classes. You can access the application via:

Catsweb > Student > Student Records > Apply to Graduate

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Advising Center in person (115 McCoy Hall), by phone (512-245-1993), or by email (businessadvising@txstate.edu). The application deadline for Fall 2018 is October 5, 2018.



Check out our previous Accountability Newsletters to learn about prior student and faculty success, events, and accomplishments by visiting:

<http://accounting.mccoy.txstate.edu/dept-newsletters>

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August Birthdays

Faculty

8/7 Dr. Kasey Martin
8/9 Ms. Alex Hampshire
8/22 Dr. Nate Cannon
8/24 Dr. Jerome McWilliams

Graduate Assistants

8/15 David Starck
8/21 Alisa Medrano



CenturyLink Academic Advising Center

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.)