VITA Tax Clinic

As tax season begins, the Department of Accounting is proud to once again host the 2019 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic.

This clinic, which is free, is designed to help those with simple returns who need assistance with their taxes. IRS certified volunteers, lead by lecturer Dr. Chris Proschko, will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30-1:30 p.m. from February 11th through March 29th in the LBJ Student Center room 3-10.1. No appointment is necessary.

Remember the final day to submit 2018 tax returns is Monday, April 15th. For more information on what items to bring to the clinic, please visit our website or email questions to VITA@txstate.edu.

February Accounting Calendar

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Spring Showcases

This year’s Spring Showcases provided an opportunity for students to not only learn about the culture, client portfolio, and history of each firm but also network with firm representatives. The Spring Showcase hosts over 150 students and faculty volunteers with 23 firms and takes place over the course of 4 evenings.

During each showcase students listened to presentations from three different firms. After firm presentations, students were able to network with all firms in attendance, learning more about the opportunities each firm offered. A variety of firms participated throughout the showcases educating students about their firms, the profession, and employment opportunities.

The department would like to thank Ms. Alex Hampshire and the Accounting Ambassadors for their hard work putting this major event together. Thanks also to our Graduate Assistants, volunteers, and faculty and administrative assistants who helped ensure the events ran smoothly. We received great feedback from both students and recruiters. We look forward to holding the final showcases on February 7th in McCoy College of Business.
Spring Joint Meeting

On Thursday, January 24th in the LBJ Teaching Theatre, students had the opportunity to learn about Accounting Club, Beta Alpha Psi (BAP), and the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA). The presidents of these organizations, Amanda Craig, Alex Barbosa, and Christian Pitre gave presentations regarding membership, upcoming events, and how to join the organizations.

Twenty-three students were inducted into BAP for Spring 2019 and honored for their academic achievements. Additionally, 107 students received the honor of becoming an Accounting Star by making an A or higher in ACC 2361 in Fall 2018.

After the meeting, students were able to network with firm representatives from Platinum Sponsors EY and Cohn Reznick. They were also able to meet members of accounting organizations and faculty while enjoying refreshments provided by the department.

BLW Week

This year’s Business Leadership Week (BLW) begins on February 18th-22nd. It will be held in McCoy School of Business. The theme is “Innovating for Impact”. Distinguished guest speakers will discuss the impact of innovation on business practices. Students will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics from experienced business professionals.

Accounting keynote speaker, Michael Smith from KPMG, will present on Tuesday, February 19th at 9:30 a.m. in MCOY 242.

To learn more about the speakers and view the schedule, please visit the McCoy website.

Interested in M.Acy?

Texas State offers two different options for earning a Master of Accountancy (M.Acy). The traditional M.Acy allows students to enroll in the program after completing their bachelors degree, while the integrated M.Acy allows students to enroll in the program simultaneously with their undergraduate degree.

With a 95% job placement rate before graduation. Students enrolled in the M.Acy can expect a quality education that puts emphasis on the ethical practice of accounting, audit, and financial reporting. Both programs require student complete ACC 3313 and 3314 with a “B” or higher, GRE or GMAT with competitive scores and a competitive GPA.

For more information, please contact M.Acy Graduate Academic Advisor, Ms. Laurie Brown or M.Acy Program Director, Dr. Kasey Martin.
Applying for Graduation

All students who intend to graduate or participate in the commencement ceremony this spring semester must complete a Graduation Application through CatsWeb by Friday, March 8, 2019. It will be available on the first day of classes (January 22nd). 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), via phone (512-245-1993), or by email (businessadvising@txstate.edu).

Check out our previous Accountability newsletters to learn more about prior student and faculty successes, events, and accomplishments by visiting: http://accounting.mccoy.txstate.edu/dept-newsletters

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Department Birthdays
2/16 Ms. Jeanne Davidson
2/18 Dr. Robert Rutledge

Do you have quick questions about your spring or summer schedule?

Come See Us! Walk-In Academic Advising is available the following days this Spring:

| January 4  | March 21  |
| January 8  | March 29  |
| January 17 | April 1   |
| March 1    | April 9   |
| March 5    | April 17  |
| March 13   | April 25  |

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