

ACCOUNTABILITY

McCoy College of Business | Department of Accounting

Happy Fall, Bobcats!

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

We have had a wonderful and successful start to the fall semester. We would like to share our activities and achievements with you in this edition of Accountability. We have new faculty to introduce, news of student organization activities and accomplishments, and faculty achievements to celebrate.

The department has enjoyed many successes over the past few months, including record breaking student attendance at our fall joint meeting and our first recruiters event of the semester: Meet the Firms. We attribute the success to our motivated students, encouraging faculty and generous sponsors. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has assisted in these events. I look forward to the rest of the semester and upcoming events.



Best Regards,

Dr. Ann Watkins

Professor and Chair

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Welcome **NEW FACULTY!**



Dr. Binod Guragi

Before joining Texas State University, Binod worked as an assistant professor at University of Nevada, Reno for two years. He earned his Ph.D. in Accounting from University of North Texas in 2017. His primary research focus is archival financial accounting research, with emphasis on earnings quality, corporate governance, and earnings management. His teaching interests include financial accounting and governmental accounting. He enjoys reading true story books, and spending time with family in outdoor activities.



Dr. Mikhail Sterin

Mikhail grew up in Dallas and completed his undergrad and masters degrees and Texas A&M University. After earning his CPA, he worked in public accounting for three years as an external auditor. He then moved to industry, where he worked as an internal auditor for two years. Following that, he moved to Oklahoma where he earned his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University. Mikhail's research is within archival audit and his areas of interest include internal controls and corporate governance. In his free time, Mikhail enjoys hiking, biking, swimming, and eating around Austin with his wife and two dogs.



Dr. Emily Wang

Emily earned her Ph.D. in Accounting from Texas Tech University in May 2019. Before pursuing her Ph.D., Emily had worked as an Accounting Instructor at Midwestern State University and a Tax Accountant at Deloitte in New York City and Boston. Emily is a CPA. Emily's research resides in the areas of taxation, financial reporting, and the intersection of those two.

FACULTY RECOGNITION

**College Achievement Awards
for Excellence in Service - \$1,000**

Dr. Carolyn Conn

**Presidential Distinction Award
for Excellence in Service - \$2,000**

Dr. Christopher R. Proschko

Tenure Associate Professors

Dr. Nate Cannon

10 Years of Service

Dr. Linda Campbell
Dr. Kasey Martin

Publications

"Eliminating Biases that Jeopardize Audit Quality"

Journal of Accountancy

Dr. Billy Brewster, Dr. Janet Butler, and Dr. Ann Watkins



Welcome GAs!



Rylee Cheney
MAcy



Norah Chu
MAcy



Amber Hicks
MAcy



David Johnson
MAcy



Gabriela Mendoza
MAcy



Jerry Noe
MAcy



Sarah Paciocco
MAcy



Jacob Perales
MBA



Andrea Reinke
MAcy



Zac Saenz
MAcy



Kasey Stovall
MAcy



Brooke Taylor
MAcy

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www.accounting.mccoy.txstate.edu



Summer Adventures



EPIC TRAIN RIDE

Mr. Tom Puffer

The Epic Train Trip started and finished in San Marcos. It included: 15 states, 7,000 miles, 132 stops, 14 days, and 5 overnights in hotels.

Four people took Epic Train Trip. In the photo, from the left, are Ken Weatherspoon, Tom Puffer, and Scott Hamby, all from San Marcos. Also, on the trip was Phil Weatherspoon who joined the trip in Tucson. The prerequisite for the trip was reading the book, "Nothing Like it in the World" by Stephen Ambrose. The book covers the work from the original idea in the 1850s, through final completion in 1869. The main purpose of the Epic Train Trip was to ride the original Transcontinental Railroad from Sacramento, CA to Promontory, Utah. The actual construction of the Transcontinental Railroad started in 1863. It was completed in 1869. Construction started from the east in Omaha, NE and started from the west in Sacramento, CA. The rails met in Promontory, Utah.

MOUNTAINS OF COLORADO

Ms. Jeanne Davidson

Ms. Davidson, her husband James and Laci the Aussie did a 2 week road trip through SW Colorado. What a lovely way to get out of the Texas heat in late summer. Durango, Ouray, and Telluride— all different, all beautiful. The jeep ride over Imogene pass was not for the faint of heart. Spectacular views! Another gem tucked inside our great United States!



Summer Adventures

HONG KONG | CHINA

Dr. Linda Campbell

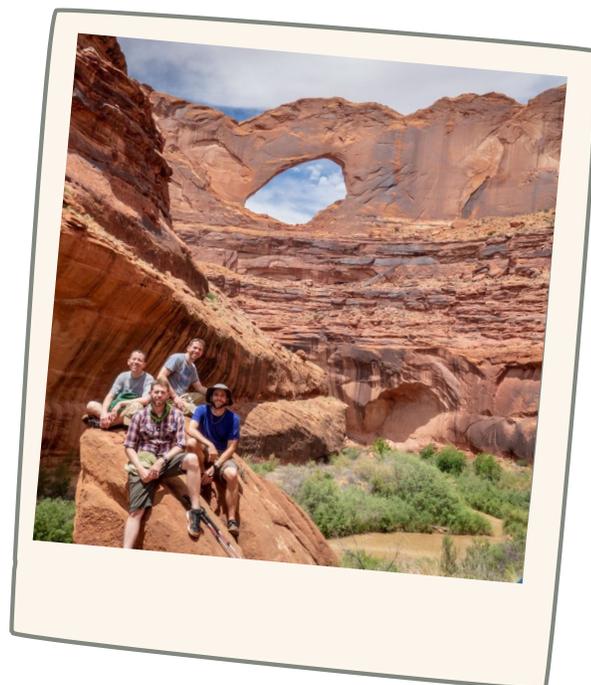
We stayed in Guilin and took a three 1/2 hour cruise through the national park area along the Li River! This is rainy season but we had no rain...just 93-95 degrees with VERY high humidity!



BACKPACKING IN UTAH

Dr. Nate Cannon

The backpacking trip with my brothers was fantastic (except for the fact that my phone is now somewhere at the bottom of Lake Powell...).



Summer Adventures

ALASKA, CANADA AND NOLA

Dr. Mikhail Sterin

This summer, my wife and I took a northwest trip to Ketchikan, Alaska and Vancouver, British Columbia. Ketchikan and Vancouver were a great way to beat the Texas heat! Gorgeous weather and beautiful ocean views.

We also took a road trip to New Orleans. Walking around the French Quarter led us to great food, live music, and all-around awesome culture of New Orleans.



HIKING, SAILING AND MORE

Ms. Laurie Brown

After teaching 2362 during the first summer session, I had a busy July and August! Went hiking in Highlands, NC for 5 days where the weather was much cooler!

Went sailing in St Martin/St Barth's for 10 days – beautiful water! Took 12 BAP students to Chicago for BAP's 100th Anniversary Conference.



NEW BRAUNFELS UTILITIES EXTERNSHIP



By: Dr. Linda Campbell

Big Data Analytics, IT System Controls, Water Resource Planning, Headwaters Conversation, Environmental Economics, Operations Logistics, Governmental and Customer Accounting, Financial Investment Strategies, Marketing Metrics, and Healthcare Analytics..... this is a short list of presentation topics which executives and top managers of New Braunfels Utilities customized specifically for the ten faculty members from Texas State University (mostly from McCoy College) who attended NBU's first ever externship for college faculty.

The faculty were "treated" to very informative round table presentations and discussions with approximately twenty NBU department heads and the CEO for the first hour and a half of our visit. Then we faculty headed out with several of the department heads for an excellent guided tour of four of the many offsite NBU operation centers – the IT Control Center, the headwaters of the Comal and the attached educational center (under construction), a operational surface water treatment plant and its computer control center, and the new huge Gruene Wastewater plant currently under construction. After the tour, the entire group shared a catered lunch with the full NBU department heads and CEO once again joining us in interesting discussions during the meal. Finally, faculty members separated for an afternoon break-out time with the department head of which ever topic they had chosen to learn more about during the visit.

I was paired with Katherine Dubose, CPA and head of the Accounting Department. We traveled to her offices located at the Quad in downtown NB and spent several very interesting hours together discussing staffing, their upcoming annual audit, capital financing and budgeting issues, governmental accounting, and the heavy regulatory environment of utilities. I had worked as a staff accountant in a Country Auditor's office decades ago so it was very interesting to hear how things had changed since then and in just the ten years since Katherine graduated from Texas State with her Macy degree and started down her path into a career in the utilities industry.

I hope NBU felt the effort they put into making the day so fantastic worthwhile. I certainly enjoyed every part the day and hope other department faculty members will get a change to spend an externship with them next year.



Institute of Management Accountants: Student Case Competition

By: Carolyn Conn

A team of four Texas State accounting students earned a spot in the "Final Four" of the National Student Case Competition sponsored by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). They competed against twenty-five teams from across the U.S. This is only the second year for our students to participate in this competition and the second year our team earned a spot in the finals. Team members were: Briesen Cooper, BBA-Accounting 2019; Lucas Gitzendanner; BBA-Accounting, May 2019; Alii Mendez; BBA-Finance 2018; and Zac Saenz; BBA-Accounting 2019.

The competition is a two part process in which teams prepare their solution to a case study for a hypothetical business. First, they must prepare a 15-minute video of their solution and then, finalists are required to give a live presentation at the national IMA meeting before a panel of judges (both industry experts and college professors) as well as conference attendees (more than 80 this year). All students on the team said it was an extraordinary experience and that their participation helped them enhance skills they will need in their careers and also as they pursue their graduate degrees. Saenz observed: "This competition was such an enriching, and at times, exhausting experience...and, I am the better for it." Cooper, Mendez, and Saenz began the MACy program this fall.



Amazon Fulfillment Center Tour

By: Carolyn Conn

During the summer 1 term, students in the undergraduate Cost Accounting class went on a tour of the local Amazon Fulfillment Center. They had an opportunity to see how Amazon uses robots and artificial intelligence to expedite orders. It was informative to see the 11+ miles of conveyor belts used in the facility and to learn that the shipping labels are applied with pressurized air (no hands!).

After the tour, the local facility's finance director spoke with the class about his work background and his job responsibilities.

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Conference

By: Carolyn Conn

All of this year's Accounting Club officers had an extraordinary experience when they attended the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Global Conference held in Austin in June. The students attended multiple sessions on topics such as fraud in the healthcare industry, preventing identity theft, and data security. Liesel Bass noted this was her first time to attend a professional conference and it highlighted the importance of staying current in your profession and connecting with other professionals. The highlight of the conference for her was the presentation by Tyler Schultz, one of the Theranos whistle blowers. "I'm still telling people about his presentation. He showed us that there are good people who will tell the truth, even when it hurts."

Kristen Webber also cited the Schultz presentation and gained other important lessons from the conference. "I now want to further my career into becoming either an FBI Agent or an NCIS Agent for fraud accounting. And, the most important thing I learned is that everyone had different career paths. Therefore, it's O.K. if mine doesn't go as planned." Their attendance at the ACFE Conference was made possible by a Student Development grant from the McCoy College of Business.



ACFE Global Conference Scholarship Recipient

By: Carolyn Conn

Tyler D'Angelo, MAcy 2019, earned a much-coveted place among only 10 recipients of scholarships to attend the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Global Conference held in Austin in June. Applicants for the scholarships were required to submit information about their academic background and work experience along with an essay about their interest in fraud examination. There were more than 3,000 fraud-fighting



professionals attending the conference and Tyler was able to meet some of these experts, to network with the industry's leading subject-matter experts, and to attend multiple continuing professional education seminars over the course of three days. Additionally, he became acquainted with the other scholarship recipients who were from across the United States and from around the world. This is the first time that a Texas State student has received one of the ACFE Global Conference scholarships.

ACCOUNTING JOINT MEETING

The fall semester kicked off with the Joint Meeting on Thursday, September 29th at the LBJSC. Student organizations were given an opportunity to highlight their clubs and events. Accounting Stars were recognized for achieving a B or higher in 2361 and we had 17 students inducted into Beta Alpha Psi! To top it all off, our Platinum Sponsors: Baker Tilly, Cherry Bekaert, EY and RSM were in attendance greeting students and talking about the opportunities found at their firms.

We broke a record that night with over 200 students attending! Looking forward to another great year, Bobcats!



MEET THE FIRMS

On Friday, September 20th, Beta Alpha Psi and Career Services hosted the 2019 Meet the Firms event in the LBJ Student Center Ballroom from 1-4pm. The event was preceded by a lunch for firm representatives and Accounting faculty.

In terms of attendance, 193 students checked in to the event. Approximately 83% were juniors and seniors in the McCoy College of Business, with the majority being accounting and finance majors. There were thirty-five public accounting firms recruiting for both interns and full time positions, ranging in size from Big 4 to single office firms. Two industry participants, Applied Materials and Chevron, were also there looking for talent.

All the firms had steady traffic and were very enthused about the quality of McCoy College students. We look forward to making next year's event bigger and better than ever!



BUSINESS CAREERS HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

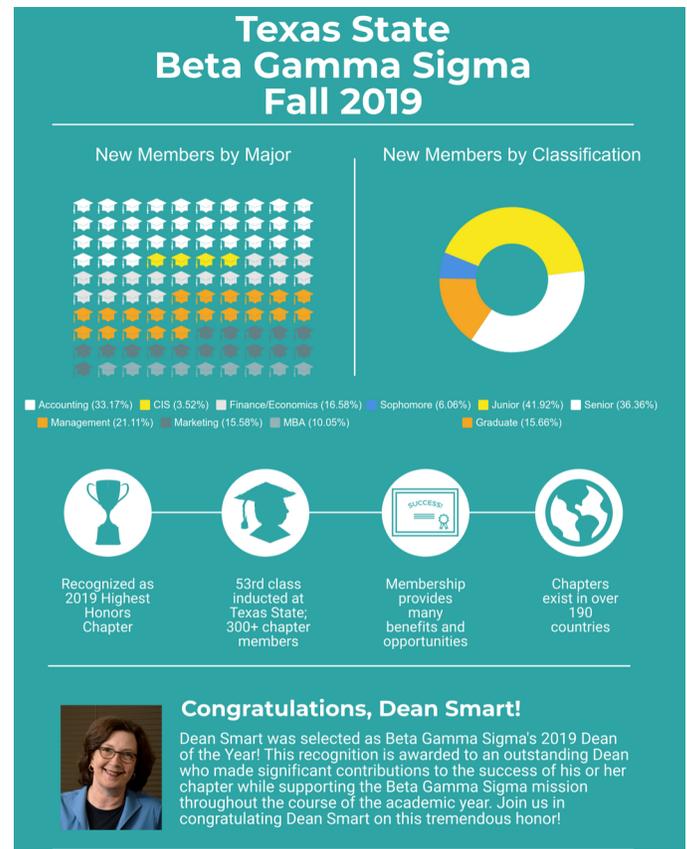
On Tuesday, September 24th a group of students representing Accounting Club, Beta Alpha Psi and NABA spoke to students and staff at the Business Careers High School. They shared experiences and offered their best advice when preparing for college.

BETA GAMMA SIGMA: NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to all students nominated to join Beta Gamma Sigma! Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in a program at a school accredited by AACSB International.

By major, accounting students represent the largest group of nominations with 33.17%! By classification, juniors represent the largest group of nominations, followed by seniors. This will be the 53rd class inducted at Texas State.

This chapter has even more to celebrate as it was recognized as 2019 Highest Honors Chapter. Additionally, Dean Smart was selected as Beta Gamma Sigma's 2019 Dean of the Year!



Way to go Accounting Bobcats!

Thank You!

FRONT DESK ASSISTANTS



Shayne Carnes
Accounting



Diana Olteo
Accounting



Kelsie Sicking
MAcy



Hannah Torres
MAcy

ACCOUNTING INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERS



Liesel Bass
Accounting



Jenna Fehring
Accounting



Alina Jaffer
Accounting



Roxi Reese
Accounting



Olivia Santamaria
Accounting



Kyle Tapson
Finance

OCTOBER

- 1st** - NABA Meeting: BKD | 5pm | MCOY 242
- 3rd** - Accounting Club : Accounting Panel | 5pm | MCOY 242
- 8th** - NABA Meeting: Alex Middlebrook | 5pm | MCOY 242
- 10th** - BAP Meeting: RSM | 5:15pm | MCOY 125
- 15th** - EY Etiquette Dinner* | 6pm | Embassy Suites
- 22nd** - NABA Meeting: PwC | 5pm | MCOY 242
- 24th** - BAP Meeting: BKD | 5:15pm | MCOY 242
- 29th** - NABA Meeting: RSM | 5pm | MCOY 242



BETA ALPHA PSI
The International Honor Organization for
Financial Information Students and Professionals



ACCOUNTING CLUB

Explore.
Connect.
Succeed.

"Lifting As We Climb"

NOVEMBER

- 5th** - NABA Meeting: KPMG | 5pm | MCOY 242
- 7th** - Mock Interviews* | 25 Firms attending to provide one on one practice interviews for students with a networking event to follow the interviews.
- 12th** - NABA Meeting: EY | 5pm | MCOY 242
- 14th** - Accounting Club: Industry Panel | 5pm | MCOY 242
- 14th** - BAP Meeting: Baker-Tilly | 5:15pm | MCOY 125

**Registration required to attend the event.
Please visit for more information:
www.accounting.mccoy.txstate.edu/student-resources/Student-Event-Registration-.html*



At the McCoy College of Business, education expands beyond the traditional classroom. By embracing classroom experience, co-curricular activities, and professional development, McCoy College students leave Texas State University with transferable skills, real-world work experience, and all the tools they need to enter the competitive workforce. Visit [The McCoy Experience](#) page for more information.

ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Century Link Academic Advising Center

The McCoy College of Business Academic Advising Center is an accessible, student-centered support service that encourages students to develop educational goals and identify strategies for success, provides official and accurate academic information, and guides students to the successful completion of an undergraduate degree.

Fall Walk In Advising Dates

October 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 25, 29
November 4, 18

Walk-ins are brief 10-15 minute meetings available to current McCoy College students and covering spring 2020 course selection. Walk-ins are first-come, first-served basis. Please anticipate wait times between 1-2 hours.

115 McCoy Hall
Monday - Friday | 8AM to 5PM
512.245.1993 | businessadvising@txstate.edu



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Do You Want To...

WALK THE STAGE
and
GET YOUR DIPLOMA?

OR

ONLY GET YOUR DIPLOMA
and not walk the stage?

OR

ONLY WALK THE STAGE
before taking your one final
class next semester then get
your diploma?

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