Meet the Firms

Friday, September 21st was Texas State’s annual Meet the Firms event in the LBJ Ballroom, hosted by Beta Alpha Psi.

Overall, 41 public accounting firms of all sizes attended this event to begin the recruiting process with Texas State accounting students.

This year, 191 students were able to meet with recruiters, partners, and associates in the firms and begin building their professional network.

This event was an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about the career options in accounting, specifically tax and audit. Students were able to gain further insight into the typical work day of an accounting professional in both of these fields.

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Continued from p. 1 the 3rd annual Spring Firm Showcase next spring. Students will be able to view presentations from the firms as well as network with representatives. The Department of Accounting hopes that, with these two events, accounting students will be able to increase their confidence and secure an internship. This fall’s Meet the Firms had a record setting number of participants which is evidence of our accounting students’ focus and ambition towards their career goals. Thank you to the firms, Career Services, BAP, and everyone who helped put this event together.

Accounting Overrides

As Spring 2019 registration begins, it is important for students to be aware of the registration process, and how the Department of Accounting handles closed classes, overrides, and policies.

With the number of accounting students increasing every year, classes tend to fill up quickly during the first week of registration. However, students should continuously check Catsweb as seats often open due to schedule changes, when grades are posted from the previous semester, and on payment deadlines.

Students may also fill out Student Override Request Forms, however, it is important to note that the department does not accommodate for personal or work preferences. If you are granted an override, you must register within five business days or the override will be removed and your spot given to the next student in line. Please refer to the Override Policy and visit our website for more information regarding Overrides.

Overrides do not apply to perquisites. Students must take the courses in the order of the degree plan (ex: ACC 3313 must be taken before ACC 3314). In order to view what classes are prerequisites and corequisites, you may click on the CRN number on Catsweb either by looking up the class, or by clicking on the course in your degree audit.

Students should also be checking whether the class will take place on campus, or if it is hybrid course. Hybrid courses offer the majority of classes online and students take the exams on campus. Courses offered on campus will have an “M” for Main Campus and an “O” which stands for off campus/online.

If you need additional help planning out your classes, please contact the McCoy Advising Center either by stopping by MCOY 115 or calling 512.245.1993 to schedule an appointment.

Override Policy

The Department of Accounting will only grant closed class overrides for students who meet one of the following criteria as verified by an advisor:

- Seniors graduating in the semester in which the class is requested AND have registered for all remaining classes (graduating is when a degree is officially awarded, NOT when you walk the stage).
- Students meeting with an academic advisor as part of their New Student Orientation
- Students who must complete the course in the semester requested to prevent delaying graduation
- Nutrition majors who must complete ACC 2301 in the semester requested for internship

Faculty members in the Department of Accounting DO NOT make decisions regarding closed classes.

The Department of Accounting WILL NOT grant overrides:

- if classes have reached seating capacity, even for students who meet the criteria for an override.
- if there are open sections available that work with a student’s schedule.
- to accommodate personal or instructor preference.
- to accommodate work or internship schedules.
- to students retaining a course for a better grade.
Spring 2019 Joint Exams

Joint exams will once again be given for Managerial Accounting, ACC 2362 and Intermediate Accounting I, ACC 3313.

Managerial Accounting exams will take place on Friday afternoons, and Intermediate Accounting exams will take place on Monday evenings.

Students may view the exams dates and times by logging into Catsweb and clicking on the CRN.

Spring 2019 Joint Exams

Managerial Accounting 2362
All 2362 joint exams will be held on Fridays from 11:00-12:30 p.m.
Exam 1: February 15th
Exam 2: March 29th
Exam 3: May 3rd
Final: Saturday, May 11th 11:30-2:00 p.m.

Intermediate Accounting 3313
All 3313 joint exams will be held on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Exam 1: February 18th
Exam 2: March 25th
Exam 3: April 22nd
Final: Saturday, May 11th from 2:30-5:00 p.m.

Business Career High School Visit

On Wednesday, September 26th, six accounting students and Dr. Linda Campbell delivered an annual presentation about college preparedness to 314 students of Business Career High School, a specialty magnet high school within the Northside ISD, San Antonio. This program ranks among the nation’s top high schools and ranks in the top 100 with regards to graduation rate and success of under-represented students. The students who volunteered included:

- Alyssa Aguillard
- Anais Baeza
- Haley Esparza
- Holly Nguyen
- Robert Kennard
- Stephanie Robinson

The presentation’s topics of discussion included best practices for seniors applying for college and encouraging younger students to actively visit campuses. Students were incredibly receptive to discussions about how dual credit courses reduce costs and time spent at a university. The popular subject of the day included interest about receiving financial aid. The high school offers a Financial Aid Night to help students through the application process much like Texas State’s Financial Aid Office.

This is the 16th year Accounting Club and BAP have presented the “Preparing for College” exchange with this high school program.
EY Etiquette Dinner

On Thursday, October 18th at 6 p.m., Accounting Club will host the 6th Annual Etiquette Dinner at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. Attendees for this event include multiple EY professionals, much of the accounting faculty, and prospective students who want to know more about EY.

The dinner is first open to upper-classman (taking ACC 3314 or above) who have not completed or do not have an internship. Students must register in person in the Department of Accounting (McCoy 431) with a $20 cash or check deposit. The dinner is free, so students will be refunded their money on the evening of the dinner.

Spots are limited to the first 75 qualifying students. The dinner is a great opportunity to make connections with other students, faculty members, and EY professionals.

How to Prepare for a Career Fair

On Thursday, September 23rd, Accounting Club held a career fair workshop in preparation for Meet the Firms. McCoy Career Advisor, Mr. Bruce Howard, presented tips and tricks for students to use the following day at the career fair.

Mr. Howard’s first piece of advice was to relax and remember that recruiters are people, too. They’re here to see the students. He shared that students should be confident, but modest, in both your approach and your outfit. He explained that at recruiting events, you need to demonstrate who you are, what you’ve done, and what type of internship you are looking for to the recruiters. Give recruiters reasons as to why you would be an asset at their company. He also emphasized the importance of researching the companies and being prepared to ask them questions.

Mr. Howard’s last piece of advice was to send a follow-up email to the recruiters you spoke with, as to create a positive and lasting impression of you.

The meeting concluded with students being served free pizza and encouraged to use the tips provided.

Mock Interviews

On Thursday, November 1st, Accounting Club will be holding Mock Interviews. The event will take place at 5 p.m. in the Minifie Atrium on the 4th floor of McCoy.

This year, 23 firms will be attending Mock Interviews.

There will be three rounds of 30 minutes interviews and students will be able to get feedback from recruiters and gain an understanding of how interviews will be held in the spring.

For more information visit our website.
**BAP Meetings**

Honors organization, Beta Alpha Psi, has began having its weekly meetings to provide skills to members. Meetings have topics that are covered by both officers and outside presenters in order to help members gain a variety of knowledge about the accounting industry.

On September 13th, BAP president Peyton Dilts and VP of Volunteer Activities Lucas Gitzen-danner gave a detailed presentation on how to sell yourself at recruiting events and during interviews. The officers created a forum-type atmosphere where members around the room asked questions and offered their experiences on the subject. A large topic of conversation was about firms and applying for internships. Although some students may have a specific firm in mind, they were reminded that it is important that they apply to all postings. This helps students not only to make the most of the opportunities, but also to make sure that they are going with the right firm for them.

Other topics discussed included the proper way to shake hands, debunking stereotypes surrounding tax vs. audit, getting a feeling for a firm’s culture, resume and cover letter tips, and the difference between big 4 and mid-tier firms.

On September 20th, two Chevron recruiters, Jessican White Martinez and Taylor Craig presented to members the company’s goals and values. They additionally presented on how industry is another option for students who may not want to start out in public accounting, emphasizing how students can benefit from an internship or full time position with Chevron.

Throughout the semester, BAP will continue to hold meetings focused on skills, visit accounting firms offices, and host events.

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**Resume Workshop**

This year’s Resume Workshop, hosted by Accounting Club, took place on Thursday, September 6th. The presentation was given by McCoy Career Advisor Mr. Bruce Howard again this year due to his knowledge of the business world and networking.

Approximately 35 students attended the workshop, where they were given the tools to format professional resumes. The workshop took place two weeks before Meet the Firms in order to help students feel confident and prepared.
Public Accounting Panel

On Thursday, October 4th, Accounting Club will be welcoming distinguished accounting professionals from 4 firms to participate in a panel discussion.

The representatives will share their perspectives and insightful knowledge, followed by answering questions from students and faculty.

The event take place at 5 p.m. in MCOY 242 and is open to all students. Free pizza to follow.

Beta Gamma Sigma Invitees

Tapping concluded in September for Beta Gamma Sigma. The honors organization invited 155 students to membership this semester. Of those invited, 41 were accounting undergraduate majors and 3 were M.Acy graduate students.

Students were recognized based on their high scholastic performance. Congratulations to all those invited!

- Jordi Almeida
- Eric Campos
- Amanda Craig
- Cody Dewar
- Megan Doyle
- Landry Everett
- Madeline Gammon
- Carley Garrett
- Caitlynn Grimes
- Abigail Hays
- Maria Juarez
- Brenda Le
- Josephine McCarthy
- Jessie Miller
- Kara Molina
- Renny Moore
- Luke Nutt
- Kristin Olansen
- Claire Piggott
- Matthew Pittman
- Haylee Pruitt
- Roxi Reese
- Andrea Reinke
- Brandon Requenez
- Logan Schroeder
- Cara Sechovec
- Seidle Stapleton
- Rachel Swafford
- Brianna Vaughn-Rivera
- Sandra Vazquez
- Aimee Virgen
- Brandon Vizcarra
- AraBelle West
- Aaron Yarbrough
- Hector Loya
- Jordan Choate
- Jerry Noe
- Song-Hee Roy
- Zachary Spivak
- Taylor Maiorka
- Laura Bukstein
- Phuong Dung Le
- Nicholas Oloteo

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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 (business-advising@txstate.edu). The application deadline for Fall 2018 is October 5, 2018.

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

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October Birthdays

Faculty
10/7 Dr. Janet Butler
10/25 Ms. Elizabeth Ponder
10/30 Dr. Cecily Raiborn

Graduate Assistants
10/16 Bea Castillo
10/31 Conner Madere

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)