From the Chair

Dr. Ann L Watkins

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

We have concluded a challenging and successful fall semester. We would like to share our activities and achievements for the fall of 2016 with you in this edition of Accountability, your semi-annual newsletter update from the Department of Accounting. We have new faculty to introduce, news of student organization activities and accomplishments, and faculty achievements to celebrate.

This fall the McCoy College of Business Administration hosted an AACSB peer team visit for its 5th-year maintenance review. As you are aware the McCoy College Accounting programs achieved separate AACSB accreditation in the fall of 2013. Less than five percent of business colleges worldwide hold this distinction. This fall represented the Accounting programs first review. We secured a very positive recommendation by the AACSB peer team and look forward to the official confirmation of our review in early spring.

The department has enjoyed many successes over the past six months, including watching our graduates go on to excellent professional programs and challenging careers in public accounting, industry, and government. We attribute these achievements to the quality of our students, alumni, and faculty. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has assisted the department with these achievements and milestones.

Best Regards,

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Professor and Chair

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Retired Faculty

Dr. Lu Montondon retired in the Spring of 2016. She served Texas State for 27 years.

Dr. Rosie Morris retired in the Spring of 2016. She served Texas State for 23 years and was Chair of the Accounting Department for seven years.

New Faculty

Dr. Martha (Mardi) L. Sale received her Master of Accountancy from University of Florida and her doctorate with a concentration in accounting from Louisiana Tech University. She has over twenty years of experience teaching accounting at the undergraduate and graduate level. Her areas of primary teaching interest are governmental/not-for-profit and cost/managerial. Her research interests are well aligned with her teaching specialties. She comes to Texas State after serving as Department Chair for the past eight years, first at Florida Institute of Technology, and more recently at Texas A&M – Kingsville. She is interested in emerging instructional technologies and is excited to be able to refocus on the teaching and learning experience. She has two adult children and lives in Schertz with her husband, Danny. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, hiking, home decorating, and reading.

Joining Us Fulltime

Mrs. Elizabeth Ponder started in Spring 2015 as a part-time lecturer and now joins us full time. She is a CPA and a member of the Texas Society of CPAs Austin Chapter. She is currently organizing the first Accounting Spring Banquet for 2017.

Ms. Alex Hampshire started in Spring 2016 as a part-time faculty member and now joins us full time. She is active within the student organizations and led the organization of the Mock Interviews for Fall 2016.

New Staff

Ms. Meagan Hernandez joins the Department of Accounting as an Administrative Assistant II. She graduated from University of Texas at San Antonio with a B.A. in English. She has worked as a Site Director for an after school program, an English teacher for middle and high school, and a Client Care Specialist for the #1 vet clinic in South Austin. Meagan is excited to help support the Accounting department’s mission and give students the resources they need to meet their educational goals.
Mrs. Diane Eure was awarded 2016 Outstanding Accounting Educator by the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA). This award honors Texans who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and who have distinguished themselves through active service to the accounting profession. A reception with faculty and students was held for her on November 2 to celebrate her award.

In addition, Laurie Hindson, Assistant Athletic Director for the Athletic Academic Center, asked Mrs. Eure to be a guest football coach at the homecoming game against UL Lafayette on October 22nd. Diane and her husband Jack (bottom, left) enjoyed being on the field to watch the team explode into the stadium and then cheer them on from the sidelines for the duration of the game. Prior to the game, they met several members of the athletic academic center and visited with them over dinner in the Bobcat Football Pavilion. “It was great to meet the athletic academic center staff and put names with faces of people we interact with normally through email,” said Eure. In between the action on the field they discussed ways to help our student athletes succeed in the classroom and develop necessary life skills.

Mrs. Eure is a Senior Accounting Lecturer and the faculty advisor for the National Association of Black Accountants.
Faculty Awards & Recognition

**Dr. Nate Cannon**
was awarded the College Advisory Board Teaching Award. He was also published in *The Accounting Review*, a leading academic journal published by the American Accounting Association.

**Dr. David Herda**
received an award for successful completion of the Program for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, a program dedicated to strengthening teaching and learning here at Texas State.

**Dr. Kasey Martin**
was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with tenure. She earned her BBA and MAccy degree at Texas State and has been teaching here for seven years. She is also a faculty advisor for the Accounting Club.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Ponder**
was awarded the McCoy College of Business Part-time Faculty Excellence in Teaching. She is now a full-time faculty member for Fall 2016.

**Mr. Tom Puffer**
was awarded the College Service Award. He is a member of several committees within the college and helped organize the EY Etiquette Dinner for Fall 2016.

**Dr. Mina Pizzini**
received the Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activities award for non-tenured faculty. She has articles published in *The Accounting Review*, among other journals and also serves as a reviewer for many of these journals.


**Young, R.F.** 2016. An empirical examination of psychological climate and internal disclosure policy compliance. *Advances in Accounting Behavioral Research* 19
Student Workers

Left to right: Gliffze Buling, Mark Junek, and James Williams

Gliffze Buling, Mark Junek, and James Williams have been the welcoming faces of the department this semester, and we are thankful for all of their hard work this fall! James will continue in the spring before he graduates in May 2017 and pursues a Master’s degree in accounting. Both Mark and Gliffze will be graduating this December. Mark completed an internship with KPMG in Houston this past summer and will be starting at KPMG’s State and Local Tax (SALT) in Houston in January. Gliffze will start the MAcy program here at Texas State in the spring and will be interning with Ernst & Young (EY) at their San Antonio office. We wish you all the best of luck!

Graduate Assistants

The Department of Accounting would like to give a big thanks to all of the GAs this semester! Their hard work and positive attitudes were invaluable to the faculty, staff, and students.

Emily Do

will be graduating May 2017. She will be interning with Ridout Barrett in San Antonio in the spring. She has already passed two sections of the CPA exam and hopes to finish before she graduates. After graduation, she would like to stay in Texas to start her career.

Jordan Draper

will be graduating May 2017. She will continue as a GA next semester and plans on taking the CPA exam. Earlier this year, she completed an audit internship with PwC in Houston. She was extended a job offer and plans to start there in Fall 2017. After graduation, she is going to take a big trip to various countries in Europe.

Collin Ganci

will be graduating December 2017. Next semester, he will be doing a tax internship with RSM in San Antonio.

Nicole Ledesma

will be graduating December 2017. Next semester, she will be interning with KPMG.

Katelyn Nyland

will be graduating August 2017. She will continue as a GA next semester and plans on taking the CPA exam after graduation. She completed an internship in federal and state & local taxes with KPMG this past summer and will begin working for them in January 2018.
Graduate Assistants

**Micah Ruelle**
will be graduating this December with a M.F.A. in Creative Writing. She was a grader for our writing intensive courses and is looking for opportunities in the San Marcos area.

**Michael Torres**
will be graduating this December. He will start working for EY in San Antonio in August of next year as part of the audit staff.

**Weston Smith**
will be graduating in May 2017. He plans on passing the CPA exam before he starts working for Grant Thornton in Houston in September. He completed an Advisory Practice Internship with Grant Thornton in Spring 2016. Eventually, he would like to return to academia and get his Ph.D. in Accounting. Weston looks forward to snow skiing before returning as a GA next semester.

**Gracie Trevino**
will be graduating May 2017. She has an offer to start at Dell in the Accounting Development Program in June 2017.

**Chris Villarreal**
will be graduating May 2017. He has accepted a full time offer at Grant Thornton in Houston as an audit associate and will be returning as a GA next semester.

**Jonathan Vanshellenbeck**
will be graduating December 2017. He will return next semester as a GA and plans on taking the CPA exam. He received an offer to start full time as an auditor for KPMG in Austin.

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Thank you to our student workers and graduate assistants!

The Department of Accounting would not run as smoothly without you!
The Accounting Club is a student-led organization dedicated to preparing its members for successful careers in accounting. With the support of professionals from various accounting firms and Texas State faculty and staff, the Accounting Club organizes events that provide members with many opportunities to network and learn valuable soft skills. The experiences gained from being involved in the Accounting Club, when paired with the knowledge obtained in the classrooms, help members secure internships and full-time employment after completing their degrees.

For the Fall 2016 semester, the Accounting Club focused on improving members’ soft skills to prepare them for the Spring 2017 recruiting season. Accounting Club meetings covered topics such as resume building and interview advice. At the end of the semester, the Accounting Club provided students with the opportunity to practice the information they learned throughout the semester in our first ever “Mock Interviews” event.

Other event highlights for the semester include the annual “EY Etiquette Dinner” and the Accounting Club’s visit to Holmes High School in San Antonio.

The Accounting Club believes its members are ready for the Spring 2017 recruiting season and is excited for yet another successful semester.

Officers

President | Glifffe Buling
Vice President | Joseph Courville
Treasurer | Mostafa Kassem
Treasurer | Joslyn Paris

Special Projects Coordinator | Matthew Morris
Special Projects Coordinator | Kelsey Nolen
Program Director | Alex Carlos
Technical Administrator | Tulsi Bhakta
From the President

Ximena Arbelaez

This Fall has been another successful semester for our chapter. We continue to spread awareness of our organization while accepting dedicated, top students of McCoy. This semester has been spent investing in our emerging leaders - bringing out new speakers to give our members guidance as well as giving them opportunities to develop their professional skills.

It has been fun for me to watch members grow and start to shape this organization into more of what they want to see, along with inducting our candidates that are full of new ideas for the future of the chapter. There is a lot of change expected for the next year and I am excited to see where our new leaders take it.

Being in BAP has been one of the best experiences for me in my college career. I have matured personally and professionally through it and I hope the organization continues to help others like me. Our chapter has built a superior reputation for providing some of the best, hardest workers from Texas State and we will continue to do so.

Officers

President | Ximena Arbelaez
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VP of Media Relations | Janie Parada
VP of Volunteer & Professional Activities | Erika Aucoin
VP of Reporting | Leah Lund
National Association of Black Accountants

From the President

Sierra Wright

I absolutely love being a member of NABA and I hope you all love it as much as I do! If you’re not currently a member, we’d love to welcome you to our meetings and events. We want to help you achieve your goals in both your personal and professional lives through meetings, workshops, events, socials, and conferences.

During the Fall 2016 semester, NABA has brought in both new and old speakers on a variety of topics. We really put in a lot of effort to bring in intriguing speakers to present on topics that are interesting, relevant, and beneficial to all our members. This semester we also experimented with video conferences for our meetings in the event that speakers were unable to travel to the University. We received great feedback from faculty and NABA members so we look forward to implementing this method in the future so we can be sure we are providing every opportunity possible for students.

This semester we have not only had success with meetings, but we have also continued to implement NABA Week. NABA Week is a week full of fun events leading up to our meeting. NABA Week is meant to increase membership and bring our members closer together. NABA prides itself on being a smaller, close-knit organization so it’s important to us to ensure that everyone feels welcome and included so each of our members can reach their maximum potential. We have also been participating in campus events that aid minority students in finding organizations that suit them. In addition, NABA hosted a successful study night in which 126 students were assisted by 10 tutors, including professors and members of Beta Alpha Psi. Professors were so kind as to provide a set of practice problems for students in a range of accounting courses so students could better prepare for upcoming exams. We look forward to continuing study night in the future.

NABA is proud to announce that our faculty advisor, Professor Diane Eure, was awarded the Outstanding Educator Award by the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA) in recognition for her excellence in teaching and active service to the accounting profession. This semester, NABA was also able to send more members to the regional NABA conference. Each of our members who attended gained invaluable knowledge about how they could succeed as students, interns, and employees. 75% of our members who attended the conference this year held on-site interviews with major firms and corporations. The NABA chapter at Texas State University also volunteered at the annual Financial Fitness Seminar, presenting on a panel to give advice to students and families of students and assisting speakers with evaluations. NABA has also succeeded in increasing retention of membership through recruitment, events, involvement with other organizations, and the help of faculty and staff who not only advertise NABA meetings, but also offer extra credit for attendance.

It’s never too late to get involved and we would love for you to become a part of our organization. NABA is open to all business majors, so don’t be afraid to join. We meet bi-weekly on Thursdays from 5 PM - 6 PM. We hope to see you next semester!

Officers

President & SCREP Coordinator | Sierra Wright
Past President | Valerie Amandi
Treasurer | Jennifer Rogers
VP of Communications | Bobby Nkemka

VP of Communications | Destiny Burruss
VP of Operations | Mostafa Kassem
VP of Membership | Joshua Reeves
EY Etiquette Dinner

The Accounting Club etiquette dinner is an annual event held every fall semester. The two primary objectives for the event are: (1) to teach students proper etiquette for formal dining and other professional events and (2) to provide students with an excellent opportunity to network with accounting professionals, faculty members, and their peers. The event is sponsored by public accounting firm Ernst & Young (EY) and offered at no cost to the participating students.

This semester, nearly 100 people attended the event: over 70 Texas State students, approximately 15 EY professionals, and a handful of faculty members. The presenter for the night was Mr. Kevin Gilley, the Assistant to the Dean for the College of Fine Arts & Communication.

At the beginning of the event, everyone had the opportunity to network freely around the room before the presentation began. Everyone was then asked to take a seat at their assigned table, each consisting of six students and one or two EY professionals or faculty members. Mr. Gilley’s presentation covered both general professional etiquette and formal dining etiquette. As he discussed topics, the corresponding food was brought out for everyone to practice and enjoy. Nearly two hours later, everyone was satisfied and better prepared for the next formal dining event they’ll attend.

The Accounting Club looks forward to working with Ernst & Young for future etiquette dinners and other exciting events for our accounting students!

Holmes High School Visit

On September 21st, Holmes High School in San Antonio hosted Accounting Club members to give a detailed presentation on how to prepare for success in college. Five members of the Accounting Club, (from left to right) Matthew Morris, Snehal Jadhav, Tulsi Bhakta, Komal Modhiya, and Jacob Wright, of varying backgrounds provided a unique insight of Texas State’s culture to over 250 students. The presentation was geared towards the business-oriented students from the high school. Topics of discussion included tips on time management, understanding the construction of schedules, links to sources most used by Texas State students, and how to be a well-rounded student. Questions from the students were answered after each presentation, allowing them to ask anything that may not have been covered in order to provide them with realistic expectations during their transition into a university. Holmes High School looks forward to visiting Texas State in Spring 2017 to tour the campus.
Mock Interviews

For the Fall 2016 semester, the Accounting Club held a new event for students: “Mock Interviews.” The objective of the event was to give students an opportunity to practice and improve their interviewing skills, a topic that was also covered in an Accounting Club meeting earlier in the semester.

Mock Interviews took place at 5:00 PM on Thursday, November 10th in place of a regular Accounting Club meeting. The event occupied the entire Wells Fargo Atrium on the 1st floor of McCoy Hall.

Representatives from nearly 20 different public accounting firms attended the event and interviewed one-on-one with the students. Firms included three of the “Big Four,” as well as small, local firms.

Approximately 40 students participated in the events, primarily those in lower-level accounting courses who did not already have an internship offer. The students were randomly assigned a firm to interview with and the mock interviews lasted between 20 to 30 minutes each. Most students were able to interview with two or three different firms. Immediately after each interview, each student was given both written and oral feedback from the firm representative who interviewed them.

Afterwards, there was an open networking opportunity for those who wanted to stay. Free food was provided thanks to the contributions of BDO USA, LLP; Grant Thornton; Vogradac & Company, LLP; PricewaterhouseCoopers; and RidoutBarrett & Co. CPA’s.

The Accounting Club strives to help students obtain internships and full-time careers after graduation. Students who participated in the Mock Interviews are now better prepared for all the future interviews they will experience, especially as the Spring 2017 recruiting season approaches.

The Accounting Club looks forward to improving upon the event and holding it again in future semesters.

San Antonio Office Visits

On November 18th, 17 Accounting Club students visited various firms in San Antonio, TX. The morning started off at RSM, formerly known as Padgett Stratemann. After filling up on breakfast, the partners and staff answered questions from the students about their experiences at RSM. Afterward, the students took a tour of the office that provided checkpoints at which the students received candy for discovering key areas in the office. Raffle prizes were also awarded to a few students before they headed out to lunch at BDO. Students met with Texas State Alumni during the lunch presentation and learned about the internships at BDO. The last stop of the day was KPMG at The Shops at La Cantera. Students went on an office tour along with a refreshing outdoor tour of the shopping center. Throughout the day, students were able to reach out to former students at each firm to ask detailed questions one-on-one, gaining insightful information about life as an intern and full-time employee.
Beta Alpha Psi Outreach

Beta Alpha Psi continues to give back to the University as well as the San Marcos and Austin communities.

BAP was involved in many activities with the San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department for the fall semester. One of the most popular events they help out with is Party in Your Park. Since Party in Your Park continues to be a big volunteer event every fall, spots have to be added to accommodate the increasing number of volunteers.

Farmer Fred’s Harvest Fall Carnival is another fun event that BAP members and candidates enjoy volunteering at. BAP gives back to the community by operating game booths so that families can enjoy the Halloween carnival together.

Sights and Sounds also is considered to be one of the biggest volunteer events for BAP members and candidates. It is a Christmas carnival put together for the community. Volunteers have a wide range of tasks such as taking tickets at the gate, making hot chocolate and costumes, and much more.

When it comes to volunteering outside of San Marcos, one of the biggest events BAP is involved with is the Capital Area Austin Food Bank. BAP members and candidates attend the Food Bank every weekend and accomplish many tasks in order to feed the community around them.

At one of the shifts this semester, BAP and other volunteers that were able to attend sorted out over 8,000 lbs. of food in just three hours. This created over 6,500 meals!

BAP looks forward to continuing their volunteer efforts to benefit the San Marcos and Austin communities.
Meet the Firms, the most anticipated recruiting event of the semester, was held on Friday, October 7th. This event hosted almost 40 accounting firms from the Houston, Austin, and San Antonio area. The firms that attended included the Big Four, small market firms, and middle market firms of all sizes. CPA exam courses and different accounting certification booths were also there to encourage students to continue learning and growing in their careers.

Meet the Firms is held every semester in the LBJ Ballroom to help students find a firm that is right for them, and for firms to pitch themselves to prospective new hires. Most students and firms attend to find and recruit for internships, however there are full time job opportunities. There is also a ton of support from other students who have already landed their internships with the firms and support from staff members who introduce students to the recruiters.

This event is an important networking opportunity for students. It can help them gain confidence in talking to new people and help them grow professionally. Because students are able to talk to the recruiters directly, they are able to network and create a great first impression that can aid them in the hiring process. As an added bonus, firms are starting to bring more and more free promotional giveaways to help create a lasting impact with the students.

This semester, Beta Alpha Psi members and candidates had early access to the firms before the event officially opened to the rest of the University. This allowed members to have more one-on-one time with the firms early on and definitely gave them an advantage in the networking process. Since this event will be hosted by Beta Alpha Psi in semesters to come, these students will continue to be able to meet the firms first before applying for internships and jobs.

As Meet The Firms continues to grow each semester, we expect more and more students to land internships using this opportunity.
Participating Firms

Akin, Doherty, Klein & Feuge, P.C.
Applied Materials
Atchley & Associates, LLP
ATKG, LLP
Baker Tilly
BDO, USA LLP
Becker Professional Reviews
BKD, LLP
Briggs & Veselka Co.
Calhoun, Thomson + Matza LLP
CliftonLarsonAllen
CohnReznick
Deloitte & Touche LLP
EEPB, P.C.
Ernst & Young LLP
Grant Thornton
Harper & Pearson Company
Hein & Associates LLP
Institute of Management Accountants

Johnson, Miller & Co., CPA's
KPMG LLP
Krueger CPA Group, A Five Stone Affiliate
Lane Gorman Trubitt
MaloneBailey, LLP
Maxwell Locke & Ritter LLP
MELTON & MELTON, LLP
MiddletonRaines + Zapata LLP
Moss Adams LLP
Myers and Stauffer LC
Novogradac & Company LLP
PMB Helin Donovan, LLP
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Ridout, Barrett & Co., P.C.
Roger CPA Review
RSM LLP (Formerly McGladrey)
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
USAA
Weaver

Beta Alpha Psi Induction (continued on p. 20)

The Beta Alpha Psi Induction was held Thursday, December 1 and was sponsored by PwC. Graduating BAP members and new inductees were honored at the ceremony and were presented with BAP regalia, plaques, and certificates. Inductees stood while BAP officers spoke the Beta Alpha Psi oath (below, left). A few awards were then given to select BAP members for special recognition (p. 20). Accounting faculty and PwC representatives also attended to congratulate the students. A reception was held after the ceremony for members and guests to celebrate.
On September 17th, ten students from the Texas State NABA Chapter attended “Day with Dell” along with students from UT- Austin, UTSA, Huston-Tillotson, and Texas A&M. Students were able to sharpen their skills by practicing their “elevator pitch,” participating in mock interviews, and having their resumes critiqued. Professionals from both the Austin Cen-Tex NABA Chapter and Dell assisted in the process and provided each student with suggestions for improvement. Students were able to meet and network with Dell employees and make personal connections. Thanks to a successful “Day with Dell” workshop, students were very well prepared for the NABA Western Region Student Conference.

The 2016 National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) held their Southwest Western Regional Student Conference in Houston, Texas from October 13th through October 15th. Eight students consisting of one sophomore and seven seniors from the Texas State Chapter of NABA attended the conference. Five of the students were first time attendees. They all felt that the conference was a great opportunity and a wonderful experience which opened many doors for them.

This year Southwestern Region Conference and the Western Region Conference were combined into one Western region conference. The conference provided the students with many learning, networking, and job opportunities. It gave them a chance to mingle and exchange ideas with their peers from other universities that stretched from Mississippi to California. Students received valuable tips from accounting professionals in both public and private companies that will help prepare them for careers in corporate America.

An opening reception and Career Expo was held Thursday evening, the first night of the conference. Students had the opportunity to interact with representatives and recruiters from various companies including Boeing, Apple, Moss Adams, KPMG, Deloitte, Google, Grant Thornton, DELL, BKD, Chevron, EY, PwC, Grant Thornton, Facebook, McConnell & Jones, and others.

Friday and Saturday offered a variety of workshops and seminars that the students found very beneficial in their personal and professional development. Some of the favorite sessions attended by Texas State students included “Striving for Excellence in College: Tips for How It’s Done,” “Entry-Level Survival Tips: Successfully Transitioning from College to Corporate America,” “CPA Exam – How to Prepare,” and “Effective Communication.”

The feedback received from the students this year was informative and appreciative of the opportunity. They were grateful and appreciative the support and encouragement received from the Accounting Department and McCoy College of Business.
Karla Martinez: “One word comes to mind to describe my NABA Student Conference experience—thankful. I am thankful Texas State’s NABA chapter had provided this opportunity for my career.” Karla interviewed with four firms and received callbacks from PwC, Boeing, and KPMG. She has accepted an internship with KPMG.

Sydney Kyle: “I first want to start off by saying that the NABA conference was absolutely amazing! This was my first time at a huge conference with so many people and so many professionals. After taking a deep breath and challenging myself to step out of my comfort zone, I began talking to many different people. I gained so much confidence within myself and learned that the biggest risk of all is not taking one!” Sydney interviewed with Dell and Deloitte.

Matthew Morris: “After attending this presentation (CPA Exam—How to Prepare), I feel much more confident in my ability to study for and pass the CPA exam when the time comes.”

Mostafa Kassem: “My favorite part about the conference was that it was focused on self-growth, which I thought was great because not enough people are big on self-growth. They were able to implement a self-growth focus by having plenty of great speakers, and overall the conference was a wonderful collection of great knowledge/minds. I think the lessons learned at the conference made me a better person and more knowledgeable.”

Joshua Reeves: “The NABA conference was amazing! It was a great networking experience overall and I enjoyed myself.” Joshua interviewed with Apple.

The students continue to develop relationships with professionals from the many organizations represented at the conference. This year they reconnected with two Texas State NABA alumni, Jennifer Jones (PwC) and Marissa Perry (KPMG), both of which helped our Bobcats with introductions and tips on how to have a successful conference experience.

The funding provided by McCoy College of Business and the Accounting Department covered the conference registration fees, meal allotment, and transportation costs. Students traveled to Houston in two private vehicles leaving on Thursday, October 13th and returning on Saturday, October 15th. Carpooling to and from the event and spending time with fellow NABA members allowed them to secure friendships and bond as a group. The students returned to campus excited and energized by their conference experience.

Students were grateful and appreciate the support and encouragement received from the Accounting Department and McCoy College of Business.

NABA Week

NABA Week was a week-long event to welcome students back for the fall semester as well as recruit new members. NABA hosted a different event each day leading up to our meeting. The week kicked off on Monday, September 12, 2016 as NABA provided juice and donuts to students going to and from class. The following day, NABA hosted a 1990’s themed party in Georges where students were free to relax and dance to major songs of that era. On Wednesday, NABA hosted a showing of Coming to America in McCoy. That was the final event leading up to our meeting on Thursday.

To end NABA Week, we hosted Dr. Sherri Benn, the director of Student Diversity and Inclusion and the Vice President of Student Affairs. Dr. Benn gave a powerful presentation on "Shattering the Glass Ceiling”. She provided us with statistics on the glass ceiling and suggested that the glass ceiling has not yet been shattered. We also discussed possible reasons as to why the glass ceiling is still in existence, such as the media and societal standards. Together, meeting attendees all presented ways in which everyone could work towards shattering the glass ceiling.

Students enjoyed NABA Week and we were able to recruit several new members to the organization. We look forward to hosting NABA Week again next semester.
NABA Highlights

Speakers hosted by NABA this semester include Bill Simonent, a Certified Financial Planner of Simonent Wealth Management; Michelle Jenkins, a Tax Manager from EY; and Dr. Sheri Benn, Assistant VP/Director of Student Diversity & Inclusion here at Texas State.

NABA also hosted its first video speaker meeting via Google Hangouts with Mar’Shae Broadnax and Mark Broadnax, both tax professionals from PwC, Dallas. It was an interactive presentation on “How to Succeed During an Internship.” They shared their experiences with the students and answered many questions from the audience. Students commented they were less intimidated to ask questions in this format. It also allowed NABA to host dynamic speakers that were unable to make the drive to San Marcos.

NABA co-hosted the Alumni Panel featuring Shannele Downs, Justin Wilhelm, Anna Tallent, & Jason Zirkle and participated in other Accounting events including Meet the Firms, the EY Etiquette Dinner, and the Mock Interviews.

NABA also participated in several volunteer events this semester. The Financial Fitness Seminar sponsored by the NABA Austin Cen-Tax Chapter is a free community event that provides information on personal finances and how to prepare for the cost of a college education. At Bobcat Days, NABA students enjoyed sharing their experiences about college life at Texas State and the opportunities an Accounting degree can offer future Bobcats.

NABA Study Night (below, right) returned this semester offering help to students in financial and intermediate accounting. Ten volunteers from both NABA and BAP helped over 125 students prepare and review for upcoming exams. It was a great refresher for the volunteers and helped NABA fulfill their mission to “Lift as We Climb.”

“Lifting As We Climb”

Student Awards & Recognition

Accounting Club Recognition

On October 13, Texas State President Denise Trauth sent a letter to inform the Accounting Club that their substantive contributions to the university had qualified the organization for recognition through the Pillar Society, a prestigious group composed of alumni and friends who are helping to advance Texas State to unprecedented levels of excellence. The Pillar Society acknowledges the philanthropic leadership and the generosity of those who have contributed $100,000 or more to the university. “You can take great pride in knowing that the organization’s support will benefit our students and our state for generations to come. Working together, we will continue to advance Texas State to new levels of excellence in teaching, research, and educational opportunities for all students,” Trauth wrote. Congratulations to the Accounting Club!

The Pillar Society acknowledges those who have contributed $100,000 or more to the university.
Student Awards & Recognition

Accounting Stars

Accounting Stars was held on Thursday, December 1 to honor students who were making an “A” in ACC 2361: Introduction to Financial Accounting. A letter from Dr. Watkins was sent out to 60 students, both accounting and non-accounting majors, inviting them and guests to the special event. Students received a certificate to honor their achievement and watched a video on how becoming a CPA can lead to many career opportunities such as working with the FBI, sports teams, and movie production companies. During the ceremony, MAcy students Jordan Draper and Chris Villarreal and President of the Accounting Club Gliffeze Buling answered questions from the audience pertaining to their experiences in the undergraduate and graduate accounting programs at Texas State. They discussed what led them to major in accounting, what their internships were like, and tips for succeeding like getting involved in student organizations. Dr. Watkins also discussed the accounting program and congratulated the students for already showing an exceptional aptitude for accounting. The ceremony ended with the give away of a $100 Visa card to ticket winner Claudia Salinas. After the ceremony, a reception serving Chick-fil-a was held for students and faculty to network. Students were thankful for the recognition and impressed with the participation of the accounting faculty.

Congratulations to the following Accounting Stars:

Alexandra Antoniadis
Calvin Bush
Graciela Chavez
Chelsey Davis
Joseph Denny
Layla Harkey
Kindra Idunoba
Taylor "Paige" McGee
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Madison Teggeman
Lauren Tomaisetti
Bristol Wilhelm
Brett Williams
Jacob Wright
Katelyn Yancey
Student Awards & Recognition

Fall 2016 Beta Gamma Sigma Inductees

- Victoria Anton
- Susan Barney
- Aaron Black
- Jeremy Blakey
- Mary Campbell
- Julia Candela
- Stephanie Cantu
- Bea Flor Castillo
- Rylee Cheney
- David Cheng
- Catherine Currie
- Katelyn Disney
- Trang Thi Huyen Do*
- Hanna Fohn
- Greyson Gillette
- Beth Grupp*
- Robert Hernandez
- Tristan Hickok
- Aubin Hoelzel
- Rachel Jacobs
- Lexington Kjorlien
- Maddy Mackan
- Taylor Magness
- Santana Munoz
- Bradley Nabors
- Nga Nguyen
- Jenny Nguyen
- Pablo Ortega
- Cameron Perez
- Kevin Proctor
- Jonathon Rhyne
- Mark Rodriguez*
- Weston Smith*
- Chelsea Smith*
- Michele Spinn*

5th Year Scholarships

Congratulations to the following graduate students who were awarded 5th Year Scholarships.

- Jordan Draper
- Collin Ganci
- Shelby Hebert
- Bryan Miller
- Mark Rodriguez

Scholarships

McCoy College Scholarship application deadlines are:

February 6, 2017 for undergraduate students and
March 1, 2017 for graduate students.

To be considered for accounting scholarships, you must also submit the Application Supplement for Accounting Majors.

Completed applications should be turned in to the
McCoy College Dean’s Office, McCoy Hall 530.

For more undergraduate scholarship information, visit:
http://www.mccoy.txstate.edu/Undergraduate/scholarships.html

For more graduate scholarship information, visit:
http://graduate.mccoy.txstate.edu/financial_aid/scholarships.html

Beta Alpha Psi Induction (continued from p. 15)

2016 BAP Inductees

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Top Candidate Professional & Volunteer Hours

- Nicholas Oleto
Advisory Board Meeting

The department hosted its semi-annual Accounting Advisory Board meeting November 11th. Items discussed during the meeting included the AACSB peer team campus visit and the team’s recommendation to reaffirm accreditation for McCoy College Accounting programs. Reaffirmation must still be approved by the AACSB Accounting Accreditation Committee who will be meeting in early spring. Department updates relating to the faculty search, faculty recognitions, and enrollment were provided. The new MAcy recruiting video was shared with Board members. Bruce Howard reported on the fall student/recruiter events and discussed plans for the spring. Ann Watkins shared the five-year Strategic Plan for the University and the Department. The next Accounting Advisory Board Meeting will be held Friday, April 21st, the day after the Inaugural Accounting Excellence Spring Banquet.

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VITA Clinic

The VITA Clinic will begin hosting sessions in McCoy Hall, room TBD, beginning Monday, February 13th and will continue through Wednesday, March 29th.

The schedule will be as follows:
Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30PM – 7:30PM (last intake)

The clinic will be CLOSED the week of March 13th for spring break, but will resume again Monday, March 20th.

For any questions regarding the VITA clinic, please send an email to VITA@txstate.edu.

Overall CPA Pass Rates

July-September 2016 Window

- Texas State University: 52.5%
- State of Texas: 49.4%
- State of Texas without UT and A&M: 47.1%
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