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RETIRING FACULTY**14 years of devoted service—Many thanks and much appreciation!**

Bob Severance joined Texas State in 2001 after 15 years of co-partnering in the management of the CPA firm, Severance & Severance, CPAs. He has been a Certified Internal Auditor since 1993, a Certified Financial Planner since 1989 and a Certified Public Accountant in the state of Texas since 1975. His professional memberships include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Financial Planners Association, the Institute of Internal Auditors, and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

NEW FACULTY

Elizabeth Ponder

Elizabeth Ponder joined the faculty as a part-time lecturer. She is a CPA with a BBA degree in Accounting from Texas A&M University and a MS in Accounting from Texas Tech University.

Elizabeth has previous teaching experience at Austin Community College, St Edward's University, and Texas Tech University. She began her career in Midland, Texas with KPMG and has worked in public accounting and industry as an auditor, tax accountant, and controller. As a graduate student, she published "Operational Auditing by CPA Firms," in The CPA Journal and was a contributor to A Guide to Financial Statement Disclosures by Paul Munter and Tom Ratcliffe. She is a member of the Texas Society of CPAs Austin Chapter.

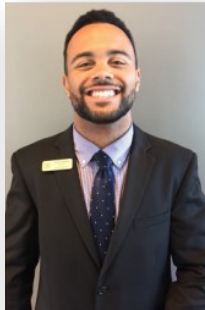
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ACCOUNTING CLUB

From the President



Aubrey DeBose, Accounting Club President

"The opportunities that come from being a part of the Accounting Club are phenomenal. One of the many benefits is growth and development into a young professional."

OFFICERS

President - [Aubrey DeBose](#)
 Treasurer - [Matthew Perry](#)
 Secretary - [Veronica Hidalgo](#)
 Assistant Secretary - [Sydney Groff](#)
 Programs Director - [Adam Pleuthner](#)
 Department Relations & Scholarships Coordinator -
 [Evan Speck](#)
 External Relations Coordinator - [Juan Garcia](#)
 External Relations Coordinator - [Andrew Gonzalez](#)
 Special Projects Coordinator - [Amber Fleming](#)
 Special Projects Coordinator - [Brandi Hentges](#)
 Electronic Communications Admin. - [Jordan Draper](#)
 Electronic Communications Admin. -
 [Zane Muddiman](#)

The Accounting Club prepares its members to make the transition from students to professionals. The semi-annual Meet The Firms job fair is a networking opportunity held on campus for students to mingle with professionals from a variety of different firms/companies. We also plan office visits for our members to expose them to the culture of the firms. This spring we traveled to San Antonio where we visited KPMG, BKD, and Padgett Stratemann.

In addition, Accounting Club also encourages students to participate in community volunteer events. We had the pleasure of hosting Holmes High School. During the visit, we gave them a tour of the campus and had a chance to connect with them through our discussion panel. Also, we participated in the 13th annual Bobcat Build. This gave students a chance to give back to their community, while also building relationships with fellow members.

Accounting Club is proud to introduce a new volunteer event this semester. We will be a part of Relay for Life. This is a wonderful opportunity to help fight against cancer by walking around the track at Texas State.

We pride ourselves in using every resource to prepare our members to find the career that they feel is the best fit.

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HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL VISITS TEXAS STATE



Every semester Holmes High School and the Texas State Accounting Club host visiting and recruitment events. During the fall semester, Texas State students visit Holmes High School and provide an informational session on Texas State and opportunities for prospective students. This semester, Holmes High School students at the junior level came to the Texas State campus for a tour which was followed by lunch and a current student panel Q & A session. The event is generally focused on business majors, specifically in accounting, allowing students to learn more about attending Texas State. Students are presented with degree information, student organizations, and are also encouraged to ask general questions about college life and the transition from high school to college, etc.



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BETA ALPHA PSI

From the President



Cole Lutzenberger, BAP President

"Beta Alpha Psi continues to grow and shape our diverse group of accounting, CIS, and finance majors into the best business professionals out of Texas State University."

This semester, our chapter has achieved tremendous success. Made up of 100 phenomenal members and candidates from accounting, CIS, and finance majors, we continued to make an impact on the local community through our volunteer initiatives. We truly pride ourselves on the community, camaraderie, and social involvement that has made us successful at Texas State.

In March, we attended the Best Practices competition at the regionals conference in Dallas, Texas. After months of preparation, we participated in two topics and placed first against seven other great universities in the southwest region. Because of this, we will be competing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the beginning of August.

It is our goal that we will continue to develop well-rounded professionals who are fully prepared for the adversities of the business world. Regardless of where Kappa Eta members choose to go, they will continue to prove that Texas State University is a source of opportunity and professionalism.

OFFICERS

- President - Cole Lutzenberger
- Vice President - Ximena Arbelaez
- Vice President - Halie Hardin
- VP of Membership - Shea Young
- VP of Membership - Daniel Lichtenhan
- VP of Finances - Jordan Draper
- VP of Media Relations - Johana Wibisono
- VP of Media Relations - Kendra Dix
- VP of Volunteer Activities & Professional Activities - Mark Rodriguez
- VP of Special Projects - Taylor Craig
- VP of Volunteer & Professional Activities - Victor Hernandez
- VP of Fundraising - Juan Garcia
- VP of Reporting - Anthony Bone
- VP of Regional Conference - Jaecee Cruz
- VP of Reporting - Hugh Walker
- VP of Reporting - Erik Lemkowitz
- VP of Reporting - Elizabeth Brown
- VP of Reporting - Bryan Miller

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• BAP REGIONALS CONFERENCE



The Beta Alpha Psi Regionals Conference was an outstanding success for the Kappa Eta chapter at Texas State University. The weekend consisted of networking with professionals and other BAP chapters from throughout the Southwest region, attending various leadership activities, community service events, and delivering presentations for Best Practices and Chapter Operations.

Front row from left: Aubrey Debose, Ryan Fee, Haylie Woodfin, Samantha Dunfee, Ximena Arbelaez, Laurie Brown, Kendra Dix, Jaecee Cruz, Aundrea Mathis, Ashley West; back row from left: Eric Lemkowitz, Francisco Campos, Cole Lutzenberger, Irman Uddin, Mahbubur Rahman, Erik Ochoa, Loyd Knight, & Raphael Croce.



From left: Juan Garcia, Kendra Dix, Jordan Draper, Daniel Lichtenhan

Among six other teams, Jordan Draper, Juan Garcia, and Daniel Lichtenhan of the Kappa Eta chapter placed first in the Financial Literacy topic and secured a spot to compete at the national conference held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 6th. This is the first time in five years that our chapter has placed first in a Regionals Best Practices competition. With the momentum gathered from this conference, we plan to further spread the prestige of Beta Alpha Psi at Texas State University at nationals.

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SAN MARCOS RIVER CLEAN UP



At this annual event, BAP gets involved in the preservation of a precious San Marcos resource by adopting a spot on the river. The program strives to raise public awareness; educate citizens about the source of debris; and generate public support for community involvement to Keep San Marcos San Marcos. On Saturday, March 7, folks from all over Texas participated in the world's longest river clean up.

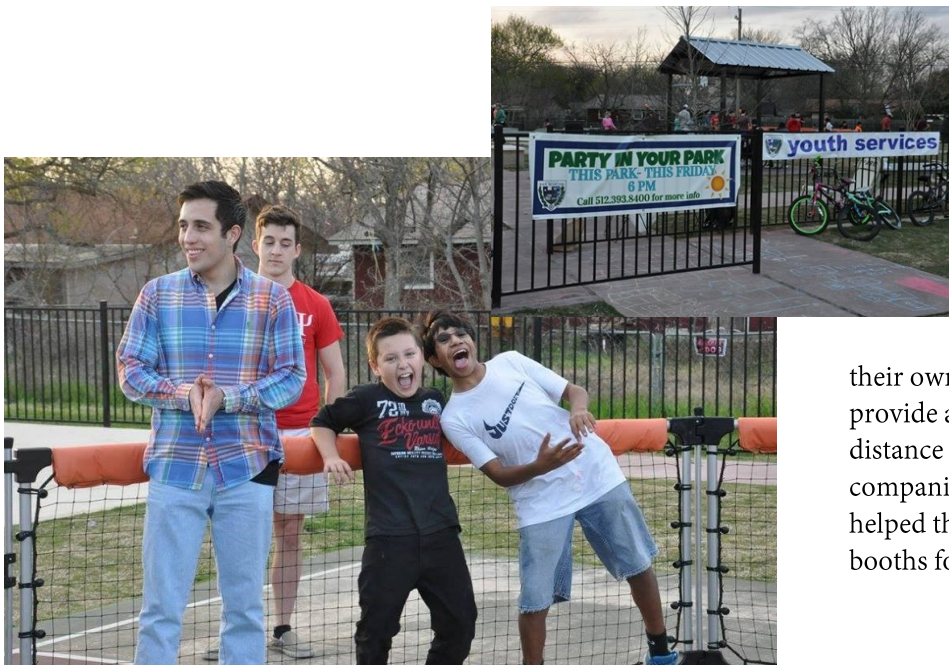
6 BAP volunteers focused on their adopted spot (City Park) and the surrounding river area, including Sewell Park. Overall, volunteers picked up trash along the entire length of the San Marcos River (approximately 90 miles).

CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK OF TEXAS

Our support helps Central Texas families facing significant barriers to good nutrition. In partnership with a network of 300 social service charities and federal programs, the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas provides emergency hunger relief, social service outreach, and nutrition education to help Central Texans in crisis achieve their basic need for good nutrition. Volunteers inspect, clean, sort, box and make donations ready for distribution to Partner Agencies and their clients. BAP has sent 50 volunteers to the food bank this semester, and they have helped box thousands of pounds of food. This is positive impact to hundreds of families across central Texas.



PARTY IN YOUR PARK



San Marcos Parks and Rec always looks forward to kicking off this annual event at Franklin Square Park. It is a great event for families to come out, socialize with their neighbors and enjoy a safe, fun event right in their own backyard. The goal of this free event is to provide a safe place for kids and families within walking distance of their homes and enjoy a night out in companionship with their neighbors. Five BAP volunteers helped this semester by running games and activity booths for the children.

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FARMER FRED'S SPRING CARNIVAL



Children of all ages hopped on over to San Marcos City Park for FREE fun with tons of carnival games, an age-grouped Egg Hunt, and candy and prizes. They also enjoyed a barrel train ride for a small fee. BAP loves being a part of this annual community event! We sent 20 volunteers this semester to run the booths and games. We are certain they had as much fun as the children!



San Marcos Area Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to putting the dream of homeownership within reach of working families. Their goal is to build and repair simple, decent, affordable houses with those who lack adequate shelter. They run on the power of the Greater San Marcos community thanks to the donation of time, money, and prayers.

It has been a year since BAP last worked with Habitat. We were happy to help out this amazing organization this semester and look forward to continuing with our support in the FALL semester. We sent an average of 5 volunteers for three weeks in March to assist with the completion of a new home construction on 223 Stillwell Street. We worked through rainy weather to help Habitat complete construction on time, and allow a deserving family of 5 move in to their new home.

MEET THE FIRMS, JOB FAIR

Harper & Pearson Company
 Doeren Mayhew Calhoun, Thomson + Matza
 Ridout Barrett & Co. Novogradac
 ABIP Deloitte Weaver Roger CPA
 Carr, Riggs, & Ingram KPMG
 Fisher Herbst & Kemble BDO USA Melton & Melton
 Fischer Hebst & Kemble Atchley & Associates
 EY Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
 Cohn Reznick Briggs and Veselka
 Calvetti, Ferguson & Wagner
 Grant Thornton PWC Lane Gormann Trubitt
 Ridout Barrett & Co. Durbin Bennett
 Middleton Raines & Zapata ATKG
 Becker PMB Helin Donovan
 McGladrey US AAA (Army Audit Agency)
 Padgett Stratemann

The annual job fair, held on February 6, 2015 at the LBJ Ballroom, hosted representatives from over 25 firms including those listed to the left. This was a great opportunity to find out about the different sectors of accounting: Big 4, National, Regional, Local, Industry and Government. 142 students including BAP and Accounting Club members attended and made initial connections they need to land their first accounting job. BAP also contributed 10 volunteers to assist with setting up and running the event.



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BOBCAT BUILD

Nearly 4,000 Texas State students, faculty, and staff rose early to give back to the community they love by volunteering with Bobcat Build. This will be Bobcat Build's 12th annual event, and the number of volunteers, as well as job sites, continues to rise. Beta Alpha Psi always has fun at this yearly event. BAP teamed up with NABA and Accounting Club to send 60 volunteers to Bobcat Build this year. Our team helped two elderly families and they couldn't be happier to see us. They rely on this yearly event to help maintain their homes.



Relay for Life teams camp out overnight and take turns walking or running around a track or path at a local high school, park, or fair-ground. Events are up to 24 hours long, and because cancer never sleeps, each team is asked to have at least one participant on the track at all times. BAP teamed up with the Accounting Club to raise funds and host a campsite at the relay. Food, games and activities provided entertainment and built camaraderie. We had a total of 10 volunteers at the camp, and our group raised \$100 for the cause. Overall, the Relay for Life event was a tremendous success. 46 teams and 556 participants have raised \$25,932.55 and donations are still coming in.



OFFICE VISIT—SAN ANTONIO

On Friday, February 27th, fifteen Accounting Club members joined BAP to visit 3 accounting firms in San Antonio. The day started off at 9 am with KPMG, where students met with a few professionals and a partner. After this it was off to BKD at 11, for lunch with around 15 partners, professionals and interns. The last firm of the day was Padgett Stratemann at 2pm where students met with 10 partners and professionals. This was a great chance to network and see firsthand the office environment and culture of an accounting firm.

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP WEEK

EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF DIVERSITY IN BUSINESS



Business Leadership Week is a signature event for McCoy College. Business Leadership Week engages the students and faculty of Texas State University and the local community in conversations and learning about the Common Experience theme and business leadership ideas that extend beyond textbooks and classrooms by offering guest lectures, interactive events and contests, and forums for discussion.

The theme for the 2015 Business Leadership Week, “Examining the Impact of Diversity in Business” engaged students on the topic of diversity in business and the implications it has on business practices and decisions. The week featured guest speakers who shared their perspective as it relates to the theme and a Bloomberg BusinessWeek Mini-Case Competition. Both BAP and Accounting Club members attended events all week long to network with business professionals and develop their professional skills.

BAP hosted a Global Culture Panel during the course of the week which featured Anna Tallent (Ernst & Young Senior Manager), Ms. Christina J. Moore (Texas State Department of Management), and Charlie Little (Retired Accounting Professional). The panel was about each of the professional international experience. Each panel member spoke on professional international topics such as their personal background, cultural differences and similarities in the countries they dealt with, and their most memorable cultural experiences.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS

From the President



Jonathan Stumpff, NABA President

"Our goal is to enhance our member's professional and interpersonal skills through the multitude of networking opportunities and volunteer events held year round."

OFFICERS

President - Jonathan Stumpff
VP of Operations - Domenic Stephens
VP of Communications - Valerie Amadi
VP of Membership - Anthony Blumenthal
SCREP Coordinator - Tonya Champagne
Treasurer - Christopher Villarreal
Faculty Advisor - Diane Eure

The National Association of Black Accountants works hard to increase the diversity in the Finance, Accounting, and CIS Professions. Our goal is to enhance our member's professional and interpersonal skills through the multitude of networking opportunities and volunteer events held year round. We are committed to serving the communities in which we work and live, while upholding our organization's motto, "lifting as we climb".

The Texas State Chapter contributes to these goals and values through our chapter meetings and volunteer work in the San Marcos and Austin areas. Our meetings enable our members to network with working professionals in order to help them to enhance their knowledge of their chosen professions, as well as provide a pool of potential future employers. It is with these opportunities that our members are empowered to accomplish all of their future endeavors and to help out and give back to others in the process.

I know that our chapter would not be where we are today if it wasn't for the help and support of the Accounting Department and the McCoy College of Business. I am very proud to be your chapter president this year, and I am very happy to be part of the Bobcat family. Thank you Texas State for all the support throughout the years, and thank you NABA members for all that you do to make this chapter great!

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The spring semester was filled with opportunities for Texas State NABA student members to network with other NABA student chapters and professionals through a variety of events hosted both on and off campus. On campus, students networked with speakers from DELL, Farm Credit Bank, Simonent Wealth Management, and the IRS. They also participated in Business Leadership Week co-sponsoring speaker Alfonzo D. Alexander from NASBA & Center for Public Trust, volunteered alongside BAP and Accounting Club in Bobcat Build and participated in Bobcat Days. Off campus, students participated in “A Day with NABA” hosted by the Austin Cen-Tex professional chapter and the “Alumni Event” hosted by the UT-Austin student chapter.

10TH ANNUAL AUSTIN CEN-TEX SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

Five students from the Texas State Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) attended the 10th Annual Austin Cen-Tex Chapter Scholarship and Awards Luncheon held in Austin, Texas, on April 24, 2015. Students networked with professionals and students from other NABA chapters including UT-Austin and Huston-Tillotson. Jonathan Stumpff, Texas State NABA president, introduced the keynote speaker, Julie Sanders, Vice-President of Accounting at Dell. She shared some insights about her career path and offered suggestions on how students can “Connect, Collaborate and Cultivate” relationships that will guide their career positively.



Students were also able to network with other NABA professionals and corporate sponsors including 3M, Farm Credit Bank of Texas and Enterprise Holdings. Jonathan Stumpff was also recognized with the Dedicated Leadership Award from the Austin Cen-Tex NABA chapter and received a scholarship for the CPA exam review course from Becker Professional Education.



From left: Tonya Champagne, Valerie Amadi, Jonathan Stumpff, Nicole Garza, and Anthony Blumenthal

McCoy Awards Ceremony

The Accounting Department would like to congratulate everyone recognized at the McCoy Awards Ceremony!

5th Year Scholarship Recipients:

Rebecca Adkins
Aaron Contreras
Stacy D'Agostaro
Lyndsey Henson
Shelbie Hohlt
Loyd Knight
Aundrea Mathis
Roberto Migoyo
Matthew Ming
Jessica Simon
Heather Tesch
Shristi Upreti Sharma

PCAOB

Wanetia Adams

TSCPA A TSCPA Accounting Excellence Award

Aaron Contreras

TSCPA Accounting Education Foundation

Aaron Contreras
Chelsea Y. Zhao

Austin CPA Chapter Scholarship in honor of Bette Williams

Brandi Hentges

SPRING 2015 STUDENT WORKERS



From left: Drew Gonzalez, Brandi Hentges, Mark Junek, Amber Fleming, Gliffze Buling.

The department would like to welcome Gliffze Buling and Mark Junek as new additions to our team of wonderful student workers. They have both been diligently training to take on the ropes and have already proved promising! Student workers are an essential part of the department. Thank you for all that you do!

We would also like to congratulate Amber Fleming and Brandi Hentges who will be graduating this spring. After graduation, Amber will be completing two internships; one with the Whole Foods Corporate Office during the course of the summer; and the other in the spring with KPMG. She plans to obtain a Master's in Accountancy here at Texas State beginning in the fall of 2015. Brandi will spend her summer interning for PMB Helin-Donovan in tax and plans to sit for the CPA exam in the next few months. Both Amber and Brandi have been with the department for over a year-and-a-half and we wish them all of the best in their future endeavors.

SPRING 2015 GRADUATE ASSISTANTS



From left, top row: Lyndsey Henson, Katie Wiatrek, Loyd Knight, Margaretta Adrienne, Matt Ming, Aundrea Mathis, Kristin Hartman-Bueche. From left, bottom row: Aaron Contreras, Maria Collado-Florez, Stephen Grubbs

Along with our departmental student workers, we have an all star fleet of Graduate Assistants who work closely with professors and assist them in all that course preparation entails. All of this while maintaining their own graduate studies.

A number of these individuals will be finishing up coursework during the spring or summer semesters and entering new stages of their lives. **Lyndsey Henson** will find herself working for Grant Thornton Houston after a relaxing trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. **Katie Wiatrek** is scheduled to start at KPMG in San Antonio in the Tax Department and plans on sitting for the CPA Exam before February. **Loyd Knight** will be moving to Dallas and start at BDO full time in September. He too will be preparing for the CPA Exam. **Margaretta Adrienne** will be taking a summer trip to her home country, Indonesia before starting at PMB Helin Donovan in September and sitting for the CPA Exam in August. **Matt Ming** hopes to complete the CPA Exam before taking on his position at BDO Austin in September. **Aundrea Mathis** plans to sit for the CPA exam and continue on his way to New York City in preparation for his position with Deloitte in January. **Aaron Contreras** will be taking some time off to relax and enjoy before completing all four parts of the CPA exam, moving to New York City, and beginning his full time position with PwC in Manhattan in January. **Maria Collado-Florez** will be focusing on the CPA Exam and then spending some time in Brazil while looking for employment with prospective firms. **Stephen Grubbs** will finish his coursework this summer and then plans to visit family in Portland, continue along the coast to Vancouver, Canada. All of this well deserved vacation before starting at PwC in Houston and sitting for the CPA Exam in September.

Best of luck to all of our graduating G.A.'s and thank you for all of your work this semester! We look forward to hearing of your successes and adventures in the future!

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STUDENT ORGS

AUGUST

24 First Day
of
Classes

SEPTEMBER

10 Alumni
Panel

11 Meet The
Firms &
Alumni Dinner

12 Annual
Golf
Tournament

OCTOBER

8 Spring 2016
Registration

9 Graduation
Application
Deadline

NOVEMBER

25 Thanksgiving
Break

DECEMBER

3 Last Day of
Classes

11 Commencement
Ceremony

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Accounting Department	512.245.2566	http://accounting.mccoy.txstate.edu
Registrar	512.245.2367	www.registrar.txstate.edu
NABA	512.245.2019	www.txstatenaba.com
Accounting Club	512.245.2566	www.txstateacctclub.com
Beta Alpha Psi	512.245.3307	www.txstatebap.com
CATS Registration Help Line	512.245.2888	

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