

## FROM THE CHAIR



Dr. Ann L. Watkins

### Dear Students, Alumni and Friends of the Department:

It is the beginning of another academic year and time again for the fall edition of *Accountability*, your semi-annual newsletter update from the Depart-

ment of Accounting. We have lots of exciting developments to share with you.

We have a group of new faculty to introduce, and news of student organization activities and accomplishments and faculty achievements. The department has enjoyed many successes over the past six months, including seeing our graduates go on to excellent professional programs and challenging careers in public accounting and industry.

We also have great news to share with you regarding AACSB accreditation (*please see below*). We be-

lieve that one of the biggest reasons for all of this success is the quality of our students, alumni, and faculty.

After completing my first year as Chair, it also seems like a good time to say "Thank You" to everyone who has helped the Department meet these achievements.

Best Regards,

Chair, Department of Accounting

## OUR NEW ADMIN

**Kelly Laxson** joined the Department as an Administrative Assistant III. Kelly received her B.A. in English from West Texas A&M University before coming to San Marcos to pursue a M.A. in Literature.

While a student at Texas State, Kelly spent a year and half working with the Technology Resources department and grew to realize that she enjoyed the challenge and structure of working as an administrative assistant in higher education.

Though she is new to the Department of Accounting, she is looking forward to contributing to an academic department that prides itself on providing students with the tools necessary for success in their chosen careers.



Ms. Kelly D. Laxson

## AACSB ACCOUNTING ACCREDITATION

*Only 182 institutions out of 681 maintain a specialized AACSB accreditation for their accounting programs.*

To realize accounting accreditation, an institution must first earn or maintain AACSB Business Accreditation. Then, in addition to developing and implementing a mission-driven plan to satisfy the business accreditation quality standards, accounting accreditation requires the satisfaction of an additional set of accreditation standards that are specific to the discipline and profession of accounting.

Achieving accreditation is a process of rigorous internal review, evaluation, and adjustment and can take several years to complete. During



Dr. Roselyn E. Morris

these years **Dr. Morris** guided the department in developing and implementing a plan to meet the AACSB Accreditation Standards. (*Continued on page 7*) . . .

Several years ago former department chair, Dr. Rosie Morris, began the preparations for the Department's separate accreditation. Earlier this semester, AACSB International announced that Texas State University's McCoy College of Business earned separate accreditation for its Department of Accounting.

Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's, and doctorate degrees in business and accounting. AACSB accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education, and has been earned by less than five percent of the world's business programs.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW FACULTY



**Dr. Nathan Cannon**

**Nate Cannon** joined the faculty as a tenure-track assistant professor. Nate successfully defended his dissertation and received his PhD in the spring of 2013 from Bentley University.

Prior to that, Nate earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Brigham Young University's Marriott School of Management.

After completing his master's, he spent several years working as a Senior Associate Auditor for KMPG, first in their Honolulu office and then in Salt Lake City.

While at KMPG, Nate became a CPA and served a wide range of public and private clients in a

variety of industries, including banking, real estate, education, state and federal government, not-for-profit, and retail.

Nate's research pursuits while at Bentley lead to his being chosen as a recipient of the competitive 2011 Center for Audit Quality Research Grant as well as the 2011 PwC INquiries Grant.

Nate's research interests are primarily in the areas of auditing and judgment/decision-making.



**Mr. Thomas Puffer**

quently as a senior analyst in the International Exploration and Production Department.

Since 1978, he has been a management consultant focused on information technology, financial management, business process re-engineering, and strategy development.

He has been a "Big 4" partner with KPMG and PWC. Tom has been a business owner as well as a CEO.



**Dr. Keith Kebodeaux**

as controller and general counsel for Collings Guitars in Austin.

ence and has practiced law in Beaumont, Houston and New York. His practice focused on business and oil and gas litigation, tax planning and commercial transactions.

He also taught undergraduate and graduate accounting courses at Lamar University. Keith most recently served

**Tom Puffer** joined the faculty as a fulltime lecturer. Tom has a BBA degree in economics and recently completed a Master of Science in Accounting from Texas A&M Commerce.

Tom is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Systems Professional. He has served on the Advisory Board for the State of Texas Department of Information Resources and as Finance Chairman for a national technology conference. Tom has over 25 years of experience in industry and management consulting.

He started his career with the Gulf Oil Corporation serving as a systems developer in the computing department and subse-



**Dr. Christopher Proschko**

He earned his Juris Doctor from Baylor University School of Law. Chris is a Certified Public Accountant and has represented clients with the IRS/Audit Representation.

His law practice focused on tax preparation, bankruptcy filings, financial statement preparation and estate planning.



**Ms. Laurie Brown**

**Laurie Brown** is our new Graduate Advisor for the De-

### *Our Graduate Academic Advisor*

partment. In this role, Laurie will teach lower division accounting courses, advise graduate MAcy and MSAIT students, and oversee internship courses.

With significant experience in banking and real estate, she returned to school

and obtained both a BBA in Accounting and a Master of Accountancy from Texas State.

She is very familiar with the program and is eager to help accounting students progress toward graduation.

**Chris Proschko** joined the faculty as a fulltime lecturer. Chris completed his BBA in Accounting and MAcy at Texas State.

## BETA GAMMA SIGMA

*The business honor society welcomed 28 accounting students into the organization this summer and fall*



### Undergraduate

Wanetia Adams  
 Jorge Arriola-Patino  
 Marc-Antoine Balthazar  
 Trevor Bates  
 Zachary Beck  
 Blake Berger  
 Elizabeth Clementi  
 Marlen Garcia  
 Carla Gomez  
 Judy Gonzalez  
 Steven Kirkland  
 Justin Krautz  
 Jessaica Langford  
 Lucy Li  
 Kevin Mack  
 Diana Medlock  
 Alonso Mendoza  
 Roberto Migoyo-Estevez  
 Paige Nicar  
 Alexander Olson  
 Kayla Saathoff  
 Sara Smith  
 Jacob Tinney  
 Ying Wang  
 Katie Wiatrek

### Graduate

Megan McAfee  
 Michael Tabler  
 Ellen Ygnacio

**The Fall 2013 Beta Gamma Sigma Induction Ceremony** was held on **Monday, November 4, 2013** at 5:30 p.m. in the Dennis & Cindy Teaching Theatre, McCoy Hall 233.

## GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

The department would like to thank all graduate assistants for such excellent work this semester. Graduate assistants are a crucial part of the department and their work is valuable to their assigned faculty, students and the department.

We would like to congratulate and wish the best of luck to Tabitha, Nicki, and Ryan, who will be graduating this fall. Tabitha and Ryan will join Ernst & Young in Austin and Houston, respectively, and Nicki will be joining KPMG in Dallas. We look forward to hearing about your accomplishments in the near future!

*Top Left to Right:*

Ryan Johnson  
 Rickey Wright  
 Jose Hernandez  
 Christopher Boerner

*Not Pictured:* Matthew Ming

*Bottom Left to Right:*

Olivia Birkhead  
 Ashlynn Chouest  
 Laurie Barbosa  
 Tabitha Mullins  
 Nicki Johnson  
 Ellen Ygnacio



**Fall 2013 Graduate Assistants**



**Jose Hernandez**

We would like to thank Jose Hernandez, editor of this newsletter, for his diligence in gathering and writing articles for this issue. Jose received his BBA in Accounting from Texas State. He has been invited to participate in the award-winning KPMG PhD Project conference in Chicago later this fall.

Jose will complete his MACy in spring of 2014 and will then begin a fulltime career in public accounting with EY in their San Antonio office. We would also like to thank Jose for his assistance to the department this summer by stepping in as acting Advisor for our graduate programs.

*Our Fall 2013 Student Workers*

Fall 2013 Student Workers

The department would like to congratulate and wish the best of luck to Lyndsey Henson and Jennifer Jones who will be graduating this fall. Lyndsey has been with the department for 3 years and was admitted into the MACY program at Texas State. Jennifer Jones has been with the department for the past year and plans to pursue her graduate degree while working in the accounting profession.

We also would like to welcome two new student workers, Brandi Hentges and Amber Fleming. Brandi and Amber are shadowing our current student workers until the end of the semester in order to best learn their duties.

*Top Left to Right: Lyndsey Henson, Jennifer Jones, & Corey Walkup*

*Bottom Left to Right: Amber Fleming & Brandi Hentges*

**SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

The Department of Accounting would like to congratulate the following accounting students on receiving scholarships this past spring!

**J.C.Kellam Memorial Scholarship:** Brigham Morris

**Jesse & Betty Luxton Beta Gamma Sigma Scholarship:**  
Jacie Bell

**Presidential Upper Level Scholarship:** Stephanie Daul

**Ralph B. Rushing Scholarship in Business Administration:**  
Marlen Garcia

**Dempsey Serur Business Scholarship:** Diana Medlock

**Austin Chapter of TSCPA Scholarship:** Monica Wheelock

**H. C. Vivian Memorial Endowed Scholarship:** Olivia Birkhead, Elizabeth Clementi, Stephanie Daul & Ellen Ygnacio

**Gary & Mary Whittington Scholarship:** Cody Jarmon

**Gary V. Woods Scholarship:**  
Bang Huynh, Jessica Langford

**Outstanding Undergraduate Accounting Student:** Garrett Sloan

**5th Year Accounting Scholarship:** Ashlynn Chouest, Jose Hernandez, Martin Rodriguez, Dusty Whittaker & Alexander Young

**Accounting Club Endowed Scholarship:** Tyler Lunceford

**Bradley T. Ambroson Endowed Scholarship:** Matthew Henley

**Beta Gamma Sigma Scholarship:** Stephanie Daul

**Bill J. Bishop/Otis G. Reese Scholarship:** Brittany Brambila

**Charles R. Bracy CPA Memorial/Jerry L. Moore Endowed Presidential Scholarship:** Aaron Contreras

**Richard & Kathy Clay Endowed/Guillermo A. Wolff Memorial Endowed Scholarship:**  
Carla Gomez

**James H. & Helen S. Dotson Family Scholarship:** Jacob Tineny

**Elaine Eikner Memorial Scholarship:** Alexander Olson

**Robert Ellison Memorial Scholarship:** Matthew Henley, Lucy Li & Brittany Shostrum

## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

*Our talented faculty are committed to providing excellence in accounting research and education*

### Articles Published by Faculty

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*ics & Behavior* (March 2013), 23(2), 117-132.

**Raiborn, Cecily, Butler, Janet and Zelazny, Lucian**., "Standard Costing Variances: Potential Red Flags of Fraud?", *Cost Management* (May/June 2013), 27(3), 16-27.

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Shelton, M. L., **Thompson, Steve** and Serrett, R. (2012) A Uniform CPA Exam, but Not-So Uniform Requirements, *The CPA Journal* (November): 62-65.

**Rutledge, Robert**, Karim, K. E., Wang, R. (2013). International Copper Futures Market Price Linkage and Information Transmission: Empirical Evidence from the Primary World Copper Markets. *Journal of International Business Research*, 12(1), 113-131.

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### Research Grants

**Morris, Roselyn**. (Principal), **Montondon, Lucille**. (Supporting), **Moffitt, Kathleen**. (Supporting), Sansone, M. (Supporting), Grant, "Examining Engineering Costs for Development of Highway Projects", Texas Department of Transportation, State, \$314,000.00, Funded. (sub: December 22, 2010, start: January 1, 2011, end: August 31, 2012).

## BOBCAT ALUMNI

As Texas State continues to grow, our alumni also strengthens in numbers. We are very fortunate to have such committed and successful alumni who choose to come back and assist our accounting students in becoming future business professionals. We asked our alumni who were present at the alumni dinner to share some insight on their successes after graduation. Alumni were instructed to provide their graduation year, firm, and a success story. We hope to continue this tradition in every newsletter and we urge all alumni to continue sharing their successes with our students and with the department. Go Bobcats!

<b>Debbie Alexander</b> Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC	<b>1982</b>	<i>President of Accounting Club and Treasurer of BAP. I had an internship with KPMG in 2010 and upon graduation. I am now working full time as a federal tax associate."</i>	<i>cruiting at Texas State and being a part of growing our recruitment efforts on campus over the past 5 years. Being involved in leading, training, and developing our staff."</i>	
<b>William Arcentaly</b> CTM	<b>2008</b>	<b>Aaron Freeman</b> Padgett Stratemann <i>"I passed my CPA!!</i>	<b>2010</b>	
<i>"Working with a great group of people and finding a great mentor who has shaped me into a great tax associate."</i>		<b>Jose Hernandez</b> Ernst & Young <i>"Although I'm still in the Master's program I believe my college career was/is memorable due to Texas State. I had the privilege of working with great faculty and students while I was a student, student worker, officer, president of BAP and currently as a graduate assistant. Thanks to them I now have a full-time offer with EY."</i>	<b>2012</b>	
<b>Ronny Armstrong</b> Atchley & Associates LLP	<b>1985</b>	<b>Charlie Hollemn</b> Calhoun, Thomson & Matza, LLP <i>"Have successfully moved from Associate to Manager within the firm since graduation, became a CPA licensed in 2009, and have continued to be heavily involved in recruiting from TX State and have had many great recruits from the University that are still with our firm and hope to get many more!"</i>	<b>2005</b>	
<i>"I was the first child on my family to graduate from college. The practical knowledge I gained from Texas State University prepared me for a successful career in public accounting as an audit partner."</i>		<b>Bruce Howard</b> Fisher, Herbst & Kemble <i>'Stelos Alliance Award- 2012 from housing leadership program."</i>	<b>1975</b>	
<b>Tyler Bickel</b> Melton & Melton, LLP	<b>2011</b>	<b>Brian Konvicka</b> Ernst & Young <i>"Being at Ernst and Young for 5 years and getting promoted to manager. Being actively involved in re-</i>	<b>2008</b>	
<i>"I have a great job, passed my CPA exam and love my job!"</i>				
<b>Casey Castle</b> Atchley & Associates LLP	<b>2012</b>			
<i>"My last interview was with Atchley and I always wanted to be in Austin—I made it! I did my internship in Spring 2012 and I was hired on as Tax Staff immediately after! I have now been with Atchley for a little over a year and love it!"</i>				
<b>Daija Dolmetsch</b> KPMG	<b>2012</b>			
<i>"I started at Texas State in the Fall of 2008. In a few short years, through the opportunities available in the Accounting student organizations (Accounting Club, BAP). I became</i>				
			<b>Kim Marek</b> Melton & Melton, LLP <i>"Went to work for this firm right out of school, am a manager now; have gotten to work on clients in numerous industries and gained another family (my Co-workers). I took Dr. Morris for auditing which pretty much persuaded me to head in that direction and I still love it to this day."</i>	<b>2002</b>
			<b>Candice McComb</b> Calhoun, Thomson & Matza, LLP <i>"I made senior after my first year in public accounting; I have continued to develop my career including passing my CPA exam. I have also grown my family with the birth of my son and maintained a work life balance."</i>	<b>2009</b>
			<b>Crystal Mitchell</b> Atchley & Associates LLP <i>"I was the first of my family to go to college. I graduated in 2007 with my undergrad in accounting and from there I went on to get my master's in business administration. I now work for a top 10 local accounting firm in Austin and will soon have my CPA. I have always believed that you have to set a goal and you can't let anything keep you from accomplishing it. Once you reach one goal set another."</i>	<b>2007</b>
			<b>Amy Nguyen</b> Calhoun, Thomson & Matza, LLP <i>"Engaged in projects involving some</i>	<b>2013</b>
			<i>Continued on next page</i>	

## ALUMNI continued...

*of the biggest clients at my firm. About to start training on insurance returns."*

### Christopher Pantoja 2006

Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC

*"Tx State → CRI. The arrow represents 8 years of hard work in tax. Tx State gave me the base skills required to become a CPA and have a successful career in tax."*

### Kathryn Skrobareczyk 2010

Ernst and Young

*"I have completed my first year as co-senior on the 11<sup>th</sup> largest company in the world. I have had the opportunity to take a large role in recruiting at Texas State University by planning and participating in events with the students. Examples: Speak and present at Accounting Club, coordinate with Accounting Club Office tour, plan bowling event, attend Alumni Weekend, and greet students at on campus interviews. Developing new employees by teaching inventory training and providing on the job coaching."*

### Anna Tallent 2001

Ernst and Young

*"During my time at Texas State as an international student I was so fortunate that organizations like Beta Alpha Psi existed. It provided me the opportunity to network with firms like EY and start my career. I am now a senior manager in assurance and am hoping to make EY my long-term career."*

### Douglas Tallant 2011

*"I worked at H&R Block from Jan-Apr of 2012 and an Austin bookkeeper from June of 2013- Feb 2013. I also joined the Civil Air Patrol."*

### Nick Waltman 2012

Ernst & Young

*"Got CPA done first year of work."*

### Dusty Whittaker 2013

Ernst & Young

*"I embarked on my exceptional EY experience in public accounting."*



## CONGRATULATIONS

Ted Dickman, **BKD, LLP** chief executive officer, is proud to announce Makayla Matheson as the employee recipient of the firm's 2013 PRIDE Award.

The award is given each year to one partner and one employee who exemplify the firm's PRIDE values: passion, respect, integrity, discipline and excellence. BKD partners and employees nominate their peers for the award, and the winners are chosen by the firm's Governing Board.

Matheson is a supervisor providing audit and accounting services to not-for-profit organizations, including private schools, universities, health and welfare organizations and foundations, as well as clients in the construction and real estate industries. In her nearly five years with the firm, she has consistently demonstrated an upbeat, can-do attitude and a passion for training staff, which led her to sign on as a counselor for Camp BKD, the firm's weeklong training and orientation for new hires.

"Makayla is a great example of what it means to live the PRIDE," Dickman said. "Her positive attitude and professional skills make her a wonderful representation of **The BKD Experience of unmatched client service**. Congratulations to Makayla on earning this well-deserved honor."

Matheson received her award during a June 19 ceremony at The Midland in Kansas City, Missouri, during BKD's Leadership Conference.

**BKD, LLP** is a national CPA and advisory firm. BKD's approximately 2,000 personnel, including approximately 250 partners, serve clients in all 50 states and internationally.

The Department would like to thank Nancy Ozuna, partner at BKD, for bringing this outstanding recognition to our attention and for providing this press release.

## ACCREDITATION continued...

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These standards require a high quality teaching environment, a commitment to continuous improvement, and curricula responsive to the needs of businesses.

"It takes a great deal of self evaluation and determination to earn both accounting and business accreditation, and I commend Texas State University for its dedication to management education, as well as its leadership in the community," said Robert D. Reid, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International.

"Through accreditation, Texas State University has not only met specific standards of excellence, but has also made a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver high quality education to its students."

The Department of Accounting would like to offer a special thanks to Dr. Rosie Morris for her efforts and leadership in helping us achieve this special designation.



# Accounting Club

*It's accrual world, be audit you can be!*

## MEET THE FIRMS

**September 20** - The Texas State Accounting Club hosted the Fall 2012 Accounting Job Fair at the Hill Country Event Center in San Marcos, Texas. Accounting Club would like to thank Briggs & Veselka for sponsoring the job fair this semester.

Despite the heavy rainfall, 23 accounting firms and governmental agencies sent representatives to visit with Accounting majors. Firms spoke about their career opportunities available to approximately 120 students who attended.

The job fair provides accounting students with the opportunity to gain marketability, to grow comfortable with professional interaction, and to expand their personal network with both public and

industry professionals. Upperclassmen attend the fair to seek internships or full-time employment after graduation. Those who are not yet seeking internships or full-time employment use this chance to grow accustomed to the interviewing process and meet the staff members and recruiters who will be participating in the annual golf tournament.

A resume book, containing approximately 75 resumes of accounting majors, was sent to the firms prior to the Fair to provide the recruiters with a preview of the students they would be meeting. Members from all three accounting organizations volunteered to assist Accounting Club.

Due to the inclement weather, the Annual Golf Tournament, that was planned for the following morning, was cancelled.



*Above: Eric Delafosse & Daija Dolmetsch (KPMG)*

*Right: Brittany Kelly, Paul Wiese (Roger CPA), Dianna Metlock, Ashley Barnhart (Roger CPA)*



*Right: Carla Gomez, William Franke, Ivana Valdes & Aaron Contreras*

*Below: MACY student & Nick Waltman (EY)*



*Left: Dr. Kasey Martin, Samantha Martinez (Briggs & Veselka), Lauren Robicheaux (Briggs & Veselka), Sid Nueno (Briggs & Veselka), Dr. Lucille Montondon*

*Right: Robert Boggs (EY) & student*



## Officers

**President** - Brittany Kelly

**Treasurer** - Cassandra Barber

**Treasurer** - Alex Olson

**Secretary** - Pilar Gomez

**VP of Special Projects** - Marlen Garcia

**VP of Special Projects** - Carla Gomez

**VP of Programs** - Jorge Arriola

**VP of Programs** - Eric Delafosse

**VP of Community/Faculty Relations** - Aaron Contreras

**VP of Electronic Communications** - Ivana Valdes

**VP of Electronic Communications** - Diana Metlock

## Save The Date

The next job fair is on **January 24, 2014**

# Accounting Club

**September 12** - Every year the Accounting Club travels to San Antonio to visit with students from Holmes High School. The Accounting Club advisors, members and Bruce Howard (Fisher, Herbst & Kimble) gave a presentation regarding preparation to attend college. They shared information about finding a major, choosing a school, applying for scholarships, planning ahead, and being independent.

Marlen Garcia said, "It was a great experience to go back to Holmes High School and help students prepare for their future."

*Student Presenters:* Jorge Arriola, Colin Dehorney, Marlen Garcia and Aundrea Mathis

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Brittany Kelly**

I am so proud to be part of the Accounting

Club, and honored to take part in its growth. It is truly a great resource for accounting students to develop professionally and create a great network.

Accounting Club is continuously exploring opportunities to help bobcats get the job of their dreams. It offers many opportunities for students to meet with professionals, and get a good idea of what career path they want to venture.

## COLLEGE PREPARATION

*Accounting Club visits Holmes High School*



## EY Etiquette Dinner

**October 23** - The E&Y Etiquette Dinner was held at the San Marcos Embassy Suites. The dinner was underwritten by E&Y. We owe a special thanks to E&Y partner and Accounting Advisory Board member David Brown for making the dinner possible.

We were fortunate to have Ms. Dorothy Evans conduct our etiquette training. Ms. Evans educated students on proper etiquette for business and formal dining events.

Students learned about the proper handshake, appropriate dinner conversation, interacting with the host or hostess, general table manners, and much more.

Sixty students attended the event with eleven faculty members and eleven representatives from E&Y representing offices in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. Students thoroughly enjoyed the event and we hope that it will continue as an annual affair.

Office visits to San Antonio and Austin each semester have really benefited the students by allowing them to network with a variety of firms and get a better understanding of each firm's culture. We are currently working on expanding the office visits to Houston.

This fall, Accounting Club had its first etiquette dinner that was hosted by EY. There were over 60 students who attended and the keynote

speaker was astounding.

In addition, Accounting Club has implemented counseling sessions each week offering students the opportunity to meet with managers and partners from various firms. Students are able to ask professionals for career advice, resume building, mock interviewing, and ask questions they would be afraid to ask in a different setting.

## Office Visits

and lunch time with Novogradac. Both firms presented an overview of the firm's objectives, and what they would look for in potential candidates

Many students expressed how helpful the event was in giving them an understanding of what to expect from a professional environment. It also gave them a better understanding of the relative size between firms, and what that really amounts to as reflected in each of the firm's corporate culture and organizational structure.

By: **Aaron Contreras**

Every semester we put together an office visit to give students an opportunity to experience the professional environment of different CPA firms. These firms open up their doors and allow students to really get a feel for the cultural backdrop that each firm has to offer.

This semester twelve students took part in our Austin office visit and got the chance to visit the offices of Novogradac and BDO. It was a morning event that took place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We spent the morning at BDO



## Golf Tournament

**November 9** - Seven weeks after the Alumni Dinner, the Accounting Club hosted its annual golf tournament at Quail Creek Country Club with a total of approximately 70 participants.

Despite the ironic light rain that greeted the participants in the morning, the day provided perfect golf weather. Participants had the opportunity to network and munch on Lolita's taco or practice their swing before tee off at 9 a.m.

As always, the amount of support from the firms was incredible. There were a total of 33 representatives from different firms in attendance.

The department would like to thank all firms for their support. Since the beginning of the golf tournament, sup-

port for the golf tournament has grown each year with the increase of student and firm attendance. Increased attendance provides for a better opportunity for our students to interact with their peers and accounting firms.

Eric Delafosse (*pictured below right*), VP of Programs, said, "The firm helped with my golf game and social skills. It didn't take long to find out that they enjoy hanging out and having fun just as much as we do as students."

The Accounting Club would like to also thank all faculty members who attended the golf tournament. A special thank you goes to Dr. Steven Thompson (*pictured bottom right corner*), faculty, who assists the Accounting Club with the team assignment for every golf tourna-



CTM & BKD



Padgett Stratemann

The winning team had a score of 66 and consisted of Dr. Steve Thompson (faculty), Blake Berger (student), Justin Kraus (student), Candice McComb (CTM), and Derek Stahlman (BKD). *Team pictured on the left.*

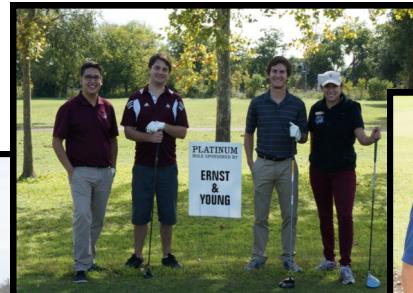
Beta Alpha Psi would like to thank everyone who participated in their fundraiser, "Closest to the Hole." The first place winner was Mitchell Devonport from Calhoun, Thomson, & Matza. The second place winner was Justin Glossen, student, and the "Hard Luck" prize was received by Kayla Saathoff, student.



Calhoun, Thomson & Matza



Deloitte



EY



Dr. Thompson & Brittany



## ALUMNI DINNER

76 Students, 12 Accounting Firms, Numerous Network Opportunities

**September 20th** - Beta Alpha Psi hosted this year's Alumni Dinner at the McCoy College of Business. The annual event is a part of the Alumni Weekend that consists of Meet the Firms and the annual Golf Tournament.

The student organized event gathers accounting majors, faculty, accounting firms and Texas State Alumni for an evening of networking opportunities. The dinner is also a great way for current students and faculty to catch up with alumni and their accomplishments.

The department would like to thank all the firms and alumni that were present at the dinner this year and we're looking forward to seeing everyone at the next Alumni Dinner.



## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



**Aundre'a Mathis**

Our chapter has experienced tremendous growth over the past year. We now have an astonishing 110-member chapter and this semester we can boast an applicant pool of 120 individuals.

Individuals. The rigorous competition of our applicants enabled us to accept only 50 astounding candidates.

Our chapter is currently preparing to compete in all five of the National Best Practice and Case Competitions. 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.

Kappa Eta partners with Junior Achievement, The Food Bank, The Boys and Girls Club, AWARE, and San Marcos Parks

and Recreation to positively give back to our community through philanthropic outreach.

We expose our members to various professionals through national conferences, regional conferences, and several professional job fairs and networking events. It is our mission to develop the whole individual through a variety of professional and volunteer initiatives.

When Kappa Eta members graduate, they are equipped with the necessary skills needed to be successful businessmen and businesswomen throughout their professional careers.

## THANK YOU



Special recognition was given to Bruce Howard by Brittany Kelley and Carla Gomez. Bruce assisted accounting students with career counseling and resume assistance.

## SILENT AUCTION

Winners of the silent auction were Dr. Roselyn Morris (not pictured), Anna Tallant, and Dr. Kasey Martin.



Jorge Arriola & Dr. Kasey Martin (Faculty Advisor)



Anna Tallant (EY) & Aundre'a Mathis

# Beta Alpha Psi

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Kappa Eta visits California and prepares to become host chapter*

**August 8—10** - Beta Alpha Psi members and their new faculty advisor, Tracie Nobles, traveled to Anaheim, California to present at the International Beta Alpha Psi Conference. Andrew Cruise, President, and Aundrea Mathis, Vice-President, presented an operational presentation titled, "Building Strong Alumni Relations."

Marlen Garcia (*pictured above*), VP of Media, was one of fifty students who competed in Project It Run With It (PRWI). PRWI is a competition that provides students with case studies in order to engage students in real-world consulting. Marlen worked with other students across the country and presented a presentation titled "A Place To Call Home."



Other students who attended the national conference were Cody Jarmon, VP of Fundraising and Jorge Arriola (*pictured to the left*), VP of Regional Conference.

The Kappa Eta chapter is currently preparing to become the host chapter for the 2014 Southwest Regional Meeting in San Antonio, TX.

As seen to the right, the chapter is currently working on their best practice presentations for the next regional meeting. Topics for next years Best Practice are leadership, strategic planning and collaboration.

Aundre'a Mathis said, "The chapter is the only chapter hosting the regional meeting this upcoming spring. We have designed a full website

for the meeting and have booked the hotel."

The southwest region expands to several states in the country.

Mathis said, "Approximately 32 active chapters in our region will be attending the conference and we are currently deciding between 6 possible key note speakers. We are also putting together a alumni panel comprised of Kappa Eta alumni."

The department wishes the chapter great luck with their competitions and their regional meeting!



## EXPANDING OUTREACH

*Two new volunteer activities added this fall*

The Texas State BAP chapter added two new volunteer events this semester. Officers and Candidate Officers in charge of volunteer activities have recruited members to volunteer at the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas (*above right*) and Junior Achievement.

On their first day at the Food Bank, 13 members worked with others from the Austin community and together they helped serve beverages to 5000 people which had a combined weight of 6,600

pounds. The chapter has planned to bring 5 more groups of 15 people during the fall semester.

24 BAP members visited Dezavala Elementary School as a part of Junior Achievement. Members paired up and taught various lessons to approximately 270 students ranging from kindergarten to second grade.

BAP member Jose Hernandez said, "It was one of the best volunteer events I've done with Beta Alpha Psi. I'm



looking forward to the chapter working with Junior Achievement again in the near future."

Beta Alpha Psi would like to thank Dezavala Elementary and Glena Skinner, Program Coordinator for Junior Achievement, for giving the chapter the opportunity to work with Junior Achievement.



## SAVE THE DATE

*Beta Alpha Psi Semi-Annual Legacy Dinner*

*Date: Saturday, December 7, 2013*

*Time: 6:00 –8:00 p.m.*

*Location: Alkek Library Room 250*

*Point of Contact:* If you would like to attend, please RSVP by November 29th, 2013 to Aundre'a Mathis at [am1721@txstate.edu](mailto:am1721@txstate.edu)

## Officers

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Katie Holmes

**VP of Media Relations:**  
Marlen Garcia

**VP of Volunteer Activities:**  
Megan Mayea

**VP of Membership:**  
Alan Couoh

**VP of Fundraising:**  
Cody Jarmon



## ANNUAL LUNCHEON

**April 26** - Five students from the Texas State Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) attended the Austin Cen-Tex Chapter Annual Scholarship and Awards Luncheon held in Austin, Texas. Students networked with professionals and students from other NABA chapters including UT-Austin, Huston-Tillotson, and St. Edwards University. It was a great opportunity to hear an inspiring keynote speaker, Jeff Kick from 3M, provide students insight on "How to Spot or Become a World Class Accounting Professional – a Pragmatic Guide".



**Andrew, Marissa & Colin**

Texas State students, Andrew Cruise, VP for Operations, and Colin Dehorney, President, received scholarships from the local NABA chapter and were recognized for their achievements. Marissa Perry, VP of Membership, was recognized as the Austin Cen-Tex outstanding student member for her service and dedication to the Texas State Chapter (students pictured above).



**Texas State Alum, Monica Thompson, interviews Texas State NABA member, Tonya Champagne, at pre-conference workshop.**

The Texas State NABA Chapter hosted a workshop for the Austin Cen-Tex NABA University Chapters on September

## SPONSORSHIP

Texas State NABA also had the opportunity to host and sponsor several events through our partnership with E&Y and Conoco Phillips. In an effort to make a connection with students early in their academic career, NABA and Conoco Phillips hosted a "Night of Networking". Freshman and sophomore accounting and finance students were invited to spend an



**Louis Holley & Jonathan Stumpff**

*Lifting As We Climb*

## STUDENT CONFERENCE

14<sup>th</sup> in order to prepare students for the upcoming NABA Southwest Western Regional Conference to be held in Houston, Texas.

Professionals helped students by reviewing resumes, holding mock interviews and giving tips on professional dress. Students will be much better prepared and able to walk into the conference more confident knowing what to expect thanks to a successful workshop.

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evening with accounting professionals and other NABA students to learn how to jumpstart their careers.

Students circulated around tables for short presentations on accounting education, resume writing, 30-second elevator pitch, networking, etiquette and the benefits of NABA. Also, with the help of our sponsors, this past spring Texas State NABA awarded an EY scholarship to Jonathan Stumpff and awarded a Conoco Phillips Member of the Year to Louis Holley (pictured to the left).

# NABA

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Colin Dehorney

NABA is recognized as a leader in expanding the influence of minority professionals in the

business community. Inspired by the national motto, "Lifting as We Climb", our student chapter realizes that acquiring knowledge and skills are not as important as sharing it.

We encourage and assist students to pursue careers in the accounting and finance profession and also provide the resources and confidence to

make them successful.

Our association offers students the opportunity to network with professionals and other students. Members attend regional conferences and workshops designed to develop their professional skills, and attend national conferences that allow members to network with minority business leaders nationwide. Additional-

ly, NABA stresses the importance of "Lifting as We Climb" by sharing our time, knowledge, and resources with the community.

As I approach graduation and reflect back on my involvement with NABA and the opportunities I have received from interning with EY, the contacts and relationships I have formed both



### ***"Lifting As We Climb"***

with professionals and other chapter members, I am grateful for the experience and look forward to becoming a professional member.

## STUDY NIGHT



NABA continues to host a "Study Night" twice each semester. The effort began as a way to connect students to NABA and accounting early in their academic careers. Upper level accounting students from both NABA and BAP answer questions and provide assistance to students enrolled in introductory accounting classes. The nights have helped both sets of students retain and reinforce basic accounting concepts and fits NABA mission of "Lifting as We Climb."

### *Officers*

**President:** Colin Dehorney

**VP of Operations:** Jonathan Stumpff

**Treasurer:** Alan Couoh

**VP of Communications:** Munachi Amaechi

**VP of Membership:** Louis Holley

**SCREP Coordinator:** Tonya Champagne

## SPONSORSHIP continued . . .

NABA along with sponsor, Ernst & Young, hosted a social at Sunset Lanes in San Marcos. The students along with EY representatives enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship along with some friendly competition on the lane. Basil Brown had the top score of the night but fun was had by all.



*Left to Right: Jonathan Stumpff, Victoria Pfaff & Megan McAfee*

## CONFERENCE continued . . .



In October 3-5, 16 students (*pictured above*) from the Texas State NABA chapter attended the Regional Conference in Houston, Texas. More information about the conference will be provided in the spring newsletter.

# DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING COURSE ROTATION

## 2014

### Tentative Undergraduate Accounting Courses

Course No.	Name of Course	Spring	Sum I	Sum II
ACC 2301	Survey in Accounting	X	X	
ACC 2361	Intro. to Financial Accounting	X	X	
ACC 2362	Intro. to Managerial Accounting	X	X	X
ACC 3313	Intermediate Accounting I	X	X	
ACC 3314	Intermediate Accounting II	X		
ACC 3363	Governmental Acct.	X		
ACC 3365	Cost Accounting	X		X
ACC 3385	Acct. Systems	X		
ACC 4313	Internal Audit	X		
ACC 4328	Survey of Income Tax	X	X	

### Tentative Graduate Accounting Courses

Course No.	Name of Course	Spring	Sum I	Sum II
ACC 5315	Selected Topics in Finance Accounting	X		
ACC 5316	Advanced Accounting			
ACC 5320	Auditing	X		
ACC 5350	Professional Accounting Research	X		
ACC 5361	Analysis for DM	X		
ACC 5362	Cost and Managerial Acct. Theory	X		
ACC 5366	Business Taxation	X		
ACC 5370	Internship in Accounting	X		
ACC 5372	Tax Research	X	X	
ACC 5375	Business Information Consulting	X		
ACC 5389	Corporate Governance & Ethics	X	X	

\* = To be determined

NOTE: All schedules are subject to change.

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## INFORMATION AND DATES

### *Fall*

Oct 10 - Dec 17	Spring 2013 Registration
Nov 4	Beta Gamma Sigma Induction Ceremony, 5:30 p.m. McCoy 233
Nov 27 - 29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 5	Last Day of Class
Dec 7 - 13	Final Exams
Dec 13	Masters Hooding Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.
Dec 13 - 14	Commencement
Dec 18	Grades Available on CatsWeb

### *Spring*

Jan 2 - 9	Late Registration & Schedule Changes
Jan 13	First Day of Class
Jan 13 - 22	Schedule Changes

### Useful Links & Contacts

Accounting Department	512 245 2566	<a href="http://accounting.mccoy.txstate.edu">http://accounting.mccoy.txstate.edu</a>
Registrar	512 245 2367	<a href="http://www.registrar.txstate.edu">www.registrar.txstate.edu</a>
NABA	512 245 2019	<a href="http://www.txstatenaba.com">www.txstatenaba.com</a>
Accounting Club	512 245 2566	<a href="http://www.business.txstate.edu/acctclub">www.business.txstate.edu/acctclub</a>
Beta Alpha Psi	512 245 3307	<a href="http://www.txstatebap.com">www.txstatebap.com</a>
CATS Registration Help Line	512 245 2888	
Accounting Major Handbook		<a href="http://accounting.mccoy.txstate.edu/resources/information-for-acctg-majors.html">http://accounting.mccoy.txstate.edu/resources/information-for-acctg-majors.html</a>



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## NOTES

### When to interview for internships:

- 1) After taking Intermediate I and II
- 2) One year before doing internship
- 3) Internship should be approximately 18 months before CPA eligibility and graduate graduation.

**Reminder:** Firms are interviewing for spring 2015 interns this spring.

### Hooding Ceremony:

The Fall 2013 Hooding Ceremony for MACy Students will be held on December 13, 2013. The event will be held in the LBJ Teaching Theatre and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

### VITA Clinic:

Dr. Keith Kebodeaux and Dr. Chris Proschko will be in charge of the VITA Clinic for the Spring of 2014.

### Fifth Year Scholarship:

Once you are in the graduate program, make sure you have the FAFSA and Application of Intent on file for the 5th Year Scholarship.