

# From the Chair



Dr. Ann L. Watkins

#### $Dear\ Students,\ Alumni,\ and\ Friends\ of\ the\ Department\ of\ Accounting:$

We have come to the end of another successful fall semester. We would like to share our activities and achievements of the fall of 2014 with you through 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.

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, industry, and government. We believe the reasons for these achievements is in no small part due to the quality of our students, alumni, and faculty. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has helped the department meet these achievements and milestones of success.

Best Regards,

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Dr. Steve Thompson

# **Retiring Faculty**

Dr. Steve Thompson is retiring after 10 and a half years of service to Texas State and the Department of Accounting. Dr. Thompson was the first professor. He achieved some of the highest teaching evaluations in the college with the lowest GPAs in the department. While a member of the Texas State faculty, Dr. Thompson developed over 120 intellectual contributions including 6 books. He sat on two editorial board and is the retired winner of the Texas State "Digital Sage" award, a

a Woods Research Award recipient, and a recipient of the Deloitte Outstanding Educator Award. Dr. Thompson is the AICPA's lead educator in Partnership Taxation and Consolidated Corporate Tax Returns. He is also the primary teaching innovator and educator for EY and the only tax professor in the country invited to a four month teaching opportunity in Bangalore, India. Dr. Thompson will be missed by students and colleagues alike. We wish him all the best and invite him to visit often.

# **New Faculty**



Dr. Mina Pizzini

Mina Pizzini is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Accounting. Dr. Pizzini received her B.S. in Commerce from the University of Virginia, her MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, and her Ph.D. from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. A former CPA, Mina's work experience includes five years in auditing and finance. Prior to joining the Texas State faculty, Dr. Pizzini was on the faculties of the Naval Postgraduate School, Southern Methodist University, and the University of Texas at Dallas. Broadly, her research investigates determinants of management control system design and related performance effects. She conducts empirical studies that combine private, survey-based data on control system design with publicly available archival data on organizational structure

and performance. She has published articles in The Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting and Economics, Accounting, Organizations and Society, and Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory. Dr. Pizzini has served on multiple committees for the American Accounting Association (AAA) and is a former board member of the Management Accounting section. Dr. Pizzini serves as a reviewer for numerous top journals including The Accounting Review; Journal of Accounting Research; Journal of Accounting and Economics; Contemporary Accounting Review; Accounting; Organizations and Society; Management Science; and Journal of Labor Economics.



Dr. Randall Young

Randall Young is joining the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Accounting. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of North Texas and a Master of Accountancy from Abilene Christian University. Before joining academia, he worked in the hospitality industry, telecommunications industry, and public accounting. He spent the last six years as an Assistant Professor with the University of Texas – Pan American where he taught undergraduate and graduate courses in accounting information systems, IT auditing, auditing, internal auditing and fraud. In addition, he served as the coordinator of the Master of Accountancy and Master of Science in Accounting program. He has published in Communication of the Association for Information Systems, Information Systems Management, and Journal of Accounting and Finance, among others.

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#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles Published in 2014

- Cannon, N. H., Bedard, J. C., Schnader, A. (2014). The Changing Face of Auditor Reporting in the Broker-Dealer Industry. *Current Issues in Auditing*, 8(1), A1-A11. aaajournals.org/doi/abs/10.2308/ciia-50691
- Cannon, N. H., Omer, T. C., Christensen, B. E., Wood, D. A. (2014) Fair Value Measurements and Material Weaknesses: A Root Cause Analysis.
- Campbell, L., Jones, L. (2014). Automatic Information Exchange and Enhanced Transparency. *The CPA Journal, October*, 32-37.
- Campbell, L., Knowles, R. L., Martin, K. (2014). Disappearing Act: Insight for the Management Accountant on Recently Delisted US Companies. *Management Accounting Quarterly*, 15(2), 21-30.
- **Kebodeaux**, K. (2014). Condemnation of Pipeline Easements: Tax Planning from the Landowner's Perspective. *The Tax Adviser*.
- Martin, K., Sanders, E., Scalan, G. L. (2014). The Potential Impact of COSO Internal Control Integrated Framework Revision on Internal Audit Structured SOX Work Programs. *Research in Accounting Regulation*, *26*(1).
- **Puffer**, T. M. (2014). Full Cost vs. Successful Efforts: Endeavour International and Anadarko Petroleum. *Oil, Gas & Energy Quarterly/LexisNexis, LXII*(Volume 62, NO. 3), 515-526.
- Rutledge, R., Karim, K. E., Aleksanyan, M., Wu, C. (2014). An Examination of the Relationship between Corporate Social Responsibility and Financial Performance: The Case of Chinese State-Owned Enterprises. *Advances in Environmental Accounting & Management*, *5*, 1-22.
- Rutledge, R., Karim, K. E., Luo, X. (2014). The Effects of SOX on Firms Audited by Big-4 versus Non-Big-4 Audit Firms. *Journal of Accounting and Finance*, *14*(1), 86-102.
- Rutledge, R., Karim, K. E., Li, C. (2014). A Study of the Relationship between Renminbi Exchange Rates and Chinese Stock Prices. *International Economic Journal*, 28(3), 381-403.

#### Books Published in 2014

Mintz, S., Morris, R. (2014). *Ethical Obligations and Decision Making in Accounting* (3rd ed., pp. 500). New York, New York: McGraw Hill Higher Education.

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#### Presidential Awards for Excellence in Service



Dr. Roselyn E. Morris

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Service is given to faculty who exemplify commitment to public service as a responsibility to the university, their professional fields, and the community. This year, Dr. Roselyn Morris was recognized for her outstanding service to the university, the accounting profession, and the community by President Dennis Trauth during the fall convocation at Strahan Coliseum.

Dr. Morris's institutional service includes leadership and membership on numerous university, college, and department taskforces/committees. Most recently, she has been recognized for her efforts in acquiring AACSB initial accounting accreditation. Her professional service features significant regional and national leadership as well as committee involvement with various academic and CPA associations including the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, Accounting Education Foundation, Central Texas Higher Education Authority, and American Accounting Association. In the community, she served as treasurer and president of Junior Service League, co-chair of San Marcos Youth Summit, and was named to the San Marcos Women's Hall of Fame.



Dr. Linda Campbell

Linda Campbell received the Dean's Nominee award for Scholarly and Creative works at the assistant professor level.



Dr. Kasey Martin

Kasey Martin received the Dean's Nominee award for Service at the assistant professor level.Dr. Martin was also recognized for completing the Creating and Teaching an Online Course July 2014 Workshop.



Dr. Nate Cannon

Dr. Nate Cannon was recognized for his completion of the Program for Excellence in Teaching and Learning workshop during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Three faculty members were recognized for their years of service at Texas State University.



Dr. Steve Thompson 10 years of service



Ms. Diane Eure 20 years of service



Dr. Lu Montondon 25 years of service

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#### Accounting Club

#### SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY: Hol

**Holmes High School Visits Texas State** 

FEBRUARY:

**Business Leadership Week** 

San Antonio Office Visit

Meet the Firms

MARCH:

**Bobcat Build** 

#### **OFFICERS**

President - Ivana Valdes VP of Community Relations- David Acosta VP of Community Relations- Juan Garcia VP of Electronic Communications- Victoria Slaid VP of Electronic Communications- Zane Muddiman VP of Faculty Relations- Jason Ng VP of Special Projects- Veronica Hidalgo VP of Special Projects- Corey Walkup Assistant VP of Special Projects- Amber Fleming Assistant VP of Special Projects—Brandi Hentges VP of Programs- Aubrey DeBose VP of Programs- Haylie Hardin VP of Scholarships- Diana Medlock Secretary- Jordan Walden Treasurer William Birkhead Treasurer— Matthew Perry

#### From the President



Ivana Valdes, Accounting Club President

"It is an honor to be a part of the Accounting Club; the opportunities offered to our students are endless."

The Accounting Club is a great way for students to network with accounting professionals and build long-lasting relationships with other students.

In addition, Accounting Club gives students the ability to be involved in activities such as our annual Golf Tournament. Multiple accounting firms get paired up with accounting club members and play a golf game, resulting in a great networking experience in a relaxed environment. We also participate in attending a business-oriented high school in San Antonio to show them what being a Bobcat is all about! Specifically, we focus on what being an accounting major means. We visited San Antonio an Austin accounting firms which helped students get a feel for the culture and environment of various accounting firms.

This semester, it was a pleasure to host for the second year in a row an etiquette dinner for our students. Ernst & Young has been great to the Accounting Club and helps us put this event together. It is a great learning experience for our members, as well as another wonderful opportunity for them to network with accounting professionals.

We pride ourselves in doing as much as possible to prepare our students for getting in front of their future employer and putting their best foot forward.

#### MEET THE FIRMS

The Accounting Club at Texas State puts on a job fair for accounting undergraduate and graduate students every semester called Meet the Firms, to provide them with the opportunity to obtain internships and full-time positions with accounting firms. Meet the Firms provides an outstanding opportunity for aspiring accountants; dozens of firms travel from across the state to meet with the CPAs of the future. Ranging from Big 4, national, regional, and local firms, we furnish Bobcats with the tools to succeed in the professional business market. Meet the Firms has grown from an off-campus event to an occasion held in the LBJ ballroom due to the strong demand for McCoy students. The Accounting Club is dedicated to Meet the Firms and continuing its legacy of success in granting valuable networking experiences. In attendance this fall, were 29 firms, 90 professionals, 157 students, and 28 student volunteers. The Accounting Club Resume Book boasted 92 resumes which were sent to all firms. McCoy students obtain internships in Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio with firms such as EY, Deloitte, PWC, KPMG, and GT to name a few.



Left to Right: Cassie Beasley, Ivana Valdes, & Jason Fischer



Students, firms, and professionals gathered at the LBJ Ballroom for the Fall 2014 Meet the Firms event.



Left to Right: Julie Burkhart, Chelsea Smith, Amber Fleming, Jordan Walden, and Ivana Valdes.

# ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual golf tournament is the final event of our Alumni Weekend. It allows students to network with accounting professionals in a much more relaxed environment during a full round of golf! Often, students are presented with opportunities to become employed during this time either full time or as an intern with the participating firms.

This year's event was held at the prestigious Onion Creek Golf Course in south Austin and had over 100 students and professionals in attendance. At the termination of the event, we held an awards ceremony recognizing not only the top and bottom teams along with a variety of other creative awards, but also recognizing the firms for their participation and support of our organization. We hope to not only build the students' knowledge of opportunities for their professional future, but also their confidence in networking with people in the accounting profession. The opportunities and connections made at these events are invaluable to the futures of our students.



# **ERNST & YOUNG ETIQUETTE DINNER**

Social and dining etiquette plays a key role in today's business world. The Etiquette Dinner, hosted by Ernst and Young, is an event that helps students learn to conduct themselves in a professional dining setting with prospective employers, while also having the opportunity to network with Texas State Alumni. An etiquette expert guides students through a sit down, 3-course meal, providing lessons on everything from eating utensils to how to introduce oneself properly. The Accounting Club provides the opportunity to learn these skills which are crucial to securing a job and advancing in a career.

# **HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL VISIT**

Nine members of the accounting club traveled to San Antonio as guest speakers for Holmes High School (Business Careers H.S.). The accounting club students, along with Bruce Howard, presented to approximately 240 high school students and spoke on the college experience and how to prepare for it. The high school students were especially curious about campus life and what benefits college has to offer.

The accounting club students each had captivating moments where they shared their unique story of how and why they went to college, and each gave their own piece of advice to the high school students. The ultimate goal of the presentation was to get the high school students excited about going to college and relinquish any anxiety or uncertainty they might have had. From the questions being asked during the presentation, it was clear that hearing from experienced college students and Bruce Howard was influential to the high school students.



Left to Right: Nicole Garza, Texas State Alum Jose Hernandez, and Chris Villareal at the Etiquette Dinner.

#### **OFFICE VISITS**

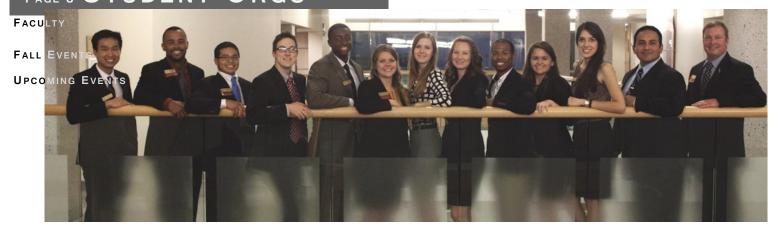
The office visits are a great way to show students the work environments with different companies as well as allowing them get a feel for which side of accounting most interests them. This also provides a great networking opportunity.

The San Antonio office visit took place on Friday October 17, with about 10 students participating. The morning began at ATKG, progressed to Ernst & Young, and ended with Weaver. This office visit provided a great view of different sized firms in the San Antonio area and the type of clients they deal with.

The Austin office visit took place on Friday, November 8, with about 12 students participating. Beginning with BDO, then on to Padgett Stratemann, and ending with Novogradac.

Both the Austin and San Antonio office visits went smoothly and were a great success. All firms brought plenty of professionals in both the audit and tax areas, which allowed for one-on-one networking opportunities for the students. In addition, most of the firms brought their managing partners to give a presentation and a Q & A about the company.

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BETA ALPHA PSI

#### SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY:

FEBRUARY:

**Southwest Regional Meeting** 

MARCH:

**Bobcat Build Service Project** 

#### **OFFICERS**

President - Aundrea Mathis
Vice President - Raphael Croce
Vice President - Stefanie Welter
VP of Membership - Melody Everson
VP of Financial Affairs - Jason Fischer
VP of Reporting - Julie Burkhart
VP of Media Relations - Haylie Hardin
VP of Fundraising - Jacob Gonzales
VP of Volunteer Activities - Mark Rodriguez
VP of Volunteer Activities - Ken Coheen
VP of Reporting - Cassie Beasley
VP of Reporting - Anthony Bone
VP of Alumni Affairs - Franz Hutter
VP of Special Projects - Amber Fleming

From the President



Aundrea Mathis, 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."

Our chapter continued to experience tremendous growth throughout the past semester. We now have an astonishing 120-member chapter and this semester we boast an impressive applicant pool. The rigorous competition and heightened prestige of our organization enabled us to accept only 41 outstanding candidates.

Our chapter is currently preparing to compete in all three Best Practice 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.

It is our mission to develop the whole individual through a variety of professional and philanthropic initiatives. When Kappa Eta members step into the halls of any professional place, they are equipped with the necessary skills needed to be successful businessmen and businesswomen throughout their professional careers.

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

August 6 – 9 -Beta Alpha Psi members and their new faculty advisor, Laurie Brown, traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to present and compete at the International Beta Alpha Psi Conference. Cody Jarmon, previous VP of Fundraising and Jacob Gonzalez, VP of Fundraising, presented an operational presentation titled, "The Art of Successful Fundraising."



The Texas State University Beta Alpha Psi Chapter was titled a Gold Chapter.

Franz Hutter, VP of Alumni Affairs, was one of 76 international students selected to compete in Project Run With It (PRWI). PRWI is a competition that provides students with cases where students are engaged as real-world consultants. Franz and his team of four developed a business model for a non-profit organization. His group earned first place, and their business model was implemented by the organization.

For the first time in the chapters 13 years of excellence, the Texas State University Beta Alpha Psi chapter received the distinguished honor of being titled a Gold Chapter. This is considered the highest honor a chapter can receive. Currently, there are 350 plus chapters internationally and only the TOP 15 chapters worldwide receive this distinguish honor. Members of the Kappa Eta chapter prepared a five-minute video detailing how they exceed the expectations of a Superior Chapter.

The Kappa Eta Chapter is currently preparing for the 2015 Regional Conference in Dallas, Texas. Members are working diligently preparing their three best practice presentations for the next regional meeting. Topics for next years Best Practices are International Impact, Financial Literacy, and Strategic Planning.

# **ALUMNI DINNER**



Accounting students and professionals at the Fall 2014 Alumni Dinner.

The Alumni Dinner was hosted by Beta Alpha Psi. This event was directly after Accounting Club's Meet the Firms. There were a total of 15 firms represented, which included local, regional, big 4, and different industries. In attendance were a total of 135 people consisting of 52 professionals, 71 students, and 12 faculty.

Overall this event was a huge success giving the students the opportunity to speak with the firms of their choice on a more personal level. Beta Alpha Psi even had the chance to raise \$300 from a silent auction.

#### **OUTREACH**

Beta Alpha Psi has continued to exceed in service to the university and the San Marcos/Austin community. The chapter continues to participate with Adopt-A-Spot in order to keep the San Marcos City Park clean, which was an initiative started in the spring of 2011. The annual Fall Carnival is also a big volunteer event for the chapter, where volunteers go and help run game booths. The chapter has also seen success with the Capital Area Food Bank in Austin, where a typical event has about 7 - 10 BAP volunteers and they (including the other volunteers) process 5,000 to 10,000 lbs. of food, which translates to roughly 4,000 to 8,000 meals for the community. BAP also continues its assistance and has added new volunteer events with AWARE, Burkhart Christmas Wrappings, The Boys and Girls Club, Sights and Sounds, San Marcos Wildlife, Junior Achievement, and many more.



Left to Right: Elizabeth Mayhew,

# SILENT AUCTION

Thank you for all of those who donated items to the Alumni Dinner Silent Auction held on September 19. Winners of the silent auction were David Brown, Aundrea Mathis, Laurie Brown, Dr. Nate Cannon, Dr. Ann Watkins, Ellen Ygnacio, Debbie Alexander, Chris Squillace, and Annette Goodson.

# SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND INDUCTEES

#### 2014 Beta Alpha Psi Inductees

David Acosta
Margaretta Adrienne
Jacqueline Alvarado
Ximena Arbelaez
Katherine Bernard-Weiner
Elizabeth Brown
Cassie Coppedge
Aubrey Debose
Kendra Dix
Jordan Draper
Samantha Espinosa
Ryan Fee
Juan Garcia
Alaina Hallmark
Brandi Hentges

Victor Hernandez Kathryn Klinkenberg Loyd Knight Leah Lund **Colby Mckinney** Bryan Miller Jason Ng Katelyn Nylan **Kathy Peralez** Chelsea Smith **Evan Speck** Nicole Trembath Jonathan Venshellenbeck Caitlyn Vinklarek **Ashley West** Shea Young

#### Beta Alpha Psi Scholarship Recipients

Jordan Draper Samantha Dunfee Mark Rodriguez Amber Fleming

2014 Project Run Wit It Award

Franz Hunter

2014 Member of the Year

**Amber Fleming** 

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National Association of Black Accountants

From the President

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FEBRUARY: Business Le

**Business Leadership Week** 

MARCH:

**Bobcat Build Service Project** 



NABA Annual Awards & Scholarship Luncheon

#### **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 Villareal
Faculty Advisor - Diane Eure



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."

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!

#### NABA STUDENT CONFERENCE

The 2014 National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) Southwest Western Regional Student Conference was held in Irving, Texas, on October 16-18, 2014. Twelve students from the Texas State Chapter of NABA attended the conference and volunteered to help make the event a successful experience.

The conference provided the students with many learning, networking and job opportunities. The students attended a variety of workshops such as "From Backpacks to Briefcases", "Your Social Media Brand", Financial Literacy: You've Got Your First Check, Now What?"" and "Corporate Etiquette." A Career Expo kicked off the event where students mingled and exchanged ideas with their peers and with accounting professionals.



Left to Right:; Back Row: Wanetia Adams, Anthony Blumenthal,
Domenic Stephens, Basil Brown, Valerie Amadi, Sean Palmer,
Jonathan Stumpff, and Tonya Champagne Front Row: Linda Nguyen,
Rachel Nguyen, Nicole Garza and Christopher Villarreal

Several students had successful interviews with EY, Deloitte, Dell and GE Oil and Gas, which have lead to office visits and internship offers. Texas State students also volunteered to introduce speakers at the technical sessions and actively participated in the sessions.

The students continue to develop relationships with professionals from the many organizations represented at the conference and are pleased that invitations are accepted to be featured speakers at our NABA meetings. We look forward to developing additional relationships through conference networking opportunities.

# NABA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Domenic Stephens receiving scholarship award.

TX State NABA VP of Operations, Domenic Stephens received a NABA Scholarship which was sponsored by EY. Domenic will be moving to Washington State to complete a second internship with EY this summer. Domenic Stephens was one of ten students recognized in the 2014 NABA Scholarship Luncheon.

The scholarship luncheon also featured keynote speaker, Wil Murphy, who delivered a very inspirational and motivational talk about his personal NABA experience and how to develop new ways of thinking which leads to successful actions and financial, spiritual, and emotional transformation.



Texas State students at Dell.

### DAY with DELL

On September 20th, the Texas State NABA Chapter attended "Day with Dell" along with students from UT- Austin, Huston-Tillotson, St. Edwards University, and Texas A & M. Students heard inspirational words regarding leadership and career development from Dell's Chief Accounting Officer Maya McReynolds and the VP of Leadership & Development Dane Parker. Professionals from both the Austin Cen-Tex NABA Chapter and Dell reviewed student resumes, held mock interview sessions, and provided each student suggestions for improvement. Students were able to meet and network with Dell employees as well as make personal connections that led to interviews at the NABA Regional Conference. Students were much better prepared and walked into the conference more confident knowing what to expect thanks to a successful "Day with Dell" workshop.

# LIFT AS WE CLIMB

NABA also continued to "Lift As We Climb" by sponsoring a study night during the fall semester for Introduction to Financial and Introduction to Managerial Accounting classes and by volunteering at the Financial Fitness Seminar

sponsored by the NABA Austin Cen-Tex Chapter. This free community event, held in Austin on November 8<sup>th</sup>, provided information on personal finances and how to prepare for the cost of a college education. NABA students also volunteered at Bobcat Days visiting with future Bobcats about college life at Texas State and the opportunities an Accounting degree can offer.



All "Day with Dell" attendees.



Left to Right: Corey Walkup, Brandi Hentges, Drew Gonzales, & Amber Fleming

# STUDENT WORKERS

The department would like to congratulate and wish the best of luck to Corey Walkup who will be graduating this fall. Corey has been with the department for 1.5 years and will be interning with Ernst & Young for the upcoming semester. She will be pursuing a graduate degree in the MAcy Program at Texas State University starting Fall 2015.

We also would like to welcome Drew R. Gonzales as a new addition to our wonderful student workers. Drew has been shadowing the seasoned student workers Brandi, Amber, and Corey in order to best learn their duties.

Student workers are an essential part of the department. Thank you for all that you do!

# 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 Melody Everson, Elizabeth Mayhew, and Ellen Ygnacio who will be graduating this fall. Both Melody and Elizabeth will be joining Ernst & Young in Houston in intern and full time positions, respectively. Ellen will be joining BKD in San Antonio as a Tax staff.

Congratulations! We look forward to hearing of your future success!



Top Left: Aundrea Mathis, Loyd Knight, Ellen Ygnacio, Matthew Ming, Kristin Hartman-Bueche, & Aaron Contreras Bottom Left: Melody Everson, Elizabeth Mayhew, Margaretta Adrienne, & Lyndsey Henson

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# BETA GAMMA SIGMA INDUCTEES

The Fall 2014 Beta Gamma Sigma Induction Ceremony welcomed 47 Accounting students into the organization.

Congratulations!

### Undergraduate

William Birkhead Ryan Bonnet Rebecca Conrad Aubrey DeBose Alex Dibbens Jordan Draper Nicole Erickson Amber Fleming Julie Fuller
Juan Garcia
Kenneth Goheen
Kristen Hartman-Bueche
Brandi Hentges
Garrett Johnson
Renee Keirstead
Lindsay Mitchem
Justin Newby
Jose Nieto

Katelyn Nyland Sean Palmer Rajaram Patel Frederick Quijano Mahbubur Rahman Rubina Rios Mark Rodriguez Lauren Severin Kathleen Slattery Chelsea Smith

Evan Speck
Michael Taylor
Shanequa Terell
Shea Thomas
Brittany Thompson
Nicole Trembath
Rachel Varley
Caitlyn Vinklarek
James Wagener
Jordan Walden

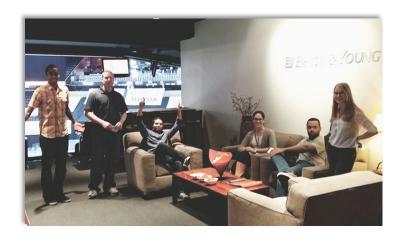


Stefanie Welter Ashley West Gabrielle Woods

### Graduate

William Hockaday Keagan Kaiser Dallis Peterson Jennifer Quintero Joshua Strickland

# EY HOCKEY GAME



"It's always great to be able to create events where students can network with professionals and get a better idea about life in public accounting in a casual setting."

-Jose Hernandez, EY Assurance Services,

Texas State Alumni

EY hosted a recruiting and networking event at the AT&T Center on Saturday, November 29th. In attendance were 10 accounting students as well as EY professionals and Texas State Alumni.

# PCAOB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, monetary penalties imposed by the PCAOB (Public Company Accounting Oversight Board) are used to fund merit scholarships for students in accredited accounting degree programs. The Board has established the PCAOB Scholarship Program to provide a source of funding to encourage outstanding undergraduate and graduate students to pursue a career in auditing.

Texas State NABA student Wanetia Adams was nominated by Texas State and awarded a \$10,000 scholarship through the PCAOB Scholarship Program. Wanetia is currently completing her first semester in the Texas State MAcy program and will be completing an audit internship with Deloitte during the spring semester.



Wanetia Adams

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# **ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

The Accounting Advisory Board held its fall meeting on Friday November 7th. Brittany S. Chrisman, Student Development Coordinator for the McCoy Advising Center, gave a brief announcement about Business Leadership Week. Advisory Board members wishing to participate were encouraged to contact her. New faculty, Nate Cannon, Mina Pizzini, and Randy Young, were introduced. Bruce Howard's new position with Career Services as Internship Coordinator for McCoy College of Business Administration was announced. Board members were informed of AACSB peer review preparation updates. Faculty members Tom Puffer and Kathy Moffitt are making good progress on student Exit Surveys and are working with university business process analysts to complete the department alumni database. Lu Montondon and Kathy Moffitt reported on Student Development activities. This spring they are preparing for the first *Bridge to a Successful Accounting Career* program targeting those students about to enter Intermediate I. There was also a report by student officers on student organization activities. Advisory Board members then broke out into groups with faculty to "brainstorm" in an effort to identify five key skills/knowledge base elements students should possess upon graduating from each accounting program (Various groups focused on the BBA, MAcy or MSAIT programs). After about 45 minutes devoted to the breakout group discussions, members reconvened for lunch. Each breakout group then presented a summary of their group discussion and the five key skills/knowledge base elements identified by their group.

# PhD CONFERENCE

The PhD Project is an organization which seeks to increase workplace diversity through increasing diversity of business school faculty. It encourages potential PhD candidates by providing them with valuable information concerning the doctoral application process. It also provides potential candidates with the opportunity to network with over 100 doctoral granting institutions at its annual conference in Chicago.

This year, the conference took place November 19-21 and was attended by Texas State students Aaron Contreras and Maria Collado. As representatives of Texas State, they had the opportunity to meet with representative of doctoral institutions and network with a diverse group of potential PhD candidates.

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#### SCHOLARSHIPS

McCoy College Scholarship application deadline is February 2, 2015 for undergraduate students and March 1st for graduate students. Completed applications should be turned in to the McCoy College Dean's Office, McCoyHall 530. Scholarships range from \$250 to \$2,500 and are only awarded to business majors.

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

or for graduate scholarship information,

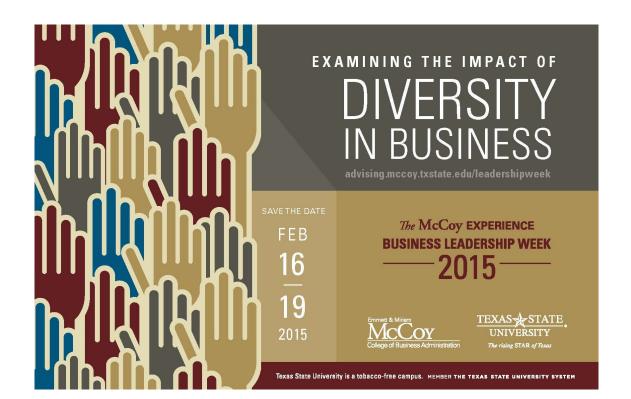
http://graduate.mccoy.txstate.edu/financial\_aid/scholarships.html

#### VITA CLINIC

The VITA Clinic is an opportunity for Texas State students to develop professional skills and serve the San Marcos & Texas State community with free tax preparation services to taxpayers who qualify. All volunteers are required to become certified prior to preparing returns. Training workshops are held in January. The Vita Clinic runs February 10th through April 2nd.

For more information email VITA@txstate.edu

#### December 4th Last Day of Classes 4th-12th **Final Exams** 12th **Masters Hooding Ceremony** 12th-13th Commencement Grades Available on Cats 17th Web 22nd **University Closed** January Late Registration & Schedule 5th-15th Changes 20th First Day of Class 17th-28th **Schedule Changes** February Last day to drop with 100% 4th Refund 18th Automatic "W" deadline March **Graduation Application** 13th Deadline 16th-20th Spring Break



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