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SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY
2021 NEWSLETTER



From the Department Head



Beginning in March 2020, we have had no choice but to experiment with new ways of working, learning, teaching, living, and much more. It has led us to exemplify the powerful Jon M. Huntsman School of Business' motto to "Dare Mighty Things." I am grateful to have observed this charge in so many of you. It is this phrase that we have sought to unite us and underscore the vision that guides us as we plan our strategic course. With this bold statement, we shape the questions that our faculty address through their teaching, research, and the curriculum we create to ensure that our students are prepared to lead in a rapidly evolving global marketplace.

I regularly observe our students, alumni, and faculty daring mighty things—making a difference in our school, community, and homes. I have been deeply impressed with the many stories of daring mighty things that have emerged as we continue to navigate the impact and uncertainty created by the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Our students have shown remarkable resourcefulness as they transitioned to a new online learning environment and then back to hybrid learning. The resilience they demonstrated as they departed campus, leaving behind friends, student clubs, and community connections, was truly inspirational. They have rallied, adapted, and

adjusted to new ways of learning, living, and engaging with our campus community.

Through all of the excitement of this past year, our students found new ways to achieve excellence. Our programs and clubs continue to be recognized as among the best. Beta Alpha Psi and Institute of Management Accountants student organizations continue their streaks of excellence, 43 and 27 years respectively. Our CPA exam pass rates remain high as do our graduate and undergraduate rankings. I am excited to report that a recent front page Wall Street Journal article ranked our Master of Accountancy program graduates as having the 4th lowest debt to income ratio in the nation two years after graduating. This speaks volumes to the value in our programs and the tremendous work ethic of our students.

Our students continue to place at the best accounting firms and companies. We continue to see examples of students, faculty, and staff "Daring Mighty Things"!

Last but not least, we bid aloha to Dr. Nate Stephens, who moved to Brigham Young University-Hawaii. As a friend and colleague, I wholeheartedly voice my gratitude and appreciation for him. Nate will be deeply missed.

As you read our newsletter, I hope you feel inspired to engage with those around you to "Dare Mighty Things," whether in business, education, or service. With this focus, I am confident that we will emerge from this time in our history as stronger individuals and leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chris Skousen, Ph.D." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Skousen, Ph.D.
Accounting Department Head

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Meet the Firms night provides excellent networking for firms and students alike.

Meet the Firms

Students and professionals were more than excited to be back in person for the annual Meet the Firms night. It was held in the Perry Pavilion on September ninth. We were happy to welcome back many of our alumni and friends as well as several new firms to campus this year. Nearly 130 professionally-dressed students arrived in the Perry Pavilion ready to engage in conversation with nearly 100 professionals from local and national accounting firms, industry companies, and government agencies. Meet the Firms is one of many recruiting events sponsored by the School of Accountancy each fall where students are able to network with professionals and gain insight into accounting careers. The students and professional enjoy being able to attend this event on campus. Thank you to the many firms and professionals who support our program.

Wall Street Journal Highlights the Value of USU's MAcc Program

While graduate degrees that generate limited employment opportunities for students face increased scrutiny, a recent article in the Wall Street Journal highlighted the value of the Utah State University Master of Accounting program (Is a Graduate Degree Worth the Debt? Check It Here - WSJ 7/15/21). The Wall Street Journal developed a new metric to evaluate the economic upside of graduate (and undergraduate) programs in multiple fields.

Specifically, the Wall Street Journal defined the new metric as a debt to income ratio that captures the average student debt at graduation divided by the average annual earnings two years after graduation. The article shows that the USU Master of Accounting program has a debt to income ratio of 0.21, which is the fourth lowest debt to income ratio out of the 179 Master of Accounting programs analyzed. As we continuously update and improve our Master of Accounting program, we are committed to maintaining the tremendous value that our students receive from earning a Master of Accounting degree from Utah State University.

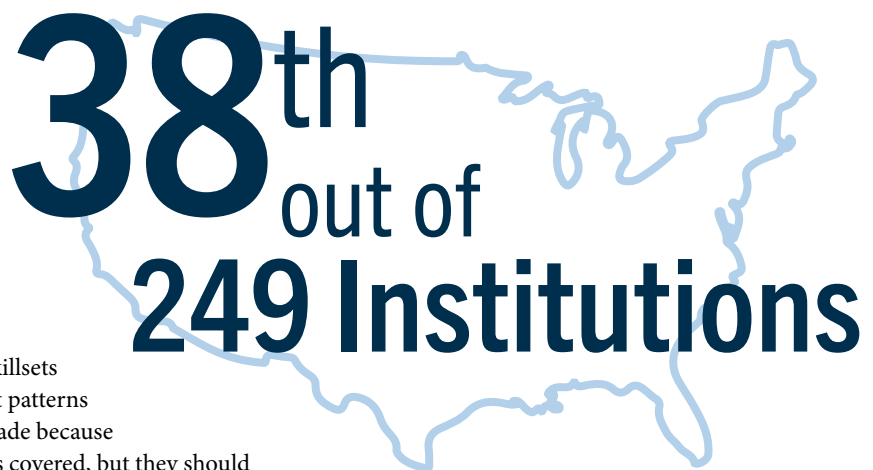


CMA Exam Excellence

Utah State University accounting students have been finding great success in passing the CMA (Certified Management Accountant) exam. The CMA exam is a two-part exam that measures skills in “Financial Planning, Performance, and Analytics” and “Strategic Financial Management.” According to Tyler Skelton, Business Development Manager with the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), last year, Utah State University had a pass rate of 84% with 13 exam takers. This is well above the average pass rate of 45% on both parts of the exam. The IMA allows each university to nominate 10 students annually to receive a “CMA Scholarship.” The scholarship allows students to sit for each part of the exam one time free of charge. Two of our recent student chapter officers, Samuel Adams and Cole Revelli, each received the scholarship and were able to pass both parts of the exam. Congratulations to Samuel and Cole on their accomplishment!

Top 15%

For the seventh year in a row, the School of Accountancy has ranked among the top programs in the nation for the CPA Exam pass rate for first-time candidates in large programs (more than 60 candidates). USU ranked 38 out of 247 institutions, with 73.8 percent passing all four sections of the exam the first time—12.5 points higher than the national average. Partway through 2017, the CPA Exam content was restructured. The exam now focuses on higher skillsets where candidates are tested for logic and thought patterns instead of rote memorization. The change was made because candidates should not only understand the topics covered, but they should also be able to think logically, reason through ideas, and analyze concepts rather than simply regurgitate facts. Essentially, candidates are now taking a more difficult exam, and USU students have risen to the occasion.





students

PCAOB Outstanding Scholar

Quinn Johnson

The School of Accountancy was excited to nominate and have Quinn Johnson selected to receive a \$10,000 PCAOB scholarship. This is the third year in a row that USU has been chosen to receive the PCAOB Scholarship. Quinn Johnson is a native of Cache Valley. He will be completing his undergraduate degree in accounting at Utah State this fall and will begin studies in the MAcc program at USU in Spring 2022 with a specialization in personal financial planning.

Quinn has been involved in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business in many ways; from being an officer in the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), to participating in VITA, and many other clubs. He is also a member of the Huntsman Scholar Program. Having opportunities to be involved is one of his favorite things about USU, and that is one reason why he is so excited that campus is opening back up this fall.

His work experience includes internships at Staker Parson Companies and Cook Martin Poulson PC. Quinn has developed a love for tax preparation, as well as working with small business owners, and he plans to stay at Cook Martin Poulson through his graduation and beyond. Some of his current hobbies include investing, fantasy football, and golf (although he must admit that he is particularly bad at golf).



Student Awards



Dakota Clark

FSA Outstanding Scholar

Dakota Clark hails from the Utah side of Bear Lake and graduated with a Master of Accounting degree in May 2021. Completed at Utah State, Dakota graduated summa cum laude with undergraduate degrees in accounting, marketing, and business administration (which was paired with a human-

resource management minor). A highlight of his academic career, Dakota has had the distinct pleasure to work as a teacher's assistant for three professors, a graduate assistant for another, and serve as a supplemental instructor. Throughout his time in school, Dakota worked several full-time jobs in various fields from cellphone sales to his current job of installing car stereos and other aftermarket electronics. He has interned for the past three springs doing public taxes for a local firm, but he is still currently exploring career options and has yet to accept any full time offers. He and his wife are currently expecting their second child and are enjoying the excitement of graduation and other future adventures. Dakota would like to express his gratitude for all the staff that have helped him on his journey. Contributions from professors, advisors, and others will forever have an impact on his life and the person he has become.



Joshua Banks

UACPA Outstanding Scholar

Joshua Banks is a 2021 Master of Accounting graduate from Utah State University in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, where he also earned his bachelor's degree. Josh specialized in auditing and professional accountancy, and he joined Deloitte in their Salt Lake City office after

graduation. Josh currently works for Strata Fund Solutions (an Alter Domus Company) as a fund analyst, where he has worked for the past two years. During his time at Utah State University, Josh has participated as an officer in both Beta Alpha Psi and the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) clubs. He also served as a campus ambassador for both Becker CPA Prep and the UACPA and participated in multiple internships. Josh is inspired by his wife, Paige, to have a positive attitude, and a fun-loving sense of humor. Josh and

Paige are the parents of a baby girl, and they are excited for this new adventure. In his free time, Josh loves to spend time with others, golf, read, make spreadsheets, and cheer on the Aggies.



Sam Adams

Student Leader Award

Sam Adams is a recent Master of Accounting graduate from Utah State University. Sam spent his childhood living in Kansas before moving to beautiful Cache Valley with his family. Sam has accepted a full-time offer to become an auditor for Deloitte in Las Vegas, Nevada when he graduates. Sam,

his wife, Mallory, and their baby, Violet, enjoy playing and watching sports, participating in outdoor activities, and traveling in their free time. As a student at USU, Sam has had the privilege of having leadership opportunities in many clubs and organizations including president of IMA, Quigley Ambassador, and officer in Beta Alpha Psi. He is grateful for the support, relationships, and knowledge he has gained from his faculty and peers at Utah State University and looks forward to future opportunities and adventures he will encounter.



Jaslyn Stevens

Student Leader Award

Jaslyn Stevens graduated this past summer with a Master of Accounting degree with an emphasis in taxation. In looking back at her four years at Utah State, Jaslyn is grateful for everything that she has learned and the relationships she has made while serving in her roles as a University Ambassador,

an IMA officer, an Amy Rees Anderson Research Fellow, a Quigley Ambassador, and a Huntsman Scholar. She also appreciates the experiences gained through her internship at Cook Martin Poulson, P.C. proudly based out of Logan, Utah. Jaslyn has loved her time at Utah State and really believes that no other university could have offered her more opportunities. She is grateful to the mentors and educators that prioritize the future success of their students. Jaslyn is proud to be an Aggie and is eager to give back to the university and the USU School of Accountancy.

“ I am honored and grateful to represent Utah State as the 2021 PCAOB Scholar. I am incredibly grateful to the PCAOB because of the impact this scholarship will have on my graduate education and future career.

—Quinn Johnson



Undergraduate Teaching Fellow of the Year

Morgan Hendricks was selected as this year's Huntsman School of Business Undergraduate Teaching Fellow (UTF) of the year. Morgan was nominated by Professor Brad Lindsey, and he had this to say about her:

"Morgan has been my UTF for both

the fall and spring semesters in my Business Taxation course. Her weekly office hours and review sessions have been instrumental in providing students with additional resources to be successful in this challenging COVID and hybrid learning environment. Morgan prepared slides for each review session and recorded and published those review sessions online so all students could benefit, independent of their schedules.

"Morgan attends every class with me. Her marching orders from me were to make the student Zoom experience as favorable to

the student as possible. Morgan manages the chat/raised hand emojis to ensure that Zoom students participate in the class as much as any in-person student does. In short, I credit Morgan for why my teaching evaluations have been as strong post-COVID as they were pre-COVID despite a much more challenging learning environment to navigate and manage. Morgan is most deserving of special recognition as an outstanding UTF by the Huntsman School of Business."

Morgan Hendricks is a third-generation Aggie from Farmington, Utah. She has always had a love of education, especially teaching. Morgan graduated this past May with her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and will continue her education with the Master of Accounting program in Fall 2021. She is excited to be teaching an accounting class for Utah State this fall and hopes to continue teaching in the future.

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—Brad Lindsey



Students love their new game night t-shirt.



Quigley Ambassadors

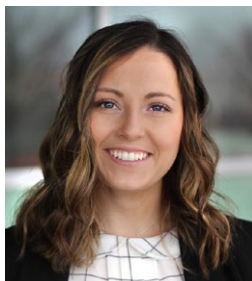
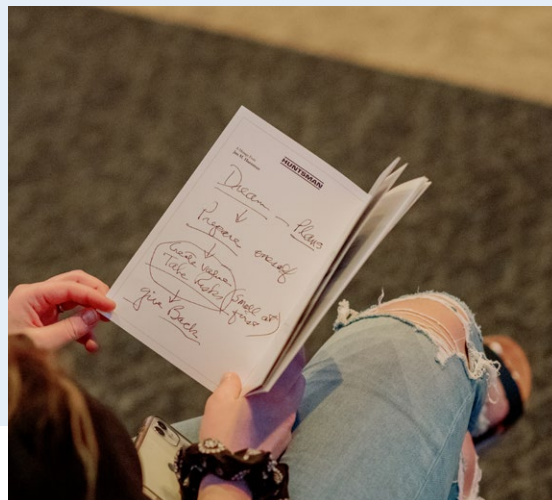
The Quigley Ambassadors are student representatives of the accounting program who focus on recruiting students into the accounting major, encouraging accounting students to pursue their aspirational career goals, and creating connections among students and alumni. The 2020-21 academic year had some challenges due to the pandemic, but the Quigley Ambassadors continued to be actively involved in the SOA through planning and executing various activities and creating other resources for students during the year. Since face-to-face activities were limited this year, the activities were held virtually. Some of the highlights of the past year included (1) the annual Hot Cocoa Night – an opportunity for undergraduate students to network with graduate students to ask program- and career-related questions, and (2) Cohort Meetings providing orientation for students new to the accounting major. The Quigley Ambassadors also virtually hosted students from outside USU who wanted to learn more about our program. We are grateful to these students who put so much energy and effort into helping the SOA and look forward to resuming more frequent activities in future semesters.

Accounting Scholars in the Huntsman Scholar Program

The Huntsman Scholar Program (HSP) at the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business provides undergraduates with mentorship, experiential learning, HSP-specific sections of many business courses, international travel (when possible), and outstanding networking opportunities. Accounting majors involved in this program benefit from mentoring and program requirements. For instance, when asked to indicate benefits of the HSP, accounting major Arianna Keller said, “The Huntsman Scholar Program has benefited me by giving me mentors who have helped me find countless opportunities and connect with professionals in my field.” The HSP also has an internship requirement, encouraging students to supplement their formal classroom training with practical experience. On this note, accounting major McKenzie Harris noted, “The Huntsman Scholar Program has benefited me by pushing me to achieve more than just a degree; it pushes me to achieve a level of professionalism and skill above my peers and/or career competitors. The thing I am most grateful for is the requirement to complete an internship. My internship has brought me many eye-opening experiences in the accounting industry, and those experiences have given me more direction in the field I want to pursue.” We are excited that our students have been able to benefit from this incredible offering.

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—Arianna Keller



Legacy of USU

Charity Parkinson recently received the Huntsman School of Business “Legacy of Utah State” award which recognizes students who represent the heart and soul of the university. Criteria for the award include a commitment to the institution, internal involvement and service, dedication

to the department, contributions behind the scenes, and a strong work ethic. Charity embodies all these qualities, and we are happy that she has been recognized for her many efforts here at USU.

Charity received her bachelor’s degree in accounting in May 2020 and her master’s in accounting with an emphasis in personal financial planning in May 2021. Charity was the Undergraduate Teaching Fellow of the Year in 2020 and has received many other awards and scholarships while at USU. She enjoys helping students as a teaching assistant and peer advisor. Charity also provided

business coaching to entrepreneurs in the Philippines as a SEED intern. Her Honors experiences include writing a Blue Goes Green grant proposal and researching modern portfolio theory for her thesis. These experiences have shaped her professional goals and her acceptance of a full-time offer with JP Morgan Chase & Co. as a Wealth Management Analyst.

Charity loves to be active and outside. She will try anything at least once. In 2018, she was cast as a Storyteller in North Ogden City’s musical, Once on This Island, without prior theatrical or vocal training. She is a student full-time, skier in the wintertime, photographer sometimes, and jazz music enthusiast all the time. Charity has learned to be deeply loving and compassionate from her older brother who has Down syndrome. She is truly rooted in her morals and stands up for herself and others when they are treated unjustly. Her dreams include owning a business, retiring early, and living in a blue house. Her determination and vision leave no question that she will accomplish whatever she sets her mind to.

Clubs



IMA officers at Clubs in the Courtyard.



The Association for Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business

The Excellence Continues

Perseverance was the theme for our IMA student chapter! With the COVID-19 restrictions, we had to get creative and were able to offer our meetings with a few students in the classroom and others joining via Zoom. As a testament to the student chapter officers and members, we were able to achieve the Gold Award of Excellence for the 26th consecutive year. We held six chapter meetings, with the highlights being a panel discussion with Aggie alumni working in the accounting and finance function of the Utah Jazz, and hearing from School of Accountancy advisory board members Staci Gunnell and Eric Shipley. Continuing our fundraising tradition, we were able to raise \$356 for the Cache Valley Food Pantry.

For the sixth consecutive year, we had multiple students receive national IMA scholarships. Conner Budge and Quinn Johnson received scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year. Conner and Quinn served as chapter officers for the 2020-21 academic year, and Conner will serve as president for the 2021-22 academic year. The IMA organization annually awards 12 scholarships on a national basis.



BAP Wins Big!

USU's Delta Omega chapter of Beta Alpha Psi is at it again, winning first place in the 2021 Rocky Mountain Region "Best Practices - Invest in Yourself" competition.

This year, instead of presenting in-person at the Regional Conference (which was moved to a virtual platform due to COVID-19), teams recorded and submitted presentations electronically to the regional conference planners. This year's winning team was led by Colton Foy (Pres.) and Diana Stoddard (VP), with help from Co-advisor, Lacey Wilkey. "Without their efforts and leadership, we would not have been able to compete at the top. Colton and Diana are tremendous students who are difference-makers both inside and outside the classroom for our students," said BAP advisor, Chris Skousen. The presentation will move on to the national competition in August. The Invest in Yourself competition is all about demonstrating how the Beta Alpha Psi chapter helps students gain work-ready skills outside of the classroom.

Other schools in the Rocky Mountain Region are: University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Colorado at Denver, Brigham Young University, Colorado State University, University of Wyoming, University of Utah, Idaho State University, Montana State University, Fort Lewis College, The University of New Mexico, Weber State University, University of Northern Colorado, and Utah Valley University.

Way to go, BAP!



BAP President, Colton Foy, encourages students to join BAP

Consistently Superior

Over the past decades, few organizations anywhere have been as consistent as Utah State University's Beta Alpha Psi honors fraternity. Another year means another year of "Superior Chapter" status. That is 43 consecutive years! No other BAP chapter has a longer record of consistent excellence than our BAP chapter. This past year was a challenge to accomplish everything that is required of a "superior" chapter. In a COVID year, one might have expected the rules to achieve superior status to be softened, yet they were not, and our students were again able to accomplish it. They gave generously of their time and energy to engage professionals through Meet the Firms, Volunteer Income Tax Association, professional engagement, and were winners of the Rocky Mountain Region Invest in Yourself competition. Our BAP chapter continues to demonstrate what it means to be superior! We are excited to announce Lacey Wilkey will be our new advisor.



Need Some Counsel – err Council?

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Chad Simon and Dr. Chris Skousen have been elected to the American Accounting Association's (AAA) Council. The AAA is the main association for accounting academics. The AAA Council assists the AAA Board of Directors in governance of the AAA, with each AAA section electing a member to represent it on the Council. Dr. Simon will represent the Auditing Section, and Dr. Skousen will represent the International Accounting Section. As Council members, Drs. Simon and Skousen will play an important role in the AAA's policies, decision making, and leadership.

“ I am honored by the opportunity to represent the AAA's Auditing Section in this role. The AAA and the Auditing Section have both provided opportunities in my career and I hope to represent the Huntsman School and USU well in this responsibility.

–Chad Simon

“ It is exciting to represent the AAA-International Accounting Section and Utah State University on the AAA Council. To work with an important decision making group and with outstanding accounting leaders from across the world is a rewarding experience.

–Chris Skousen





Rachel Martin

UNDERGRADUATE
MENTOR OF THE
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Fond Farewell

Carol Mosman retired after twelve years at USU. Carol was always a friendly face in the School of Accountancy. Students enjoyed visiting with her while taking a well-deserved break from studying. She was always willing to do anything asked of her. We wish her well in retirement.



We congratulate Nate Stephens on his new opportunity in Hawaii. During his thirteen years at USU, Nate wore many hats, including MAcc director and advisor, curriculum committee chair, assurance of learning coordinator, among many others. We will miss him!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Professor Jim Cannon on being promoted to Associate Professor. Jim Cannon originally comes from the midwestern states (Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio) but is no stranger to the mountain west, having lived in Colorado and three times in Utah. Jim's academic career began at Brigham Young University with an undergraduate degree in economics and continued with a Master of Business Administration from The University of Michigan, during and after which he worked for Ford Motor Company/Visteon Automotive Systems for five years. Upon graduation from Michigan, Jim worked for five years for the Hewlett-Packard Corporation. Jim then returned to academics to pursue a PhD from The University of Utah. Upon graduation, he took a job teaching at Iowa State University for eight years. Three years ago, Jim landed his "dream job" of teaching in the Huntsman School of Business! Go Aggies! Jim is the proud father of six children, two of whom have added spouses to his ever-expanding family.





alumni

Welcome Aboard — Four New Board Members



Darin Jacobs

Darin Jacobs '98 is currently serving as the Chief Financial Officer for Beauty Industry Group (BIG). He has worked with BIG since 2016 and been involved in M&A transactions, private equity transactions, and globalization of the business.

Prior to BIG, Darin worked for GE (General Electric) as part of the GE Healthcare division for 11 years. During this time, he worked in several different roles for GE Healthcare Surgery, including Global Controller and Senior FP&A Leader. In addition, as part of the GE Life Sciences Cell Culture business, he led the finance integration of the acquisition of the Cell Culture business and was a Senior FP&A leader post-integration.

Prior to GE, Darin was the Corporate Controller for TenFold and was involved with the SEC reporting and other public company responsibilities. He was also the Controller for Del Sol.

He started his career with EY (Ernst & Young) in Salt Lake City and progressed to the level of an Audit and Assurance Manager. Darin received Master of Accountancy and Bachelor of Accounting degrees from Utah State University.



Tanya Lee Scott

Tanya Lee Scott '89 is a Partner in the San Diego Office of Hutchinson and Bloodgood LLP, a leading accounting and consulting firm based in California. Most of her clients are owner-managed businesses, and she focuses on providing innovative and valuable solutions for the unique issues faced by

these companies and their owners. In addition to her background in business and individual taxation, Tanya specializes in developing growth strategies for mid-market private businesses and helping business owners develop and implement a comprehensive transition blueprint to successfully exit from their business.

Tanya graduated from Utah State University with a BS in Accounting in 1989. After graduation, she moved to San Diego, initially working for a local CPA firm. She ultimately joined Hutchinson and Bloodgood LLP and became a partner in 2006. Tanya has served as a board member for multiple non-profits, as well as being past president of the San Diego Chapter of the Western Pension & Benefits Conference and past director of the San Diego Chapter of the CalCPA.

Tanya has many interests, which include music, reading, and activities within her church. She loves to travel, including cycling trips through Portugal and Germany, and cooking with the nonnas in Italy. She has a secret desire to own a cooking school and is fascinated with anything to do with the culinary arts.

All-In Award

The School of Accountancy is proud to recognize firms and businesses that achieved 100% participation in the alumni giving campaign with an “All-In” Award.

Firms receiving the School of Accountancy’s All-In Award for 2020 include: Deloitte, Eide Bailly, Haynie & Company, PwC, and Tanner LLC. As more and more Aggies enter the workforce, achieving “All-In” status becomes increasingly difficult, so we congratulate each of them for their dedication to this campaign. The generosity of the individuals from these firms and many others not listed enable us to support student scholarships, build permanent endowments, and continue to provide educational opportunities for our students.



If your firm would like to join the list for the 2021 calendar year, please contact the School of Accountancy at soa@usu.edu for more information.



Dave Jacobs

Dave Jacobs '94 is the Assistant Vice President, Business of Care Transformation Information Systems (CTIS) at Intermountain Healthcare, an integrated delivery network (IDN) based in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dave has been involved with healthcare technology for over 20 years. Prior

to Intermountain, Dave worked as a Controller at Ingenix (now Optum), a wholly-owned segment of UnitedHealth Group. Additionally, Dave is a Certified Public Accountant and started his career at Ernst & Young LLP, a professional services organization.

Currently, Dave is primarily responsible to manage, plan, direct, coordinate, and monitor the CTIS organization around business and program processes to ensure efficiency. Dave is also responsible for vendor performance management, technology merger and acquisition integration, service management, technology business management and development and oversight of the Project Management Office.

Dave is a graduate of Utah State University holding a BS in accounting '93 and a master's in accounting '94 with a focus on auditing. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Outside of work, Dave loves spending time with his wife and three boys in activities such as camping, hiking, traveling to new places, and sports. Go, Big Blue!



Dustin Wood

Dustin Wood '07 is an audit shareholder and has been with Cook Martin Poulson for 15 years. He specializes in compilations, reviews, and audits of financial statements and in the preparation of not-for-profit information returns. Dustin serves clients in a variety of industries including agriculture,

banking, construction, manufacturing, research and development, trucking and transportation, not-for-profit organizations, employee benefit plans, and captive insurance.

Dustin participates on two not-for-profit boards of directors serving as finance representative for Blue Sox Youth Baseball as well as being a board member for the Utah Captive Insurance Association. Until recently, he was also the president of the Cache Valley Chapter of the Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants (UACPA).

Dustin was born and raised in Cache Valley and graduated from Utah State University with a master's degree in accounting. He currently resides in Hyde Park, Utah with his wife, Chelece, and their three children. Dustin enjoys watching and participating in sports (baseball, softball, basketball, football, golf, and pickleball), coaching his children's sports teams, and vacationing to Disneyland and Disney World with his family. He is an avid Utah State Aggie fan and enjoys attending or watching their basketball and football games whenever possible.



The Spirit of Jay Price Award

ERIC SHIPLEY, '98

The School of Accountancy recognizes Eric Shipley '98 as the Spirit of Jay Price award recipient for 2021. Eric graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Utah State University in 1998 and a Master of Accounting Science degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1999. He has been a certified public accountant since 1999 and a Huntsman School of Business School of Accountancy Advisory Board member since 2004. He is also a member of USU's Old Main Society. Eric frequently speaks to accounting students at club meetings and in classroom presentations and has been an influential mentor to many students.

Eric currently serves as Inovar Inc.'s Chief Financial Officer since April 2017. He is a seasoned professional with experience overseeing and auditing the financial

aspects of several manufacturing and high-growth companies and has more than 22 years of experience ensuring financial growth, corporate strategy, and leadership. In his role at Inovar, he leads the Finance and Human Resources departments. His primary duties include bank and investor relations, internal and external accounting and reporting, all external financial audits and overseeing treasury. Additionally, he oversees strategic working capital initiatives, employee relations and benefits oversight and all insurance requirements. During his tenure at Inovar, he is proud of several accomplishments, including his work and improvements on the credit facilities and his executive oversight of the 2017 and 2018 new building construction and eventual move.

Eric began his career at Deloitte & Touche LLP. From 1999-2004, he held the titles of Audit Staff, Audit Senior, and Audit Manager. He was also involved in client engagement, management, critical issues research, and staff management. During his time at Deloitte he gained significant accounting expertise in the manufacturing and insurance industries, structuring and implementing internal control procedures, and corporate governance.

In 2004, he joined ICON Health & Fitness, Inc. where he was responsible for and involved with bank relations, investor relations, financial reporting, audits and exams, multi-bank credit facilities, payroll, and cost accounting. Throughout his 13 years at ICON, he held the titles of Director of Internal Audit, Corporate Controller, and Director of Finance.

In his personal time, Eric is an outdoorsman as well as an avid runner, having finished several Boston Marathons. He is also a motorcycle enthusiast and is actively engaged in both community and church service.



Outstanding Leadership Award

DUSTIN WOOD '07

Congratulations to Dustin Wood '07 who recently received the UACPA's Outstanding Leadership Council Member award! This award is given in recognition of service to the Association which results in considerable benefit to the UACPA and its members. Dustin was the president of the Cache Valley chapter of the UACPA for the last five years. During his time as president, he revived a chapter that had been dormant for several years by coordinating chapter meetings to bring together CPAs in public practice and industry, meeting

with USU UACPA Student Ambassadors to coordinate and participate in student-led and driven events, and actively participated in the UACPA's Leadership Council meetings held semi-annually.

On April 1, 2021, Dustin joined the UACPA Executive Board as Vice President and will be serving a four-year term. Congratulations, Dustin!

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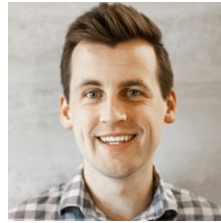
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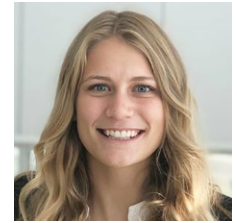
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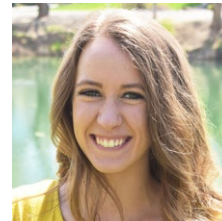
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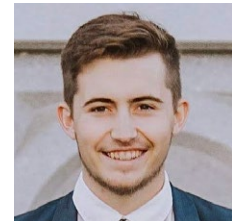
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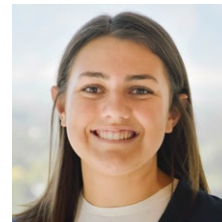
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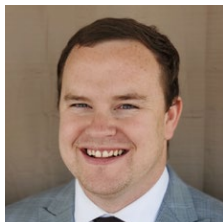
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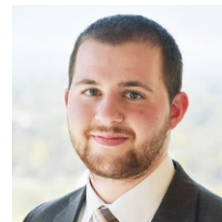
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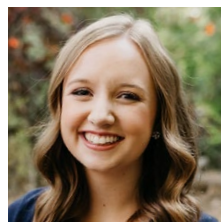
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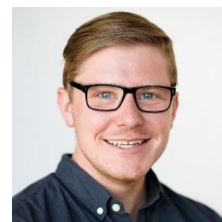
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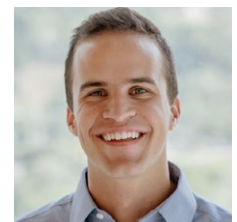
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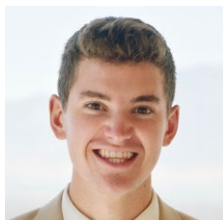
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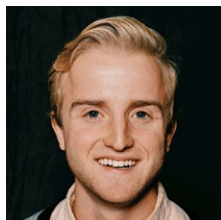
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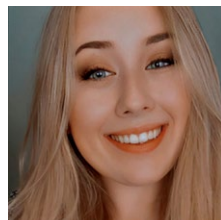
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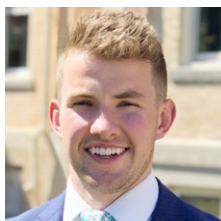
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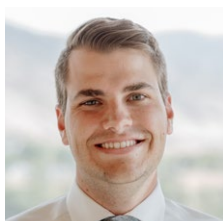
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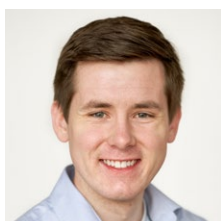
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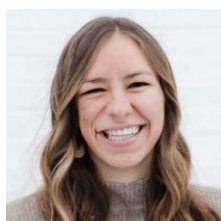
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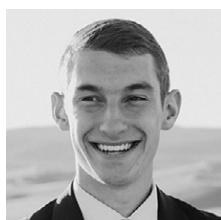
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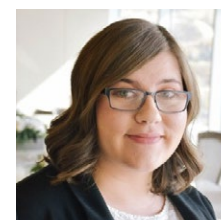
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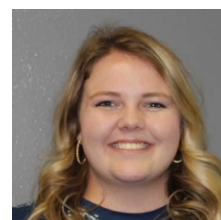
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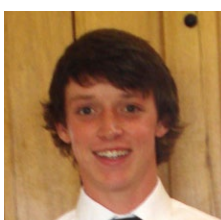
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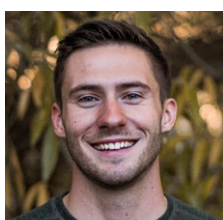
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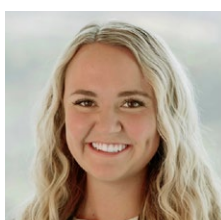
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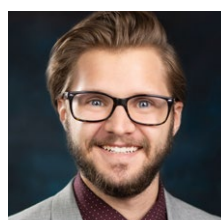
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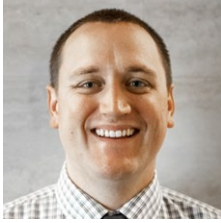
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