Bonnie B. and James H. Quigley/Deloitte Foundation Professorship in Accounting

HONORING
Jim & Bonnie Quigley

RECOGNIZING
Students and Alumni

REMEMBERING
Dr. Hale 1920-2015
Exciting times are ahead for the School of Accountancy and Huntsman School of Business. We would like to highlight a few of our successes this past year. We remain ranked among the “Top 40” Accounting Programs by the Public Accounting Report; we are in the “Top 25” in CPA Exam pass rates; our students are continually recognized among the best and brightest; our new building is approaching completion; and we enjoy national recognitions among our students, faculty, and alumni.

As we look forward to the future we are honored to recognize School of Accountancy alum Jim Quigley and his wife Bonnie with the creation of the Bonnie B. and James H. Quigley/Deloitte Foundation Professorship. Jim and Bonnie’s passionate commitment as leaders is evidenced in their support of the SOA. Their gift to the SOA represents a significant resource in our pursuit of excellence and the development of accounting leaders. As we consider the magnitude of the Quigley’s gift we are reminded of our own responsibility to be leaders. The achievements of our students, faculty, alumni, and friends also remind us of a quote from Jim’s book discussing the “As One” philosophy:

“As One”. It’s a short phrase. Only five letters. But those five letters are filled with meaning and inspiration. They make all the difference between a group of individuals and a unified team. Those five letters symbolize the culmination of individual action into collective power. They describe how individuals can collaborate to achieve extraordinary results – together.  

(As One: Individual Action, Collective Power)

“As One” we watch our students achieve individual recognition, high CPA exam pass rates, and national recognition. Our faculty continue to publish impactful research in leading academic journals. We have hired new faculty with great potential. Our alumni continue to advance to leadership positions in the profession and generously give back. “As One” we are experiencing the difference of how individual action centered on a common goal leads to collective power. The SOA is moving in a positive direction and will continue to do so as we all work together. We thank you all for your support, confidence, and generosity.

LARRY WALTHER
Department Head

CHRIS SKOUSEN
Associate Department Head

Our Advisory Board

Heather Allen
Tax Manager, Tanner

Richard Buist
Consultant

Tracy Christman
Partner, EY

Orin Colby, Jr.
Consultant, Westlync
Insurance Enterprises, Inc.

Ryan Dent
Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Gerri A. Douglas
Partner, Larson CPAs

Cara L. Gallesi
Controller, Western AgCredit

Annmarie Geddes
VP/Corporate Controller, Boart Longyear

Staci Gunnell
Financial Director, Autoliv, Inc.

Robert M. Jensen
Partner, HJ & Associates

Kenneth D. Jeppesen
Principal, Eide Bailly LLP

K. Tim Larsen
Partner, Squire & Company, PC

Mark Low
Partner, Jones Simkins LLP

Dennis Parker
Executive Vice President, Thermo King Northwest Inc.

Eric Shipley
Corporate Controller, ICON Health & Fitness

David L. Smith
VP/Finance Division, Goldman Sachs Bank

Steven R. Smith
Managing Partner, WSRP

Tami Vantassel
Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Jeffrey J. West
Associate VP, Financial Services, University of Utah

Jason Wendell
Partner, KPMG

Clark A. Wilkinson
Partner, Wilkinson, Cooley and Company, PC

Wes Yeomans
Partner, Deloitte
Reaching Out

Starting in fall 2015, students throughout the state can earn a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Utah State University’s Jon M. Huntsman School of Business. This degree prepares students for careers in a variety of accounting/finance-related jobs, and will be made available at a number of the university’s regional campuses throughout Utah.

Accounting has long been considered a reliable career choice, with complicated financial and tax regulations ensuring those who are qualified in the field remain in demand, even in rural areas. MyFootpath.com listed accounting and auditing second on its top-10 list of “Best Rural Jobs.”

In our mission as a Land Grant institution we are responsible for bringing higher education to every corner of the state. "This is a wonderful addition to our range of degrees,” said Dr. Boyd Edwards, USU-Uintah Basin’s dean. “We’re always striving to provide students with more opportunities to carve their ideal career path, and adding accounting is another positive step. We expect a lot of people will benefit from it.”

To help meet the needs and demands of this program we have hired two new accounting faculty, Dr. Anna Brown and Dr. Kari Olsen. Both are located on the Logan campus and will broadcast their courses throughout the state.

A Sharper Focus

Students in the School of Accountancy continue to receive great classroom instruction that prepares them for success when taking the CPA exams. USU placed 21st out of 254 institutions in the 2014 Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Exam pass rate for large programs (more than 60 candidates), up from 30th place in 2013. The CPA Exam consists of four individual sections and the ranking is based on the percentage of students who pass all four sections the first time they take the exam. More than 75% of USU students were successful and passed all four sections of the exam on their first try.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Rank</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>University</th>
<th>Pass Rate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>NC</td>
<td>UNIV NC CHAPEL HILL</td>
<td>76.7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>NH</td>
<td>UNIV NH</td>
<td>76.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>WA</td>
<td>GONZAGA UNIV</td>
<td>76.1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>PA</td>
<td>LEHIGH UNIV</td>
<td>76%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>FL</td>
<td>UNIV MIAMI</td>
<td>75.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>UT</td>
<td>UTAH STATE UNIV</td>
<td>75.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>OH</td>
<td>JOHN CARROLL UNIV</td>
<td>74.8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>IA</td>
<td>UNIV IA</td>
<td>74.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>OK</td>
<td>UNIV OK NORMAN</td>
<td>74.2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>MI</td>
<td>MI STATE UNIV</td>
<td>74.0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26</td>
<td>WI</td>
<td>MARQUETTE UNIV</td>
<td>73.8%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Jacob Fryer
UACPA Outstanding Student

Jacob Fryer is working on a master’s of accounting degree and graduates in May 2016, after which he looks forward to beginning his career in the audit and assurance practice at PwC in Salt Lake City. At USU, he is involved as a vice president in both Beta Alpha Psi and the Institute of Management Accountants student clubs. Jacob is a Quigley ambassador, and works as an accounting assistant at the Space Dynamics Lab. He attended two other schools before transferring to USU, and he has enjoyed his time here the most by far, especially in the School of Accountancy. In his free time, Jacob enjoys fishing, sports, music, and spending time with family.

Douglas Ward
Federation of Schools of Accountancy Outstanding Scholar

Douglas Ward graduated from Utah State University with his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting in 2015. During his time at USU, he enjoyed being involved with Beta Alpha Psi (BAP), the Huntsman Scholar Program, and Business Ambassadors. He was able to compete and place first in a BAP regional conference event and a Huntsman School of Business Marketing Competition. He has also traveled to Asia, Europe, and South America through his involvement in different Huntsman programs. After graduation Douglas completed a summer internship with Zebra Technologies in New York and then began working full-time with Deloitte in Washington, DC. In his spare time, he enjoys hanging out and traveling with his wife.

Andrew Loaiza
School of Accountancy Outstanding Student Leadership Award

Andrew Loaiza completed dual bachelor’s degrees at Utah State in both accounting and finance last year and has completed his master’s in accounting this spring. Andrew was involved in numerous programs while attending Utah State, including the Honors Program, serving as a mentor for several years; the Huntsman Scholar Program; the Business Ambassador Group, as president during the 2013-2014 school year; the Beta Alpha Psi accounting organization, as a vice president and then president this past year; and the Quigley Ambassadors for the School of Accountancy. He loves trying new things, interacting with all different types of people, and playing sports, especially basketball, soccer, and golf. Andrew is now beginning his professional career with EY in Los Angeles, California.
USU BETA ALPHA PSI
Continues Excellent Record

- **Beta Alpha Psi’s Delta Omega chapter** had another busy year in 2014-15 as it achieved “Superior” status for the 38th consecutive year. Public accounting firms have moved to an earlier recruiting model where many students have already accepted job offers by the time they are eligible to join Beta Alpha Psi. Many school chapters have struggled to maintain relevance in Beta Alpha Psi membership, but the USU chapter is thriving with over 60 active members. Student officers at USU see participation in Beta Alpha Psi as an opportunity to lead and create a more engaged learning experience for themselves and their peers rather than just a necessary line on their resume. The chapter has chosen to assist the School of Accountancy with an interactive kickoff meeting, networking brunch, “Meet the Firms” night, and other events to prepare students for transition into the professional workplace. Students presented ideas which developed from their participation in these events and other best practices in the Deloitte-sponsored competition with a first and third place finish at the Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting in Denver last April.

At this year’s annual meeting in Milwaukee, Utah State was well represented with presentations in the Best Practices and Project Run with It competitions, as well as sharing experiences in a Chapter Operations session. Students also participated in the KPMG sponsored Children’s Literacy project where they presented books to local school children, talked to them about why reading is so important, and even dressed up as animal mascots to brighten the children’s experience.

IMA
Clear Vision: 20/20

- **What a year for our IMA student chapter!** 20/20: For the 20th consecutive year, IMA has completed the requirements to receive the Gold Award of Excellence, continuing the longest current uninterrupted run in the nation. We also celebrate Frank Shuman’s 20th year as IMA faculty advisor. Through his dedication and attention to detail Frank has led the IMA student chapter to be one of the most recognized IMA chapters. In addition to receiving the Gold Award of Excellence, we were one of four student chapters in the nation to be designated as an “Outstanding Chapter” and received the best practice award for “Outstanding Programs & Activities.” We also continued our streak of a student chapter officer receiving a national IMA scholarship, and for the first time ever, we were the recipients of two scholarships! Jacob Fryer, the 2015-16 chapter president received a $2,500 scholarship in the graduate student category, and Joseph Brewer, the 2014-15 chapter treasurer received a $1,000 scholarship in the undergraduate student category. The student chapter officers received these awards at the national IMA student conference this November in Orlando. The year included six excellent technical meetings, highlighted by School of Accountancy graduate Matthew Bryant, CEO of Northwest Cosmetic Labs. Continuing our tradition, the chapter was able to sponsor seven children with the annual Sub-for-Santa fundraiser.
SPOTLIGHT

CURTIS C. ANDERSEN

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year

The School of Accountancy recognized Curtis C. Andersen, ’85 as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year at the annual SOA Awards and Recognition Banquet in April. Mr. Andersen graduated summa cum laude in accounting from Utah State University in 1985 and earned a master of accounting degree with an emphasis in taxation in 1986 also from USU. He began his career as a certified public accountant at KPMG, LLP’s Salt Lake City office, where he performed audit and tax services from 1986 to 1993. During these seven years, he managed consulting engagements for a broad range of clients but specialized in owner-managed businesses and personal financial planning. Since joining Sweet Candy Company in 1993, he has served as the company’s controller, corporate secretary, treasurer, and vice president of finance. He serves on the boards of The Employers Council (Industrial Relations Council of Utah) and The Guest Relations Association (a national group of companies that offer factory tours). Mr. Anderson teaches an accounting class each semester at LDS Business College in Salt Lake City, and frequently travels to Logan to speak to USU accounting students. He and his wife Venice are parents of five children and reside in Kaysville, Utah.

Remembering

LARZETTE GOLDEN

HALE-WILSON

Dr. Larzette Hale, head of the School of Accountancy for 13 years, passed away on February 5, 2015 at the age of 94. Among her many accomplishments and awards, Dr. Hale became the first African American woman to become a CPA in the state of Georgia and the first African American woman CPA in the United States to earn a Ph.D. in accounting. She was grateful for mentors and served as an excellent mentor for many students during her 18 years as an accounting professor at Utah State University. One of her former students said she was like a second mother, both caring and demanding of excellence.

Dr. Hale served as the 17th international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority from 1966 to 1970 and as the national president of Beta Alpha Psi from 1990 to 1991. She was appointed by the governor of Utah to the state’s Committee on Cultural Awareness and was the first African American to serve on the Board of Regents for the Utah System of Higher Education.

Larzette Hale is not only legendary in the accounting academic field, but is a legend in the lives of countless former students and colleagues. She will be missed.
Dr. Chad Simon teaches graduate and undergraduate auditing courses in the School of Accountancy, and he studies and considers audit-related issues in his research. One recent co-authored publication (Campbell et al. 2015) provides evidence suggesting that as audit committee option-based holdings or mean option-based payments increase, audit committee performance may decrease in the post-Sarbanes Oxley period. Dr. Simon also had a recent co-authored publication (Messier et al. 2015) that provides evidence that an audit client’s manager may receive benefit on a larger audit issue if the manager first concedes to a relatively inexperienced auditor on a smaller audit issue. Both of these studies extend related work in their respective areas. If interested, below are the citations for the articles referenced above.


Bonnie Villarreal, director of accounting graduate programs, was one of four advisors presented with the Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award at the Beta Alpha Psi Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 6, 2015. The award is sponsored by McGladrey LLP and recognizes faculty advisors who go above and beyond normal requirements and make substantial contributions to the professional growth and development of students. Faculty advisors often work many additional hours to attend various Beta Alpha Psi meetings, community service activities, firm receptions, member initiations, and to meet with chapter officers to plan for the months ahead. In addition to recognition in front of their chapter and peers, recipients also receive a plaque and a $5,000 cash award from McGladrey for their achievements.
Whitesides Scholar-Athlete
MICHAEL BILLS

Aggie Athletics honored Michael Bills in the spring as this year’s Whitesides Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. Accounting students have received two of the last three Whitesides Scholar-Athlete of the Year Awards.

Mike was a member of Utah State’s indoor track and field teams as well as the cross country team. He was a member of Beta Alpha Psi and Institute of Management Accountant student clubs and he worked as an instructor in the accounting tutor lab. He is the recipient of many School of Accountancy awards and scholarships. Mike graduated with his master’s degree this summer with a 4.0 GPA. He began his career with Deloitte in Washington D.C. in September.

Huntsman Scholars
Accounting Students Around the World

For nine days in October, Huntsman Scholars live and study in Jesus College at Oxford University. It is the start of a month-long European experience that is embedded within the intensive, 15-credit, “Scholar Semester.” While in Europe, students collect data and conduct research throughout Europe. They also interact with top executives and alumni from corporations such as Barclays, Marriott, Microsoft, and Monsanto; question officials from key international organizations such as the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) in London, and the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva; and explore graduate options at world-class business schools such as the Said Business School at Oxford and INSEAD, which is just outside of Paris.

The Scholar Semester itself is the heart of a broader four-year honors program that aims to attract the best academic minds and leaders to the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business. Some of the accounting scholars include the following: Eddie Norton, scholar class ’08, Bard Medical Technologies, Puerto Rico; Luis Patino, scholar class ’13, PwC, Boston; Douglas Ward, scholar class ’12, Deloitte, Washington, D.C.; and Jill Aoki, scholar class ’10, Walt Disney Company, Los Angeles. Accounting alumni in the program have and continue to forge a legacy of excellence.

Current Accounting Students in the Huntsman Scholars Program

Valerie Anderson
Brennon Archibald
Jeffrey “Ty” Barton
Kayla Datwyler (Longhurst)

April Fackrell
Emilee Fielding
Chelsea Hepworth
Emily Howe
Taylor James

Katelyn Nelson (Norman)
Katie Taylor
Michael Wheat
Hayley Zilles
Ever since completing his USU coursework in December 1983, Scott Nixon has continued to spend as much time on campus as possible. During his career with PricewaterhouseCoopers spanning over 31 years, Scott and his wife Shiree would take advantage of every opportunity to return to campus. They have been die-hard Aggie football and basketball fans (even in the lean years), attending nearly every home game except for the four years they were living in Brazil on assignment with PwC. Scott was a regular on the recruiting circuit and can point to over 100 Aggie graduates who have been hired by PwC since he was the first Aggie hired in the Salt Lake City office of Coopers & Lybrand, one of the predecessor firms of PwC. He also served over 20 years on the School of Accountancy Advisory Board and is in his fifth year on the USU Board of Trustees. Scott’s family claims that when he accidently cuts himself, he actually bleeds Aggie Blue.

When Scott retired from PwC on June 30, 2015, he thought he would relax for a while and then embark on a series of service opportunities. Instead, Larry Walther had a better idea and invited him to serve as executive in residence, teaching two upper division accounting courses. When presented the opportunity, Scott replied, “I would do anything for USU, so it was an easy decision! It is exciting to engage with ambitious young minds.”

Scott’s students are equally excited for good reason. Dr. Skousen notes, “Inspired and engaged learning occurs when a teacher is able to truly draw theory and practice together. Scott’s experience and energy have made that possible for our students in a very real way.” The School of Accountancy is very appreciative. Thank you Scott, and thank you, Shiree, for sharing him with our students!
The Spirit of Jay Price award was established in 2011 to honor and recognize the legacy of selfless service and personal contributions of Jay H. Price, Jr. Dr. Price is a humble, charitable man who makes a difference wherever he goes. He is the consummate professional, with high integrity and a keen interest in family, youth, and his profession. Dr. Price volunteered in the School of Accountancy by teaching multiple classes for over 25 years following his retirement from Arthur Andersen. Recipients of the Spirit of Jay Price award demonstrate a commitment to the students in the School of Accountancy through personal service and volunteerism.

SPOTLIGHT

KEN JEPPESEN

Spirit of Jay Price Service Award

Ken Jeppesen, ’99 graduated from Utah State University with his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting and began his public accounting career with PwC. After seven years he moved to Schmitt, Griffiths, Smith & Co. (SGS) where he became a partner in 2009. In 2012 SGS merged with the regional accounting firm Eide Bailly, LLP, where Ken serves as an audit partner. During the course of his 15-year career Mr. Jeppesen has served public and private clients in a variety of industries including manufacturing and distribution, construction, not-for-profit organizations, benefit plans, oil and gas, and financial institutions. Mr. Jeppesen has served as president of the northern chapter of the UACPA and as a peer review captain for the AICPA. He enjoys participating in the community and currently serves on the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America’s Trapper Trails Council.

Mr. Jeppesen is a life-long Aggie and enjoys any excuse to get back on campus. He loves speaking about the profession in accounting classes and participating at each of the Beta Alpha Psi events held throughout the year. Mr. Jeppesen has served on the School of Accountancy Advisory Board since 2008. He is the proud father of five wonderful children.
Bonnie B. and James H. Quigley/Deloitte Foundation Professorship in Accountancy
On November 5, 2015, the School of Accountancy was pleased to announce the formation of a $1.5 million Bonnie B. and James H. Quigley/Deloitte Foundation Professorship in Accounting thanks to support provided by the Quigley’s, with added support from Deloitte, through the Deloitte Foundation.

“The School of Accountancy is most appreciative and proud of Jim and Bonnie, and we also express gratitude to Deloitte and the Deloitte Foundation,” said Larry Walther, head of the School of Accountancy. “The gift allows the school to continue its upward trajectory and pursuit of leading scholars. We are grateful for their thoughtful leadership and generosity.”

Jim and Bonnie are USU alums who are appreciative of the quality of education and opportunities afforded to them due to their time at USU.

“USU opened the door of opportunity for us and we are delighted to say thank you with this gift,” said Jim and Bonnie Quigley. “We hope and believe that USU will continue to provide bright futures for its graduates.”

Jim joined Deloitte in 1974 where he spent 38 years rising to the highest positions with the company, serving as both the United States and then global CEO. At the time of Jim’s retirement, Deloitte achieved revenues approaching $29 billion and employed more than 180,000 professionals.

“Jim is an inspirational leader who left a lasting impact on not only our organization, but on all of us who had the privilege of working with him,” said Cathy Engelbert, CEO, Deloitte LLP.

“Every day he set an example for our people through his love of serving clients, as well as through his passion for learning, his principles and his integrity. I am honored to call him a friend and a colleague for life.”

Jim’s successful leadership philosophy of being a value-based leader is best captured by a book he coauthored on leadership, *As One: Individual Action, Collective Power*.

“Everything I needed to know I learned from growing up in rural America — the value of work, ethics, principles,” Jim said in the book.

Jim continues to work tirelessly on civic and church roles and is still highly sought after for corporate board duties, including directorships for Hess Corporation, Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, and Wells Fargo & Company.

The Quigleys have three children, 14 grandchildren, and reside in Park City, Utah. Bonnie, in addition to accompanying her husband on their frequent travels, is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, avid quilter, musical accompanist, and reader. She and Jim treasure their time with their family, enjoy skiing and other outdoor activities together and raise vegetable and flower gardens.

The School of Accountancy is commencing a nationwide search for a leading accounting scholar as the first holder of this prestigious professorship.
Financial Planning Association Student Chapter (FPA)

**FPA Activities for 2014-2015**

- **FPA is the Financial Planning Association** Student Chapter at USU. During the 2014-15 school year, FPA sponsored an opening social, monthly meetings with professional speakers, a banquet, and participated in several activities sponsored by the School of Accountancy and USU. The professional speakers gave presentations on the financial services industry, careers in personal financial planning, estate planning, educational savings plans, disability insurance, and being part of a financial planning team. Some FPA members participated in professional meetings sponsored by the Utah Chapter of FPA in Salt Lake City. In September 2014, six officers and members of FPA and their faculty advisor attended and served as volunteer staff members for the annual national convention of FPA held in Seattle, Washington. The students had a great experience, served admirably (per the national staff of FPA) for the 14th year, and shared useful information with other members of the FPA Student Chapter upon their return.

**Quigley Ambassadors**

- **Over the past year**, the Quigley Ambassadors have focused their efforts on helping current or potential students in the School of Accountancy through activities and other events. The Women in Accounting Luncheon, held in the fall, gave our female students the chance to interact with current professionals, including alumni. Early in the current semester the Quigley Ambassadors also put on the 3rd annual fashion show for their fellow accounting majors in preparation for the important Meet the Firms recruiting event. The annual spring SOA event was held on the USU Quad and focused on team activities. Students assembled in small groups to complete various tasks, including a punt, pass, and kick event with a foam football, as well as a lengthy disc-golf type challenge. One of the highlights of this event occurred when individuals competed in a (lowered-hoop) slam dunk contest!

As the School of Accountancy continues to grow, the Quigley Ambassadors continue to focus on their role as a value-adding component of the program. With an eye towards the future of the school, the main focal point of the Quigley Ambassadors will be recruiting strong talent to the School of Accountancy, including recent discussions to specifically recruit from other universities for the SOA’s Masters program. The coming year promises to be one of the best yet for the School of Accountancy and the Quigley Ambassadors. We are excited to see our plans put into action to help move USU’s School of Accountancy forward.

**Cultivating Careers**

- **The annual Meet the Firms Night** continues to be a successful recruiting event for USU’s impressive accounting students to meet and network with professionals from local and national accounting firms, companies, and governmental agencies. Even competing with the season opener of the football season, there were still over 125 students and nearly 100 professionals who attended.

This year, Meet the Firms was held on September 3 at the Riverwoods Conference Center. For information about next year’s Meet the Firms, contact the School of Accountancy.
Faculty & Staff

ANNA BROWN
Dr. Anna Brown recently joined the faculty as an assistant professor of accounting. Dr. Brown received her Ph.D. in accounting from Baruch College in May of 2014. At Baruch College she was the recipient of the John Elliott teaching award. Her teaching interests include courses in financial accounting. Her research focuses on international private debt markets as well as corporate governance. Prior to her doctoral studies, Dr. Brown completed her MBA at Baruch College, majoring in accounting. She has also worked as an audit intern for KPMG and an English teacher in Brazil and Mexico. In her free time, Dr. Brown enjoys practicing yoga, playing her guitar, cooking, and spending time with her family.

KARI OLSEN
Dr. Kari Joseph Olsen received his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in 2015. He received his bachelor’s (accounting) and master of accountancy degrees from Brigham Young University in 2009. His research interests are in management control systems and personality characteristics. His research has been published in the Journal of Management Accounting Research, Journal of the American Taxation Association, and Issues in Accounting Education. Dr. Olsen teaches classes covering topics such as cost accounting, performance measurement, and managerial decision-making. He and his wife, Lexi, have two children, a boy and a girl. He enjoys playing basketball, golfing, and learning new languages (he is fluent in Romanian).

ADAM OLSON
Dr. Adam Olson joins the USU faculty as a recent accounting Ph.D. graduate of Texas A&M. He studied economics at BYU and accounting at the University of Texas at Austin. He spends most of his time researching and teaching accounting and taxation. He is interested in how taxes and accounting impact business decisions and consequences. He is married and has three boys. In his spare time, he enjoys reading novels, biking, and watching college sports.

Retirement

WELCOMING
Whether teaching introductory, advanced accounting, or bungee jumping off a bridge in Peru, Professor Clifford R. Skousen always found joy in what he was doing. He loved nothing more than to guide, counsel, interact, and talk with students. Joining Utah State University in the fall of 1978, and through his retirement in December 2014, Dr. Skousen was always committed to USU. His career was one of service. He served in numerous capacities, including: department head in the School of Accountancy, senior associate dean, interim dean, interim department head in management (twice), national president of Beta Alpha Psi, Ernst & Young Professor (for 21 years), AACSB Accounting Accreditation Committee, and the list goes on. Prof. Skousen and his wife Janice are currently serving an LDS mission in Bermuda.

We will miss him.
Over the past several years we have received national attention with top 40 rankings in the Public Accounting Report, The Accounting Degree Review, and top 25 CPA exam pass rates. Our stakeholders recognize the value of hiring SOA Aggies. In the past year we have seen our students accept positions from Seattle to Orlando, New York City to San Diego, and many locations in between. We are literally crossing the nation from one corner to the next and many places in between. We enjoy support from the Big 4, regional firms, local firms, and major industry employers.

Denver, CO
Seattle, WA
Pittsburgh, PA
New York City, NY
Wichita, KS
Portland, OR
Phoenix, AZ
Idaho Falls, ID
Logan, UT
Salt Lake City, UT
Brigham City, UT
Soda Springs, ID
Boise, ID
San Diego, CA
San Jose, CA
Los Angeles, CA
San Francisco, CA
McLean, VA
Garden City, KS
Orlando, FL
Houston, TX
Washington, DC

Internships: The New Normal

During my time as an intern for PricewaterhouseCoopers Houston, I had the incredible opportunity to learn from great mentors and develop important skills while working in a fast-paced, corporate environment. My experience at Utah State University was a tremendous advantage to take into the workplace, where companies continually search for hardworking, passionate, and intelligent employees to lead them into the future. I personally was a beneficiary of the great legacy left by Aggie alumni that had gone before me to achieve great things, both at PwC as well as in other ventures. Although far from a finished product, I began to see what value I can add to a company as I continue to build on the lessons I have learned from my time in the School of Accountancy. My experience in Houston taught me that employers value the same principles that are developed in our classes: collaboration, innovation, and professional judgment.

—by Jacob McNeil
# 2015–16 Scholarships

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Scholarship Name</th>
<th>Recipient</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$10,000</td>
<td>PCAOB Scholarship</td>
<td>Chelsea Hepworth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>Huntsman Best &amp; Brightest Scholarship</td>
<td>Valerie Anderson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>Huntsman Best &amp; Brightest Scholarship</td>
<td>Katrina Nieveen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>Larzette G. Hale Scholarship</td>
<td>Cameron Lamb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>V. D. Gardner Scholarship</td>
<td>Paul Owen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$4,000</td>
<td>IMA Scholarship</td>
<td>Jacob Fryer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$4,000</td>
<td>Partners in Business Scholarship</td>
<td>Dillon Jones</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$4,000</td>
<td>Edna Southworth Scholarship</td>
<td>Alyssa Kohler</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$4,000</td>
<td>Jay H. Price Scholarship</td>
<td>McKay Lindsey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$4,000</td>
<td>KPMG Scholarship</td>
<td>Adrian Sanders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$4,000</td>
<td>Eide Bailly/SoA Scholarship</td>
<td>Brok Bardsley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>Quigley Deloitte Scholarship</td>
<td>Michael Acord</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>Frank and Anita Shuman Scholarship</td>
<td>Kyle Hepworth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>Joseph &amp; Tamara Keller Scholarship</td>
<td>Chris Hoopes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>Jones Simkins Scholarship</td>
<td>Scott Lyon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>Roland Monson Scholarship</td>
<td>Jacob McNeil</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>Norman &amp; Virginia Cannon Scholarship</td>
<td>Zachary Rittel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>Mark &amp; Jennifer Erickson Scholarship</td>
<td>Tyler Wolfrey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>Frank and Caroline Condie Scholarship</td>
<td>Timothy Youngberg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$2,000</td>
<td>School of Accountancy Scholarship</td>
<td>Lannie Jorgensen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$2,000</td>
<td>Beta Alpha Psi Scholarship</td>
<td>Josh Richards</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$2,000</td>
<td>PricewaterhouseCoopers Scholarship</td>
<td>Wayne Ririe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$2,000</td>
<td>PricewaterhouseCoopers Scholarship</td>
<td>Jordan Stenquist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$2,000</td>
<td>Ralph &amp; Roberta Peck Scholarship</td>
<td>Megan Thompson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$2,000</td>
<td>Vance &amp; Tamara Grange/SoA Scholarship</td>
<td>Taylor Vance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$2,000</td>
<td>Vernon Buehler Scholarship</td>
<td>Jeff Watts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$1,000</td>
<td>Squire Scholarship</td>
<td>Karen Christiansen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$1,000</td>
<td>Tom and Stephanie Colligan Scholarship</td>
<td>Cole Richards</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ALUMNI NEWS

GREG BASSETT ’87 is the vice president-group controller at Macerich.

WYATT KENNEDY ’11 works in accounts payable at Snap Lock.

STEVEN HART ’78 is a partner at Searle Hart & Associates, LLC. His son-in-law, Ben Blau, works in the Huntsman School of Business.

TODD ERICKSON ’85 is the controller at Replacementparts.com.

BRENT SANDBERG ’86 is a tax partner at Jones Simkins LLC. He and his wife, Allyson, have four children and two grandchildren. Brent is the chair of the Logan Regional Hospital Foundation Board and is an active Rotarian.

DANIEL K. BELL ’88 works as a retirement plan consultant at RPSA.

LAWRENCE YANCEY ’12 works at Axial Industries.

JEFFREY ABPLANALP ’86 is the chief financial officer at Sharkey Transportation.

MARK TICHENOR ’87 is a partner at HintonBurdick CPAs and Advisors. He lives in Mesquite, NV and has been an instructor for the USU tax school for 10 years.

DON L. EARL ’68 is a retired CPA and certified defense financial manager.

CHUNG WANG ’78 works as a tax auditor in the department of finance for the City of New York.

Encore

DR. ROSEMARY FULLERTON, professor emeritus in the School of Accountancy, will teach managerial accounting and lean accounting in the newly minted Huntsman Executive Shingo MBA, which began in October 2015. Rooted in the philosophies of Toyota’s Shigeo Shingo, the Shingo Model™ is an internationally recognized standard for creating an organizational culture based on principles of enterprise excellence. The new MBA program utilizes the Shingo Model to help students learn a new way of thinking about value creation and what differentiates organizations that have experienced sustained improvement and consistent delivery of success to their stakeholders. Widely recognized worldwide as a lean accounting expert, Dr. Fullerton’s expertise in cost accounting practices and financial performance measurement systems as they apply to improving manufacturing operations and economic returns will provide students with a world-class understanding of how to apply lean accounting systems to lean environments.

What’s an EMAcc?

- **We are excited** about our progress toward the development of a new innovative executive master of accounting (EMAcc) program. This new master’s program is targeted to mid-level financial executives who are seeking additional accounting training. While program approval is pending, we have received commitments from several individuals at the top of the profession to assist in course development and/or instruction. A sample of these individuals include: Jim Quigley (CEO emeritus at Deloitte, current member of several boards, and trustee of the IFRS Foundation), Steve Albrecht (professor of accounting at BYU, current member of several boards, expert witness to over 36 major fraud cases, and consultant), Dave Ulrich (professor of business at University of Michigan, partner in a major consulting firm, #1 management guru according to Business Week), and Jef Doyle (professor of accounting at Utah State University, former FASB research fellow, and former hedge fund consultant).
The School of Accountancy is proud to recognize firms and businesses with 100 percent participation in the alumni giving campaign with an “All-In” award.

Firms that achieved the School of Accountancy’s All-In Award for the 2014 calendar year include: Eide Bailly & Associates, KPMG, and Deloitte. We are especially pleased to note that this year marks six consecutive years of All-In giving for HJ & Associates and five consecutive years for KPMG. The School of Accountancy appreciates the continuous financial support shown by our many alumni and friends. Your generosity enables us to support student scholarships, build permanent endowments, and provide continuing educational opportunities for our students.

If your firm would like to join this list for the 2015 calendar year, please contact Dr. Walther for more information at larry.walther@usu.edu.
Have you been to campus lately?

Huntsman Hall construction is almost complete. The 117,000 square-foot building with its 21 new classrooms, 21 new student meeting rooms, two terraces and spacious common areas, will be open for spring 2016 classes. The grand opening celebration will be March 16, 2016. This dream is becoming a reality thanks to the support of generous alumni and friends.