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NEWSLETTER OF THE SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY
The national headlines have been ablaze with stories about unemployed college graduates who now find themselves saddled with unmanageable debts they racked up while in school. That must be a desperate feeling. It makes me all the more proud that our students are not participating in this national trend.

Our student population is defined by the following important attributes:

**Real work...** Not all of our students milk cows at four in the morning, but a fair number do. In the process they learn important life skills. Below is a picture of a typical senior-level accounting class. In addition to their challenging academic schedules, most work to provide the bulk of their tuition and living expenses. They know how to work, and they know the value of a buck. As a result, USU is ranked sixth in the nation’s best public national universities for graduates with the least debt (U.S. News & World Report, “Debt Load, Class of 2010, Best Colleges 2012,” Sep. 2011).

**Real values...** Married with children is the case for a large number of our students. Naturally, they have developed a level of maturity and sense of responsibility that is hard to find on other campuses. I prefer to say that our students have good “decorum.” Maybe that is just a politically correct way of signaling that most of our students have strong family, cultural, and religious values. Anyway you say it, these characteristics make for a great learning environment.

**Real results...** Good inputs make for good outputs. The hard work and solid values of our students produce nation-leading results. This year I wanted to share insight into our students’ performance on the nationally scored Educational Testing Service major field exam (see study on p.4). You will be pleased that our graduating seniors were at or above the ninety-fourth percentile on every business topic. This is an objectively measured score showing how our students stack up against graduating business students around the country!

**Real opportunity...** The School of Accountancy continues to monitor student placement. Again, despite difficult times, more than 90 percent of our recent masters graduates have secured meaningful employment. It is bittersweet to see our students graduate and move on to the next phase of their lives, but we are proud to see them start their careers and grow into successful professionals. Hard work and core values remain timeless principles that drive successful results. I applaud our students, and hope you will join me in supporting them in their quest to become tomorrow’s global leaders.

When you are thinking of hiring, Get an Aggie and Get Real!

Larry Walther
In order to help encourage women to pursue opportunities in accounting, the Quigley Ambassadors partnered with USU’s Beta Alpha Psi and created hot pink “Bridge the GAAP” t-shirts and held two “Women in Accounting Luncheons.” All female students interested in accounting were invited to the lunches to enjoy a meal with female professionals from a variety of accounting fields. The professionals shared their experiences, offered advice, and encouraged students to continue their educations and become CPAs. The t-shirts have been widely successful, and professionals across the state have been requesting them. (Interested alum can purchase shirts for $8 by contacting usu.accounting@gmail.com. The proceeds will help support additional women-focused events.)

Quigley Ambassadors
Making a Difference

“Come on down” and learn about accounting! That’s how the Quigley Ambassadors kicked off the school year. Their custom-built Plinko board and free snow cones were hard to miss at the university’s Day-on-the-Quad event. The booth attracted hundreds of students and allowed the ambassadors to share their experiences and inform students about the vast opportunities available in accounting. Throughout the rest of the year, the ambassadors recruited at high school open houses, major fairs, and dedicated accounting information sessions. The ambassadors also made presentations to high schools around the state and Idaho discussing careers in accounting. They hope to break down stereotypes and help students realize how varied and exciting accounting careers can be.
SOA Students Dominate on National Test Results

Graduating seniors participate in a national exam of competency on key business topics, providing a tool for assessing learning outcomes relative to other business schools. Test results from spring 2011 have been received, and we believe you will be impressed, as shown on the following graphic. SOA students averaged above the 90th percentile on each subject area. Dedication to purpose yields results.

Outstanding Students

Three students were honored for their scholastic and leadership achievements at the annual awards banquet. Jill Aoki was selected as this year’s Jon M. Huntsman School of Business Scholar of the Year. Jill earned her bachelor’s degree with high honors, completing a triple major in accounting, finance, and economics, and a minor in international business. She will finish her MAcc degree at the end of fall semester, 2012.

Jill has been very involved in leadership and service activities including vice president and president of Beta Alpha Psi, a member of the Huntsman Scholars program, a Quigley Ambassador, and a member of the UACPA. She completed internships with the Walt Disney Company and with Ernst & Young. She has accepted employment with Ernst & Young upon her graduation from the MAcc program.

Anthony Lemon received this year’s UACPA Outstanding Graduate Student award. Anthony completed his MAcc degree in May 2012.

Anthony was a recipient of the Presidential Fellowship, the A-Pin award, and is a member of Beta Alpha Psi. He has accepted employment with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Salt Lake City.

Chance Murray is this year’s recipient of the Federation of Schools of Accountancy Outstanding Scholar award. Chance completed his MAcc degree in August 2011. He was a Huntsman Scholar and completed two internships. He is currently working with Deloitte in Virginia.

Meet the Firms Night

The annual Meet the Firms night continues to be a valuable opportunity for students to meet and network with accounting professionals representing nearly 30 local and national accounting firms and governmental agencies. Each September, approximately 100 professionals are available to meet more than 150 accounting students seeking future professional careers. Thank you to all of our professional partners who help to make this a successful event.

Great DEAL!

IN-STATE TUITION for OUT-OF-STATE parents.

Live outside of Utah? No problem. You can send your children to Utah State and their out-of-state tuition will be waived through the Alumni Legacy Nonresident Scholarship. No coupon required.

Alumni News

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Jef Doyle receives appointment at the FASB.

Congratulations to Dr. Jeffrey Doyle, George S. Eccles Chair in Capital Markets Research, who has been asked to serve a one-year appointment as the Faculty Research Fellow at the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in Connecticut. This is an honor and a tribute to Jef and will enable him to return to USU with vast knowledge that will further propel his already stellar research and teaching. This coveted appointment speaks loudly about the quality of Jef’s research record and brings us one step closer to our quest of a nationally recognized, top-tier school of accountancy.

Jef moved his family to Connecticut and began his appointment in July, 2012.

School of Accountancy Welcomes New Faculty Members

The SOA is pleased to introduce three outstanding assistant professors who joined our faculty in July 2012.

Richard A. Price, comes from Rice University in Houston, TX. He received a PhD from Stanford University in 2005. Richard’s research interests include accounting conservatism, earnings quality, fraud prediction, investor behavior, market efficiency, transaction costs, and bankruptcy and delistings. His teaching interests include financial accounting, financial reporting and analysis, and financial statement analysis. Dr. Price was twice recognized as Rice University’s outstanding teacher within their prestigious MBA program.

Chad A. Simon joins us from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He received a PhD from the University of Georgia in 2008 and master’s and bachelor’s degrees from BYU. Chad’s teaching and research focus is audit and financial accounting. Chad’s early research record is off to a most impressive start, with publications in two of the leading academic accounting journals. In addition, our friends at UNLV are disappointed that we recruited one of their great teachers and a rising superstar within accounting academics!

Nicole Velasquez is a highly talented scholar who serves a dual role in accounting and MIS. She comes to us from Pepperdine University. Nicole earned a PhD in MIS and a master’s degree in accounting from the University of Arizona. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree from USU in MIS and was named the college valedictorian in 2001. Nicole’s expertise in MIS and accounting will enable us to prepare more relevant curriculum for today’s “big-data” environment.

Rhett Hunt joined the SOA faculty in the fall of 2012 at USU’s regional campus in the Uintah Basin. He graduated with an accounting degree from Utah State University in 2002, earned a Masters of Professional Accountancy from the University of Utah, and became a licensed CPA in 2008.

Rhett teaches several accounting courses including introductory and intermediate accounting, cost and management accounting, and accounting information systems. His many years of service in the accounting profession, in both public and corporate accounting, will provide students with a valuable combination of academic instruction and real-world experience.

Jack Peterson Retires

After twenty-nine years of dedicated service to thousands of students at Utah State University, Jack Peterson retired on June 30, 2012. Jack has taught financial, managerial, and audit courses throughout his teaching career. His versatility and ability to consistently deliver a quality course has made him an extremely valuable part of the School of Accountancy. He has the unique ability to make each student feel important and valued.

“When I ask questions, Professor Peterson takes the time to explain the material until I fully understand. He calls on each class member to participate in discussions to ensure that no person is left behind.”

— Michael Murray

In addition to his excellent teaching service, Jack has served as a role model and mentor to scores of students who have sought his advice regarding their education and career paths. Many students have chosen to study accounting because of his special rapport with them. Jack is a perfect example of the highest values that the SOA is trying to attain.

In April of this year, Jack was named Faculty Advisor of Program Graduates.” (Stephens, N. M., S. L. Summers, B. Williams, and D. A. Wood. 2011. Accounting Doctoral Program Rankings Based on Research Productivity of Program Graduates.” (Stephens, N. M., S. L. Summers, B. Williams, and D. A. Wood. 2011. Accounting Horizons, 25(1): 149-181.)

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UACPA Outstanding Educator

In August 2011, Professor Rosemary Fullerton was recognized by the UACPA as the 2011 Outstanding Educator of the Year. Recipients are selected based on excellence in teaching, research and publication, and public or civic service. Dr. Fullerton teaches undergraduate financial and strategic cost management courses, and graduate advanced management accounting, which focuses on lean thinking and lean accounting.

Her aim as an educator is to continually discover ways to improve her courses. The UACPA recognized the unique lean simulation she created for her graduate classes where her students build Lego robots using lean processes, and then design lean accounting information from simulation results.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities at USU, Dr. Fullerton has a strong publication record and regularly lectures around the country and abroad.

Faculty Research: Back-to-Back Home Runs for Nate Stephens

Assistant Professor Nate Stephens (and his coauthors) were honored with two Best Paper Awards at the 2012 annual AAA meeting in Washington, D.C. The prestigious awards are granted separately by each journal. Each article published in the particular journal during the year is eligible for the award from that journal.


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Greg Bleazard

Don’t Miss Out on the 36th Annual Accounting Conference

This promises to be the best line-up in 36 years! We have pulled out all the stops to put together a blockbuster list of speakers. After you see our lineup, we are confident you will want to find time to attend this year’s accounting conference at USU. It will be a truly remarkable day. The upcoming accounting conference will be on October 25, 2012. Keynote speakers include...

- Denny Beran, Chairman of the Board, Institute of Internal Auditors, and senior VP of audit, JC Penny Corporation, will speak about enhancing the value of internal auditing.
- Lynn Turner, former Chief Accountant at the SEC and Jonathan W. Durersch, associate chief accountant, U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, will share valuable insights from their extensive knowledge and experience.
- James Leasingham, former member of the FASB and the IASB, is currently serving as senior advisor to the FASB and will provide an international reporting update.
- Weston Smith, former CFO of Health South, will talk about his direct involvement in one of the largest frauds ever.
- Jason Collins, managing partner of Reid Collins & Tsai LLP, will offer advice on the current accounting litigation environment.
- Bill Ezell, member of The Pathways Commission, will tell you about their game-changing recommendations.
- Paula Eldredge, Audit Manager, Zion Bankcorporation and President, Salt Lake Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors, will tell you how to be a team player within an organization.

And, of course, we will have our usual tax and accounting updates during the breakout sessions.

Distinguished Young Alumni

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- Larzette G. Hale Scholarship $4,000 Andrea Winkler
- Lorenzoott Scholarship $1,000 Spencer Jeppesen
- Norman & Virginia Cannon Scholarship $1,000 Kurt Hansen
- Out of state tuition waiver $8,900 Darin Fullmer
- Out of state tuition waiver $1,800 Ye Yao
- Partner’s in Business Scholarship $4,000 Joseph Pieper
- PricewaterhouseCoopers Scholarship $4,000 Matthew Madson
- Quigley/Deloitte Scholarship $4,000 Andrew Williams
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Paula started her professional career in the audit department of Ernst & Young. During her nine-year tenure there, she served clients in a range of industries from software to healthcare. After a successful career in public accounting as an audit senior manager, she moved into industry with controllership responsibilities at several large, publicly traded firms. Her first industry experience was with Cenveo, Inc. (formerly Mail-Well, Inc.), where she was responsible for internal controls and financial planning for more than thirty-five plants in the $600 million commercial printing division. In 2003, she went to work for Teltech, Inc. as the assistant controller and head of the North American accounting group. After two years, she moved to Fischer Imaging Corporation, a $50 million medical device manufacturing firm. When the firm declared bankruptcy in 2006, she was promoted to president and CEO, where she had the challenging experience of leading the company through the closing of its business and the liquidation process. As the current chief accounting officer of MarkWest Energy Partners, she has relied on her past executive experience to lead a team of more than seventy professionals responsible for full accounting operations from SEC reporting to acquisition analyses and management. She has been a key member of the executive team for the past five plus years.

We are proud to claim Paula as one of our esteemed alumnus. She received her B.S. and M.Acc in accounting from Utah State University and is a licensed CPA in Colorado.

Newly Endowed Scholarship

In January 2010, Frank and Anita Shuman established the Frank & Anita Shuman Scholarship Endowment in the School of Accountancy. Since then, more than $25,000 has been donated to the scholarship—$10,000 from the generosity of many of Frank’s former students, an amount matched by Frank and Anita. Hearing from so many alumni was a rewarding experience for Frank, who has taught for the SOA for over 20 years. “I remembered something about every student who donated to the fund,” Frank said. “It brought back a lot of good memories.”

Frank received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting from USU and wanted to give back to the school in order to help other students do the same.

Scott Nixon appointed to USU Board of Trustees

Effective July 1, 2011, Governor Gary Herbert appointed J. Scott Nixon (’83 BA, ’84 M.Acc) to a four-year term as a member of the Utah State University Board of Trustees. Scott, the Salt Lake City office managing partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, has served on the Advisory Board of the School of Accountancy for the past 20 years, except for the four years where he was on assignment with PwC in Brazil. Appointments to the University’s Board of Trustees are made by the governor, based on recommendations of the president of the University. Scott’s responsibilities include active participation in the overall governance of the University and specific assignment to the audit committee, as well as other responsibilities assigned to him by the Chair of the Board.
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