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Director's Update

The Alumni Relations Committee from the School of Accountancy Advisory Board is pleased to announce the recipients of the Alumnus and Young Alumnus of the Year awards. The awards will be given at the SoA Spring Banquet this evening, May 3, 2019. Congratulations to our 2019 Alumnus of the Year Krishen Mehta and Young Alumnus of the Year Andrew Rosenthaler! Make sure to check out the [SoA Facebook](#) page in the next few weeks for photos from tonight's banquet.

Beta Alpha Psi takes first at regionals!



Each year, the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at DU participates in a best practices competition at the [BAP Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting](#). In April, students from our chapter competed against other regional chapters in Fort Collins, Colorado, for a spot in the national competition later this year. We are delighted to announce that our best practices team placed first in their category at regionals! Congratulations to the outstanding students who were part of the best practices team this year: Peyton Kidwell, Sarah Cameron, Shannon O'Loughlin and Colleen Peterson. Special thanks also to BAP officers Megan King and Kate Karayannis as well as Teaching Assistant Professor Jeff Brothers, CPA, CVA for providing guidance. We are so proud of the chapter's success and look forward to watching them compete in Chicago this August.

Best,

Dr. Sharon Lassar, Director, School of Accountancy

Upcoming Events



JOIN US FOR A *Retirement Celebration*

Register today for a retirement celebration where we will toast to the long and successful career of Dr. John Tripp.

May 19, 2019 | 6 p.m.
Tuscan Ballroom | University of Denver



SAVE THE DATE *SoA Welcome Back Reception & KED's Birthday Celebration*

September 8, 2019 | 5-7 p.m.
Marcus Commons | DCB

Get to Know Your Network

Alumnus of the Year
Krishen Mehta
MBA, 1972

*Director, Tax Justice Network;
Senior Global Justice Fellow,
Yale University*



Krishen Mehta received his master's degree in business administration from the University of Denver in 1972, majoring in accounting and finance. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in India in 1969.

Mehta is a writer, teacher and speaker on issues of global tax justice. Prior to making tax justice his main focus, he was a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) for over 20 years and served in their New York, London and Tokyo offices. While in Japan, he oversaw PwC's U.S. tax practices in Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, China, India and Indonesia, encompassing more than 140 American companies conducting business in Asia.

He served on the School of Accountancy Advisory Board from 2008 to 2011. He is currently a senior global justice fellow at Yale University, a director of the Tax Justice Network in London, and on the advisory board of the Aspen Institute's Business and Society Program in New York. Mehta is the co-author of *Global Tax Fairness*, published by Oxford University Press in 2016. He also serves as trustee of the Social Science Foundation at the University of Denver.

Mehta has served on the Asia Advisory Council of Human Rights Watch, as trustee of the Institute of Current World Affairs and co-chairman of Global Financial Integrity in Washington, D.C. He has been a guest speaker at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston and at Tokyo University in Japan, and has conducted capstone workshops at Columbia University in New York. He is currently one of the founding directors of Asia Initiatives, a nonprofit devoted to issues of education and women's empowerment in Asia.

It was the American Field Service program that originally brought Mehta to the United States at the age of 16, when he had the opportunity to stay for a few days with School of Accountancy Professor Jerry Kesselman. That became a lasting friendship with the Kesselman family and a long-term relationship with the University of Denver. Since then, he has endowed scholarships in the names of Jerry and Fern Kesselman at the School of Accountancy, and has been a friend and supporter of the Daniels College of Business.

**Young Alumnus of the Year
Andrew Rosenthaler
BSAcc 2009**

***Finance Manager,
Southwest Generation***



Rosenthaler is currently a finance manager at Southwest Generation. Here he utilizes his 10 years of experience in transaction services in supporting the CFO and SVP of Asset Management. Currently, Rosenthaler works with Southwest Generation's sponsor on their valuation model, ad hoc investment cases and forecasting. He also assists the Internal Affairs Committee for the nonprofit Brent's Place. Brent's Place provides safe, clean housing for severely immune-compromised patients.

Prior to Southwest Generation, Rosenthaler worked for KPMG, LLP, where he oversaw a team of CPAs and lawyers that specialized in structuring and modeling complex partnership transactions in a variety of industries, including alternative energy, oil & gas and consumer goods. Prior to KPMG, he worked as a transaction services & tax manager at EKS&H for seven years. He consulted for public and closely held upstream oil & gas companies on tax compliance and exit strategies.

Rosenthaler received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting in 2009 from the University of Denver and is a certified public accountant. He has served as a mentor to accounting students and was an integral member of the Alumni Engagement Council. Rosenthaler has a 1-year-old daughter, Dylan, with his wife, Katie.

Alumni Notes



Keely Gohl (BSAcc, MAcc 1999) founded and recently launched [Favor Financial LLC](#), a consulting business focusing on helping organizations maximize efficiency and improve inter controls. We wish her all the best in this new venture! Additionally, Gohl is volunteering her time with Dr. Lassar and others to develop the Colorado Society of CPAs Women's Conference in August.

Robert Galvan, CPA, CVA (BSAcc, MAcc 2016) recently accepted a position as an acquisitions analyst at Cardinal Group Investments, LLC. Congratulations, Robert!

Job Opportunities and Professional Development

Southwest Generation is searching for a SoA alum with two-to-five years of experience to serve as a financial analyst in the Denver corporate office. More information is available [here](#).

HERS (Higher Education Resource Services) is searching for a junior accountant to develop and maintain organizational metrics and reporting. More information is available at [jobs.du.edu](#).

The Office of Alumni Career and Professional Development is proud to offer virtual executive coaching for alumni zero-to-five or 10-15 years into their careers. Join one of the six-person, six-week, one-hour/week coaching tracks at rates significantly below what top executive coaches typically charge. Each cohort will accelerate your career and success. Learn more and register [here!](#)

Please see [du.edu/pioneercareers](#) for additional job opportunities.

Faculty Updates

Assistant Professor Adam Greiner, PhD, CPA attended the 2019 AAA Western Region meeting in Newport Beach, California, April 12-13, where he presented his co-authored research (with Julia Higgs at Florida Atlantic University and Tom Smith at University of South Florida) entitled, "An Examination of Audit Quality Surrounding Engagement Office Switches." Greiner also served as a

discussant for a study entitled, "Interaction between Securitization Gains and Abnormal Loan Loss Provisions: Credit Risk Retention and Fair Value Accounting."

HAVE ANY EXCITING NEWS?

Promotions, marriages, new babies, major moves, job changes or awards? Let us know! We'll share the news with your alumni family in the alumni notes section of the newsletter.

Email kristen.dimig@du.edu with any updates.



UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have a new email address, recently moved, changed employment, got married or have other information to update, please do so [here](#).

On the Lighter Side - Humor from the Grove

Things that make you go "Hmm"

Sick people must walk to the back of the drugstore to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy cigarettes in the front.

Banks leave both vault doors open, but pens are chained to the counters.

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

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