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Director's Update

Congratulations to the class of 2020! We wish we could celebrate with you in person to acknowledge your tremendous accomplishments. You have persevered and worked incredibly hard, and we wish you much success in your career and life beyond DU. We encourage you to stay connected and we would love to see you involved back on campus once that is possible. If you would like information on programs such as the Alumni Engagement Council or SoA mentoring program, which are continuing remotely, please contact our alumni relations coordinator, [Kristen Dimig](#).

The SoA faculty has worked tirelessly to ensure quality learning while quickly shifting to distance learning models this Spring. The school created and distributed a survey last month to gauge student perspectives. Although over 70% of students prefer taking accounting courses in person and 25% percent indicated they would like to have the option to choose between in person and

online formats, 59% of students were satisfied or extremely satisfied with the online delivery of accounting courses this Spring quarter and 22% were neutral.

All the best,

Sharon Lassar

Dr. Sharon Lassar, Director, School of Accountancy

Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE

SoA Fall Reception

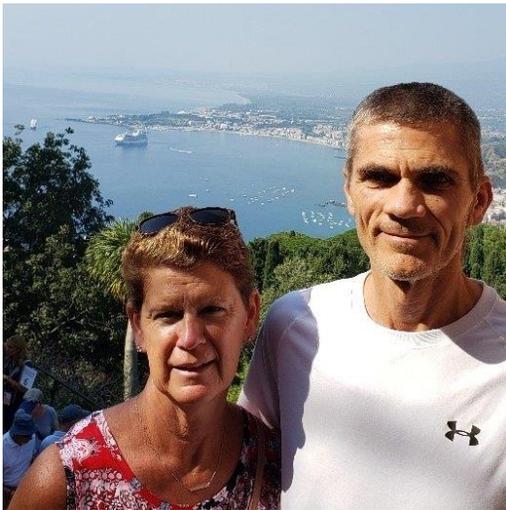
(tentative based on guidelines surrounding COVID-19)

Visit with fellow alums and connect with faculty and incoming and returning students. It's an SoA tradition to kick off the fall quarter!

Sept. 13 | 5-7 p.m.

Get to Know Your Network

Meet Alumnus David Moes (BSAcc 1982)



Why did you decide to receive your degree from the School of Accountancy? Were there any particular experiences that triggered your interest in accounting or an influence in your life that lead you this way?

My venture into accounting started the way a lot of careers begin. I signed up for an accounting course in 11th grade and had a great teacher who made the class interesting and entertaining (yes - entertaining!). The rest is history.

Without dating myself too much, I always seemed to be managing money-- from delivering and collecting payment on a paper route, to later working at a gas station.

When deciding on a college, the School of Accountancy at DU offered accounting classes as a freshman. This was a major factor in my decision process. As an aside, I had a brother at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, and was initially introduced to Colorado in the Fall of 1976 when we drove out for a visit. Applying to attend the University of Denver brought all the pieces together.

What did you enjoy most about getting your degree from the School of Accountancy? Any highlights of your college career you'd like to share?

I distinctly remember my early accounting courses. The instructors were Joyce Frakes and Jerome Kesselman. I was off to a great start--classes, faculty, activities and encounters continued in that same spirit during my four years of college.

The School of Accountancy provided an excellent Internship program with local CPA firms. I participated in the Internship my Junior Year with Arthur Andersen - leading to my first busy season audit experience.

How has your education from the School of Accountancy benefited you in your career?

My education at the School of Accountancy provided numerous benefits as I moved through my career. I have held positions in public accounting, operations, management, financial consulting and now as controller with Core-Mark International. All of these ventures were possible with the education base and experiences I encountered while attending the School of Accountancy.

Tell us about your career. What lead you to your current point? What do you find enjoyable, rewarding, and/or interesting about your professional life?

I was fortunate to begin my career with Arthur Andersen after graduating from the School of Accountancy. This lead to an opportunity with CenturyLink (formerly known as U S West) and eventual relocation back to Minnesota. I had the opportunity to take on numerous roles and increased responsibility as

I moved throughout the organization. As I moved through my career, there were always instances or situations when I would think back to my days in Denver and my experiences at the School of Accountancy.

I enjoy helping others to look forward and visualize where they would like to be in the short and long-term and help develop plans to move in the appropriate direction.



What do you enjoy doing? Hobbies? Interests?

Being outside is important to me. I have a Honda Goldwing and make time to venture down the highway for plenty of fresh air. I also enjoy getting in a few rounds of golf during the summer. I have also found myself dabbling in fishing and taking a few hikes.

Over the last several years I have volunteered at BestPrep, a Minnesota-based nonprofit organization that provides educational programs to students in grades 4-12. They provide educators with resources to ensure that students are college-prepared, work-ready, and career-bound. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to work with and spend time with these students.

What are your plans for the future?

Current plans evolve around moving through the COVID-19 environment, maintaining extreme flexibility as the country continues to open up, and adjusting to the new environment that will come out of this situation.

Looking back, it has been an interesting 8 to 12 weeks. I find myself working on different projects and absorbing each day as something new unfolds.

Alumni Notes



Congratulations to **Rachelle Moulton (BSAcc &MAcc 2008)**! She and her husband welcomed twins Jack Barrett and Katherine Elizabeth Moulton on February 26, 2020. They are enjoying their time at home and big brother Mick is very excited!



Megan Lewczyk (BSBA & MAcc 2011) and her husband welcomed their baby girl, Malina (Ma-LEE-na) Victoria Lewczyk on May 1, 2020 and are totally in love with her. Congratulations, Lewczyk family!

Professional Development

Be sure to check out [STAY CONNECTED](#), a website launch by DU that offers a wide array of virtual programming. This includes career advice, webinars with DU faculty and other experts addressing mental and physical health and wellness topics, programming for children and parents, and much more. The site also offers ways to connect with career resources offered by the Career & Professional Development team.

Please see du.edu/pioneercareers for job opportunities.

HAVE ANY EXCITING NEWS?

The SoA has always tried to keep alumni connected to the University and each other. Connection is important, now

more than ever! In that spirit, we'll continue to share alumni stories, news and class notes.

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](#).

Faculty and Staff Updates



John J. Gilbert
Professor, Director,
School of Accountancy
Sharon Lassar, PhD,
CPA, CGMA has been
named the [COCPA Board
of Directors Chairperson](#)
for 2020-2021. Lassar
previously served the
COCPA on the Careers
Committee, the Board of
Directors, and as an
Educational Foundation
Trustee, including a term
as president.

On the Lighter Side - Humor from the Grove



“My God . . . those meetings really could all have been e-mails.”

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