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Director's Update

We started the New Year strong with the annual [Winter Mixer](#) in January, sponsored by our Alumni Engagement Council (AEC). The mixer brought together the School's alumni and faculty for a night celebrating connections and community. A sincere thank you to Maria Ostrom, Rachelle Moulton, Leo Stegman, Rhonda Willert, Jason Lundberg, Professor John Tripp and Assistant Professor Nate Waddoups for presenting at the mixer. The engaging stories of their time at DU, life, and career were enjoyed by all. If you would like more information on the AEC, please contact [Kristen Dimig](#).



Our SoA mentoring program continues to provide meaningful insights and connections for our students. The Winter cohort kicked off last month with 21 students and 17 mentors. We are excited to foster more connections between current students and alumni.

In January we also hosted the first of two alumni receptions and DU v. CC hockey games. The event was sold out and everyone enjoyed cheering on the Pioneers to an overtime victory. Be sure to register early for the second alumni reception and game in March.

Best,

Sharon Lassar

Dr. Sharon Lassar, Director, School of Accountancy

Upcoming Events



SoA Alumni Reception and DU v. CC Hockey Game

Friday, March 8, 2019

Don't miss out on the alumni reception and game! Catch up with fellow alums for a fun, casual dinner reception and cheer on your Pioneers as they take on their rivals.

[Register](#)



Volunteer with VITA

Beta Alpha Psi's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is seeking professional volunteers to assist with the 2019 filing season. Sessions will be held Fridays and Saturdays beginning in February.

[Volunteer](#)

Get to Know Your Network

Meet Alumnus Lauren Bell (BSAcc, MAcc 2014)



Bell grew up in Pueblo, Colorado, and is the oldest of five children. She initially had an interest in aviation and earned her private pilot license her freshman year at DU. Bell decided not to pursue a commercial pilot career but was still undecided on a major after dabbling in arts and humanities and music. “I remember eating lunch with Danika (a biology major at the time as I recall), both of us unsure about our futures and majors.” Bell asked the owner of her flight school which of her clients had both the time and money to fly. The owner said the accountants seemed to have the best balance, so Bell switched to the Daniels College of Business and even took summer accounting classes to allow her to start the winter core after studying abroad in India. “I liked the structure and rigor of the program, though it was a big change from the arts and humanities track I had been on.”

Bell recalls, “A group project on target costing in Professor Honodel’s Cost Accounting class got me talking with a guy in my core, Brad Morris. Even after swearing to my fellow BAP officers, Mariah and Celia, that I wouldn’t be one of those ‘core relationship’ people, we started dating.” The pair went “Facebook official” during one of the introductory graduate classes and everyone in class started smiling knowingly. “The professor wasn’t sure what was going on! We were married this past summer on the beach in Hawaii, where Brad is from.”

When it comes to lasting benefits of the SoA, Bell explains, “The connections with other alumni over shared experiences going through the SoA’s program (even if we were 10 years apart) never cease to surprise me!” Bell also finds the focus on memo writing and case studies to have served her well in her career at Deloitte.

In Bell’s five years with Deloitte she has been primarily on one client, “But the way we audit has changed so much during that time with analytics and technology, reducing the amount of time spent doing the rote work and increasing audit coverage of balances. It’s fun to see things change in such a short period of time.” Bell also has the privilege of working with other DU SoA alumni both within the firm and her client.

Outside of work, Bell enjoys practicing yoga, skiing, swimming, camping, and pairing wine and food. She still defends her decision to take *Wines of the World* instead of *Advanced Audit*. “I’ve also been learning ukulele and joined a folk band playing the cello.” Bell’s husband, Brad, races motorcycles and she spends summer weekends helping him go fast!

As for the future, Bell is exploring international opportunities with Deloitte. “A global rotation has been on my career bucket list since I graduated. I love seeing what my core classmates are doing and how we’ve grown so much in the years since graduating.”

Alumni Notes

Congratulations to [Eric Bosler](#) (MBA 1993) of Zipnosis, a telemedicine startup. He was recently recognized as a CFO of the Year in Minnesota.



Faculty Updates

In January 2019, **Assistant Professor Adam Greiner, PhD, CPA**, attended the AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Section (FARS) Midyear Meeting in Seattle, Washington, and the AAA Auditing Midyear Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. At the Auditing Meeting, he served as a moderator for a session concerning audit committee expertise and responsibilities and presented his co-authored research entitled, "An Examination of Audit Quality Surrounding Engagement Office Changes."

On January 12, 2019, **Associate Professor Ryan Casey, PhD, CPA**, presented his paper, "Measuring Reporting Quality" at the AAA Financial Accounting and Reporting Section (FARS) Midyear Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Associate Professor Lisa Victoravich, PhD, CPA, and **Associate Professor Lorenzo Patelli, PhD**, authored a study titled, "Investor Reactions to Management Attributions: Revisions versus Late Filings Following Preliminary Earnings Announcements," which was accepted for publication in *Accounting and the Public Interest*.

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 To Ponder

- If you attempt to rob a bank, you won't have any trouble with rent or food bills for the next 10 years, regardless of if you are successful.
- If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

- If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.
- If you rip a hole in a net, there are now fewer holes in it than there were before.

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