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Director's Update

The fall 2020 quarter has presented students, faculty and staff with unprecedented circumstances, but it has also showcased resilience and strength. The School of Accountancy enthusiastically welcomed our students to campus thanks to many hours of hard work and preparation. SoA students (and professors) are masked up, physically distanced and ready to learn. Most accounting classes are being delivered in person with hyflex technology as a backup. We are looking forward to a productive year!



All the best,

Sharon Lassar

Dr. Sharon Lassar, Director, School of Accountancy

Get to Know Your Network

Meet Alumna Kerry Schoeneman (BSAcc & MAcc 2010)



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 led you this way?

I entered DU as an international business major but decided to switch to accounting after my introductory accounting course. The professor made accounting so accessible and relevant that it seemed like a natural fit.

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 loved the collaborative nature of the accounting program. Due to this structure, I was able to form close relationships with both my professors and fellow students. Even though the curriculum was very challenging for me, I have fond memories of study sessions in the SoA offices and after class get-togethers at Jordan's (not sure if that is even there anymore!). I think this camaraderie was unique to the accounting program.

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

Though there wasn't a specific internal audit/risk management course when I was at DU, I benefit daily from the foundational aspects of the accounting core program: collaboration and critical thinking.

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

After graduating from DU, I started my career performing operational audits at the Government Accountability Office in Washington, D.C. After a few years in D.C., my husband (a DU MBA alum) and I decided to move back to Portland, Oregon, to be closer to family. During this move, I was able to get a job at Moss Adams in the Enterprise Risk Management group. There, I performed outsourced SOX and internal audit work across several different industries. From there, I really wanted to continue to focus my career in internal audit and took a job at Intel--where I now work. I love internal audit because no two projects look the same. I'm constantly learning different aspects of the business, whether it be manufacturing, construction or cybersecurity. Each day delivers a new challenge!



What do you enjoy doing? Hobbies? Interests?

I have a 21-month-old daughter, so I'm usually pretty busy with her (especially during the pandemic). In my spare time, I love to read, spend time outside and travel. We also recently bought a boat, so we have been enjoying getting out on the water frequently this summer.

What are your plans for the future?

I plan to continue my career in internal audit or a related risk and controls role. I hope to do an expat assignment at some point in the future, so that I can share new cultures and opportunities with my family.

Alumni Notes



Congratulations to **Katie Minor (BSAcc & MBA 2004)** on her promotion to Audit Partner at KPMG! We wish you all the best in your new role.



We are proud of recent graduate **Johnny Youngs (BSAcc & MAcc 2020)**, whose thesis paper "Linguistic Complexity and the Post-Earnings Announcement Drift" was published in the [Spring 2020 DU Undergraduate Research Journal](#). Congratulations, Johnny!

Professional Development

Be sure to check out [STAY CONNECTED](#), a website launched 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](#).

On the Lighter Side - Humor from the Grove

When you're really excited about
Halloween but you're trying to
maintain a high level of professionalism



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