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## SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY

### Alumni Newsletter February 2013

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#### Get to Know Your Network: Al Massey, BS 1972



Mr. Massey began his government service career with the Air Force Audit Agency in February 1974. Prior to entering Government Service Mr. Massey was an Auditor with Ernst and Ernst CPA Firm, Denver Colorado. His initial assignment was to the Major Command Audit Branch, HQ Air Defense Command (ADC), Ent AFB, CO. where he served as a staff auditor. In October 1975, Mr. Massey transferred to the Area Audit Office at Yokota AB, Japan. In 1977, Mr. Massey was promoted to Audit Manager and transferred to the Operational Systems Audit Branch, Data Systems Design Center, Gunter AFS, AL. Upon completion of his assignment as an Audit Manager, Mr. Massey was promoted to Staff Auditor, Directorate of Service-Wide Systems, Andrews AFB MD, in November 1979. He held that position until Nov 80 when he was appointed by the Auditor General to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Financial Management (SAF/FM), at the Pentagon, Washington DC on a career enhancement assignment. There, he was responsible to the Assistant Secretary for several special projects to include the formulation of the Air Force Space Command financial and budget structure prior to activation.

In May 1981, upon completion of his assignment at the Pentagon, Mr. Massey was transferred to the staff of the Auditor General, Headquarters Air Force Audit Agency, Directorate of Plans and Programs, Norton AFB CA. In September 1981, he was promoted to Senior Plans Officer. There, he held positions of increasing responsibility culminating in his appointment in June 1983 as Chief, CDA Management Branch, Directorate of Operations where he was responsible for centralized planning and coordination of all AFAA multi-site audits throughout the Air Force. In June 1986, he was selected as a Supervisory Auditor and transferred to Ramstein AB, Germany. Mr. Massey's responsibilities included the direct planning and execution of internal audit operations for Air Force activities within the United Kingdom, Holland, Spain, Germany, and Italy. Upon his

return from Ramstein, Mr. Massey served within the Financial and Support Directorate as a Program Manager and as an Associate Director with his promotion to GS-511-15 in June 1990. In June 1999, Mr. Massey was selected for an Air Force sponsored career developmental assignment with the Veterans Affairs Department. In this assignment, Mr. Massey served for a period of 30 months as the deputy CEO at Loma Linda VA medical center, Loma Linda, California. Mr. Massey returned to the AFAA in November 2001. Mr. Massey served with the U.S. Marine Corps (1964-1968) with a tour in Vietnam, various CONUS assignments with his final assignment to the Marine Barracks in London England (1966-1968).

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## **Recent Happenings in the School of Accountancy**

### **Conference Travels, Publications and Presentations**

Dr. Keith Sellers just received word that he will be presenting his paper "Teaching Business Valuation in a Tax Course" at the Innovative Teaching session at the ATA Mid-Year Meeting in San Diego on Saturday, February 23rd.

Dr. Erin Nickell recently presented her paper, "Fairness, Accountability and the Determination of the Audit Failure Due to a Lack of Professional Skepticism" at the AAA Audit Section Midyear Meeting held in New Orleans.

Dr. Philipp Schaberl and Dr. Erin Nickell will be attending the AAA New Faculty Consortium in Leesburg, VA on February 2-3.

Pisun Xu, Hugh Grove and Philipp Schaberl recently published the article, "How Do Risk Ratings Affect Firm Value?" in Corporate Ownership and Control, 2013, Volume 10-forthcoming. Also, Isabelle Allemand, Hugh Grove, Lisa Victoravich and Pisun Xu, published the article "Board Characteristics and Risk Taking in Banks: a U.S./European Comparison," in the International Academic Research Journal of Business and Management, 2013-forthcoming.

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## Student Corner

### VITA Team Is At It Again

As the 2013 tax season fast approaches, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) team is gearing up. They are in the process of recruiting student tax return preparers (who have completed Individual Income Taxation) and Administrative Assistants. Not only is the VITA volunteer experience rewarding, but looks great on resumes.

### SoA Teaching Assistants 2012/13

#### Kelsey Gore



Kelsey is a fifth year as a dual-degree MAcc student. She came to the University of Denver as a freshman from Madison, Wisconsin, and fell in love with the school and the city. In the past five years she has been involved with the DU Dance Team, the professional fraternities Delta Sigma Pi and Beta Alpha Psi, and DU's Mortar Board. Kelsey has had the opportunity to be a teaching assistant for Professor KED Davisson. She has worked with undergraduates and graduate accounting students. Kelsey says, "being in this position has taught me how to better work with my peers and I've been able to meet new accounting students." After graduation, Kelsey will be starting her career with Ernst & Young as an assurance staff member.

#### Nichole Parker

Nichole is from Aurora, Colorado and completed her BSAcc and BA in Spanish. She is now working on her Masters in Accounting which she will finish in June. She is very passionate about healthy living, and likes to stay active doing things such as running and hiking. She was a TA for an introductory accounting class in the PMBA program last quarter, and hopes to TA for undergraduate classes in the winter or spring. Next September, Nichole will start full time with PwC in the Denver office.



#### Ashley Siemers

Ashley is a fifth year student student from St. Louis, Missouri. She loves traveling and is a major Cardinals fan! She spent last quarter as a teaching assistant for the introduction to financial accounting course. She enjoyed getting to know her students and helping them with the fundamentals of accounting. She believes that her role as a teaching assistant will help her in the coming year as she prepares to sit for the CPA exam.

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## Upcoming SoA, Daniels and DU Events

### DU vs CC SoA Alumni Reception and Hockey Game

Friday, February 8

[Reception 6:30](#)

Game 7:30

### Voices of Experience

Maxine Clark, CEO of Build-A-Bear

Newman Center for the Performing Arts

Thursday, February 21

[Register Here](#)

### Voices of Experience

Lee McIntire, Chairman and CEO of CH2M Hill

Newman Center for the Performing Arts  
Monday, March 11  
[Register Here](#)

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## Alumni and Friend News

**Nick Girardi (BSAC 2009)** and Caroline Campbell will be married in June 2013. Congratulations!

**Frank Schneider (BSBA 1955, MBA 1960)** and his wife Dena were pleased as their son, Brad, was elected on November 6, 2012 to the U.S. House of Representatives for District 10 in Illinois.

If you would like to have a news note included in the next edition of the School of Accountancy News, please send it to Jill Whelan at [jwhelan@du.edu](mailto:jwhelan@du.edu).

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## On the Lighter Side: Joke of the Month

“Being a university president (or dean or director) is like being a CEO of a cemetery: You have got lots of people underneath you, but ain’t nobody listening.” -Erskine Bowles, January 2013, former president of the University of North Carolina 2005-2010 and co-chair of the Simkins/Bowles commission which was also roundly ignored!

Submit a joke or humorous article to share [here](#)

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## Contact Information Request

The School of Accountancy is always updating alumni contact information so we can stay in touch. If you know of other alumni who are not currently getting the School of Accountancy Newsletter, please invite them to send in their email address so we can stay connected. Please send any updated address, work or email information to Jill Whelan at [jwhelan@du.edu](mailto:jwhelan@du.edu). Also, if you have any news that would be of interest to your classmates, please let us know!

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