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Alumni Newsletter - February 2014

Get to Know Your Network: Winnie Chao Qiu (MAcc 2011)



Chao is a 2011 graduate of the School of Accountancy who currently works at the Deloitte office in



New York. Originally from China, Chao started her United States adventure in the fall of 2009 after receiving her bachelor's degree in China. She was excited to pursue her graduate education at University of Denver and devoted herself into the area of accounting. While a student in the School of Accountancy, Chao worked as a graduate assistant for the Department of Business Ethics and Legal Studies. Her assignments included teaching review sessions of business ethical courses. In addition to her studies and other school responsibilities, she was involved in an internship working for a non-profit organization. As she reflects on her days at DU, she always feels very fortunate and grateful to be connected with the excellent faculty and other great resources which helped prepare her for a competitive accounting career.

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Upcoming DU Events

School of Accountancy Reception and DU vs. CC Hockey Game

Friday, February 21
Reception 6:30
Game 7:30
[RSVP](#)

Voices of Experience

Featuring Dan Caruso
President and COO - Zayo Group
Monday, Feb 24, 2014
6:00 PM
Newman Center for the



After graduating in summer of 2011, Chao passed her CPA exams and was offered a position with a local software company in Denver. She gained great work experience, software industry exposure and valuable accounting perspective during her time there. To broaden her accounting experience and exposure to more industries, she decided to venture off to New York to start her new career with one of the largest public accounting firms. She is

engaged with several different business sectors performing Agreed Upon Procedures for clients' quarterly and annually SEC filings.

In her spare times, Chao loves photography, cooking and traveling. During her time living in Denver, she visited the mountains many times. Even though now she lives in New York, she can never forget about the four-year time she spent in the mile high city.

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Recent Happenings

Publications, Awards and Presentations

Dr. Hugh Grove and Dr. Mac Clouse, a DU finance professor, received the following acceptances and publications of their research papers:

"Using Fraud Models and Ratios to Improve Cross-Border Forensic Analysis: Examples with Chinese IPO and RTO Companies,' to be presented at the 5th Annual Midyear Forensic and Investigative Accounting Conference, March 28,29, San Antonio

"Corporate Governance Standards in Cross-Border Investing: Lessons Learned from Chinese Companies Listed in the U.S.," accepted for publication in [Corporate Ownership and Control](#) and to be presented at an international conference in Milan, Italy: Corporate Governance: A Search for Advanced Standards in the Wake of Crisis.

"Will a Gold Spread Metric Help Attract Gold Investors?" [Oil, Gas and Energy Quarterly](#), 2014, January, Volume 62, No. 3.

Dr. Grove also presented two Continuing Professional Education (CPE) seminars last December: 1) Fraudulent Financial Reporting Detection and 2) Business Valuation per AICPA Statement on Standards for Valuation Services No. 1

Dr. Richard Leaman and Stephen Sewalk (Real Estate and Construction Management Department) received acceptance for publication in [The Franklin Business and Law Review](#) for their paper titled "A Comprehensive New Worth Tax: The Solution to Tax Simplification, Fairness, Equity and Saving Social Security".

Performing Arts
[RSVP](#)

University of Denver Founders Day Gala 2014

Wednesday, March 5
6 PM Cocktail Reception
7 PM Dinner/Award
Ceremony
[RSVP](#)

Voices of Experience

Featuring Walter Bettinger
CEO of Charles Schwab
Tuesday, April 1, 2014
6:00 PM
Newman Center for the
Performing Arts
[RSVP](#)

Voices of Experience
Featuring Jim Lentz, CEO
of Toyota Motor North
America
Wednesday, May 7, 2014
6:00 PM
Newman Center for the
Performing Arts
[RSVP](#)

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more upcoming events

About the SoA

The [School of Accountancy](#) is one of the nation's oldest and most esteemed accounting programs, combining state-of-the-art learning with the personal touch of a small, motivated community to help our students get ahead. Our mission, as a part of a great private university dedicated to the public good, is to foster Enlightened Practice, Professional Achievement, Knowledge Creation and a Commitment to the

Dr. Lorenzo Patelli's paper "Is Tone at the Top Associated with Financial Reporting Aggressiveness?" has been accepted for publication in *Journal of Business Ethics*. If you would like to read the paper, it is available [here](#).

In October, Dr. Patelli was invited to serve as a member of the Steering Committee of the Institute for [Enterprise Ethics of Daniels](#).

Dr. Adam Greiner, Dr. Philipp Schaberl and Dr. Keith Sellers published an article titled "Quantifying Terminal Growth Rates: Some Empirical Evidence" in December 2013 in *The Value Examiner*.

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Nominations Being Accepted for Alumnus and Young Alumnus of the Year

The Alumni Relations Committee from the School of Accountancy Advisory Board invites you to nominate a alumnae who have had exceptional achievements in the field of accounting and in the community. The two awards for Alumni of the Year and Young Alumni of the Year will be presented during the annual School of Accountancy's Spring Banquet on Friday, May 2, 2014.

Recognition criteria for the awards are as follows:

- An alumnus of the School of Accountancy
- Demonstrated achievement of notable measure in the field of accounting;
- Demonstrated leadership capability;
- Demonstrated public service in their community and/or volunteer activities to the School of Accountancy, Daniels College of Business or University of Denver;
- Demonstrated efforts to be a Daniels Pioneer through Ethical Practice, Thought Leadership and Global Impact
- Additionally, the Young Alumnus will have graduated within the past 10 years.

If you know of an individual who meets these criteria please forward their name, year of graduation (if known) and evidence related to the required criteria to [Jill Whelan](#). Nominations will be accepted through Friday, March 14, 2014.

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Student Corner

Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program

The Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) Members are at it again this year by offering the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. DU's VITA program helps current accounting students and members of BAP gain experience in preparing tax returns and in the case of international students, dealing with international tax treaties. Each return, citizen and foreign, is reviewed by a volunteer CPA.

Community. Our School's students, faculty and alumni work together to ensure that this mission is achieved by producing high quality, meaningful work that advances the field of accounting. As a result, our graduates are armed with the practical skills and knowledge needed to thrive in today's business world.

Accounting Core Update

The Accounting Core that just finished ACTG 3016 had the best success rate of any Core in the current course format. Of the 52 students who started, 44 have moved on into Intermediate 1 and Systems. This is a 85% success rate! In prior Cores, typically 55% successfully complete ACTG 3016. Given that the core has not lowered its strict requirements, the success of the current Core is remarkable. We are proud of our students and congratulate them on a job well done. Thank you to our wonderful professors for their support and quality teaching.

If you or someone you know would like more information or to find out if you qualify for this program, please [click here](#).

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Explore Denver

Get out and explore the great things that Denver has to offer.

Chinese New Year Celebration - February 8, 2014



Great Wall Chinese Academy and the Highlands Ranch Cultural Affairs Association bring you a joyful Chinese New Year celebration! Celebrating the Year of the Snake. The event features traditional Chinese art performances on stage. It showcases exciting programs to include lion dances, beautiful Chinese folk dances, traditional music and instruments, martial arts demonstrations, and an amazing children's chorus.

Tiny Tots Inside the Orchestra - Various dates still available

Tiny Tots is an engaging 45 minute orchestra performance for children ages 6 and under. Get inside the orchestra as you are seated on the floor and surrounded by our professional musicians. Kids interact with the conductor and learn about the instruments in the process! Performances are back to back, with shows at 9:30 and 10:30 am.



Denver Garden and Home

Show - February 15, 2014 - February 23, 2014

Discover the Rocky Mountain region's oldest, largest and most prestigious garden and home show - a nine-day spectacular event- where you can find inspiration from the latest ideas and trends in landscaping, gardening and home improvement.



Inside the Orchestra for Adults - February 27, 2014A unique evening behind the conductor's baton! This is a chance to experience orchestra music in a unique way. At ISO for Adults you will enjoy a professional orchestra performance surrounded by musicians from a seat inside the orchestra.

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Class Notes

Brett Cunningham (BS 2011) is now the In-Charge Audit Associate at Anton Collins Mitchell, LLP. He is responsible for multiple phases of project and engagement management with clients in a wide variety of industries. This includes planning, budget management, directing, completing audits and reviewing financial statements and related technical accounting issues. Brett works closely with staff, managers and partners on client management and practice development.

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