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Get to Know Your Network: Congratulations to Gordon Yale, 2013 Alumnus of the Year and Judith Spiegel, 2013 Young Alumnus of the Year

Gordon Yale and Judith Spiegel will be honored at the School of Accountancy Spring Banquet on Friday, May 17, 2013 at the Wellshire Country Club. Gordon has been selected as the Alumnus of the Year while Judith has been nominated as the Young Alumnus of the Year. We look forward to honoring them for their successful careers and their dedicated service in the community and the School of Accountancy.

Gordon Yale has been the Principal of Yale & Company, a forensic accounting and consulting firm for more than twenty-two years and President of Yale Group, Inc., a boutique investment bank for fifteen years. In a varied career, he has worked as a newspaper reporter, a securities analyst, an investment banker as well as an auditor for a CPA firm.



Mr. Yale is a CPA, CFF and CFE and is a past-president and board member of the Securities Expert Roundtable, an association securities professionals who provide consulting and expert testimony in securities matters. Mr. Yale is also a member of the AICPA and Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants. For four years, Mr. Yale was an adjunct faculty member at the University of Denver where he created and co-taught a forensic accounting class. He has lectured or provided training for many groups, including the New York County Lawyers Association, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the Universities of Colorado and Florida and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mr. Yale has been engaged to conduct investigations or provide expert testimony by the Securities & Exchange Commission, the Colorado Board of Accountancy, the Florida Attorney General, the Hawaii Insurance

Commission and a number of institutional investors and other parties. He has written on accounting, auditing and securities issues and his work has been published in various periodicals including those of Financial Executives International, the AICPA, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the American and Colorado Bar Associations, the *Journal of Credit Risk Management*, *American Banker* and *RMA Journal*.

Mr. Yale received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Colorado in 1974 and a Master of Accountancy from the University of Denver in 1977. He has served on the School of Accountancy's Board of Advisors since 1994. Mr. Yale is married, has two adult children and a grandchild. He has been an avid traveler for much of his adult life.

Judith Spiegel received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Swarthmore College. Initially she started her career as a biologist, earning a Ph.D. in Cell and Developmental Biology from Harvard University. Dr. Spiegel then earned an MBA from the University of Denver, where she was elected to Beta Gamma Sigma. She worked for several years in biotechnology-related industries before entering the Master of Accountancy program. Upon graduating in 2008, she joined the audit practice at Grant Thornton LLP. Recently, she accepted a position as Chief Financial Officer of the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory.

Judith is a CPA and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants. Judith stays connected to the University of Denver through her participation in various School of Accountancy activities that include committee work, student mentorship, and exit interviews.

Trained as a professional chef, her outside interests include cooking, traveling and competing in triathlons.

Help us build our alumni network. Send your photo(s) and bio to [Jill Whelan](#) to be featured in the newsletter.

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Recent Happenings in the School of Accountancy

Dr. Lisa Victoravich recently co-authored a piece accepted at the top auditing journal. "The Effect of Evidence Strength and Internal Rewards on Reporting Intentions" was published in the Dodd-Frank Regulatory Environment, *Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory* (forthcoming). Co-authors: Alisa Brink (Virginia Commonwealth University), Jordan Lowe (Arizona State) and Lisa Victoravich (University of Denver).

On April 19, Dr. Lorenzo Patelli presented a paper, "Is Tone at the Top Associated with Financial Reporting Aggressiveness?" at the 2013 Centre for Accounting Ethics Symposium, organized by The Centre for Accounting Ethics at the University of Waterloo, in Toronto, Canada. [More info](#). On April 25, Dr. Patelli was one of three speakers in the second part of a webcast "How Companies Communicate and Engage on Sustainability" organized by The Conference Board. [More info](#)

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Student Corner

We'd like to thank the 2012-2013 BAP Officers for their hard work and dedication and welcome the newly elected BAP Officers for the 2013-2014 academic year.



2012-2013 BAP Officers

President- Danika Tibbetts, VP Programming- Mariah Bloom, VP Membership- Ashley Siemers, VP Reporting- Celia Zawalski, VP Treasury- Anna Rogers, VP Community Service- Tory Bauman, Competition Coordinator- Lauren Bell, VITA Directors- Steven Li & Ally Girardi



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Upcoming SoA, Daniels and DU Events

Daniels Spring Banquet

Thursday, May 9

4-7 PM

Daniels West Lawn

Cost \$10 for Famous Dave's BBQ and Beverages

[Register](#)

SoA Student Awards and Spring Banquet

Friday, May 17

Wellshire Events Center

SoA Spring Graduation Reception

Friday, June 7

10:30 PM - 12:30 PM

Questions about SoA Events? Contact [Jill Whelan](#)

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Alumni and Friend News

Andrew Sanchez (BSAC, MAcc 2009) recently switched positions and is not longer with the Office of the State Auditor. Andrew started with Clifton Larson Allen, LLP on April 1st in the governmental consulting services department as an associate in the Greenwood Village office.

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.

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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. Also, if you have any news that would be of interest to your classmates, please let us know!

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