Autumn Events: School is back in session!

Welcome Back Reception

The School of Accountancy held its 2nd Annual Welcome Back Reception. It was an extra special treat for us to celebrate KED’s birthday at the reception. Nearly 170 students, alumni, and School of Accountancy community members joined together to celebrate a new academic year.

New faculty members were introduced. Adam Greiner joined us after earning his PhD at Florida Atlantic University. He will be teaching Intermediate Accounting II and Introduction to Financial Reporting.

Formerly adjunct professors, Jeff Brothers and Jim Serven, have joined the faculty full-time. Suzette Loving, a systems and internal audit specialist, also joined the faculty this year.

We are off to a great start already and look forward to another successful year.

Town Hall: America’s Future – Is It Financially Sustainable?

From left: Jake Jabs, Sharon Lassar, Gregory Anton, Sheila Weinberg and John Hayes

On Thursday, September 19th the School of Accountancy and the Institute for Truth in Accounting joined together to sponsor the School of Accountancy’s Annual Town Hall Event. We had a very successful event with 160 alumni and community members in attendance and 4 classrooms of
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 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.

This year we welcomed Anton Collins Mitchell LLP Partner and Former AICPA Chairman (2011-2012), Gregory J. Anton, to the stage as he presented a lecture on the financial sustainability of America’s future. Sheila Weinberg, Jake Jabs and John Hayes joined Greg for a panel discussion as they continued to talk about the financial sustainability of the United States.

The event was sponsored by the Institute for Truth in Accounting. The Institute’s founder and CEO, Sheila Weinberg, moderated the panel. Sheila is an alumna of the School of Accountancy and serves on its Advisory Board.

Jake Jabs is the President and CEO of the American Furniture Warehouse. The company was founded in 1979 when Mr. Jabs purchased a struggling 90-year-old American Furniture Company. Now, the American Furniture Warehouse is one of the top retail furniture companies in the United States with 1,500 employees throughout Colorado.

John Hayes is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Ball Corporation. Mr. Hayes joined Ball Corporation in 1999 as senior director of corporate planning and development. From 2005 to 2008, he served in leadership roles for Ball Packaging Europe, and then in 2008 he returned to the United States as executive vice president and chief operating officer. He was named president and chief operating officer in 2010, and president and chief executive officer in 2011.

We are thankful to the speakers for offering their time, knowledge and expertise. They left us with a greater understanding of the United States’ financial statements. These numbers can have a powerful affect each of us. We certainly learned the importance of being educated and aware of the financial situation in our country.

Watch the Town Hall Event
America’s Future: Is it Financially Sustainable

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Recent Happenings

Lisa Victoravich has been named the Program Coordinator for the Accounting Behavior and Organizations (ABO) 2013 Mid-Year meeting which is a section of the American Accounting Association (AAA). The meeting is on October 4th and 5th in San Diego, CA.

For the tenth year in a row, Dr. Hugh Grove will be a co-chair at the Workshop on Corporate Governance in Brussels, Belgium on October 10th and 11th. The conference is sponsored by the European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management (EIASM).

Presentations:

Dr. Grove will also be presenting a paper, “Corporate Governance: A Risk Management Approach” at the conference in October. His co-authors are Philipp Schaberi, Assistant Professor, School of Accountancy, and Pisun XU, Associate Professor, Reiman School of Finance. This research paper has already been published in Corporate Ownership and Control, 2013, Winter, Volume 10, Issue 2, pp. 104-113.

Dr. Lorenzo Patelli recently returned from Barcelona, Spain where he attended the 7th Conference on Performance Measurement and Management Control. He presented two research papers titled:
Behavioral Responses to Performance Measurement Diversity in Individual Incentive Plans” and “The relationship between performance measurement systems and strategic proactiveness in multinational organizations.”

Student Corner

Beta Alpha Psi Meet the Firms

Beta Alpha Psi hosted Meet the Firms on Friday, September 13th in the Cable Center. Sixteen firms were represented and over 150 students and professionals attended. Earlier that morning, eight firms participated in two panels. One of the panels featured recruiters and the other featured former interns. These panels gave our students insight into recruiting form both the firm perspective and the student perspective.

Beta Alpha Psi Kickball Tournament

Beta Alpha Psi also hosted the annual Kickball tournament on Friday, September 20th at Observatory Park. The tournament consisted of twelve teams- each a mix of faculty, professionals and students. While over 150 people played in the tournament, many others attended the barbeque and enjoyed the beautiful fall Denver day! Congratulations to Tripp’s Tigers (right) for taking home the trophy!

We were excited to see many alumni back on campus for these fall events - we hope to see you representing your firms and companies at future professional meetings and next year's kickball tournament!

Class Notes

Emily Montgomery (BSAC, MAcc 2010) was recently promoted to Manager in Deloittes’s Financial Accounting, Valuation and Securitization group.

Jonathan (Jon) Kaiser (BSAC 2012) recently finished his Masters in Accounting at USC in May and has passed all four parts of the CPA exam.