

ACCOUNTING STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Tea breaks, Facebook and taxes, OH MY!

February is a busy month for the SoA! From the [Chinese New Year Tea Break on the 13th](#) to the hockey game against CC on the 21st, there are plenty of fun events this month to boost your Pioneer spirit.

Speaking of fun events, VITA starts Feb. 8

The 2014 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance at DU officially begins this month and runs through April. If you want your taxes e-filed for free, don't forget to sign up for an appointment today – spots fill up quickly, so the sooner the better. [Visit the VITA website](#) for more information on eligibility and expectations and to schedule your appointment.

Don't miss any of our announcements

If you haven't already, don't forget to like us on Facebook to get networking and job tips, fun photos and important SoA information delivered straight to your newsfeed. Check it out at www.facebook.com/dusoa.



Jobs and Internships

PwC is recruiting for their internship ([Start](#)) and leadership ([Explore](#) and [Elevate](#)) programs. Click the links for more information on what these programs entail and apply online via Daniels Careers. Deadline to apply for Start and Elevate is Feb. 16th. Questions? Email Kate Craer at katherine.craer@us.pwc.com.

Goldman Sachs is hosting a Women's Leadership Camp (WLC) on Friday, April 4 in New York City to help identify strong female talent ahead of the 2014-2015 recruiting process. WLC is a one day program that is targeted to current freshman and sophomore women of all majors. It is designed to expose you to the financial services industry and help you become familiar with the firm's business, history, and culture. The program features divisional overviews, case studies, career workshops and networking with professionals at the firm. Click [here](#) to apply. Application deadline is Mar. 9, 2014.

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Beta Alpha Psi

Thurs, Feb. 13th, 8:00AM –
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Thurs, Feb. 27th, 8:00AM –
PwC

Have an advising question?

Click on the name of your adviser below and a new email to them will open. Use this to schedule an appointment to discuss your academic goals

Get Involved



Chinese New Year Tea Break

The School of Accountancy is hosting a Chinese Tea Break to celebrate the Festival of Lanterns. The event will take place on **Thursday, Feb. 13th from 12:00-2:00 PM** in the entrance foyer on the south side of Daniels. Come by to learn more about Chinese culture, enjoy some early

afternoon tea and take a quick break from your tireless studying. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

DU v. CC Hockey Game

Join us to help cheer on the Pioneers as they take on Colorado College on Friday, February 21st. Student tickets can be purchased starting at 9:00AM on February 17th [online](#) or in person at the Ritchie Center Box Office (M-F, 9-5).

Bridges to the Future: After the Gold Rush

Find out some of the history behind the founding of DU at this Bridges to the Future lecture series featuring DU professor of history Susan Schulten, PhD. This event is free and open to the public, so grab your friends and check it out. The lecture is on Tuesday, Feb. 25th at 7:00PM at the Gates Concert Hall in the Newman Center. [Register online](#) today or call 303.871.2357.

Winter Career and Internship Fair

Looking for a job? Visit DU's Winter Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday, February 19th from 3:00-6:00 PM in the Gates Field House. Don't forget to read the Career Center's tips on [How to Work a Career and Internship Fair](#) before you go.



Ask a Professional



This month's answer comes from **Steven Li**. Steven graduated from DU in 2013 with a master of accountancy before starting as an Audit Associate at PwC in Denver, Colorado. Prior to working for PwC, he interned for major insurance and financial service companies in both China and the U.S.

Q: What should I be doing during my time at Daniels to improve my chances of getting hired?

In order to improve your chance of being hired, it's important to understand that firms want to hire well-rounded candidates. In my opinion, a well-rounded candidate is someone who can actively demonstrate that they can balance their academic record with

and progress and address any questions you may have.

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About the School of Accountancy

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 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.

Feedback?

We'd love to hear what you think! Is there anything you'd like to see in the newsletter that isn't here? Anything there's too much of? If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please email to [Jodye Whitesell](#).



extracurricular activities, sports, volunteer work and hopefully some work experience.

Now, it should become clear there are several things one can do in school to increase his/her chance of employment – keeping up good grades, being involved in some extracurricular activities of your passion and ideally obtaining some related work experience.

Another thing that can help is to gain a better self-awareness in terms of your strengths, weaknesses, personality and goals for life. Just as the ancient Chinese saying goes: “Know yourself. Know the other party. In a hundred battles, you will never be defeated.”

I wish everyone best of luck going through the recruiting battle!

Volunteer Opportunities

Polar Plunge Splash and Dash 5K

[Register to participate](#) in the 2014 Splash and Dash 5K and Polar



Plunge and help fundraise for Special Olympics Colorado. The event takes place on Feb. 22nd in City Park and consists of a polar plunge, 5K walk/race, beer garden, live music and fun contests where you can win awesome prizes. Get in a good workout, a splash in chilly February waters and help a good cause

all at once.

Inside the Orchestra

Inside the Orchestra, an organization that brings music to young children in the Denver area, hosts Tiny Tots performances, a series of interactive shows where kids get exposed to different aspects of music. Volunteer to help greet visitors and manage the flow of these events by [clicking here](#). Volunteers are needed for your choice of weekdays or weekends from 8:30AM-12:00PM.

Memory Bear Crafting

Do you like arts and crafts? VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Greater Denver needs your help making home-sewn bears to comfort families after the passing of VITAS patient. The bears are sewn from pieces of the patient's belongings and are given to family members to serve as a reminder of their loved one. Bears can be easily sewn at home on your own time – just [contact VITAS](#) for the pattern and materials and get your craft on.

Volunteer Online

Don't have time to do on-site volunteering? You're in luck.

VolunteerMatch has a collection of thousands of [virtual volunteering opportunities](#) that give you a chance to give back from the comfort of your own home with flexibility to fit your schedule. Volunteering has never been so easy!

Explore Culture

Free Saturdays at the Denver Art Museum

Did you know Denver Art Museum offers free admission on the first Saturday of every month? Stop by on March 1st to get your art fix free of charge! For a list of all the free Saturdays in 2014, visit the [Denver Art Museum](#) website.



“Improv Your Life” at the Bovine Metropolis Theater

[The Bovine Metropolis Theater](#) is one of Denver’s premier improv clubs. On Saturday 2/8 and 2/15 at 8:00PM, they host [Geek Out](#), a combination improv and trivia event that will have you laughing out loud while you learn new things. Late nights at Bovine consist of [Glee Prov](#) (Fridays at 10:15PM), an improvised high school musical style show where the stars sing their way through their comedy. [Buy your tickets](#) today.

Concerts Galore!

Denver is constantly bringing in new and exciting artists to perform at venues around the city. Check out [Westword's Concert Calendar](#) to find out who will be here in the coming weeks and find out how you can get tickets.

AMERICAN IDIOM OF THE MONTH

"Bite the Bullet"

Meaning:

To make a hard decision or take a difficult step

Origin:

"Bite the bullet" has its origins in the military. During the Civil War, doctors typically used alcohol such as whiskey to numb patients' pain while operating. If they ran out of this liquid "pain killer," they would give the patient a bullet instead, instructing them to put it in their mouth and bite down hard, thus focusing their energy on their mouth and distracting them from the pain.

Example:

"Jane decided to bite the bullet and buy the significantly more expensive home, knowing that in the long run, having an extra bedroom would be worth the initial expense."



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