

ACCOUNTING STUDENT NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY | DANIELS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Welcome Back!

We were delighted to see everyone again last week for the start of the winter quarter! We're off to a great start already and look forward to what this quarter has in store.

You're reading the new **Accounting Student Newsletter**. This is one of our new initiatives to help provide you with important information from the School of Accountancy including deadlines, event information, useful tips and tricks and ways you can get involved in the Denver community. Look for it in your inbox at the beginning of every month to find out what's going on in and around the SoA.

Like us on Facebook



In addition to the newsletter, we have just debuted a new and improved Facebook page specifically for the School of Accountancy. Like us at www.facebook.com/dusoa to get updates on important information, see photos from our events and activities and find links to useful and interesting articles that can help you get the most out of your time at DU and beyond.

Jobs and Internships

PwC will be on campus this **Thursday, January 16th** from **11:30-1:00PM** in the 2nd floor DCB foyer to chat about your recruiting questions. PwC is recruiting for their [Start](#) internship and [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. If you can't make the Thursday meeting, but want to connect, email Kate Craer at katherine.craer@us.pwc.com.

MarkWest, a Denver oil and gas company, is looking for summer interns.

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here to for more information and contact Chris Skinner at chris.skinner618@gmail.com with any questions.

Jumping Jack Cash is looking for an intern to help them with their accounting needs as they expand their business. Great opportunity to be a part of a growing company and participate in acquisitions with the possibility of becoming their full-time accountant upon graduation. MAcc students only. Compensated. 5-10 hrs/week. Looking to start immediately. Interested students should email their resume and cover letter to Dewey Burke at dburke@jumpingjackcash.com.

Ask a Professional



This week's answer comes from **Ruby Kamm**. An alumni of the School of Accountancy, Ruby grew up in China where she received her bachelor degree in finance before earning a master degree in international relations from Japan and coming to the United States to pursue a master of accountancy. During her time at DU, Ruby interned at a public accounting firm and received a full-time offer as an Audit Associate from KPMG after

graduation in 2013.

Q: What is the #1 thing you think students can do to prepare for an internship/job?

RK: It's time to prepare to run your career like a small business. Before you start your new career, you should speak to several professionals already went through internship/first year to obtain general knowledge about your working environment and daily tasks. Now that your employer has put faith in you by offering you a job, it's time to establish your personal brand. I believe reliability is the crucial part of a personal branding within an organization. As an intern/first year associate, you are not expected to be a genius corporate hero. What people want from you is a positive attitude and a consistent, reliable performance. When I was working as an intern at KPMG, I viewed my seniors and managers as my clients and took ownership of my responsibility to serve my clients. I tried to understand the tasks they gave me by rephrasing the job description and obtaining feedback, always confirming the deadlines, and trying to find good times to ask questions when I was stuck on a problem I couldn't figure out myself. Whether there is a deadline or not, I always reported my progress so that they could plan ahead to give me a new task. To encourage people around you to rely on you is the best way for an intern/first year employee to build a good personal brand and, just like a small business who delivers constant quality to its clients, you will win trust within your organization and make a name for yourself.

Sun, Jan. 19th,
6:00PM - New
Member Meeting

Thurs, Jan. 23rd,
8:00AM - EY

Sun, Jan. 26th,
6:00PM - KED's
Recruiting Info
Session

Thurs, Jan. 30th,
8:00AM - Deloitte

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 and progress and address any questions you may have.

SoA Advisors

[Dr. Sharon Lassar](#)

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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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for ways to round out your resume? Here are some great opportunities to volunteer in and around Denver. Volunteering not only provides you with a chance to become more familiar with the area, but it also helps you give back to the community, an important part of being a Pioneer. Is English not your first language? Volunteering is also a great way to informally work on your English speaking skills while lending a hand.

Food Bank of the Rockies - Year-round Opportunities

The Food Bank of the Rockies is the largest private hunger-relief organization in the state of Colorado. They provide food and supplies to over 1000 hunger-relief programs, donating enough food to provide over 88,000 meals every day to children, seniors, and families in need. There are a variety of ways to volunteer with FBR throughout the year. [Click here](#) to volunteer.



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

Improv Shows on Campus

Skintight Outrage, DU's improv comedy group, performs on campus bi-weekly on Wednesdays from 8:30-10:00pm. Join them for a night of laughs that will help you familiarize yourself with American humor. Follow them on Facebook for more information by clicking [here](#).



Free Concerts - Lamont School of Music

DU's own Lamont School of Music hosts concerts throughout the year and most of them are free to DU students. They have everything from wind ensembles to jazz to full orchestral arrangements. These performances are a great way to

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 hear? Anything there's too much of? If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please email to [Jodye Whitesell](#).



spend an evening, especially since they are right on campus at the Newman Center. Check out their event calendar [here](#).

Sporting Events - Denver Broncos and Denver Avalanche

Many of our alumni tell us that understanding the basics of American sports was a useful step in finding their place in Denver. Going to a game, be it football, basketball, hockey, or any other sport, is a great way to immerse yourself in Denver culture and find a passion for a local team. To find out what events are coming up, visit [Denver.org's sporting events page](#).

Craft Beer Tours at Wynkoop Brewing Co.

Colorado is consistently ranked among the top craft brewery states in the country, with over 125 different breweries within its borders. Many of the breweries offer tours to give you an inside look at how the brewing process works and Wynkoop Brewing, the first brewpub in Colorado, offers a great tour not far from here. Not only is this tour free, it is a great way to taste some of Colorado's local products and find out more about our strong beer culture. [Click here](#) to find out more and sign up for the tours.



Passport to Paris at Denver Art Museum

The Denver Art Museum is home to numerous exhibits highlighting talented artists. Until Feb. 9, they have a "Passport to Paris" exhibit that features paintings from some of France's most prominent artists, including 11 works by Claude Monet - a rare collection to have in one place at one time. If you enjoy art or just want to visit another one of Denver's best museums, [click here](#) to get some more information.

Get Involved

Chinese New Year Events

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. Check out the [Daniels Events Calendar](#) for more details on other events as they become available.

Winter Carnival 2014

Winter carnival is one of DU's longest standing traditions, started back in 1961. The carnival takes place in



skiing/snowboarding, ice skating, tubing, sleigh rides, and the like. If you haven't had a chance to explore the mountains yet, or even if you have, this is a wonderful chance to get out of the city and take part in a DU tradition. To find out more, [click here](#).

The Accounting League at Meet Eide Bailly Day

Represent the University of Denver in The Accounting League at Meet Eide Bailly Day and find out if you have what it takes to be a hero in their firm. You will interact with their staff and partners as they give you insights into how a CPA firm works. This is a must-attend event for any accounting student. Enjoy food, giveaways, and lots of fun. RSVP to Will Kerns at wkerns@eidebailly.com or 303.459.6779 by Feb. 6th to reserve your spot.

AMERICAN IDIOM OF THE MONTH

"Cut to the Chase"

Meaning:

To skip over irrelevant details and explanations and get to the point

Origin:

"Cut to the chase" comes from the silent films of the early 20th century.

These films were often structured in a way where all of the drama peaked with a literal chase scene at the film's end, a scene that acted as a both the resolution of the plot and the high point of the excitement and action. If an audience was bored at a screening, the projectionist would sometimes choose to skip the middle reels of the film and jump directly to the chase scene to recover their attention, thus "cutting to the chase."

Example:

"Jim, I don't care about how you got to the meeting. Please just cut to the chase."



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