

# ACCOUNTING STUDENT NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY | DANIELS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

## Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2015! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed your much-deserved time off. Here's to a strong start to the new year!

As always, we're hitting the ground running. There are a lot of events coming up, so make sure you put them on your calendar and take advantage of everything Daniels has planned for this quarter.

## We need your help!

With the start of the new year, the SoA is working on re-vamping our website to help prospective students get a clear picture of what life at the SoA is like. As a part of this, we are adding Student Spotlights to highlight the high levels of involvement and dedication of our student body. This is a great opportunity to showcase your passions, interests, hobbies, etc. while sharing your accomplishments with the SoA's constituents. If you're interested in being one of our featured students, please [contact Jodye](#) for more information. Know anybody you think would make a great Spotlight? You can also submit recommendations and we will follow up with that student individually.

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## Scholarship Opportunity!

### 2015 Colorado ACFE Chapter College Scholarship Program

The Colorado Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) is accepting applications for academic scholarships. The chapter will be awarding (in various amounts) up to \$10,000 in scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year. Scholarships will be paid directly to the student's university. Information about eligibility and a link to the application can be found on the [COCPA website here](#). **DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 13, 2015.**

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## Jobs and Internships

### Tutor, School of Accountancy

Are you interested in earning some extra money? Sign up to be a tutor for entry-level accounting classes within the SoA (ACTG 2200 and 2300 primarily). You get to set your own rates and hours and students will contact you directly to arrange sessions. Interested? [Email Jodye](#) for more information.

### Research Analyst Internship Opportunity, GCI Management

GCI is currently seeking Research Analyst Interns for winter – spring 2015.

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### **Beta Alpha Psi**

**Thurs, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>**

EY – 8:00 AM

*Marcus Commons*

**Thurs, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>**

PwC – 8:00 AM

*Marcus Commons*

**Tues, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>**

JJ Lane – 8:00 AM

*Marcus Commons*

**Tues, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Royal Bank of Canada –  
6:00 PM

*Location TBA*

**Fri, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Meet the Firms: Summer

Under supervision of the Managing Partner and Senior Advisor, a small team will undertake the drafting, construction, active management and analysis of a marketing survey of the Denver metropolitan area lower and middle market privately held companies. After aggregating and analyzing the data, interns will have the opportunity to participate in the advisory operations of the firm and learn hands-on consulting methods and techniques to solve client challenges. See attached job description for more information and instructions on how to apply.

### GMAT Prep Course

Do you need to take the GMAT? The SoA offers a 10-session GMAT Prep Course that will help get you ready to ace the test. Sign up today for a special SoA student price of \$225 – significantly cheaper than all other courses out there. The course runs Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:20 PM from January 12<sup>th</sup> through February 11<sup>th</sup>. Sign up today at <http://alumni.du.edu/gmatprep>. Email [Jodye](mailto:Jodye) for more information.

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## Ask a Professional



This month's answer come from Chris Fettig. Chris graduated from the SoA in 2011 with a bachelor of accounting and has worked at Deloitte in audit for the past two years, specializing in the midstream oil and gas industry.

**Q: What is the best piece of advice you have ever received and how has it impacted your career?**

**A:** Shortly after graduating from college and before starting my career with Deloitte, a mentor of mine said to me that at the beginning of my career to just remember that I am 23 years old right out of college. At first that piece of advice didn't really mean much to me. But as I got further into my first year at Deloitte, it really began to make so much sense what he had said to me. Exiting college, you think you know the answer to everything, and the reality of it is that you're not always going to have the right answer or know where to find it – and that is ok! You're not expected to know everything, you are expected to ask questions, and think critically. Also, you're entering your career at the bottom of the ladder, and to move up you have to work hard, and prove yourself worthy of that promotion. Sometimes it takes doing some unflattering tasks like making copies, or grabbing the coffee or lunch order but everyone has done it at one time or another. Now looking back almost three years in, I see how valuable it was to remember that one piece of advice as it reminded me to always work hard, ask the right questions, and to have a good attitude and remember how lucky I was to have such a great job right out of college.

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## Get Involved

### Meet and Greets

A couple of accounting firms will be visiting Daniels in the upcoming weeks and they want to meet you! Make sure to stop by these Meet and Greets to chat with their recruiters and learn more about the opportunities available.

- **PwC** – January 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM-1:30PM, Atrium outside DCB 280
- **KPMG** – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM-1:00PM, Anderson Academic Commons

Leadership Programs  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
*Marcus Commons*

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### Have an advising question?

Click on the name of your adviser below to send them an email. Use this to schedule an appointment to discuss your academic goals and progress and address any questions you may have.

### SoA Advisors

[Prof. Davisson \(KED\)](#)  
[Prof. Eschenlohr](#)  
[Prof. Brothers](#)  
[Prof. Serven](#)  
[Prof. Loving](#)  
[Prof. Harrison](#)  
[Dr. Grove \(ACTG Minors\)](#)

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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.

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### 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 them to [Jodye Whitesell](mailto:Jodye Whitesell).



### **Daniels Undergrads on Ice**

*January 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:00 PM, Ritchie Center*

Take a study break to join your fellow Daniels undergraduate students for some fun time on the ice. Skate rentals are available for \$1 and snacks and refreshments will be provided. Call 303-871-6910 with any questions.

### **Winter Carnival 2015**

*February 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>,*

*On Campus and in Keystone*

Winter Carnival is one of the oldest traditions at the University of Denver. In its 53<sup>rd</sup> year, the

Carnival includes events both on

campus and up in the mountains at and near Keystone resort. Whether

your ski/snowboard or not, this year's Carnival schedule is packed with fun events for you to enjoy. Check out [their website](#) for a full schedule and

registration information.



### **Save the Date: 2015 Spring Banquet**

*May 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:30 PM, University of Denver*

The annual Beta Alpha Psi and School of Accountancy Awards Ceremony and Spring Banquet will be on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> this year, so mark your calendars now! Invitations will be sent in the Spring, but make sure you've got it on your calendar – this is a wonderful event that you won't want to miss.

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## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **VITA 2015**

*Winter Quarter 2015*

Volunteer to help with Beta Alpha Psi's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program this winter quarter. Any student who has passed an Individual Income Tax class is eligible to participate as a preparer. Those you have not or will take the class during Winter Quarter can still help as an administrative assistant. If you are interested or would like more information, please visit our page on [www.denverbap.com/vita](http://www.denverbap.com/vita).

### **Polar Plunge**

*February 7<sup>th</sup> (Aurora Reservoir)*

Every year, brave (or crazy) Coloradans jump into frigid waters across the state to celebrate the new year and raise money for Special Olympics Colorado. The plunge in Aurora is looking for volunteers to help ensure the event goes smoothly. Fill out their [online volunteer form](#) to get involved.



### **Girls, Inc.**

*Spring 2015*

Girls, Inc., an organization dedicated to empowering girls in the Denver Metro Area, is looking for Spring Program Assistant volunteers to work with girls in after-school programs. [Check out their website](#) for more information on that these programs look like and to find out how you can get involved.

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## Explore Culture



### Adventure Golf Lights

*Through January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Get there fast!  
(Adventure Golf and Raceway)*

Take a drive to Westminster this weekend for lights, treats, and mini golf on courses covered in holiday lights. Learn more on their website [here](#).

### Friday Night Dance Party

*Fridays (Booth's Dance Denver, 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall)*

Put on your dancing shoes and head to Booth's Dance Denver for Friday night dance parties! From 8:15-10:00 PM, Booth's features ballroom dance classes for all levels of dancers and the last Friday of every month is free! Grab dinner on the mall before you go and dance your way into the weekend! Details are available on [their website](#).

## AMERICAN IDIOM OF THE MONTH

### *"Break a leg"*

#### **Meaning:**

Good luck on a performance, presentation, etc.

#### **Origin:**

The origins of this phrase are somewhat ambiguous, but most sources trace them back to early theatrical performances. Some link the phrase with a superstition amongst theater performers that wishing someone good luck before a show was actually very *bad* luck. To avoid this, they would do the opposite by telling the actors to "break a leg," a turn of events they obviously wanted to avoid. Other sources say the phrase came from a desire to generate a major reaction from the audience. In some theaters, audiences would stomp instead of clap, so a truly fantastic performance would result in vigorous stomping that had the potential to break a chair leg – or worse, an audience member's leg. Ergo, telling someone to "break a leg" was akin to telling them to have a fantastic show.

Regardless of the true origin, the phrase is commonly used before major presentations or performances to wish someone good luck.

#### **Example:**

Before Carol got up to present to their boss, Bob leaned over and whispered, "Break a leg."



