

ACCOUNTING STUDENT NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY | DANIELS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Happy summer!

Thank you all for another wonderful year at the SoA and congratulations to all of our graduating students! We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to already can't wait to see you all again. **Grads:** Information on commencement is included [below](#).

The photos from the Spring Banquet are up on our Facebook page. [Check them out](#) and feel free to tag yourself and your friends. Core student Shawnte Roberts also wrote a wonderful article about the Banquet for the Pioneer Business Review. Click [here](#) to read it and thank you Shawnte for your great work!



Are you sticking around Colorado for the summer? Keep reading for information on [how to spend your Colorado summer](#), from Film on the Rocks to National Parks to outdoor concerts.

Jobs and Internships

Accounting Internships and Full-Time Positions, Webfilings

Currently, Webfilings has openings for internships and full-time positions beginning Summer 2014. Learn more about their company at www.wdesk.com and find out about the culture of their offices and current career opportunities [here](#). Resumes and cover letters can be submitted to [Jaycee Brock](#).

Campus Ambassador, Becker CPA Review

Becker is looking for students to represent their CPA Exam Review course on DU's campus. Campus Ambassadors serve as liaisons between Becker and the University with responsibilities including distributing promotional materials, hosting sample classes and organizing presentations. For more information or to apply for the

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Beta Alpha Psi

Beta Alpha Psi Meetings will resume in Fall 2014.

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](#)
[Prof. Keith Sellers](#)

position, please email Meghan Haverkamp at mhaverkamp@becker.com.

Tax Accountant Intern, RE/MAX

RE/MAX is looking for two tax accountant interns for their Denver Office. This is a great opportunity to gain invaluable exposure to tax provisions and compliance. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in accounting and be currently pursuing a master's. For more information and to apply, click [here](#). Contact [Travis Odell](#) with any questions.

Staff Accountant, Kodiak Building Partners

The Staff Accountant for Kodiak Building Partners will support accounting processes for cash, Fixed Assets accounts receivable, accounts payable, various account reconciliations, along with other ad hoc activities as required. This is a great opportunity for an experienced candidate to work for a growing company. Citizens and permanent residents only. Email [Jodye](#) for a complete job description and apply through [Daniels Careers](#).

Accounting Intern, Vista Sciences

Vista Sciences is a federal contractor that provides students to the Treasury Dept. for paid internships under diversity initiatives. They are looking to fill a position for the Office of the Treasury Department in Denver. Must be proficient in Excel and interested in a paid summer job supporting the Federal Government. Must be an undergraduate accounting majors and permanent resident/citizen to apply. For more information, email [Kristen Brackett](#).

Graduates: Important Commencement Information

SoA Graduation Reception

June 6th, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, School of Accountancy

Bring your families by the SoA on Friday, June 6th between 10:30AM and 12:30PM for some brunch and a chance to show them around and meet the faculty. RSVP [here](#).



Graduation Ceremonies:

MAcc Hooding Ceremony - *June 6th, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Cable Center*
Graduate Commencement – *June 6th, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Ritchie Center*
Undergraduate Commencement – *June 7th, 9:30 AM, Ritchie Center*

[Click here](#) for more information.



Ask a Professional

This month's answer comes from **Ashley Siemers**. Ashley graduated from the 3/2

[Prof. Jim Serven](#)
[Prof. Kathleen Davisson \(KED\)](#)

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](#).



program in 2013 and has since been working as an Audit Associate at KPMG.

Q: What does your typical work day look like?

If there is a typical work day in auditing, I have yet to see it! As a first year associate at KPMG, I go into my work day with an idea of how I think the day will pan out, and most of the time it doesn't turn out like I expect. This is one of the exciting things about my job—flexibility is key!

I usually arrive at my client site around 8:15 and immediately check my email. I especially look forward to Monday morning emails, because every week our Office Managing Partner, Mike Bearup, sends out a weekly update on the Denver office, our people, things to look forward to, and random musings. Mike's email is always a great way to start the week. After checking my email, I dig into my audit test work. Most of the time questions come up, so I'll either ask my senior or go directly to the client to get my questions answered. After a few hours of auditing, it's time for lunch! My team usually eats lunch together at the client's cafeteria. It's a good way to break up the day and catch up with everyone on the team. After lunch, the team will usually have a status update with the managers and partner. We all spend the afternoon working on our test work, and at the end of the day we pack up for the night. I usually work with the same team for a few weeks or months at a time and then move to a different client where I have the opportunity to work with different professionals at all levels of the firm. I may not have a typical work day, but that's one of the exciting opportunities that auditing has to offer!

Volunteer Opportunities

Accounting Scholars Development Program Counselor

July 6th – 10th, 2014, School of Accountancy

Every summer, the SoA brings community college students from across the country to campus to participate in a five-day residential program designed to expose them to the field of accounting. This program could not happen without the help of our wonderful volunteers and this year, you could be one of them! Counselors attend sessions with the students, help them prepare for a case study presentation, accompany them on tours of firms, and help practice networking and interview skills, among other activities. This is a great opportunity to share your love of accounting with a wonderful group of students who are passionate about learning. For more information or to apply, contact [KED](#) or [Jodye](#).

Saddleback Trail Restoration

June 28th, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Saddleback Mountain

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado is organizing a restoration of the trail on Saddleback Mountain. Spend a day outdoors giving back to the beautiful mountains we all love. Register online at www.voc.org/volunteer or call 303-715-1010.

Summer in Colorado

Film on the Rocks

Every week, Red Rocks and the Denver Film Society come together to host Film on the Rocks, an outdoor movie series at the beautiful Red Rocks

Amphitheater. This year's lineup includes Fight Club, The Fast and the Furious, The Hunger Games, Pitch Perfect, and the cult favorite

The Big Lebowski, among others. Take a picnic to enjoy while a local band opens the show and at sundown, enjoy a wonderful movie under the Colorado night sky. For a full schedule line-up and to purchase tickets, visit the [Film on the Rocks](#) website. (Infinity Park in Glendale also hosts outdoor movie nights throughout the summer – and theirs are free! [Click here](#) for more info.)



Colorado Brewers' Festival

Colorado is known across the country as the home of some of the finest microbrews in the U.S. More than 50 Colorado Breweries will descend on Downtown Fort Collins on June 28th and 29th to give festival-goers an opportunity to try all they have to offer. The festival includes live music, a climbing wall and other fun outdoor activities. Check out the [festival website](#)

for more information and to plan your weekend.

Get outside!

One of the best parts of living in Denver is our close proximity to a myriad of outdoor wonders. From camping in Rocky Mountain National Park to hiking one of our numerous 14ers to kayaking down the Arkansas River, there is an endless stream of outdoor activities to do in Colorado. Take advantage of our wonderful summer sun and get outside. Need more information? Visit [Colorado's website](#) to see what you can do outside this summer.

Taste of Colorado

Over Labor Day weekend (Aug 29 – Sept 1), Civic Center Park and Downtown Denver come to life with the Taste of Colorado festival. Stop by for food, music, and summertime funtivities (carnival rides anyone?). Admission is free (tickets must be purchased for food, beverages, etc.). For more info, visit the [Taste of Colorado](#) website or call 303-295-6330.

Colorado Balloon Classic

Head down to Colorado Springs for the 38th Annual Colorado Balloon Classic to see dozens of hot air balloons ascend into the Colorado sky. This spectacular festival is the longest running hot air balloon festival in the Rocky Mountain



Region. Admission is free. Visit the [Balloon Classic](#) site for more information.

AMERICAN IDIOM OF THE MONTH

"Tighten your belt"

Meaning:

To cut spending



Origin:

The phrase "tightening your belt" comes from the era of the Great Depression. At this time, many people didn't have very much money to spend on even the basic necessities, so they often went without full meals. As a result, they lost weight and had to literally tighten their belts to keep their pants up. The phrase evolved into an idiom for reducing spending, often used in a business scenario.

Example:

"We didn't sell any of our chia-blast smoothies last month, so we're going to have to tighten our belts for a while until we can recover."

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