

ACCOUNTING STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Goodbye winter, hello spring!

This month marks the official transition from winter to spring quarter complete with winter quarter graduations, a week off for Spring Break and a whole new set of classes to delve into. As you prepare to wrap up another successful term, check out what's going on in and around the SoA!

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

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**.

Charles Schwab Investment Management Inc. is accepting applications for their Summer Internship Program. It's not often you get a chance to work with a company that's been challenging the conventions of the industry for over 40 years. But that's what you could be doing next summer! Schwab's Summer Internship Program provides a structured experience integrating learning, business specific projects, and shared experiences with fellow interns. Visit [their website](#) for more information and to apply today.

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Thurs, Mar. 27th, 8:00AM
Marcus Commons

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



Fix the Debt – Breakfast Presentation by Paul Stebbins

Join us on April 8th for a breakfast presentation on how the Campaign to Fix the Debt is working to address the most serious economic and national security threat facing this country. Breakfast is served at 8:30AM followed by a presentation from 9:00-9:50AM. If you don't have class, please stick around for a networking reception from 10:00-11:00 leading up to the grand reopening of Margery Reed Hall at

11:00. [Register online today](#) to save your seat.

Voices of Experience: Walter Bettinger, CEO of Charles Schwab

Walter Bettinger will be at the Newman Center on April 1st as a part of the Voices of Experience Series. His talk runs from 6:00-7:30PM with a networking reception to follow.

[Register online today](#).



Mark Your Calendars: The Spring Banquet is Coming!

The Beta Alpha Psi Awards Ceremony and Spring Banquet will take place on Friday, May 2nd. This year we're keeping it on campus at the Joy Burns Center and the Driscoll Ballroom so it'll be easy to get to and from. Keep an eye out for a formal invitation in the coming weeks and RSVP early to reserve your spot.

Ask a Professional



This month's answer comes from **Ingrid Grygiel**. Ingrid completed the 3/2 program in 2009 and has since worked as an Assurance Associate for PwC and a Financial Analyst for the Catholic Health Initiatives Institute for Research and Innovation. She is a licensed CPA and an active member of the DU alumni community.

Q: What was your first day of work like? Do you have any tips for students getting ready to start their new job/internship?

My first day of work was not too bad but the first week of work was more exhausting than I ever could have imagined! The first day or two was spent on HR and administrative tasks - signing up for benefits, getting my laptop, learning how to input / bill my time, etc. After the first couple of days we started training. Sitting in a room all day and learning sounded pretty easy since I thought I had learned the whole "sit in a room and learn / study all day" thing at DU and had definitely perfected it courtesy of the CPA exam. Was I wrong! By the end of the week I was more exhausted than I had ever been. The good news is that I did adjust after a few weeks! Based on my experience, my advice for the first couple of weeks (and beyond) is pace yourself, get plenty of sleep, and take care of yourself (e.g. eat healthy foods, drink plenty of water, etc.) as the transition to an 8+ hour work day is more difficult than one would

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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 to [Jodye Whitesell](#).



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Volunteer Opportunities

Scoop Ice Cream for a Great Cause

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is hosting a fundraiser at the Ben & Jerry's on University and Evans on April 8th and they need scoopers! Spend a fun afternoon serving ice cream to help raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research. Volunteers are needed from 4:00-8:00PM. Email Colorado@cff.org for more information.

Miles for Hope 5K at Sloan's Lake Park

The Miles for Hope 5K was started five years ago as a way to honor those suffering from brain tumors while raising awareness and funds to help find a cure. Volunteers are needed to help run the event on April 5th at Sloan's Lake Park in Denver. [Sign up online](#) today.



Rocky Mountain Communities Soup and Social Events

Once a month, Rocky Mountain Communities seniors get together for two hours for a meal and social. Seniors are invited to participate in various activities such as games, fitness and speakers on topics of interest to them. Volunteers are needed to help serve food and provide programming, so [sign up today!](#)

Explore Culture

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Head to downtown Denver on March 15th for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade – a true Colorado combination of the Irish holiday and the traditions of the west. The parade starts at 9:30AM near Union Station and winds along Blake Street to Coors Field. For more information, visit the [St. Patrick's Day Parade Website](#).

Saint Paddy's Pub Crawl

Pub Crawls are a great way to find out about the different restaurants and bars in the Denver area. This St. Patrick's Day, tag along for the Saint Paddy's Pub Crawl to discover some of the area's unique watering holes. [Register online](#) to get your tickets.

AMERICAN IDIOM OF THE MONTH

"Brownie Points"

Meaning:

A form of hypothetical social currency acquired by doing good deeds



Origin:

There are numerous stories about the origins of the phrase "Brownie Points." The two most popular ones revolve around WWII and Girl Scouts. In WWII, small brown stamps were given out with purchases at local stores as a marketing strategy. Accumulating these stamps was seen as a good thing as it showed you were supporting the local economy. Over the years, the phrase "brownie points" was picked up to reflect this system of rewards for good deeds.

Another popular origin story centers on Girl Scouts. In elementary school, girls can become a "brownie" or a young Girl Scout. As these girls perform good deeds, they are rewarded with merit badges. While there is no direct link to the phrase "brownie points," it is a common belief that it is an allusion to this process.

Example:

"Cooking Thanksgiving dinner for my girlfriend's family will win me some major brownie points."