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Director's Update



Last month, Professor Lorenzo Patelli partnered with Denver Auditor Timothy M. O'Brien for a real-world skill building opportunity for students in his Corporate Advising course. Students Marissa Nennig, Matthew Schemmel, Taylor Belke, and Zach Yarnell (pictured, left)

participated in the challenge. The students were able to put their technical skills to use while learning the soft skills they'll need on the job. All four students have received offers from accounting firms for jobs following graduation. For more on this partnership, please click [here](#).

Congratulations to dual degree accounting student and DU men's soccer senior captain, Sam Hamilton. Sam (pictured, right) recently received College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Second Team Academic All-America Honors. Sam is the 52nd DU student-athlete to earn CoSIDA Academic All-America honors. For more on this prestigious accomplishment, please click [here](#).



From the SOA family to yours, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Best,

Dr. Sharon Lassar, Director, School of Accountancy

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HAVE ANY EXCITING NEWS?

Promotions, marriages, new babies, major moves, job changes? Let us know! We'll share the news with your alumni family in the Alumni Notes section of our next newsletter. Contact kristen.dimig@du.edu with any updates.

UPDATE CONTACT INFO

If you have a new email address, recently moved, changed employment, got married, or have any other information to update, please do so [here](#). Our alumni are our greatest assets so please keep us updated!

Upcoming Events

Winter Alumni Mixer

January 12, 2017 6-8pm

Reiman Theater | Margery Reed Hall

Reconnect with your classmates and beloved School of Accountancy faculty members. Meet the new faculty members and get to know your vast alumni network at our January alumni get together. Enjoy short presentations by featured alumni and faculty before mingling with your fellow alums in a networking reception. [Please register today!](#)



FEATURED ALUMNI:

Amber Freed (BSACC, MACC '04), Research Associate, Janus Capital Group
Calvin Isaak (MBA Accounting '58), President and CEO, Isaak Bond Investments
Jenny Scholz (BSACC, MACC '03) Controller, Hensel Phelps
Nick Machol (BSACC, MACC '08) CEO, Machol & Johannes
Amintore Schenkel (BSACC, MACC '89), Chief Accounting Officer, Senior VP & Controller, The Western Union Co

FEATURED FACULTY:

Kathleen Davisson (KED), CPA, Teaching Associate Professor
Kelsey Dworkis, PhD, CPA, Assistant Professor
Jacqueline Eschenlohr, CPA, Teaching Assistant Professor



Calling All Mentors

We need your help! Become a SOA alumni mentor. Apply today to be a mentor in the School of Accountancy LEAD Mentorship Program. Mentors work one-on-one with current undergraduate accounting students throughout their first year in the program as they complete the Core, apply for jobs, and figure out what accounting, the CPA, and the "real world" is all about. Fill out your [application for the January program](#) start today. Email [Kristen Dimig](#) for more information.

Save the Date!

School of Accountancy Alumni Reception and DU v. CC Hockey Game
Friday, February 10, 2017

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Get to Know Your Network

Meet Alumnus Allyson "Ally" Lindsey (BSACC, MACC '14)

Ally grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado with older brother, Nick Girardi (BSACC, '09), her parents, and three dogs. She was raised playing team sports and most enjoyed basketball, field hockey, and volleyball. "My high school mascot was a lambkin, which most people find pretty funny."

ABOUT US

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.



Ally started her college career in California at Santa Clara University, but transferred to DU before her junior year to earn her degree from the School of Accountancy. "My older brother, Nick Girardi, graduated from the SOA in 2009 and always spoke highly of the program, the professors, and most importantly the friends he made in the program." Ally chose to pursue a degree in accounting because she liked that there were problems to solve, often with black and white answers. "I have since learned that accounting in the real world is not as black and white as it was in school, but appreciate the challenges this presents."



Don't tell Nick, but he was right about the School of Accountancy. The highlight of

the SOA was the friendships that Ally enjoyed. "Almost all of my college roommates were SOA students, as well as some of my closest friends since I have graduated." Ally describes an instant connection and close bond with her fellow Core survivors. Mallory Blanchard (BSACC, MACC '14) was a fellow Core student and served as Ally's Maid of Honor at her recent



wedding (pictured, at left).

Ally credits the School of Accountancy with providing her the foundation and confidence to begin her career in public accounting at Deloitte. "The Core taught me to work hard, how to work effectively in teams, to be confident interacting with experienced professionals, and to not start sentences with "um". She is thankful that she no longer has to "stand and deliver"! She is also thankful for the network of SOA alumni who mentored her and helped with career advice, securing summer jobs, transferring service lines, and moving offices. "Pioneers of all ages have been willing to help me out in any way they can."

After starting her career with Deloitte Audit in San Francisco, Ally transferred to Global Employer Services group within Deloitte Tax. "I moved back to Colorado from the Bay Area in June to work in the Deloitte Denver office." Her experience as VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Co-Chair during her tenure on the BAP Board gave her experience with individual tax and international individual tax issues. This provided a foundational knowledge that helped her transition into the GES group which provides global mobility compliance and consulting services. "One of the most rewarding experiences has been working with domestic and international individuals confused by the world of US taxes and using my expertise to allay their frustrations and concerns - something I also learned while volunteering with VITA."



Outside of work, some of Ally's hobbies include yoga, volleyball, skiing, watching movies, reading, and going to concerts. "I enjoy relaxing at home with my new husband, Will, and our rescue dog, Doug (who we plan to enroll in the SOA once he's old enough)." When Ally finds the time, she also has a small calligraphy business, which serves as a fun, creative outlet. In the future, Ally plans to continue working in Denver in the tax industry. "I also look forward serving on the School of Accountancy's Alumni Engagement Council." For similar involvement opportunities, please contact kristen.dimig@du.edu.

Faculty Updates

Congratulations to Dr. Erin Nickell and her husband, Brandon, on the birth of their daughter, Coralyn Paige Nickell. Coralyn was born on November 7th and both she and mom are doing well and enjoying some time at home.

Dr. Adam Greiner has been appointed to serve a 3rd term on the Notable Contributions to Accounting Literature Award Selection Committee. This Committee is responsible for assessing the accounting literature for outstanding research with unique contributions, original and innovative content, clarity, and strong methodology. The Committee and award recipients will be recognized at the AAA Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA in August 2017.

Dr. Adam Greiner's study entitled, "Do Auditors Care about Aggressive Gains Trading," has been accepted for presentation at the 2017 Auditing Midyear Meeting in Orlando, FL. This study is co-authored with Dr. Mark Kohlbeck (Florida Atlantic University) and Dr. Thomas Smith (University of South Florida).

Professor Paul Harrison is presenting "When Good CPAs Go Bad: Ethics & Cases" for the Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants. In a recent COCPA publication, a 2015 participant described Professor Harrison's seminar: "Paul did an



excellent job of thoroughly covering all aspects of materials that are very gray. Good discussions and exchange of differing viewpoints.”



Professor Hugh Grove and his dog, Bearje, a Bichon Frise mix, were certified in January, 2016 as A Dog Therapy team by Pet Partners, a national organization, after three months of training. They have now done over 90 hours of visits at various Assisted Living facilities and a Ronald McDonald house. On December 22, they will be one of the Dog Therapy teams helping Christmas travelers at DIA.

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On the Lighter Side - Humor from Hugh Grove

The Four Stages of Life:

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.

Dr. Feelgood's Advice for Living (Especially During Holidays)

Q: Doctor, I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it. Don't waste it on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up the heart does not make you live longer. It's like saying you extend the life of a car by driving faster. What to live longer? Take a nap!

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit and brandy from distilled wine which means they take water out of fruit so you get even more goodness that way and beer is made of grain. Bottoms up!

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body and you have fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain...Good!

Q: Are fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU DON'T LISTEN! Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they are permeated by it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?!?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy?!? HELLO! Cocoa bean! Another vegetable! It is the best feel-good food around.

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming is good for your figure, explain the whale to me.

Q: Is getting in shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! Round is a shape!

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