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Alumni Newsletter - December 2014

Get to Know Your Network: School of Accountancy Alumni Giving Back to Students through the Mentor Match Program

In August, the School of Accountancy Alumni Engagement Council sent an invitation to alumni whose graduation year fell between 2004 and 2011. The invitation was requesting participation in the new Mentor Match Program that aimed at coaching our current undergraduate students through the accounting program, recruiting, goal setting, networking, etc. The response from our alumni was overwhelming and we thank you for your efforts in giving back to the school. Rebecca Kelley, BSAC 2005 and current Alumni Engagement Council Member, has agreed to serve in the role of Mentorship Program Chair. Rebecca noted, "I'm very excited to be involved in bringing the School of Accountancy mentor program back to the alumni and students this year. The program is structured to provide students with a consistent professional mentor throughout the year, with whom they can build a trusted relationship. I believe strongly in this program and know the benefits for both students and alumni can be great. My hope is that by the end of the year our alumni will have identified with the challenges of students today and will have taken the opportunity to help and offer support and guidance from their experience and knowledge of the accounting profession. Additionally, I hope that the students will have taken full advantage of the access to their mentor and have someone they can reach out to as they make the transition from college to the professional world."

Eighteen students and alumni met at the Mentor Match Mixer held on Wednesday, October 1st at the Daniels College of Business. This was an opportunity for the students to meet the alumni in person and set up future meetings.

Monica Martinez (BSAC '05, MBA '05) was matched with 4th year Accounting major and Legal studies minor, Sonia Crosby-Attipoe. Sonia is the co-director of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, a tour guide and ambassador for DU's Office of

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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



Undergraduate Admissions. She worked at KPMG last summer as a tax intern and plans to return this summer. She also has campus ministry involvement.

Monica currently serves as the chair of the Alumni Engagement Council of the School of Accountancy. She has over nine years of experience in public accounting with expertise in the

nonprofit and franchise industries. Monica has assisted numerous clients in the completion of corporate audits, employee benefit plan audits, OMB Circular A-133 audits, Department of Energy 10 CFR600.316 audits and technical accounting matters. Monica volunteers with her firm and her church at various non-profits.

We look forward to matching 30+ students in the winter quarter with our alumni. If you are interested in being involved in the program, please contact [Jill Whelan](#). Emails will be sent next month requesting participation.

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Give to the School of Accountancy

We would like to thank our alumni and friends for their ongoing support of the School of Accountancy and its programs. You should be proud of how the school continues to improve and how our recent graduates carry on the School's legacy. If you haven't taken the opportunity to give this year, please help us keep the momentum and renew your commitment to the University of Denver by investing in the School and watching the value of your degree continue to appreciate.

You may visit <http://go.du.edu/givetodaniels/soa> to give a one time gift or set up monthly contributions.

Alumni support makes such a difference to our students. We awarded over \$500,000 of School of Accountancy scholarships to new and returning students this fall. Accountancy awards supplement other scholarships students receive from the University and draw top

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.

students to the School. Your contributions also support extracurricular activities for our students including travel, teaching assistant opportunities and special events.

Please consider supporting the School and investing in the future of our business leaders.

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Recent Happenings

Dr. Hugh Grove recently accepted an invitation to join the Global Repository and Corporate Governance Experts, International Center for Banking and Corporate Governance, Department of International Economics and the Ukrainian Academy of Banking of the National Bank of Ukraine.

SoA Director Sharon Lassar, continues to sit on many different committees and boards. She is the Vice President of Program and Organizational Value for the Accounting Programs Leadership Group. She sits on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Society of CPAs and is a Business Advisory Board Member for the Community College of Aurora. Sharon also serves as the Vice Chair on the Pre-Certification Education Executive Committee of the AICPA.

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Upcoming Events

Daniels Alumni 5th Annual Snow Ball

Thursday, December 11, 2014

6 - 9 PM

The Cable Center

Winter 2014 New Faculty and Alumni Mixer

Get to know the newest members of the SoA faculty at our Winter 2014 Mixer. Join fellow alumni to learn more about the faculty members who have joined the SoA in the last several years, including their background, what brought them to the University of Denver and what role they play in the SoA.

Wednesday, January 7th, 2015

Faculty Introductions 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Hall Meet and Greet 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Margery Reed Hall

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Class Notes

Kenyada Meadows (BSAC 2001 and MAcc 2001 IT) was promoted to Senior Manager Audit and Financial Compliance at Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Meadows is a Bahamas native and is based in New York.

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