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Director's Update

Congratulations to the class of 2016! We wish you much success in your career and life beyond DU. You are always welcome on campus and we hope that you will stay connected and involved with us. If you would like more information on programs such as the Alumni Engagement Council or Mentorship Program, please contact our Alumni Relations Coordinator, [Kristen Dimig](#). Thanks to those who were able to attend the Spring Banquet where we honored Alumnus of the Year Brian Frantz (pictured right) and Young Alumnus of the Year Kyle Reppert. Additional photos from the event are on our [facebook page](#).



The School of Accountancy recently received results from a custom report ordered from NASBA on CPA examination performance. Of particular note is a 2015 CPA exam pass rate of 89% on all 4 parts on the first attempt for our dual degree students. This is up from a pass rate of 80% based on the same criteria in 2014.

We are thrilled to announce that Kristi Genetti, a current Accounting Core II student, has been awarded a \$2,500 Financial Executives International Scholarship. Kristi is one of four students in Colorado to receive this selective award from FEI. Congratulations, Kristi! Kristi is pictured with her faculty sponsor Dr. Adam Greiner at the FEI Chapter Meeting in downtown Denver where she received the award.



Best,

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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!

ABOUT US

Upcoming Events

Save the Date: 2016 SoA Town Hall

Mark your calendars! This year's Town Hall event will take place the evening of October 24, 2016. Our featured speaker is [William D. Cohan](#), best selling author of numerous titles including [Money and Power](#), [House of Cards](#), and [The Last Tycoons](#). Keep an eye out for an invitation in the coming months.

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Get to Know Your Network

Meet Alumna Katrina Schuler (BSACC, MACC '11)

Katrina, a Colorado native, didn't set out to major in accounting. She started her career at DU as a history major, but switched to business as the career opportunities were a bit more promising. "It was sophomore year and I was trying to decide between finance and accounting and remember going back and forth between the 5th floor and the 3rd talking with students and professors to get their perspective on which major would be more beneficial. One of the finance professors said to go with accounting and you will have a



guaranteed job when you graduate, and they will likely give you a scholarship". Katrina followed the professor's advice, but managed to squeeze in some history classes which have proven useful for trivia and audit room talk.

Katrina fully immersed herself in the DU student experience. She ran on the Cross Country Team, worked at the Ritchie Center, served as a teaching assistant for the Core, and participated in Beta Alpha Psi. She remains close friends with her classmates. "It was like joining a family where we all have our inside jokes, mannerisms, and everyone understands and

supports one another." Some favorite memories include going to Jordan's before and after class and sitting with her study group, eating carrots and peanut butter while listening to 90's music and quoting the movie "Night at the Roxbury".

Katrina credits the School of Accountancy with her success of today. "All the offerings have been beneficial whether it be in the classroom training your brain for critical thinking, technical accounting, presentation preparation, or going to BAP meetings and learning to network; the skills learned at DU in the School of



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.





Accountancy helped shape who I am today”.

Since graduation, Katrina has worked at Ernst and Young where she has enjoyed diverse client teams and industries. Her job has taken her around the U.S. and to over 30 countries including Russia, South Africa and Costa Rica. Recently, Katrina had the opportunity to complete a rotation in Lithuania. But it comes down to the people that makes her job enjoyable. “Some of the hardest times I ever

laughed, the laugh that makes you almost cry, have been while working with the team.” She finds the comradery of the team and mentorship invaluable.

In her spare time, Katrina enjoys exploring foreign countries, often by foot as she is passionate about running and hiking with friends and family. She is looking forward to a trip with younger sister, Kelsey, to Iceland in June. Beyond travel, Katrina enjoys brewery tours with friends and volunteering with kids. She sees a future in an audit role and someday having a family.

Katrina is carrying on the tradition of mentorship by coaching new hires and seniors who are learning the intricacies of their position and settling into their role at the firm. “Whenever I observe someone getting a new technical concept or really stretching their interpersonal skills based on coaching I provided, it is truly what I enjoy most about my job.” At DU, Katrina offers her time and expertise to the School of Accountancy by participating in the mentorship program as well as the Alumni Engagement Council. She recognizes that the network of DU classmates and alumni has been greatly beneficial to her career. If you are interested in similar involvement opportunities, contact our new Alumni Coordinator, [Kristen Dimig](#).



Alumni Notes

Are you interested in taking on a leadership role within the Alumni Engagement Council (AEC)? Please join the AEC for a planning session on June 23, 8 - 9 AM. For more details about the planning meeting and the AEC in general, contact [Kristen Dimig](#), Alumni Relations & Development Coordinator.

Job Opportunities

Shelton Capital Management is seeking a Fund Operations Accountant. The ideal candidate will have an undergraduate or graduate degree in accounting, with a strong interest in finance and investment management, an aptitude and willingness to learn complex financial concepts, and a professional demeanor. For more information, [please see the posting](#). (26236)

Paladina Health is currently seeking a Chief Financial Officer to strategically align financial strategies and organizational objectives to grow the company and achieve strong business results. For more information, [please see the posting](#). (26497)

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Faculty Updates

In May, Dr. Lorenzo Patelli presented the paper co-authored with Dr. Kelsey Dworkis titled, "Behavioral Responses to Multiple Performance Measures: Does Personality Matter?", at the annual meeting of the Western Region of the American Accounting Association in Seattle (May 6-7), and at the 3rd AIMA World Conference on Management Accounting Research in Monterey, Ca. (May 19-20). Dr. Adam Greiner also attended the conference in Seattle and the day before the conference, both he and Dr. Patelli joined a VIP tour of the Boeing factory in Everett, OR, organized by the conference.

Dr. Kelsey Dworkis, with Drs. M. Young, F. Du, and K. Olsen authored "It's All about All of Us: The Rise of Narcissism and Its Implications for Management Control System Research". This paper appeared in the Spring 2016 edition of *The Journal of Management Accounting Research*.

Dr. Ryan Casey's article "Articulation Based Accruals" with F. Gao, M. Kirschenheiter, S. Li, and S. Pandit was accepted for publication at a premier journal, *The Review of Accounting Studies*.

Dr. James Sorensen and co-author Dr. David E. Stout have been selected for the Lybrand Silver Medal for their paper, "Write Right: Improving Written Communication Skills - Part One," which was published in the Summer 2015 issue of *Management Accounting Quarterly*. Additionally, Part 2 of the paper was selected by The Lybrand Award Committee as a finalist. Dr. Sorensen plans to attend the awards ceremony at the IMA Annual Reception this month.

Dr. Adam Greiner's study concerning "The Relationship between Aggressive Real Earnings Management and Current and Future Audit Fees," co-authored with Dr. Mark Kohlbeck (Florida Atlantic University) and Dr. Thomas Smith (University of South Florida), has been accepted for publication at a premier journal, *Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory*. Results of this study indicate that auditors assess audit fee risk premiums for aggressive operations that clients pursue to achieve reporting objectives. In May, Dr. Greiner attended the 2016 AAA Western Region Meeting in Seattle, WA and presented his research, "Consequences of Real Earnings Management and Weak Corporate Governance: Evidence from Cash Holdings." In March, Dr. Greiner presented his research entitled "Risk Assessment Perspectives for Forensic Accountants and Auditors Based on Some International Evidence" at the 2016 Forensic Accounting Research Conference in Charlotte, NC. This study is co-authored with our very own Dr. Hugh Grove and Dr. Mac Clouse (Finance department) and has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Forensic and Investigative Accounting*. Finally, as the faculty advisor of our BAP Chapter, he also attended the BAP Mountain Regional meeting in Salt Lake City, UT with our BAP competitors. He looks forward to supporting our teams scheduled to compete in the national competition in Baltimore, MD in August.

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