



DANIELS
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
UNIVERSITY of DENVER
SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY

Alumni Newsletter - May 2015

Get to Know Your Network: Meet the SoA Alumna and Young Alumna of the Year

The Alumni Relations Committee from the School of Accountancy Advisory Board is pleased to announce the recipients of the Alumnus and Young Alumnus of the year award. The awards are given at the SoA Spring Banquet held on May 1, 2015.

Janet Weiss (BSAcc 1979, MBA 1980) has been chosen as the Alumna of the Year. With over 30 years of accounting, business operations and management experience, Janet Weiss is the owner of Golf Specialties, a golf awards and promotional products company.



Her clients range from nationally recognized firms and organizations to small local golf leagues. Prior to launching Golf Specialties Janet worked in public accounting as a financial and accounting systems consultant, at a leading software firm and as an entrepreneur at an international industrial manufacturing company.

Jan holds a B.S. in Accounting and an MBA from the University of Denver. She is active in various community organizations including SSAORO (a non-profit South Sudan orphanage and community school) and The Alzheimer Organization/Highline Place.

Jan served on the School of Accountancy Advisory Board as the chair of the Alumni Relations Committee for many years. As part of her role, Janet helped to plan and attend alumni events, scheduled exit interviews for graduating students, compiled exit interview information and presented findings to the director of the department. Janet regularly attended board meetings and was willing to serve where she was needed.

An important aspect of her life is family, her husband Cary and their two daughters. She enjoys friends, travel, golf, sports (including Pioneer hockey), the mountains and hiking.

Monica Martinez has been selected as the Young Alumnus of the Year. Monica has over ten years of public accounting experience, with expertise in the nonprofit and franchise industries. She graduated from the University of Denver in 2005 with her bachelor of accounting and MBA. Since graduation, she has worked at EKS&H where she is now a manager in the audit service area.

In This Issue

[Get to Know Your Network: Meet the SoA Alumna and Young Alumna of the Year](#)

[Student Corner](#)

[Recent Happenings](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

[On the Lighter Side](#)

[Alumni Notes](#)

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

Monica has assisted numerous clients in the completion of corporate audits, employee benefit plan audits, A-133 Single Audits, DOE 316 audits and technical accounting matters.

Monica has stayed involved with the School of Accountancy since graduation. She has served on the School's Alumni Engagement Council since 2011 and is currently the Chair of the group. The purpose of the council is to engage alumni in School and College events and programs. Monica has been a mentor in the Council's mentorship program since fall 2014 and has developed a strong connection with one of the current Core students as a result.



accounting. As a result, our graduates are armed with the practical skills and knowledge needed to thrive in today's business world.

In her spare time, Monica enjoys spending time with friends, watching movies, reading and spending time with her niece.

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Student Corner

BAP Regional Meeting Exciting News

The Beta Alpha Psi members recently attended the regional meeting held in Denver. Our team was the only university to participate in all three Best Practice Competitions. One team won 1st place while another won 2nd place.



The first place team will be competing at Nationals in August. Michaela Diamond and Andrew McClaskey presented on Selecting Effective and Interesting Professional Meetings.

The Topics and Presenters for the competitions are below:

International Impact: Roy Harris, Ben Luchow, Helen Ryu and Wendy Wang – 2nd place

Effective Operations: Zane Sanchez, Mitch Singer and Solongo Batsuhk – 1st place

Financial Literacy: Ben Bulow, Rachael Mckinney, and Robert LaPorta



BAP Officer Elections

Beta Alpha Psi held officer elections on April 24th. The officer-elects are provided below and will serve during the summer and fall quarters. The new election cycle was adopted with the intent to allow more students to serve as BAP officers without having to forgo a winter internship.

President: Andrew McClaskey

VP of Programming: Ben Luchow

VP of Community Service: Robert LaPorta

VP of Membership: Marissa Nennig

VP of Professional Development: Roy Harris

VP of Treasury: Ben Bulow

VP of Reporting: Jane Yu

[\[return to top\]](#)

Recent Happenings

Presentations, Publications and Awards

On April 16 Dr. Lorenzo Patelli attended the 36th Annual Management Accounting Research Group Conference organized by CIMA, ICAEW and LSE and the next day he attended the anniversary conference to celebrate 25 years of the academic journal Management Accounting Research. Both conference took place at the London School of Economics, in London, UK.

Employment Positions at Arrow Electronics

Arrow Electronics is looking to fill 31 accounting/finance/tax positions as they move their tax and finance headquarters from Melville, NY to Denver. Please visit the Arrow Electronics [career website](#) to view and apply for the available positions.

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Upcoming Events

Share Your Expertise and Help the Profession

Volunteers are the backbone of the AICPA — they play a critical role in shaping policy positions, developing tools and providing valuable practice expertise and insights to AICPA members. [Apply online](#) today (the deadline to apply is May 15 for the next service year, which begins in October). If you are appointed to a committee, please let us know so that we can share your news. Natalie Steverson (BSAcc/MAcc 2012) serves on the Student Recruitment Committee. Sharon Lassar serves on the Pre-certification Education Executive Committee.

Join us for a banquet honoring the retirement of two beloved School of Accountancy Professors, Dr. F. Lee Pollart and Professor David "Buff" Honodel, both of whom will be retiring after spring quarter

Sunday, May 17, 2015 - 6:00 PM

Dinner - 6:30 PM
\$75/person
Tuscan Ballroom
Joy Burns Center

University of Denver
[RSVP Online](#)

Join and Like the DCB Alumni Page on Facebook

Join the Daniels College of Business Alumni page on [Facebook](#) to stay up to date on fellow alumni, College and University events and other important updates.

[\[Return to top\]](#)

On the Lighter Side - Submitted by Dr. Hugh Grove

F in Exams: Pop Quiz
All New Awesomely Wrong Test Answers
Author: Richard Benson, Chronicle Books
“Studying is Overrated: A+ Wit Applied to F- Quiz Scores”

History and Classical Studies

Which civilization established the first known use of democracy?

- The Ancient Greeks

Explain the dangers of life as a cowboy in the Old American West.

- High risk of being shot by Clint Eastwood

Drama and Music

Write about the character in Romeo and Juliet for whom you have the most sympathy.

- I have most sympathy for the audience.

Business Studies

What does “self-regulation” mean in the context of the media industry?

- Deciding not to watch a whole series in one go on Netflix.

Math

The probability that Steve oversleeps is three times the probability that he does not. Work out the probability that he does oversleep.

- Depends—is it Monday?

In a supermarket one can of tuna costs 79 cents. How many cans could you buy for \$3.85?

- Well, do they have a two for one deal going on?

English

Write the longest sentence you can, using appropriate punctuation.

- 50 years to life.

Religious Studies

What happened at the birth of Buddha?

- He was born.

Physics

What is a thermal conductor?

- Someone who leads the orchestra in long johns.

Geography

Photos of the Alps show that glaciers have retreated over the last 50 years. One reason for this could be climate change. What could another reason be?

- They're quite shy.

Biology and Chemistry

Why is methane a gas at 20 degrees Celsius?

- Because that's the temperature of a fart

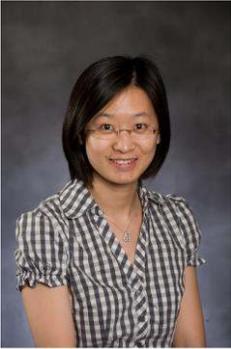
Extra Credit

What information should you have on a CV?

- Mostly lies, but only if you're sure they won't be found out.

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Alumni Notes



Huiqi Gan (MAcc 2011) is a Ph.D. candidate in Accounting at the Virginia Commonwealth University has successfully defended her dissertation and plans to graduate in May. Huiqi has accepted an offer to be an Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, with a start date in August.

The title of Huiqi's dissertation was: *CEO Managerial Ability, Corporate Investment Quality, and the Value of Cash*

ABSTRACT: This study investigates how CEO managerial ability affects investment quality, investment efficiency, and the value of cash. Specifically, I examine whether higher managerial ability is associated with higher M&A quality, more efficient capital investments, and higher value of cash. Investment decision-making and implementation can signal a CEO's managerial ability (Stein 2003), and shareholders assign more value to the cash of those firms with high ability CEOs. Thus, I predict that more able CEOs conduct higher quality M&A and make more efficient capital investment decisions. I also propose that the value of cash is higher for firms with more able CEOs. Using the methodology developed in Demerjian et al. (2012) to estimate CEO managerial ability, I find that the M&As conducted by more able CEOs are less likely to experience goodwill impairment and divestitures in the post-acquisition period. I also find that managerial ability, to a certain extent, can improve capital investment efficiency when firms have a higher likelihood of over- or under-investment. Furthermore, I provide evidence that cash has higher value if it is managed by more able CEOs. Overall, my findings suggest that while managerial ability plays a limited role in improving M&A quality, it significantly increases capital investment efficiency and the value of cash.

[\[Return to top\]](#)