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## Director's Update

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 awards. The awards are given at the SOA Spring Banquet held on May 6, 2016.

Congratulations to our 2016 Alumnus of the Year Brian Frantz and Young Alumnus of the Year Kyle Reppert!

### Beta Alpha Psi takes first at Regionals again!

Each year, the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at DU assembles teams to participate in a Best Practices competition at the BAP Mountain Regional Meeting. In April, three teams consisting of 15 Accounting Core students from our chapter competed against other regional chapters in Salt Lake City, Utah for a spot in the national competition later this year. The teams competed in three areas: "Leadership and Management", "Alignment of Officer Activities", and "Good or Great", a category focusing on how to chapter looks past "good" and strives to be great.

We are delighted to announce that two of our Best Practices teams placed first in their respective categories at regionals! Lauren Brookner, Zach Finken, Sydney Goetz, Sadie Parris, and Lindsey Payson received first place in the "Learning to Lead" category and Kevin Hormann, Max Schneck, Cody Simmons, and Sam Spare received first place in the "Good to Great" category.



Both teams will represent the Mountain Region at the national competition in Baltimore this August. Congratulations to all of the outstanding students who were a part of the Best Practices team this year and thank you to the SoA faculty for providing the students with guidance throughout this process. We are so proud of

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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](mailto:Kristen.Dimig@du.edu) with any updates.

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## 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!

the chapter's successes and look forward to watching them compete in Baltimore in a few months!



On April 21, 2016 two MACC students were acknowledged by the Denver Chapter of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA). Zachary Gasper and Quinn Foster submitted papers on information security related topics and won 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place cash scholarships respectively. The opportunity stemmed from their Winter quarter ACTG 4575 AIS Risk, Control and Audit course taught by Professor Loving. Loving is an ISACA Academic Advocate for the ISACA Denver organization and she actively seeks to increase student involvement in this professional organization.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Lassar".

*Dr. Sharon Lassar, Director, School of Accountancy*

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## Upcoming Events

### Spring Financial Planning Workshops

Maximize your personal finances by attending our final financial planning workshop. Let financial experts advance your financial literacy and help you make responsible decisions for your future. The workshop runs 6-8 pm and will be held in the Daniels College of Business (room TBD).

May 19, 2016 - Using Your (Human) Resources: Financial Implications of HR Decisions

[Register here](#)

### Voices of Experience: John A. Hayes, CEO of Ball Corporation

Monday, May 9, 2016 - 6pm  
Newman Center for Performing Arts

[Register here](#)

### Save the Date: 2016 Welcome Back Reception and KED's Birthday Party

Celebrate the start of a new academic year and wish KED a happy birthday at our annual welcome back reception.

Sunday, September 11, 2016 - 5-7pm

Marcus Commons

Invitation to follow

### 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

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## 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.



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 Alumnus of the Year Brian Frantz (BSACC, MACC '86)

Brian, pictured at right, has served as Intrepid's Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer since June, 2015. Previously, he served as the interim Chief Financial Officer from August 2014 to June 2015, as Vice President of Finance from February 2012 to August 2014 and as Controller and Chief Accounting Officer from July 2010 to August 2014. From October 2008 to July 2010, Brian served as the Chief Financial Officer of Honnen Equipment Company, a private company specializing in selling and leasing construction equipment, and in 2008, prior to working for Honnen Equipment Company, served as the Chief Financial Officer of DWF Wholesale Florists Company, a national wholesale florist. From 1998 to 2007, Brian held various positions at RE/MAX International, Inc., a private company engaged in the franchising of real estate brokerage businesses, most recently as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. From 1986 to 1998, Brian worked for Arthur Andersen LLP in Denver, most recently as a Senior Manager, serving public and private companies primarily in the cable television, manufacturing, mining and real estate industries. Brian was one of the School of Accountancy's featured alums at this year's Winter Mixer.



### Meet Young Alumnus of the Year Kyle Reppert (BSACC, MACC '10)



Kyle, pictured at left, is originally from Dallas, TX, but he decided to give up the Texas heat and move to Colorado in 2005 to attend the University of Denver. He earned his BSACC/MACC from the School of Accountancy in 2010, after which he joined KPMG working primarily in the energy & natural resources industry. While he calls Denver home, Kyle and his wife Ashton (also a DU alum BA/MSW 2011) are currently on a two year international assignment with KPMG in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. During his time in Amsterdam, he has worked primarily in the telecommunications industry, which he plans to continue to specialize in upon his return to Denver this

fall. During his assignment, Kyle has become an avid traveler and has visited many European cities, Morocco, Thailand, and India. Back in Denver, Kyle enjoys many of the outdoor adventure sports that Colorado has to offer, especially skiing, cycling, and hiking. During his time at the University of Denver, Kyle was the Beta Alpha Psi VP of Community Service, a business tutor with the Learning Effectiveness Program, and was actively involved in Campus Crusade. Kyle continues to be involved with the SoA as a member of the SOA Alumni Council and as part of the KPMG campus recruiting team. He is also a member of the AICPA

and COCPA. Kyle will be recognized at our 2017 Spring Banquet as he is currently working abroad in the Netherlands.

### Alumni Notes

**Rhonda Willert (MACC '05)** and her husband Nick are happy to announce the birth of their son Drisdan Jeffery (DJ). DJ, pictured at right with his dad and big brother, was born on April 1, 2016 and both mom and baby are doing great!



### Job Posting

**Spectranetics** is seeking a Corporate Controller for their office in Colorado Springs. [Learn more here.](#)

As an alumni, you have lifetime access to Daniels and DU Career Services. Top companies post opportunities specifically for DU alumni and students on the [DanielsCareers](#) online job boards. Whether you are seeking a new position or hiring for one, this is a great resource for you and your company.

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## Faculty Updates

**Dr. Erin Nickell's** paper "Fraud Risk Awareness and the Likelihood of Audit Enforcement Action" was recently accepted to *Accounting Horizons*, a top accounting journal. The paper's main findings are that when auditors issue a going concern report on fraudulent financial statements, there is a greater likelihood that they will be named in an enforcement action by the SEC. This finding is consistent with Counterfactual Reasoning Theory and suggests that, from a regulatory perspective, auditors may be penalized for documenting their awareness of fraud risk when financial statements are later determined to be fraudulent. The paper was coauthored with Jared Eutsler from University of North Texas and Sean Robb from University of Central Florida.

**Dr. Hugh Grove's** paper entitled "SEC Comment Letters: An Unlikely Secret Weapon for Forensic Accountants, Short Sellers, and Other Financial Statement Users," was published in the April 11, 2016 edition of the *Journal of Forensic and Investigative Accounting*.

Dr. Grove has two forthcoming publications in *Corporate Ownership and Control*, Special Issue: International Conference. The two papers, entitled "Corporate Governance and Chinese Ghost Cities" and "Strategic Risk Management for Enhanced Corporate Governance" will both be presented by co-author Mac Clouse at the International Conference in Rome on May 26, 2016.

Dr. Grove has an additional upcoming publication: "The Application of Due Diligence Procedures to 2 Chinese Forestry Firm Frauds with Losses of \$9.5 Billion, Hugh Grove and Mac Clouse, *Oil, Gas and Energy Quarterly*, 2016, June, Volume 64, No. 4, pp. 647-667.

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## On the Lighter Side - Humor from Hugh Grove

### **Children Are Quick!**

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it.

Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

TEACHER: Now, Simon , tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde , your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's..

Did you copy his?

CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

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