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## Director's Update

Last week, the School of Accountancy hosted the sixth annual Town Hall event. We had a great discussion with our featured guest, William D. Cohan, best-selling author of *The Money and Power: How Goldman Sachs Came to Rule the World*, *House of Cards*, *The Last Tycoons*, and *The Price of Silence*. More than 100 students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members attended the Q&A moderated by **Gordon Yale (MACC '77)**, principal of Yale & Company, a Denver-based forensic accounting and financial consulting firm, and member of the School of Accountancy Advisory Board. Read more about the discussion [here](#).



Our LEAD mentorship program provides meaningful insights and connections for our students. The Fall cohort kicked off last month and we anticipate an even larger group of students seeking mentors for the Winter cohort. Please consider sharing your experiences and expertise with a current SOA student. If you are interested in being a mentor, please see the announcement below or contact [kristen.dimg@du.edu](mailto:kristen.dimg@du.edu).

Best,

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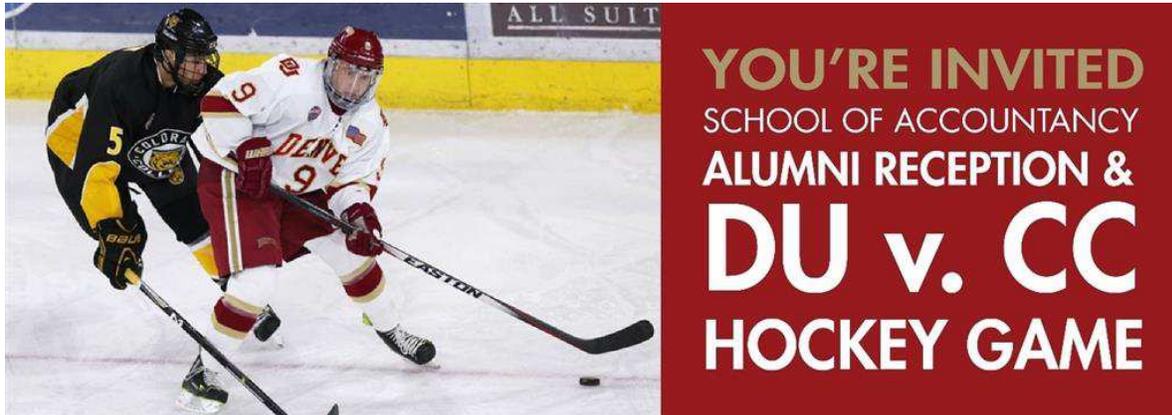
Dr. Sharon Lassar, Director, School of Accountancy

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## Upcoming Events

**School of Accountancy Alumni Reception and DU v. CC Hockey Game**  
Saturday, December 3, 2016  
Reception: 6 p.m. | DU Ritchie Center, Studio D



We still have some tickets available for the fall DU v. CC alumni hockey reception! Revisit your alma mater, catch up with other alums and cheer on the Pioneers as we take on our rivals. This event always sells out, so [register today!](#)

**Snow Ball 2016, Presented by Daniels College of Business Alumni Board**  
Thursday, December 1 | 6 p.m.  
Mile High Station



Join fellow SOA alumni for Snow Ball like you've never seen it before! Enjoy a Silent Auction, Wine Pull and Live Band. Meet fellow SOA alums at the photo booth at 8:00 p.m. for a fun, festive SOA photo. [Register Here](#) for this Daniels tradition. Need more encouragement to attend?

*"Snow Ball is a great opportunity to network with other DU alumni from all areas of Daniels including the School of Accountancy as well as a chance to catch up with friends. Great food, festive atmosphere and fun entertainment, it really is just about the perfect holiday party. The venue this year is unique, interesting, and fun. If you haven't been to Snow Ball before, you really should check it out and if you have attended in the past, this year promises to be even better than in prior years. Hope to see you there!" Mike West, BSACC '75 , MBA'81*

*"Snow Ball is undergoing some exciting changes this year. Daniels is mixing it up, moving the event off campus to Mile High Station and adding a silent auction and wine pull. What I am most excited about this year is that \$10 of the \$50 ticket price goes towards a recently established fund that provides a stipend for unpaid internships. The goal is to encourage students to intern for non-profits and other organizations dedicated to social good that are unable to sponsor paid internships. I hope to see many SOA alumni at the event this year!"*

*Ingrid Stiver, BSACC, MACC '09*

### **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: 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 newest 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. Keep an eye out for more details and registration details in the coming months.

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## **Get to Know Your Network**

**Meet Alumnus Noelle Rogers (MACC '15)**

Growing up on Long Island, New York, Noelle Rogers spent her entire life on the East Coast until taking a leap of faith and moving to Colorado in the Fall of 2014. She received her undergraduate degree from Lehigh University in the Spring of 2014 and decided to be adventurous and attend graduate school in another part of the country. Noelle applied to a few different graduate school programs across the country, but there was something special about DU and the School of Accountancy that caught her eye.



Location was not the only factor that attracted Noelle to the University of Denver. “I still remember visiting the campus for the first time and sitting in KED’s office like it was yesterday.” Instantly, she knew there was a strong connection between the students and professors that does not exist at other universities.

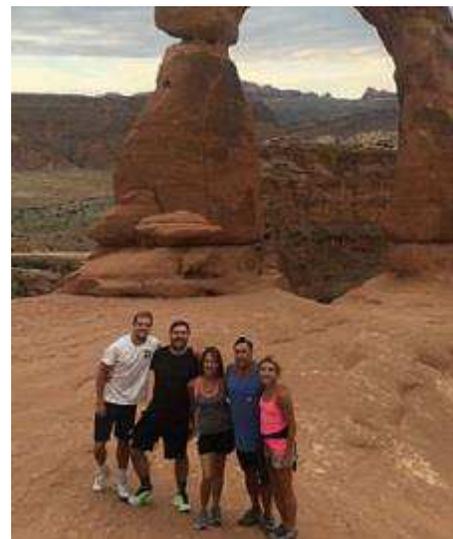


One of the things Noelle enjoyed most about attending the School of Accountancy at DU was the opportunity to be a Teacher’s Assistant. “I found it very rewarding to work with students on a weekly basis and see their progress throughout the quarter; I learned various invaluable skills during this experience and I am very grateful for the opportunity.” Additionally, Noelle forged great friendships through the MACC program that she will always be thankful for. “Although most of my close friends from DU now work in various cities across the country, I will always value our friendships and how we bonded over buying new HP laptops for KED’s IT class.” The photo (at left) is of Noelle and her classmates

at the summit of Mt. Evans, her first 14er to conquer.

Noelle credits receiving her Master’s degree from the School of Accountancy with benefiting her career. “I believe the close-knit DU community focuses on forming strong connections through group projects. This approach fosters the team environment which is heavily embedded in public accounting.”

Initially, Noelle had plans to return home after graduation and begin her career at KPMG in New York City, however she decided very shortly after arriving in Denver that she wanted to make Colorado her new home. “I was able to transfer my offer with KPMG to the Denver office and I have never looked back. I recently reached my one-year anniversary at the firm and cannot believe how fast the year has flown by!” One of the things she enjoys most about her professional life is the opportunity to be involved with multiple areas in the firm. “Finding work-life balance can be a challenge during the busy parts of the audit year, however I have found great satisfaction getting to know my colleagues, helping out at recruiting events, volunteering my time through community service, and organizing events to bring people across the firm together”. The KPMG Run Club is an organization that Noelle is especially excited to help lead. “Our big event is the Colfax Marathon Relay held each May which was a blast to be part of last year!”





When she is not working, Noelle can be found outside, enjoying one of Colorado's 300 days of sunshine. "I definitely take advantage of Denver's close proximity to the mountains and spend my free time running, hiking, and snowboarding whenever given the opportunity." Noelle also enjoys traveling outside of Colorado and hopes to explore most of the Western National Parks in the near future.

Going into her second year at the firm, Noelle's plans include continuing to make KPMG a great place to work and ensuring incoming new hires have a positive experience, similar to her own. Noelle would like to continue her spirit of adventure by participating in a global rotation. To connect with Noelle, be sure to find her on [LinkedIn](#) or at a future alumni event. For opportunities to get involved with the alumni community or serve as a future Alumni Spotlight,

please contact Alumni Relations Coordinator, [Kristen Dimig](#).

### Alumni Notes

**Mallory Blanchard (BSACC, MACC '14)** recently accepted a position at Molson Coors International as the Global Accounting and FP&A Senior Analyst . Congratulations, Mallory!

**Christopher Fettig (BSACC '012)** accepted a position with Hilton Worldwide in McLean, VA. Chris serves as a Senior Financial Analyst in the Global Consolidations and Reporting Group. All the best to you on the East Coast, Chris!

Congratulations to **Winston Wong, (BSACC, MACC '13)**! Winston recently passed the Hawaii State Bar Exam and began practicing as an associate attorney at Rush Moore LLP in Honolulu.

**Keely Gohl (BSACC, MACC '98)** recently accepted the position of Controller at the Denver Dumb Friends League. Congratulations on the new job, Keely!

**Evan Romero (BSACC '14, MACC '15)** recently accepted a new position as Property Manager at KORE Investments, LLC. All the best to you on your new endeavor!

### Join the Daniels Alumni Referral Gold Club!

It's this easy: Refer a qualified candidate to any Daniels graduate program. If they're accepted, we'll give them a \$1,000 scholarship in your honor—and you'll have bragging rights as an official member of the Alumni Gold Club. [Click here](#) for more information on this new, exciting program.

### Job Opportunities

The city of Red Oak, TX has an opening for the [Director of Accounting at City Hall](#). According to alumnus **Richard Lorange (BSACC, '68)**, Red Oak is an up and growing small community of about 5,000 thirty miles south of Dallas and is host to some GREAT chicken enchiladas and beef tacos.

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### Faculty Updates

Kelsey Dworkis presented "Weakened Reporting: The Role of Bonus Compensation, Clawback Regime and Narcissism in Whistleblowing" authored by SOA Professors Kelsey Dworkis, Adam Greiner and

Lisa M. Victoravich at the American Accounting Association, Accounting Behavior and Organizations Section Research Conference in Albuquerque, NM.

Dr. Lorenzo Patelli was again invited as a guest speaker for the Executive Exchange program of the Vail Centre. On October 13, 2016, Professor Patelli gave a presentation titled "Managing Business Through KPIs" and facilitated a discussion.

Dr. Hugh Grove will present "EU Sustainability Directive and Corporate Governance Implications for 15 of the Largest EU Companies, especially Volkswagen!" and "Board Compensation Committees: CEO Pay and Market Cap Performance With Implications for Investors" at the International Workshop: "Corporate Accountability: Major Actors, Innovative Instruments and Performance," in Paris on November 24, 2016.

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## On the Lighter Side - Humor from Hugh Grove

### Will Rogers: Pearls of Wisdom

1. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day
2. There are two theories to arguing with a woman: Neither works
3. Never miss a good chance to shut up
4. Always drink upstream from the herd
5. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging
6. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket
7. There are three kinds of men: (i) the ones that learn by reading, (ii) the few who learn by observation and (iii) the rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves
8. Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment
9. Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in

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