

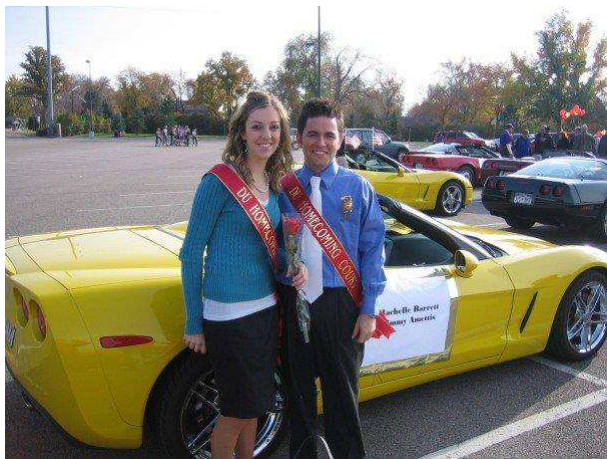


**DANIELS**  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
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SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY

Alumni Newsletter - October 2014

## Get to Know Your Network: Rachelle Barrett Moulton (BSAcc, MAcc 2008)

Rachelle Barrett was born and raised in the Denver area with a five year period living in New Orleans, LA. Rachelle's mother was a CPA and she remembers being so excited to go to her office and help with filing or making copies. This, she believes, is where her interest in accounting (and love for office supplies) started.

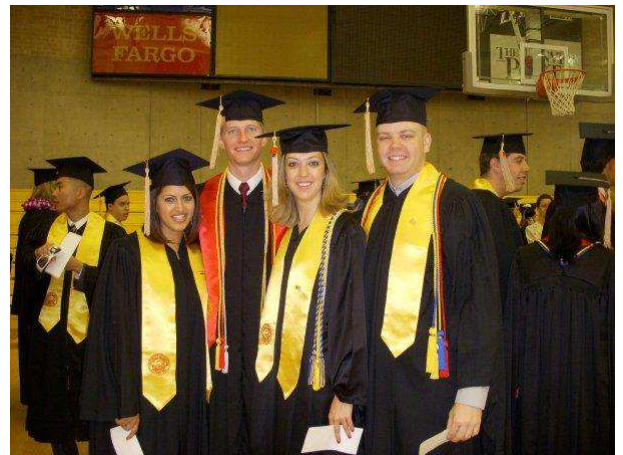


When deciding on what university to attend, she knew she wanted to stay in Colorado and hoped to study accounting or medicine. For Rachelle, the University of Denver was the obvious choice for staying in Colorado, especially after seeing the beautiful campus during her campus tour. Rachelle started out in the science department, but after taking some courses at the Daniels College of Business and seeing the environment, she knew the School of Accountancy was the place for her.

Rachelle loved the sense of community and family that has been built in the School of Accountancy. "Having such tight knit relationships with other students and with the professors made the SoA not only feel like a place where I was getting an education, but a place where I felt included and involved and had so many friends and mentors," she says. She remembers the professors and faculty

being welcoming and accommodating to the students and building an environment where the students were challenged and encouraged to succeed and grow. "I know that I will always have a home in the SoA and that KED's door is always open to me when I need to chat. I'll always remember the long walk back to Dr. Bazley's office and the fact that I felt so much more knowledgeable and capable just being in his presence. Dr. Bazley had such a passion for seeing his students succeed, even if he had to employ a little tough love to get them there." Rachelle remembers everyone in the SoA fostering this attitude and culture. "Our students and alumni are stronger, better equipped and forever changed because of it. I'm so glad I got to experience it and consider it one of my fondest memories."

"The reputation of the University of Denver and the School of



Accountancy has been invaluable in setting me apart from others in all environments, not just the professional setting." Rachelle learned to think critically and communicate with others in a professional setting. She felt that the curriculum in the SoA forced her to obtain an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the accounting concepts and the ability to research the unknown material. She feels like the education provides students with preparation for interviews and professional interactions through several networking opportunities, Beta Alpha Psi and Meet the Firms events in a way that she felt comfortable interacting with professionals. "I am still amazed how easy it was for me to build relationships with professionals at the various firms even as young as a sophomore in college."

Rachelle is currently a manager at EY in Assurance Services. Her passion is in developing others. Her favorite days are the ones where she gets to lead trainings for staff or seniors in the office, meet with her counselees to discuss their goals and career path, or help her clients understand difficult accounting concepts. She seeks these opportunities as much as she can. "I also love that my job allows me to get back to campus so much to help teach classes or meet with students and answer their questions about my job."



Rachelle has many hobbies outside of work that keep her engaged and busy. Her top loves are reading, running and cooking. She remembers being "a big reader, ever since I first learned how to read. My sister would make fun of me because I wouldn't go anywhere without a book, even somewhere like the grocery store. You never know when you might have a long line to wait in and that's quality reading time!" In college she became interested in running and ran her first race shortly after graduation. Since that time, Rachelle has run two marathons, six half marathons and countless other distances. She loves that

running gives her a chance to get outside in our beautiful city and clear her head. Her grandfather instilled a love of cooking in her at a very young age. She continues to visit him as often as she can to learn new things. Bringing his recipes home and trying them out for her family and friends "is so satisfying and provides me with a great creative outlet. I also love going out to new restaurants, so it could just be that I love to eat!"



New changes came to Rachelle's life this June as she married her husband who she met when they sat next to each other at a concert at Red Rocks. She now tells everyone to treat every interaction with a stranger as if that person might be your soul mate. They recently adopted a kitten which has turned her from a cat hater to a cat lover.



Rachelle's future is bright. She loves being involved in the accounting and academic communities. She would love to eventually make it back to the university setting to teach students. In the meantime, she looks forward to continuing to grow her career at EY in learning all she can.

We are proud of our alumni who represent the SoA so well. If you are interested in sharing your experiences and stories of success with other alumni, please contact [Jill Whelan](#).

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## Student Corner

### Annual BAP Kickball Tournament

The Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) leadership team would like to thank everyone who came to the Annual DU BAP Fall Kickball Tournament. They were thrilled with the fantastic turnout. Everyone had a great time and many professional connections were made.



Congrats to the winning team: Brothers' Bears. The team players were Professor Jeff Brothers, Adam Mathis, Phillip Beckett, Josh Garrett, Max Haberkorn, Brady Hargrove, Mike Hooper, Shayan Wu, Jared Prichard, Alex Wal, Molly Weiss, Tony Engle, Taylor Hines, Pat Hotaling and Shan Jiang.

Thank you to the firms, faculty, students and others who always make this such a fun event.

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## Recent Happenings

### Executive in Residence - Robert C. Troccoli

The Daniels College of Business is dedicated to educating ethical business leaders, advancing the theory and practice of business and making a positive global impact. The Executive in Residence (EIR) program furthers these goals by inviting executives at the forefront of business to share their experience and insights with our students, faculty and

College leadership.

Robert C. Troccoli is the current EIR sponsored by the School of Accountancy. Robert is a retired KPMG partner with the qualifications to serve as an "Audit Committee Financial Expert" as defined by provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Robert has technical knowledge in the fields of auditing, taxation and consulting as he served regulated investment companies, investment advisers, private partnerships, private equity funds, sovereign wealth funds, other financial institutions, manufacturing, construction and real estate companies.

As an EIR, Robert has enjoyed mentoring students, finding internships for them and (hopefully) permanent jobs. He has also enjoyed being a guest lecturer and teacher. Robert noted, "What I like most about this is that I really do not lecture - but I tell stories - all with a moral. They say story telling really reinforces learning! I may be long-winded, but the stories which may sound like they are made up, are actually real. Most of the stories were scary at the time, but funny now that I look back at them." Our students find the program meaningful and beneficial as they hear real stories from a former Big Four Partner.

Mr. Troccoli presents a PowerPoint presentation called "Coaching Yourself for Success." The insight provided offers important information for success in the business world and in life in general. Some of the tips for success include: seeking out a mentor and becoming a mentor, not looking back on decisions, persevering and never giving up, keeping both mind and body in shape, believing in yourself and being persistent, not getting too high or too low, being yourself, learning that life is about other people - viewing your success through others you mentor, realizing you can't succeed if you don't make mistakes, and last but not least, feeling good about yourself at the end of each week.

What a pleasure it is to have Robert in class with our students as he shares his experience and insight. He certainly is a top notch executive and we consider it a real treat to have him working with our students.

### **New Committee Appointment for Dr. Adam Greiner**

Dr. Adam Greiner has been appointed to serve on the 2014-2015 Notable Contributions to Accounting Literature Award Selection Committee. This Committee is responsible for assessing the accounting literature for outstanding research with unique contributions, original and innovative content, clarity and strong methodology.

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## **Employment Opportunities**

**The National Science Foundation** is seeking a recent graduate to fill the position of Auditor. If you are interested, please view the positing [here](#).

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## **Class Notes**

**Holly Schroeder (BSAc, MAcc 1998)** was recently named the Contract Controller at Various. Holly works with small businesses to help provide leadership and coordination of company financial planning, debt financing and budget management functions as well as coordinating efforts to ensure sales tax compliance. With start-up companies, this includes getting a company up and running in QuickBooks as well as training management on how to use QuickBooks and determining sales tax filing requirements. In established companies, Holly prepares monthly financial reporting

packages that include account reconciliations, aging reports, financial statements and files sales/use tax reports. She works with management to improve internal controls, reduce costs and streamline accounting policies and procedures.

**Lucas Anderson (BSAC, MAcc 2007)** is now the Manager of Financial Reporting and Technical Accounting at UDR in the Denver Area.

**Chris Fettig (BSAC 2012)** married Abbi Ritter on September 20, 2015. Congrats on this exciting news!

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