Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am pleased to report we have enjoyed another successful year as evidenced by the accomplishments of our students, alumni and faculty. Our students are engaged in the classroom and sought after by major employers; our faculty members continue to be recognized for their research and teaching efforts; and our alumni carry out the department’s mission through their impressive achievements.

Demand for our accounting programs remains strong, with 526 undergraduates and 106 graduate students (98 MAcc) enrolled this past spring semester. The Ph.D. program continues to admit two students per year with eight doctoral students in residence. Our students also continue to perform well above the national average on the CPA exam. Focusing on MAcc students who graduated in 2016, the overall pass rate is 84 percent, with more than 80 percent in each of the four separate sections. This strong performance by our most recent graduates suggests our students are well-prepared to take the exam and are determined to hit the ground running. Employers continue to recognize the quality of our students.

The advancements we have made this past year could not have been accomplished without your support. Thank you for your financial contributions and the time you spend mentoring our students. With your continued assistance, I am confident the department will continue to flourish. I look forward to working with all of you in reaching our department’s goals.

Sincerely,

Rick Morton
Department Chair and EY Professor

ALUMNI:
Send us your news!

We enjoy learning about the achievements of our alumni. Our college’s online Class Notes webpage allows us and your former classmates to know what you’re doing. Please email your information to us at alumni@business.fsu.edu. You can also provide your information to the department:

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CPA requirements and employer needs drive curriculum changes

The department continues to adapt its curriculum as CPA eligibility requirements change and as employer expectations of new graduates evolve.

All undergraduate business majors are now required to take a business analytics course, Introduction to Business Analytics (ISM 3541), allowing them to gain valuable skills in data mining, business intelligence and strategic decision-making. The department also consolidated two business law courses into a single course, UCC and Law for Accountancy (BUL 3351). The structure change corresponds to a decision made by the Florida Board of Accountancy to reduce the required number of business law hours for licensure from six to three hours. This new, single course continues to cover contracts, torts and Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) topics.

In the Master of Accounting (MAcc) program, Taxes and Business Strategy (TAX 5005) has been added to the curriculum. Students pursuing the taxation major are required to take the course, and other majors can take it as an elective. The course provides a framework for understanding how taxes affect decision-making, asset prices, equilibrium returns, and the financial and operational structure of firms.

Accounting program leaps into the top rankings

In keeping with its longstanding tradition and history, the Public Accounting Report’s (PAR) Annual Professors Survey ranks the Top 50 accounting programs. Nearly 1,000 eligible accounting professors from approximately 200 U.S. colleges and universities that offer accounting degrees participated in PAR’s 36th annual survey. We are happy to report our outstanding rankings this year.

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International Executive Master of Auditing

The FSU Department of Accounting has partnered with Maastricht University and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) in the Netherlands to offer an International Executive Master of Auditing (IEMA). The majority of the program’s students are employed with Big 4 firms and have enrolled in the program to become qualified auditors in the Netherlands or the UK. Classes are taught in the Netherlands as well as in the United States with the degree issued by Maastricht University and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU). FSU professors teaching in this program include Bud Fennema, Greg Gerard and Allen Blay.

Several IEMA students also traveled to Tallahassee to complete two weeks of coursework with professors from Maastricht, VU, FSU and the University of Florida. These students were able to interact with FSU’s MAcc students and faculty.
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Accounting Fast Facts

Department Enrollments

Undergraduate students
535 (Fall 2016); 526 (Spring 2017)

Graduate students
103 (Fall 2016); 106 (Spring 2017)

2016 MAcc Graduates

The pass rate on the CPA exam for 2016 MAcc graduates was 84 percent, with more than 80 percent in each of the four separate sections.

Top 10 Employers (in alphabetical order):

Carr Riggs & Ingram LLC
Deloitte
Deutsche Bank
EY
Grant Thornton

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Marcum LLP
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RSM

Graduating Accounting Majors

2015-2016 Seniors – 90 percent response rate

Primary Plan after Graduation

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New Professional Advisory Board chair is selected

The College of Business appointed Scott Price, CPA, CISA, CIA, as the chair of the Department of Accounting’s Professional Advisory Board (PAB), an organization comprising business leaders who exchange information about goals, programs and changes in industry with the department. Upon receiving the designation, Price stated, “I learned so much in my time at Florida State University, and as an alumnus, I want to continue to enhance the accounting program from the employer perspective.”

Price, who received his bachelor’s degree in accounting and his Master of Accounting with a major in taxation, both from FSU, brings a wealth of experience in accounting, financial management and regulatory policy matters. He is the CEO of A-LIGN, a Tampa-based security and compliance solutions provider that specializes in helping businesses from a variety of industries navigate the complexities of their audit and security assessment needs. In his role as CEO, he focuses on firm strategy, client delivery and business development.

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Professional Advisory Board Members

Mark Arrigo
National Managing Partner, Practice
Leader, State and Local Tax Services
Grant Thornton

Doug Blitzer
Vice President of Talent and Strategy
Development
Tribridge

Laura Krueger Brock
Consultant
Kerkering, Barberio & Co.

Susan Cuthbertson
Owner
Cuthbertson & Associates

Susan Delgado
Tax Operations Leader
General Electric

Abby Dupree
Partner
Carroll and Company, CPAs

Phillip Fretwell
Managing Director
Protiviti Inc.

Scott Givens
Audit Partner
KPMG

John Gordon
Partner, Florida/Puerto Rico Audit & Assurance Practice
Deloitte

Mitch Kramer
CEO
Octagon Professional Recruiting

Jim Luffman
Partner
CPS Investment Advisors

Janet Malzone
Practice Leader, Midwest Audit Services
Grant Thornton

Joe Paradise
Managing Partner
KPMG

Scott Price (PAB Chair)
CEO
A-LIGN

Daniel Prinzing
Tax Managing Director
PwC

Bill Shimp
Assurance Partner
EY

Joseph Simmons
President
Simmons Advisory

Susie Pitman Slappey
CFO
MDM Commercial Enterprises, Inc.

Tim Traud
Senior Vice President of Tax
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Alumna Judy Schmeling honored for inspiring students, young alumni

HSN Inc. retail executive Judy Schmeling (B.S. ACG ’82) was one of four FSU alumnae honored with the Florida State University Alumni Association’s 2017 Women of Distinction Inspire Award. Schmeling received the recognition for distinguishing herself as a leader in her industry and for her hard work and determination, which inspires students and young alumni. The award was presented to her on July 13 at the Tampa Bay Seminole Club.

Schmeling has been the chief operating officer with retailing giant HSN Inc. since 2013 and president of its catalog division, Cornerstone Brands Inc., since 2016.

Since joining HSN Inc. in 1994, Schmeling has held positions of increasing responsibility, including chief financial officer, 2008-2016; executive vice president and chief financial officer of HSN (then known as IAC Retailing), 2002-2008; and senior vice president, finance, 1999-2002. Prior to joining HSN, Schmeling was managing director of Tunstall Consulting Inc., a corporate financial planning firm, from 1986 to 1994. She began her career in 1982 at Deloitte & Touche.

Prominent in the Tampa Bay business community, Schmeling was named CFO of the Year for 2010 in the public company category by the Tampa Bay Business Journal. In addition, she serves on the board of directors and as a member of the Audit Committee of Constellation Brands Inc., a premium wine, beer and spirits company. She also has served as a Charles A. Bruning Distinguished Speaker at the College of Business.

EY names Brian Murphy its award winner for Florida

Brian Murphy (B.S. ACG & FIN ’00), founder and CEO of the IT security firm ReliaQuest, received the 2017 EY Entrepreneur of the Year award for Florida. The award recognizes business leaders for excellence in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitments. Murphy was selected by a panel comprising entrepreneurs and prominent business and finance leaders. He was honored at a special gala event in June at the Omni Orlando Resort.

In 2007, Murphy founded ReliaQuest, which serves Fortune 1000 organizations in diverse industries. ReliaQuest advances the delivery, reliability and outcomes of IT security through co-management and helps customers better understand security threats. The company develops custom solutions based on customers’ risk profile and business goals, while leveraging existing investments in security hardware and software. ReliaQuest received IBM’s Global Security Excellence in Managed Services award in 2017. Its model is recognized by industry experts as the emerging standard for healthcare, financial and retail organizations.

In 2011, Murphy was honored by the College of Business with the first Recent Alumni Achievement Award for his significant professional and personal achievements since graduating. He continues to be an active alumnus on campus, including as a 2017 commencement speaker.
Three accounting alumni inducted into
college’s Alumni Hall of Fame

Accounting alumni Douglas Dunlap, Stuart Lasher and Thomas McAlpin were inducted into the College of Business Alumni Hall of Fame in April in Tallahassee. The three inductees joined 43 other College of Business graduates inducted into the Hall of Fame, which honors and celebrates individuals who have excelled in their careers and have made significant contributions to the mission of the College of Business.

Dunlap (B.S. ACG ’74) is the president and majority owner of Syntech Systems, a Tallahassee-based company that specializes in automated fuel management systems and munitions support equipment. Dunlap used his knowledge of accounting and experience in defense contracting to grow Syntech Systems into a firm with $450 million in annual revenue. Widely considered an expert in his field, Dunlap has taught management at the College of Business and the FSU College of Engineering. Dunlap continues to support his alma mater, and has recently bestowed a $500,000 check upon the university to launch the Syntech Systems Student Incubator Suite in the new Legacy Hall building.

Lasher (B.S. ACG & FIN ’81) is the founder, chair and CEO of Quantum Capital Partners Inc., a family-owned office and venture capital firm that invests in consumer-related business and real estate. Lasher began his career at KPMG as an audit manager before becoming CFO and board member of Silk Greenhouse in 1986 and later co-founder, chairman and CEO of National Business Solutions Inc. in 1990. Lasher has been an enthusiastic and generous supporter of the Florida State University College of Business, funding an auditorium in Legacy Hall, and serving as a frequent guest speaker.

McAlpin (B.S. ACG ’81) is a recognized leader in the cruise industry with more than 30 years of experience in domestic and international ship management. He is the president and CEO of Virgin Voyages, a cruise line he helped found in 2014 with Bain Capital and the Virgin Group. His career experience includes The World, Disney Cruise Line, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, CSB Leasing Group and KPMG. McAlpin serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for the FSU Foundation and former member of the college’s Board of Governors. McAlpin has continued to be an advocate of FSU by generously funding the Tom and Yvonne Interview Room in Legacy Hall.

Dean Michael Hartline presented the college’s new Alumni Hall of Fame inductees in April.
Accounting alumni businesses are named to Seminole 100

Nine innovative and profitable companies owned by Florida State accounting alumni have been recognized in the inaugural Seminole 100 as among the fastest-growing U.S. businesses owned by FSU graduates.

The Seminole 100 includes businesses of all sizes and industries located throughout the United States, with more than 60 businesses in Florida.

The businesses owned by accounting alumni in the 2018 Seminole 100 include (alphabetically listed):

• A-LIGN
  Scott Price ('97), CEO, Tampa, Fla.*

• Accountable Healthcare Staffing
  Kevin Little ('92), CEO, Boca Raton, Fla.*

• Askers Distributors
  Alan Asker ('75), CEO, Tallahassee, Fla.*

• Axis Management Group Holdings
  Mike Smith ('84), CEO, Franklin Lakes, N.J.*

• CFO Alliance
  Brooke Evans ('97), CEO, Tampa, Fla.*

• Hamic Previte Jones & Sturworld, Penn.
  James Previte ('08), CEO, Lakeland, Fla.

• Peterson Foods
  William Peterson ('78), CEO, Marietta, Ga.

• ROI Healthcare Solutions
  James Haddad ('97), Client Service Executive, Atlanta, Ga.*

• The White Magnolia Bridal Collection
  Kerrie Hileman ('07), CEO, Jacksonville, Fla.*

*Companies additionally named to Inc. 5000

_Inc._ magazine verified the information submitted by each company and ranked the businesses on a compounded annual growth rate during a three-year period. Several of the Seminole 100 honorees were also named to the Inc. 5000, a comprehensive list of the 5,000 fastest-growing businesses in the U.S.

The public is invited to celebrate the Seminole 100 honorees at an awards ceremony in Tallahassee on March 3, 2018. The event will feature the release of the final rankings and countdown of the inaugural group of Seminole 100 honorees.

To learn more about the Seminole 100, visit seminole100.fsu.edu.
We are grateful to our generous donors for the new gifts listed below. Whether your gift is annual, endowed or planned, it makes a positive impact on current and future students and faculty members.

**Albert C. Johnson, CPA, Accounting Scholarship**

Albert Johnson (B.S. ACG ’65) made an additional gift of $10,000 for a scholarship fund he created in 2015. The Albert C. Johnson, CPA, Accounting Scholarship provides much-needed support to students majoring in accounting. Through his scholarship, Johnson hopes future generations of accounting students will be awarded the same support he was given as a young student.

While at FSU, Johnson received the department’s distinction of “Top Accounting Student” and was awarded a silver pin, which he has kept for more than 50 years.

He began his career with Arthur Andersen LLP, where he served from 1965 to 1994. In 1994, Johnson became senior vice president and CFO at Dunn Investment Company, a privately owned construction company, where he stayed until 1998. Since that time, Johnson has worked as a financial consultant. Throughout his career, he has served as a director for numerous companies, including Regions Morgan Keegan Funds, MidSouth Industries, Hibbett Sports Inc. and Books-A-Million.

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**Amy Rose Grabina Memorial Scholarship Endowment**

Established in December 2015, the Amy Rose Grabina Memorial Scholarship Endowment has grown to a $30,000 commitment, which includes a $5,000 wall plaque in Legacy Hall. Created by the Grabina family, the endowment provides support for College of Business accounting students and serves as a lasting memory of Grabina.

Grabina (B.S. ACG ’14) was working for EY when she passed away in 2015 following a tragic accident in New York. EY also gave a 2016 accounting award at FSU in her memory – the EY Amy R. Grabina Outstanding MAcc Student award. The department is appreciative of her family and friends for honoring her memory in these ways.

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**CPS Investment Advisors/James M. Luffman Endowed Scholarship in Accounting**

Jim Luffman (B.S. ACG ’77) made a $25,000 gift to establish the CPS Investment Advisors/James M. Luffman Endowed Scholarship in Accounting. The scholarship will provide support to an undergraduate student majoring in accounting.

A partner in the investment firm CPS Investment Advisors, Luffman has years of experience with investments, financial planning, accounting and taxation. In addition to being a CPA, he is board certified as a Personal Financial Specialist (PFS) and also received the Certificate of Educational Achievement in Personal Financial Planning. Luffman began his professional career in Washington, D.C. with American Security Bank as an operations manager in their $3 billion Trust Department. Luffman is an active member of the department’s Professional Advisory Board (PAB).

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**Dean’s Accounting Faculty Fund**

Denise Dickins (B.S. ACG & FIN ’83) made a $25,000 gift to create the Dean’s Accounting Faculty Fund. The gift is specifically earmarked to retain a current faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional teaching, research or service.

Dickins has been an assistant professor teaching auditing and corporate governance at East Carolina University since 2006. From 1983 to 2002, she was partner-in-charge of the South Florida Audit Practice at Arthur Andersen. In addition to earning an undergraduate degree from FSU, Dickins earned her Ph.D. from Florida Atlantic University in 2006.
John and Susan Gabriel Endowed Scholarship for Excellence in Accounting

John and Susan Gabriel made a $30,000 gift to establish the John and Susan Gabriel Endowed Scholarship for Excellence in Accounting. The gift provides a $1,000 scholarship annually for an accounting student.

John Gabriel (B.S. ACG & FIN ’89) has been a partner in Marcum’s Commercial and SEC Assurance practice for more than 20 years. His experience encompasses financial statement audit services, regulatory compliance, mergers and acquisitions and financial and operational consulting. His wife, Susan, graduated from FSU in 1989 with a nursing degree.

KES Accounting Scholarship

Catherine Stupski made a $50,000 endowed gift to establish the KES Accounting Scholarship for undergraduates in memory of her late husband, Karl E. Stupski, who graduated with his bachelor’s in accounting in 1976.

Karl Stupski, a CPA, worked in banking regulation for almost 40 years in several capacities, including as a field manager and national bank examiner. He was an active FSU alumnus who attended many games.

Robert G. Richardson and Cheryl E. Monroe Fellowship Fund for Accounting

Robert Richardson (B.S. ACG ’63) made a $25,000 gift to the department to establish the Robert G. Richardson and Cheryl E. Monroe Fellowship Fund for Accounting. The gift will provide an annual fellowship to a Master of Accounting student.

Richardson and his daughter, Cheryl Monroe (B.S. ACG ’93), are CPAs. Richardson is a founding member of Wiltshire, Whitley, Richardson & English, P.A., an accounting firm offering a comprehensive range of business and personal accounting services. Monroe is the director of Financial Reporting for Mary Kay Inc. in Dallas, Texas.

Susan Pollack Delgado Endowed Fellowship

Susan Delgado (B.S. ACG ’91/MAcc ’92), a tax operations leader at General Electric (GE), established the Susan Delgado Endowed Fellowship with a dollar-for-dollar matching gift from GE for a total of $25,000. The fellowship is earmarked for a business student who participates in varsity athletics, intramural athletics as a coach or team member, or club sports as a coach or mentor to other athletes. Preference will be given to either an accounting or MBA student.

Delgado was a member of the FSU Varsity Swimming and Diving Team. Prior to working at GE for the past 12 years, Delgado worked in the tax division at Coca-Cola Enterprises (1999-2004) and EY (1992-1999). She remains active with the FSU Department of Accounting by serving on its Professional Advisory Board (PAB).

Consider Supporting the Department of Accounting

The Department of Accounting is continually working to build its programs, attract the brightest students, retain and attract star faculty members, and meet the greatest needs of the department.

In order to meet these goals, our current priorities are:

- √ Naming the Department of Accounting
- √ Increasing MAcc and Ph.D. fellowships
- √ Increasing professorships and fellowships
- √ Creating a center for financial reporting and disclosure
- √ Creating a center for audit effectiveness

We ask you to consider supporting the department and its work. To learn how you can give to the department or the college, please contact the college’s development officer, Jessica Bivens, at jbivens@business.fsu.edu or (850) 228-9811.
Longtime faculty member elected as chair of prestigious board

Arthur Andersen Professor Bud Fennema was elected to serve as chairman of the Florida Board of Accountancy for 2017. The board comprises nine individuals appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate to regulate about 40,000 CPA licenses in Florida. Specifically, the board regulates the requirements for CPA certification, licensure and reciprocity within the state.

Fennema has been a member of the department’s faculty for more than 24 years, during which time he served as the department’s chair (2000-2013), taught courses in managerial accounting and seminars on behavioral research, and published research in the areas of judgment and decision-making. Prior to his academic career, he worked in private companies and public accounting with Arthur Andersen.

Beta Alpha Psi Teacher of the Year Award

Assistant Professor Landon Mauler was presented the Beta Alpha Psi’s Teacher of the Year Award. The award recipient is nominated by students and is selected based on the positive impact he or she has had on accounting students.

One of his nominators said, “Dr. Mauler greatly impacted my experience here at FSU through his passion for accounting.” He went further to say that even though the materials and his questions can be challenging, his passion for accounting got him to love accounting even more. He also said Dr. Mauler was always available during office hours and motivated everyone to work to their potential and beyond. The student nominator still keeps in touch with Dr. Mauler due to the positive impact he had on him.

Mauler teaches intermediate financial accounting courses and researches in the areas of financial accounting and auditing. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona.

University Undergraduate Teaching Award

This past April, assistant professor Spencer Pierce received a University Undergraduate Teaching Award. This is a student-oriented award with nominations submitted by students and alumni. The award winners are selected by the Provost’s Office.

Pierce teaches intermediate financial accounting courses, and his research interests include financial reporting and disclosure, capital markets, accounting for derivatives and firm risk. He completed his doctoral studies in accounting information and management at Northwestern University.

College of Business Undergraduate Teaching Award

Senior lecturer Holly Sudano was awarded the College of Business Undergraduate Teaching Award (for specialized faculty) in April. Nominated by the college’s faculty, staff, students and alumni, the faculty member must demonstrate a record of outstanding performance on a substantial number of dimensions. Evidence of these criteria can include, but are not limited to the following: student evaluations, difficulty of subject matter, student GPA and the faculty member’s willingness to be flexible, take new assignments and develop new courses.

One of Sudano’s nominators said, “Holly has been incredible in taking on so much as the assistant chair of the accounting department and the director of the Master of Accounting (MAcc) program. She is always helpful, friendly and smiles through all of it. She is an outstanding teacher, mentor and advisor to all whom she comes in contact with, whether it is a student, professor or staff member. I cannot imagine a more deserving person for this award.”

Sudano has received several awards in the past including the 2012 FSU Undergraduate Teaching Award and the 2008 College of Business Core Values Award. Sudano graduated from FSU with her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting.
New Faculty

Geoffrey Adams returned this fall as a Teaching Faculty I, teaching courses in the areas of auditing and accounting information systems (AIS). Adams is a practicing CPA and holds a Certified Information System Auditor (CISA) license from the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA). He was an associate controller of quality assurance for FSU. Adams has previously taught both auditing and AIS courses at the university’s Tallahassee and Panama City campuses.

Tim Hurley joined the department’s faculty as a Teaching Faculty I, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in taxation.

Hurley holds an accounting degree from Ohio State University, an MBA in executive management from Ashland University, a J.D. with a specialization in taxation from Washburn University School of Law and an LL.M. in taxation from New York University’s School of Law. Prior to joining the department’s faculty, he held full-time faculty appointments at Robert Morris University, San Francisco State University and Ithaca College. He designed and taught various tax courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels and has published several tax articles in practitioner-based journals and articles focused on tax policy in various law reviews. He is licensed as a CPA in California and New York and has several years of work experience in corporate accounting, taxation and law.

Sami Keskek comes to the department from the University of Arkansas. As an assistant professor, Keskek teaches financial statement analysis. Keskek’s research focuses on financial reporting and financial accounting and includes projects related to the market pricing and mispricing of accounting information, analyst forecasts, management earnings guidance, earnings management and insider trading. Keskek has been published in Review of Accounting Studies; Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance; and Journal of Business, Finance, and Accounting. He earned his Ph.D. from Texas A&M in 2011.

Jordan Rippy recently earned her Ph.D. in accounting from the University of Alabama and joined the faculty as an assistant professor, teaching a cost accounting course. Her research interests include the interaction of policy, regulation and rule making on accounting practice and disclosure in both corporate and non-profit firms. Rippy holds undergraduate and master’s degrees in accounting from Baylor University. Prior to starting her doctoral program, she was a research fellow at EY in New York, N.Y. and an auditor in Dallas, Texas.

Retiring Faculty

Rhoda Icerman retired after more than 34 years on our faculty, serving as a full professor since 1996. She taught courses in governmental and not-for-profit accounting, challenges in the accounting profession and introductory financial accounting. In addition to being an FSU faculty member, Icerman earned her Ph.D. at FSU. She is enjoying her retirement with her husband, Joe Icerman, who retired in 2012 after serving in both teaching and administrative roles in the college for 35 years.

Ron Pierno retired after being a member of the department’s faculty since 1994. During his tenure, he served as coordinator of the Introduction to Financial Accounting (ACG 2021) course, teaching hundreds of students each semester. Pierno served as the faculty advisor for the department’s chapter of Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) for nearly 22 years. Pierno graduated from FSU with a bachelor’s degree in accounting and a law degree.

“Pie a Professor” event whips up cash for a good cause

Assistant professor Miles Romney was one of several business professors who participated in the “Pie a Professor” event hosted by Big Bend Habitat for Humanity. For only $2 per pie, students took out their frustrations from studying for accounting classes and the CPA exam by throwing whipped cream pies at Romney. It should also be mentioned that several accounting faculty members put up some serious money to take shots at Romney! The fun event raised funds for the organization to build a home in the Tallahassee area.
In Memoriam

Sadly, faculty member Ransom McClung passed away earlier this year. McClung was a member of FSU’s family for 15 years, serving as the director of Investigations and Training in the Office of Audit Services. Following his retirement from FSU in 2010, he taught at the university as an adjunct instructor before joining the faculty full time. He taught undergraduate classes on financial accounting, managerial accounting, cost accounting, fraud examination, internal auditing and forensic accounting. McClung was also a graduate of FSU, receiving his master’s degree in criminology with certifications in accounting and fraud investigation from the university. He is missed by the accounting department faculty and students.

Recent Publications


New doctoral students come in with broad experience

The department welcomes two new students in its doctoral program this fall – **Eric Rosano** and **Andrea (Laos) Tillet**. Each year, the department accepts up to two doctoral candidates in its four- to five-year program.

**Eric Rosano** served in the U.S. Army’s Infantry and Military Intelligence division as a crypto-linguist from 2003 to 2010. Following his service, Rosano enrolled at Arizona State University, where he graduated with his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting. He then worked as a tax associate in EY’s financial services division in Philadelphia, Pa. In 2014, he returned to his alma mater as an accounting lecturer. When asked about his acceptance to the doctoral program, Rosano said: “I was happy to be selected for the doctoral program at FSU because of its esteemed faculty and the opportunity for me to learn and grow in an environment that prioritizes student development as its paramount goal.”

**Andrea (Laos) Tillet** earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting from Florida State University and spent a year at the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), where she worked primarily on joint FASB and International Accounting Standards Board projects. More recently, she served as a manager in Deloitte Advisory’s Financial Transactions group. While at Deloitte, Tillet helped Fortune 500 clients through various accounting and reporting issues ranging from the interpretation and adoption of new accounting standards to the SEC filing requirements driven by carve-outs, mergers and acquisitions, and IPOs.

Rosano and Tillet join six other students in the department’s doctoral program.

Leading industry organizations award top MAcc students

Several Master of Accounting (MAcc) students were presented significant and prestigious awards from some of the leading industry organizations. We are proud of the following award recipients:

**AICPA Scholarship for Minority Accounting Students**

Kimberly Louis-Charles received one of four AICPA Scholarship awards for minority accounting students available through the AICPA Legacy Scholars program. Recipients receive a one-year AICPA scholarship and the opportunity to develop the skills needed for a successful career through service. They are required to complete at least eight hours of service each semester by planning and implementing events on campus that advocate the accounting profession.

**Clay Ford Scholarship**

Five MAcc students, **Bianca Almero**, **Graceann Byrd**, **Anthony Caceres-Marrero**, **Paula Lopez Ramirez** and **Sierra Spencer**, were awarded a Clay Ford Scholarship from the Florida Board of Accountancy. Providing from $3,000 to $6,000 per semester, the Clay Ford Scholarship program was established to encourage minority accounting students to remain in school for a fifth year to complete their CPA eligibility requirements.

**Federation of Schools of Accountancy (FSA) Student Award**

Stephanie Spear received the FSA Student Achievement Award, which recognizes outstanding students from its 116 accredited graduate programs. Deloitte also provided Spear with a $500 award.

**Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Scholarship**

Connor Dawkins was awarded a $10,000 merit-based scholarship from the PCAOB. He was one of 72 students from across the country to receive the award.
Awards presented and recognized at BAP chapter banquet

The Beta Rho chapter of Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) and the Department of Accounting honored student achievement at an annual BAP Spring Awards Banquet in April. Below are the awards, scholarships, fellowships and assistantships that were recognized and celebrated.

2016-2017 Department of Accounting Awards

PwC Outstanding MAcc student – Kayla Page
EY Outstanding Senior – Matt Mullane
KPMG Outstanding Junior – Adam Silverstein
Ron Pierno Beta Alpha Psi Member of the Year Award – Samantha Liew

2016-2017 Department of Accounting Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Evelyn R. and John Baugh Memorial Scholarship
Eduardo Fuste
Tristan Johnson
Mark Kim
Cathryn Meegan
Jonghan Park
Wesley Wright

Grady Rea Jr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship
Eduardo Fuste
Tristan Johnson
Mark Kim
Michelle McAllister
Cathryn Meegan
Jonghan Park
Wesley Wright

MASTER OF ACCOUNTING ASSISTANTSHIP

Dilshod Akabirov
Anthony Caceres-Marrero
Elizabeth Coker
Christopher Droz
Sara Eckman
Aaron Fleischmann
Amy Macneil
Ivan Michelman
Kayla Page
Corey Pedowitz
Hannah Sherman
Stephanie Spear
Ryan Stipe
Cheri Swan
Vincent Vaccaro
Andres Vera
Walter Zhang

MASTER OF ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Accounting Alumni Fellowship
Jessie Zhang

Albert C. Johnson, CPA, Accounting Scholarship Fund
Sara Astorquiza
Emily Connors
Chenling Huang
Siera Scime

Becker CPA Review Scholarships
Mark Arvin
Anthony Caceres-Marrero
Alexander Clauberg
Ryan Stipe
Cheri Swan
Jason Williams

Chip & Ginger Jones Endowed Scholarship
Ryan Gingras

Edward & Bernice Trembly Endowed Scholarship
Brett Falconer
Caitlin Kinney
Matthew Pisciottano
Sierra Spencer

Grady Rea Jr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship
Kristen Denny

Homer A. Black Endowed Fellowship
Sara Astorquiza
Emily Connors
Ricardo Najera
Siera Scime

John & Susan Gabriel Endowed Scholarship for Excellence
Jonathan Alberts

John Sisler, Jr. Master of Accounting Endowed Scholarship
Bianca Almero
Graceann Byrd
Brett Gilman
Shaley Lindsay
Paula Lopez
Daniel Navarro

Jonathan L. Williams Fellowship
Fritz Maxwell
Student News

Krblich Family Endowed Fellowship Fund
Ryan Henkels

Major D. Wright, Jr. Scholarship
Kathryn Allain
Sara Astorquiza
Emily Connors
Ricardo Najera
Siera Scime

Robert J. West Accounting Scholarship
Ryan Gingras
Michael Liguori
Kayleigh Malone
Fritz Maxwell

Roger CPA Review Scholarship
Eric Silvers

UNDERGRADUATE ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIPS

Astor Family Scholarship in Accounting
Shumiya Islam
Marina Johnson

BDO Siedman Presidential Scholarship Fund
Analise Mann
Juan Camilo Posada
Tyler Saldanha

Deloitte Accounting Scholar Award
Gregory Burstein
Ian Hvodzich
Marina Johnson
Emma Kerr

E.C. & Tillie Allen Presidential Endowed Scholarship
James Arvin
Candace Coyle
Ryan Hall
Kayla Hudson
Chad Kondzich
Matthew Mullane
Eduard Noriega
Jeffrey Osborne
Aaron Pannell
Pedro P. Ravelo
Adam Silverstein
Yajie Tao
Ashley Valdez

EY Accounting Scholar Award
Natalia Jimenez
DiMarie Lord
Eduard Noriega

EY International Scholars
Jackson Bottomley
Ryan Feese
Chad Garcia
Courtney Levitz
Eduard Noriega
Maria Romero

FICPA Educational Foundation Scholarship
Dilshod Akabirov
Corey Pedowitz
Stephanie Spear

Grant Thornton Accounting Scholar Award
Jake Albright
Ally Dunstan
Leah Poole
Ashley Thelot

John E. Champion Endowed Scholarship
Matthew Mullane
Leah Poole

Kimberly Winter Cass Memorial Scholarship in Accounting
Nicole Hollifield
Natalia Jimenez
Robert Rood

KPMG Accounting Scholar Award
James Arvin
Kayla Hudson
Juan Camilo Posada
Sophie Smales

Professional Advisory Board Accounting Scholar Award
Ashley Valdez

PwC Accounting Scholar Award
Christine Gonzalez
Rebecca Harris
Pedro P. Ravelo
Manuel Vallarino

Vanguard Charitable Endowment Fund Accounting Scholar Award
Tyler Saldanha

Walter A. Friedly Memorial Scholarship
Natalia Jimenez
Paula Lopez
“Our program is a great opportunity for students to expand their technical accounting knowledge while satisfying the educational requirements for CPA licensure in Florida and most other jurisdictions. Students sitting for the CPA exam during the program benefit from our program’s partnership with Becker CPA Review as well as the supportive, close-knit group of motivated accounting students eager to see each other succeed.”

- Holly Sudano, Director of MAcc Program

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