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THE CORE OF OUR EXISTENCE

We are living in times of great uncertainty. And in these times, it is critical to understand the core values that guide us.

Over the past year – as part of our ongoing strategic planning – we revisited and discussed our core values. In Building Your Company’s Vision, Jim Collins states: “Enduring organizations have clear plans for how they will advance into an uncertain future. But they are equally clear about how they will remain steadfast about the values and purposes they will always stand for. Core values are the handful of guiding principles by which an organization navigates. They require no external justification; they have intrinsic value and importance to those inside the organization.”

Working first in groups – and then collectively – our faculty, staff, and representatives from our Advisory Council discussed and debated these values. Although expressed in different ways, it became quickly evident that there was a broad consensus on four core values: excellence, professionalism, integrity, and community.

These core values will continue to guide us – no matter what uncertainties we face. And, I would encourage you to think about these values as you read through our newsletter – there is evidence of each in the pages that follow. They truly are the core of our existence.

Excellence: We strive for excellence in everything we do. We challenge ourselves and each other to produce research relevant to the academy and the profession, ensure that our curricula are rigorous and adaptive to changes in the profession, and show uncompromising dedication to those we serve – especially, our students. Our excellence stems from a great sense of pride in who we are and what we believe in.

Professionalism: We are committed to the accounting profession and developing its future leaders.

Integrity: We hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards in an environment that includes honesty, sincerity, respect, and trust. We believe integrity is an essential trait for truly successful professional and personal lives.

Community: We foster an environment that is collegial, respectful, trusting, and diverse. Within that environment, we work to balance our teaching and research, encourage and nurture the development of our students, and foster collaborative professional relationships with our alumni and friends.

Important Dates for Employers!

Awards Banquet—August 31, 2011
Meet the Firm Night—September 7, 2011
Meet the Intern Night—November 2, 2011
DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS VISIT NIU

David L. Landsittel, CPA, chairman of the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), visited NIU in February, 2010, to speak to the accounting students and faculty about COSO-related activities. Mr. Landsittel began his career and spent 34 years with Arthur Anderson. He has an impressive record of professional service, including serving as chair of the AICPA’s Auditing Standards Board. He is also a past chair of the Illinois CPA Society and a past chair of the Illinois CPA Society’s CPA Endowment Fund that provides financial support to encourage selected students to pursue careers in public accounting. Mr. Landsittel commented about COSO’s accomplishments to date and shared interesting insights about projects that he expects COSO to pursue going forward.

Jeannette Franzel, CPA, CMA, CGFM, Managing Director of Financial Management and Assurance at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), visited NIU from Washington, DC, in April, 2010, to make an interesting and substantive presentation entitled “GAO Update: Accountability in Times of Financial and Fiscal Crisis.” Created in 1921, the primary original mission of GAO was to approve vouchers for payment; in contrast, the modern GAO focuses on complex program evaluation, risk assessment, and broad financial management issues. Ms. Franzel spoke about recent federal legislation, including the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Troubled Asset Relief Program enacted in 2008. She also provided sobering insights about the current and long-term fiscal challenges facing the nation.

John O’Leary visited NIU in September, 2010, to make a presentation entitled “Ignite Life! Ignite Your Passion, Enjoy Real Meaning and Fulfill Your Potential!” As a child, John was horribly burned in an accident involving gasoline. The doctors gave his parents a probability of ½ of 1% that he would survive the first night, let alone all of the crises to follow. He survived challenges that are hard to imagine and became an incredibly inspirational person and uplifting speaker. We first encountered John’s amazing life story when he was the featured speaker at the Beta Alpha Psi National Meeting in New York in 2009. On that occasion, he received a standing ovation from more than 2000 people in a hotel ballroom, so we arranged for him to share his unique message of hope and excellence with our students. Not surprisingly, he received a thunderous standing ovation at NIU. Students commented afterward, “I have goose bumps!” and “I have been struggling, but this is life changing!” Readers are encouraged to visit John’s web site (www.rising-above.com), where they can find a tab to see some of John’s video excerpts and other resources. His parents wrote a wonderful paperback book, entitled Overwhelming Odds, about the ordeal that John and his family overcame. It is available through John’s web site, reads quickly and, like John’s presentation, leaves a durable impression.

Patrick Kuhse, an ethics consultant and motivational speaker, visited NIU in October, 2010, as the featured speaker for the College of Business “Building Ethical Leaders Using an Integrated Ethics Framework” (BELIEF) initiative. He delivered an insightful presentation on “The Psychology of Ethics: Why Smart People Can Do Such Dumb Things.” As stated on his web site (www.speakingofethics.com): “Patrick utilizes his 20+ years of experience as a financial planner, stockbroker, entrepreneur, international fugitive and federal inmate to uniquely translate common critical thinking errors into our everyday personal and professional ethical challenges and dilemmas.” He presented his remarkable personal story with compelling candor and emphasized how “seemingly unimportant decisions” can chart a course for ethical ruin. This was his third visit to NIU after two prior occasions specifically to address our accounting students. Once again, at the conclusion of his remarks, Patrick received an enthusiastic standing ovation from an auditorium full of appreciative students.
OUTSTANDING ALUMNI HONORED

NIU is privileged to have many outstanding accountancy alums who have achieved tremendous success in their careers. The support that we receive from our alumni provides a margin of excellence for our students, faculty, and programs. Each year we honor several alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and who have provided extraordinary support to the NIU Accountancy Program.

2010 Outstanding Alumni:

Christine Cole - Senior Vice President & CFO, McDonald’s USA

Christine graduated from NIU in 1975. Prior to joining McDonald’s, she worked as a CPA at Haskins & Sells in Chicago, now Deloite Touche Tohmatsu. Christine is a 30-year McDonald’s veteran with broad experience across the financial organization. Prior roles include Controller for McDonald’s Central and Southeast Divisions and leadership of the McDonald’s Acquisitions Group. She leads the System Economic Team on all financial matters that affect franchisees. She has been recognized for her leadership, including the inaugural Women’s Leadership Award and the President’s Award. Christine currently serves as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of McDonald’s USA.

Steve Hajdukovic - Partner, KPMG LLP

Upon graduating from NIU in 1990, Steve began his career in KPMG’s Oak Brook, IL office where he focused on serving commercial middle market clients. In 1993, he joined the Chicago office, where he has continued to focus on commercial clients in the Consumer + Industrial line of business. His experience includes leasing, accounts receivable securitizations, acquisitions, divestitures, public debt and equity offerings, restructurings, multi-national audits, and SEC reporting. Steve was admitted to the partnership in 2001.

In addition to his client responsibilities, Steve is the Partner in Charge of Campus Recruiting for the Midwest Area and for the Chicago office, is the Human Resource Partner for the Consumer + Industrial line of business in Chicago, and serves on KPMG’s Midwest Area Diversity Council. Steve is a member of the NIU Accountancy Executive Advisory Council and a member of the NIU College of Business BELIEF Initiative Advisory Board.

Russ Smyth - President and CEO, H&R Block

Russ graduated from NIU with his bachelor’s degree in 1978 and his MBA in 1980. He started his career on the audit staff of Price Waterhouse. Prior to joining H & R Block, Russ spent more than 20 years at McDonald’s Corp., gaining extensive worldwide management experience in Latin America, Asia, the U.S. and Europe. Most recently he served as President of McDonald’s Europe, the company’s second largest territory in the world.

Russ was appointed President and CEO of H & R Block in 2008. Since his appointment to that role, Russ is leading the company’s efforts to improve the performance of its core tax business. Under his leadership, the company is launching a new vision and business strategy to grow H&R Block’s client

Dave Templin - Group CFO, Caterpillar

Dave graduated from NIU in 1989 and joined Caterpillar that same year. Dave held various financial, forecasting, cost and investment analysis positions across Caterpillar until his promotion to Group Financial Officer in the Global Finance Strategic Services division in 2009. Dave is currently responsible for all financial reporting, guidance and support for a portfolio of Caterpillar business units under the direction of a Group President. The portfolio of businesses comprises the majority of Caterpillar’s Power Systems (Engines) which is currently the most profitable line of businesses within Caterpillar.

Dave has provided service to NIU in multiple ways. He is on the Accountancy Executive Advisory Council for 5 years running providing guidance to the Department on its undergraduate and graduate programs. Dave is also part of the MAS Leadership mentoring program, devoting his time to mentoring Accountancy graduate students. Dave is also the Caterpillar liaison to the College of Business (COB) ethics initiative – BELIEF. He is instrumental in maintaining a strong relationship between the COB and Caterpillar.
2010 Honorary Alumni:

Dick Anderson; PricewaterhouseCoopers (Chicago)

Dick currently serves as a Clinical Professor with The Center for Strategy, Execution and Valuation at DePaul University, where he is lecturing and writing on risk management, governance and internal audit. He co-founded the Center’s Strategic Risk Management Lab and co-authored his new book, “Strategic Risk Management, a Primer for Directors and Senior Management Teams.” Dick is a frequent author and speaker.

Dick retired from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in 2008, where he held several leadership positions including Managing Partner in the Internal Audit practice, Regional Managing Partner with the Financial Services Advisory practice and member of the U.S. national leadership team for the Financial Services practice. While at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Dick led the initiative to establish the first PricewaterhouseCoopers professorship at NIU.

John Engstrom; KPMG Professor Emeritus (NIU)

Prior to retiring in 2004, John served as KPMG Professor Emeritus of Accountancy at NIU where he taught for 22 years. His teaching and research specialty is governmental and not-for-profit accounting. He was co-author of one of the leading textbooks in the field and author of numerous articles on governmental accounting and auditing in leading journals. During his years of service with NIU, John also served as a member of the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council, the U.S. Comptroller General’s Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards, as well as several governmental and nonprofit committees for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Illinois Society of CPA’s.

John is currently an elected annuitant trustee of the State University Retirement System (SERS) where he is Chair of the Audit Committee and serves as co-author of the Financial Accounting and Reporting Manual of the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Dean and Brenda DuCray Provide $1 Million Gift to Department

In December 2010, Dean and Brenda DuCray provided the first $1 million gift to the Department of Accountancy. The gift will establish the Dean and Brenda DuCray Excellence Fund (a $500,000 discretionary endowment) and create the DuCray Challenge ($500,000). The Challenge grant (a dollar-for-dollar match) is to encourage other Department alumni and friends to create endowments in the Department. When completed, the combination of the DuCrays generosity and other gifts will increase the Department’s endowment by $1.5 million.

Dean received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy in 1964, spent three years in Africa with the Peace Corps, and then returned to NIU to complete his Master of Accounting Science degree in 1969. While on campus, Dean spent many hours working in the NIU Library – then located in DuSable Hall – and remembers fondly both his time there and a famous quote from Henry Giles engraved in the main hall:

“The silent influence of books is a mighty power in the world and there is joy in reading them known only to those who read them with desire and enthusiasm. Silent, passive and noiseless though they be, they yet set in action countless multitudes and change the order of nations.”

After graduation, Dean began his career with Haskins & Sells in Chicago, becoming an audit manager before leaving to join one of his clients, Technical Oil Tool Corporation (a wholly owned subsidiary of

Baker Oil Tools). As President and CEO, Technical Oil Tool achieved significant revenue growth and profits through a series of strategic acquisitions. Upon the merger of Baker with Hughes Tool Corporation, Dean became Vice President and CFO of York International – a firm that was taken private in a leveraged buyout from Borg Warner shortly after his arrival in 1987 and then taken public in 1991. Although Dean retired from York in 1998, he remains active as a financial consultant and business advisor.

We are exceedingly grateful for Dean and Brenda’s tangible commitment to the Department and its mission.
ACCOUNTANCY INTERNSHIP RECEIVES UNIVERSITY AWARD

Prima Patel, an accountancy major at NIU, was selected as the recipient of the March 2010 NIU Internship/Co-op Student of the Month. This award is to acknowledge outstanding NIU students who have completed an academic internship while at NIU. Patel interned with Abbott Laboratories in Abbott Park, Illinois. Prima highlighted her internship experience by stating, “My experiences at Abbott allowed me to appreciate the validity of the business school’s catchphrase, where the classroom meets the business world.” Elizabeth Corbin, Senior Financial Analyst of Abbott Laboratories, praised Prima for her meaningful contributions and diligent work. Congratulations Prima!
Department Welcomes New Faculty Member

Jennifer Ellis joined the department as Director of the Professional Development Center in our revised Leadership MAS program. She earned her Ph.D. in communication from Michigan State University and her Bachelor of Arts degree in organizational communication from Cedarville University. Over the last 15 years, Dr. Ellis has taught courses in public speaking, business communication skills, leadership, organizational communication, small group communication, and interpersonal communication. For nearly eight years, Dr. Ellis directed the Ernst & Young Accounting Business Communication Center at Michigan State University and worked tirelessly to build a program that focused on helping students improve their oral and written communication skills.

Jennifer’s research interests include employee voice and silence in organizations, feedback design and delivery, employee-employer psychological contracts, and memorable messages in both the interpersonal and organizational contexts. She regularly presents her research at national and international communication and management conferences, and enjoys collaborating on projects that utilize interdisciplinary partnerships.

Pam Smith Receives 2010 NIU Board of Trustees Professorship

Pam Smith, KPMG Professor of Accountancy, was named recipient of the 2010 NIU Board of Trustees Professorship. The professorship is the highest recognition given by the university and is awarded for a consistent record of excellence in teaching, academic leadership, scholarship, and service and outreach. The professorship is one of a long line of teaching honors for Pam and is a testament to her talents and abilities. Other of Pam’s awards include the American Accounting Association Innovation in Accounting Education Award, the Illinois CPA Society Outstanding Educator of the Year Award as well as numerous awards in the NIU Executive MBA Program and in the Department of Accountancy. Congratulations Pam!

Chih-Chen Lee Receives College Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award

Each year, the undergraduate accountancy majors in the Department and the College of Business select a professor to receive the 2009-2010 Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award. The award is given to a faculty member who instills and develops in students a deep interest in the class topics, demonstrates extraordinary commitment to students and their welfare, and works actively with students, faculty, and administrators to improve undergraduate education at NIU. This is a testament to Chih-Chen’s abilities in the classroom. Congratulations Chih-Chen!

Suzanne Youngberg Receives Department Excellence in Undergraduate Instruction Award

Suzanne Youngberg was selected by the Department’s undergraduate accountancy majors to receive the 2009-2010 Excellence in Undergraduate Instruction Award. This is a relatively new award established by the Provost to honor excellent undergraduate teaching in the University, specifically among non-tenure-track educators. The award is given to an instructor who inspires students and stimulates student growth, applies rigorous standards to student performance, and works actively with students to promote their learning and understanding. Congratulations Suzanne!
ACCOUNTANCY EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following professionals have provided significant service to the Department by serving on our advisory council. We are grateful for the guidance and assistance that they provide.

Greg Bergmann, Deloitte
Howard Blumstein, BDO Seidman LLP
Marcus Bode, SpearMC Management Consulting, Inc.
Gary Burge, Consultant
Phil Fontana, KKP Group LLC
Matt Garling, Lawson Products, Inc.
Gordy Gruszka, Motorola
Dianne Guensberg, United States Government Accountability Office
Steve Hajdukovic, KPMG LLP
Julie Hansberry, Cincinnati Tool Steel Company
Anthony Harmon, KPMG LLP
Jim Hendricks, Emeritus Faculty – NIU
Ernest Iannotta, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Terry Jimenez, Newsday
Joe Joyce, Joyce Associates, LLC
Mark Kramer, Hewitt Associates
Jim Kranje, Ryan
George Krull, Grant Thornton LLP
Gaylen Larson, Financial Accounting Standards Board

Jeff Markert, KPMG LLP
Ricky Max, Miller Cooper & Co.
Erica O’Malley, Grant Thornton LLP
Dino Orfános, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Patrick Picha, Accenture
Christina Pierce, KPMG, LLP
Ken Pinsky, Warady & Davis LLP
Adam Regelbrugge, Deloitte
Barry Shaw, Wolf & Co.
Lance Smith, Ernst & Young LLP
Rob Stoettner, McGladrey & Pullen
Dave Swinehart, Healthscape Advisors
Jody Taylor, RC2 Corporation
Dave Templin, Caterpillar, Inc.
Jim Thomas, Clifton Gunderson LLP
Rawley Thomas, LifeCycle Returns, Inc.
Rick Thompson, Sikich LLP
Charlotte Vrba, Crowe Horwath, LLP
Don Wagner, Caterpillar, Inc.
Jim Wong, Clear Focus Financial Search, LLC
ACCOUNTANCY STUDENT GROUPS CONTINUE TO EXCEL

Accountancy Leadership Advisory Council (ALAC)

ALAC is a group comprised of students with evidenced leadership abilities who provide service to the department. Professor Jim Young serves as the faculty advisor for ALAC.

Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA)

The Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) is a leading national professional association dedicated to enhancing opportunities for Latinos in accounting, finance and related professions. ALPFA is open to professionals and students of all races and majors who share our values, mission, and principles. ALPFA NIU's purpose is to develop the professional skills of its members by providing activities and events that promote growth and personal development, build relationships with business professionals, as well as create awareness of the accounting and finance professions within our communities. This is accomplished by presentations from global business leaders, national networking conventions, mentorship programs, community service, and a variety of cultural/social events. Membership is approximately 25 members. Three students attended the national convention this past summer. Professor Natalie Churyk is the faculty advisor. The current officers are: Christina Espinoza – President, Mario Cardova – Vice President, Luis Leon – Secretary, Zendy Morales – Treasurer, Erika Delgado – Public Relations, Leobardo Rodriguez and Ana Gomez – Fundraiser Director, Hyomin Lee - Social Chair Director, Leobardo Rodriguez and Ana Gomez – Director of Community Service and Leobardo Rodriguez – Webmaster.

Ascend Pan-Asian Leaders in Finance and Accounting

Ascend is the premier professional organization dedicated to enabling its members, business partners and the community to leverage the leadership and global business potential of Pan-Asians. The goal of the organization is to generate awareness of the growing influence of Asians in business globally while helping its members to be better prepared to take advantage of this change and grow professionally. Ascend’s goals are achieved through professional, social and service events. Professor Tim West is the faculty advisor.

Beta Alpha Psi (Gamma Pi Chapter, Founded in 1971)

NIU’s Gamma Pi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) had an excellent 2010. NIU participated in BAP’s Midwest Regional Meeting in Chicago, which had the largest turnout of any of BAP’s 8 regions with more than 300 students representing more than 40 chapters in attendance. Another group of BAP members represented NIU in August at the National Meeting in San Jose; and our Gamma Pi Chapter was again recognized as a “Superior Chapter.”

Two distinctive characteristics of Beta Alpha Psi membership at NIU are (1) at least a 3.2 GPA requirement associated with academic accomplishment; and (2) a commitment to at least 8 hours of designated service activities each semester. In 2010, we initiated 31 students into permanent BAP membership. Our speaker and guest-of-honor at the April initiation banquet was Ms. Jennifer Mitenga, Director – Resource Development at Opportunity International, an impressive microfinance organization that provides targeted loans to alleviate poverty on a global basis [visit www.opportunity.org].

We continued to be fortunate to have outstanding professional programs throughout the fall and the spring semesters on an interesting variety of topics. A representative sample of programs includes the following: “Career Paths in Public Accounting” (Ernst & Young); “Fraud & Forensic Accounting” (Deloitte); “International Issues in Accounting” (KPMG); “Issues in Internal Auditing” (PricewaterhouseCoopers); “Having a Service Mind Set” (BDO); “What Is a Ponzi Scheme?” (Hutton, Kruse & Fink); “Life-Balance Issues” (McGladrey’s Sherrie Krowczyk-Mendosa, recipient of a 2009 AICPA/ICPAS “Women to Watch” Award); and “Diversity Issues in Accounting” (Crowe Horwath).

Gamma Pi Chapter appreciates the continuing support of the many NIU alumni and friends who make our professional programs, service projects, and social events so meaningful for NIU students. Professor Don Tidrick, a longtime member of BAP (Ohio State’s Omicron Chapter), continues to serve as Gamma Pi’s faculty advisor.

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The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)

The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) is the premiere professional association for developing and promoting greater participation by African-American and other minorities in the accounting and finance professions. The goals of the association are to promote and develop the professional skills of our members; to encourage and assist minority students in entering the profession; to provide opportunities for members to fulfill their civic responsibilities; to ensure long-term financial stability, and provide adequate resources to implement chapter, regional and national programs; and to represent the interests of current and prospective minority accounting professionals. These goals are achieved through the use of guest speakers and a variety of other activities. Professor Tim West is the faculty advisor. The current officers are: Wallace Gamble – President, Patrice Richardson – External Vice President, Muteya Mapfumo– Internal Vice President, and Becky Calloway – Secretary.

Student Accountancy Society (SAS)

Student Accountancy Society (SAS) is a student organization that focuses on networking with accounting professionals and serving the community. In the fall of 2010, SAS had over 200 active members, making it the largest professional group on campus. SAS is run by an executive board under the guidance of faculty advisors, David Sinason and Linda Matuszewski.

SAS brings professionals, organizations, public accounting firms, corporations, and governmental entities together to speak to members about the accounting field and current business issues. Some of the main topics discussed include professional ethics, leadership, academic accounting opportunities, communication skills, and business etiquette.

SAS is active in many community service opportunities including participating in a clothing drive, blood drive, and food drive; visiting residents at the Oakcrest Retirement Center; collecting supplies to make packages for overseas soldiers and assisting at the DeKalb Animal Shelter. Other SAS events include a golf outing, bowling, an ice cream social, whirly ball, and sporting event outings.
This year, 2011, marks the second most significant change in the CPA exam since the computer based test was introduced in early 2004. As reported by Michael Decker, Director, Operations and Development of the AICPA Examinations team, exam content, research, exam navigation, and question format have all undergone changes.

New content was added to all four exam sections as follows:

Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) new topics are the addition of IFRS as a testable topic and the research using the FASB Accounting Standards Codification™ instead of the Financial Accounting and Research System (FARS).

Auditing and Attestation (AUD) is now a 4-hour rather than a 4 and ½ hour exam. International Standards on Auditing was added to the content along with several codes of conduct to comprise 16% of the new AUD exam.

Regulation (REG) topics were expanded to include detailed testing of Circular 230.

Business Environment and Concepts (BEC), now a 3-hour rather than a 2 and ½ hour exam has added the topics of Corporate Governance, Strategic and Project Management, and increased testing of Finance and Economics.

Written communication, known to most of us as “essay questions” was moved to BEC. FAR, AUD, and REG will no longer test written communications. Candidates will be asked to write 3 essays with only 2 of them graded. One essay is considered to be “pretest.” Candidates do not know which essay is pretest. We tell our candidates to write each essay as if all are graded and counted in their score.

Much time was spent redesigning the NIU CPA Review to match the 2011 and beyond exam. Everything from our materials, online quizzes, practice exams, live review courses, and website have been changed. So far, candidates report that our coverage of the new areas has been “right on.”

Those of us who teach in the FAR CPA review send a big thank you to the NIU financial accounting faculty who teach IFRS in their classes. This gives NIU students a boost. When the candidates take the review, they are looking at IFRS a second time and can review rather than spend time with new learning.

The review has added one new faculty member, Ms. Tamara Phelan, a full-time faculty member at NIU. Tamara is a recent product of the NIU CPA Review. She took the entire review using the at home, correspondence study format and passed all 4 exam sections upon first attempt. It is nice to have a faculty member teaching in the review who took the computer based test. She can identify with the unique challenges of this testing format.

I know many of you are grateful to NIU for your degree(s) and for assistance in passing the CPA exam. We appreciate your trust and belief in the NIU CPA Review.

It is a pleasure serving the NIU Community. If you have comments or questions about the new CPA exam, please contact me at dhopkins@niu.edu. Have a wonderful summer.
RECENT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

Meghann Cefratti


Recipient, Special Recognition from the NIU Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management.

Natalie Churyk

Caterpillar Professorship.


Editorial Board, Journal of Forensic & Investigative Accounting and Journal of Accounting Education.

Treasurer, American Accounting Association Teaching Learning & Curriculum Section.

Co-Chair, American Accounting Association Teaching Learning & Curriculum Membership Acquisition and Retention.

Member and Chair of committees within the American Accounting Association Teaching Learning & Curriculum Strategic Planning Committee.

Chair, American Accounting Association Forensic and Investigative Accounting Membership Acquisition and Retention Committee.

Program Mentor/Campus Recruiter, KPMG Future Diversity Leaders Program.

Faculty Advisor, Association of Latino Professionals in Finance & Accounting (ALPFA).

Doug Clinton

Chapter section on Grenzplankostenrechnung (GPK) and Resource Consumption Accounting (RCA) in Cost Management (2nd Ed.) by Elderburg & Wolcott, Wiley, 2010, with A. van der Merwe.


Associate Editor, Advances in Accounting Behavioral Research.

IMA Contributing Editor for Strategic Cost Management.

Senior Content Advisor, IMA Centre of Excellence.

Editorial Board, Issues in Accounting Education, Strategic Finance, Management Accounting Quarterly, and Journal of Accounting Education.

Regent, Institute of Certified Management Accountants Board of Regents.

Director, Resource Consumption Accounting Institute Board of Directors.


Brad Cripe


Editorial Board, Journal of International Accounting, Auditing and Taxation.

Member, American Taxation Association, New Faculty Concerns and Outstanding Manuscript Committees.

Member, Greater Polson Community Foundation Audit Committee.

Chih-Chen Lee


“Does Familiarity with Interviewee’s White Lying Make it Easier to Detect the Interviewee’s Deceptions?” Journal of Forensic & Investigative Accounting, 2010, 2 (1).


“Prior Exposure to Interviewee’s Truth-telling (Baselining) and Deception-Detection Accuracy in Interviews” with R. Welker, presented at AA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2010.


Recipient, Burge Family Faculty Research Fellow (two year research fellowship), 2010-2011.

Recipient, Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Recipient, George Krull/Grant Thornton Teaching Innovative Award - Honorable mention.


Associate Editor, Web Services for Journal of Information Systems.

Chair, American Accounting Association (AAA) Forensic and Investigative Accounting Publications Committee.

Member, AAA Information Systems Membership Committee, AAA Forensic and Investigative Accounting By-Laws Committee, 2011 Mid-year Fraud Conference Planning Committee, AAA Forensic & Investigative Accounting Section, NIU Zeta Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Delta, Illinois CPA Society ISACA, and ACFE.

Treasurer, Cooperative Chinese Language School.

Faculty Advisor, Taiwanese Students Association.

*For articles and textbooks, please contact faculty member for complete citation and co-authors.
Kate Mantzke

Linda Matuszewski

Mark Riley

Rebecca Shortridge
“Incorporating Valuation Concepts into the Accounting Curriculum”, presented at the American Accounting Association Conference on Teaching and Learning in Accounting, August 2010.
Assistant Chair, NIU Department of Accountancy
Member, American Accounting Association Midwest Regional Meeting Steering Committee, Coordinator for Vendors.

David Sinason

Pam Smith
Recipient of the NIU Board of Trustees Professorship.
Member Vision 2020. Selected by the NIU President to serve on a working group addressing the university’s strategic plan for faculty work, excellence, and rewards.
Member, College of Business Ethics Program, Building Ethical Leaders with an Integrated Ethics Framework (BELIEF).
NIU Executive MBA, 2010 Golden Apple Award.
Editorial Board, *Issues in Accounting Education*
Treasurer and Executive Board Member, DeKalb County Quilters Guild.

Don Tidrick
Recipient, Illinois CPA Society’s 2010 Outstanding Accounting Educator Award.
Recipient, Department of Accountancy’s Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award.
Faculty Advisor, Beta Alpha Psi (Gamma Pi Chapter).
Member, Comptroller General of the United States’ Educators’ Advisory Panel.
Member, Illinois CPA Society’s Ethics Committee.
Member, Editorial Board - *Journal of Government Financial Management*.
Member, Joint AICPA/AAA Accounting Literature Awards Selection Committee.
Member, AAA Auditing Section’s Innovation in Auditing Education Award Committee.
Member, NIU Athletic Board.

Tammy Waymire

Tim West

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Jim Young

South-Western Federal Taxation (2012 Edition); Series Editor and Author.

Accounting Programs Leadership Group Board of Governors and President-Elect (American Accounting Association).

AACSB Accounting Accreditation Committee.

Illinois Board of Examiners Education Advisory Task Force.

Carol Yu


Member, Steering Committee of the AAA Midwest Region.

### ANNUAL ACCOUNTANCY SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS, 2010-11

Congratulations to the following students for their excellence performance, which has resulted in their receipt of the following scholarships and award. We also express our appreciation to the individuals, companies, and firms that provided the financial support for these awards. Over $246,000 of scholarships and awards were presented at our Awards Banquet in September.

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**Accountancy Alumni**
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- James T. Farrelly
- Krystal Hernandez
- Brittni M. Lilly
- Dzianis A. Lysenka
- Sean A. Morrison
- David A. Pociask
- Jason C. Rahn
- Bradley C. Saxon
- Andrew P. Schmidt

**Accountancy Faculty Graduate**
- Olivia E. Geary
- William C. Zook

**Accountancy Faculty Undergraduate**
- Cody D. Daniels
- Monica A. Poder

**Accountancy Leadership Advisory Council Service Award**
- Laura J. Kulman
- Steven K. Yarger

**Accountancy Teaching Assistant Performance Award**
- Steven K. Yarger

**Ascend Alumni**
- Xiangfei Ni

**Allstate Insurance**
- Ali S. Al-Yakoob

**Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting Alumni**
- Martha J. Meraz

**Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting Service Award**
- Armando Aguilar
- Cesar Bonilla
- Mario Cordova
- Leonel Herrera
- Arpit Y. Joshi
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