Department of Accountancy

Letter From The Chair
Jim Young

TRANSITIONS

As with any organization, as time moves forward, transitions occur. This year is no exception. Students arrive on campus; classes are taught; graduations celebrate accomplishments; alumni return to visit us. All are part of our life together. But this year is different with the retirements of two Department personnel who have had significant impacts on our students, faculty, and alumni – Debra Hopkins and Rowene Linden. Combined, Debra and Rowene have devoted over 50 years of service to NIU and the Department of Accountancy.

Debra Hopkins has been a member of the Department’s faculty since 1987 – and has directed our CPA Review Program since 1991. Over the years, she has helped over 20,000 accountants become CPAs. Among many accomplishments, Debra helped transform our Review to reflect changes as the CPA exam moved from a twice-a-year paper and pencil exam to an on-demand computer-based exam. She has been the primary instructor of the auditing section of the CPA Review – which has resulted in our students producing pass rates in the top five nationally for 16 of the last 25 years – more than any other U.S. university. During her career, she was named the Illinois CPA Society Outstanding Accounting Educator and one of its “Women to Watch” and one of NIU’s “25 Amazing Women.” In addition, she served as Chairperson of the Illinois CPA Society Board and President of the Association of CPA Review Providers. Debra leaves a lasting legacy in the Department – and the sincere gratitude of the many students who have reached their dream of becoming a CPA.

The same is true of Rowene Linden – who has served as an undergraduate and graduate student advisor and assistant to the Department Chair for the last 14 years. Rowene came to the Department after serving for 12 years in NIU’s Registrar’s Office. Student advising is a key “touch point” for our Department – and Rowene led the development of our Department’s student advising process since her arrival in 1989. Under her leadership, our advising processes were identified as a “best practice” by our accrediting body – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) – in 2008. Among her many accomplishments, Rowene was recognized by NIU’s Supportive Professional Staff Council with a Presidential Citation in 2009 for her work with our student advising and AACSB accreditation. Over the years, Rowene has advised over 5,000 of our undergraduate and graduate students – helping them chart a course through our programs to graduation and successful careers. Her legacy also lives on via the advising systems in place for our students.

Without question, we will miss these two wonderful individuals – both of whom have had a significant and lasting impact on our Department, our students, and the profession.

NIU Accountancy remains a special place because of the quality of our faculty and staff. Some of their accomplishments are noted in this newsletter – but those words cannot express the amount of time and energy they put into their tasks. Our students and the academy benefit greatly from their commitment. Our students are a constant motivator for our faculty and we are proud of their commitment to academic excellence and service – you’ll also read about a number of their accomplishments this past year.

Finally, we cannot be successful as a Department without the strong support from our alumni, firms, and friends of the Department. Thank you for the many ways you support our mission. In these times of financial uncertainty, we are grateful that so many of you have continued your financial support of our mission. About twice a month, I have the privilege of signing thank you letters to individuals who have taken the time to remember us financially. Although the letters may not fully express it, please know that your financial commitment – whether large or small – is something that encourages me and the Department. Thank you for remembering. Because of your generosity, we can provide our faculty and students with the tools needed to create an outstanding learning environment – especially in times of transition.
DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS VISIT NIU

Richard Chambers, CIA, CCSA, CGAP, who has served as president and CEO of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) since 2009, visited NIU in February 2011 to deliver an insightful presentation, entitled “Internal Auditing in the Spotlight,” to the accounting students and faculty. He reflected upon a chronology of recent events impacting the internal auditing profession, including Y2K, the Enron and WorldCom scandals, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and the financial crisis of 2008— all of which has raised expectations of internal auditors and their role in organizational risk management. The IIA was founded in 1941 with just 24 members. Today, the IIA is a major international professional organization consisting of more than 170,000 members in more than 160 countries; and those members work in internal auditing, internal control and risk management, governance, information technology, education, and more.

Dan Roam is the founder and president of Digital Roam Inc., and the author of a number of best-selling books, including The Back of the Napkin (2008) and Blah, Blah, Blah: What To Do When Words Don’t Work (2011). A successful consultant to numerous well-known companies, his books and presentations teach the power of “visual thinking” to focus on the key dimensions of problems to identify unexpected solutions and to sell ideas with pictures. In addition to his motivational presentation in September to an auditorium full of accounting students and faculty members, Mr. Roam conducted separate interactive workshops for students in our Leadership Masters of Accounting Science (LMAS) Program and for our faculty. Readers are encouraged to visit www.danroam.com for additional information about Dan Roam and his insightful books.

Lorelei St. James is a Senior Executive and a Director in the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). Consisting of more than 3000 professionals in every conceivable discipline, GAO conducts financial audits; assists Congress with public policy analysis; evaluates the effectiveness of federal programs; issues legal opinions and decisions; adjudicates bid protests filed by private companies regarding the award of federal contracts; and investigates waste, fraud, and mismanagement in government. In October, Ms. St. James traveled to NIU from GAO’s Dallas field office to make a presentation about the broad range of interesting work that GAO is doing for the benefit of the nation. While at NIU, Ms. St. James also visited Professor Waymire’s Government and Not-For-Profit classes for a lively interaction and discussion with smaller groups of students about contemporary issues affecting the public sector and GAO’s mission.

Ralph de la Vega, a 1989 graduate of NIU’s Executive MBA Program, was the 2011 College of Business Outstanding Alumnus. He spoke to a packed auditorium of students and faculty members in accounting and business on October 19, 2011. Mr. de la Vega has achieved incredible success in his professional career in the telecommunications/technology industry, beginning as an entry-level engineer with BellSouth in 1974. Since 2008, Mr. de la Vega has served as President and CEO-AT&T Mobility and Consumer Markets with responsibility for all of AT&T’s wired and wireless businesses. As a child, Mr. de la Vega’s parents made arrangements for their family to leave Cuba for America shortly after the Castro regime came to power, which required them to leave all of their possessions behind. When they arrived at the Havana Airport, the parents were told by a communist official, who objected to something in the family’s paperwork, “Only the boy can go.” His parents hurriedly arranged for their son to fly 90 miles by himself to Miami, where he would be met by a young Cuban couple known to the parents. Little did his parents know that it would be four years before the family would be reunited in Florida. Mr. de la Vega began his journey to a new country as a 10-year-old boy, alone with no possessions or money, unable to speak a word of English, to stay with people he did not know. Mr. de la Vega authored a remarkable book that bridges his compelling personal story and his outstanding success in business entitled, Obstacles Welcome: How to Turn Adversity into Advantage in Business and in Life (2009).
Melvin Flowers, Microsoft’s Corporate Vice President of Internal Audit, visited NIU in October, 2011, as the featured speaker for the College of Business “Building Ethical Leaders Using an Integrated Ethics Framework” (BELIEF) initiative. A Chicago native, Mr. Flowers earned his undergraduate degree in accounting at NIU. Mr. Flowers delivered an insightful and substantive presentation to a packed auditorium entitled, “Ethics and My Career: a Personal Journey.” During his presentation, he discussed Microsoft’s corporate values, along with the challenges of applying those values across the many countries and cultures in which the company is engaged. Mr. Flowers reflected upon his personal career path and offered some ethical suggestions to the many students in the audience. Among many insights that he shared was the following observation: “The biggest tool against ethical corruption is transparency.” 

[Note: Businessweek's 2011 listing of best specialty programs in business education ranks NIU's College of Business third in the country for ethics education.]

Distinguished Speakers Visit NIU—Continued

Gaylen Larson Selected as College’s Golden Alumnus

As part of the NIU College of Business 50th Year Celebration, Gaylen Larson (Accountancy ‘62) was selected as the College’s Golden Alumnus in recognition of his distinguished career and dedication to NIU. Gaylen’s professional career spanned forty years as a partner with Haskins & Sells (now Deloitte), as chief accounting officer for Household International (now part of HSBC), and as a board member on the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

In addition to these significant responsibilities, Gaylen also found time to serve the public interest in a variety of ways. He served as Chairman of the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (also known as COSO). During his time as chairman, COSO developed guidance enabling enterprises around the world to assess the adequacy of their internal controls and to report on these controls to investors and regulators, as well as to operating management. He also served as the Chairman of the Committee on Corporate Financial Reporting of the Financial Executives International, Chairman of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants’ Special Committee on Finance Companies which addressed the need for improvement of industry accounting and auditing guidance, the FASB’s Emerging Issues Task Force and the Financial Instruments Task Force, the Illinois CPA Society’s Executive Advisory Committee and as trustee of the Financial Executives Research Foundation.

Gaylen met his wife, Joanne (Education ‘61) when they arrived at NIU and were married in 1960. In 2007, he and Joanne provided a lead gift of $1 million to establish the Larson Professorship in the Department of Accountancy and provide scholarship and discretionary funding to both the College and Department. Gaylen has been honored with Distinguished Alumnus Awards from the Department, College, and University, National Beta Alpha Psi’s Accountant of the Year Award, the Financial Executives Institute’s Distinguished Service Award, and Case Western Reserve University’s Braden Award.

Although retired for over a decade, Gaylen keeps busy by traveling around the globe (he and Joanne have visited over 80 countries), fishing, investing, and managing the Larson Family Farms. He also continues to serve the Department on our Advisory Council. Given his far-reaching and substantive career and commitment to service and NIU, Gaylen was an obvious choice to be the College’s Golden Alumnus – and we are proud of all he has done to advance our Department, its faculty, and its students. Congratulations Gaylen!
2011 Outstanding Alumni

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.

Harry Argires - Partner, KPMG LLP

Harry graduated from NIU in 1989. He has over 20 years of experience with KPMG, serving many of KPMG’s Chicago banking, specialty finance, and real estate clients. Prior to returning to Chicago, he lead KPMG’s Washington, D.C. banking and finance practice. Harry is also the partner-in-charge and member of the Board of Directors of KPMG’s Global Delivery Center in Bangalore, India. He has advised his clients on a range of issues, including investment valuation, complex capital structures, international operations, regulatory matters, and acquisitions and divestitures. He also has extensive international work experience. Harry is currently the lead engagement partner on HSBC Finance Corporation.

Tim Fitzgerald - Vice President & CFO, Middleby Corporation

Tim graduated from NIU in 1991 and joined Middleby Corporation in 1998 after working as a senior audit manager with Arthur Andersen. He served as Corporate Controller of Middleby from 1998 to 2003 at which time he was promoted to Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Tim is heavily involved in all strategic and operating decisions within the company, but is primarily responsible for financial reporting, budgeting and financial planning, tax planning and compliance, cash management, currency control and investor relations. Through a series of strategic acquisitions, Tim helped transform Middleby into a leading producer of ovens, fryers and other cooking equipment. He was listed as one of Crain Chicago’s “40 under 40” in 2006.

Paul Keglevic - Executive Vice President and CFO, Energy Future Holdings (EFH)

After graduating from NIU in 1976, Paul joined the Chicago office of Arthur Andersen. He was promoted to partner in 1987 and transferred to Andersen’s Los Angeles office where he ultimately became one of five Regional Managing Partners in the U.S. with responsibility for 300 partners and $600 million in revenues. Paul joined PriceWaterhouseCoopers in 2002 where he served as lead engagement partner on numerous Fortune 500 companies. In 2008, Paul joined EFH, a Dallas-based privately held energy company with a portfolio of competitive and regulated energy companies serving the electric power needs of Texas. EFH remains one of the largest leveraged buyouts in U.S. history. Paul is also a frequent instructor, speaker and panelist at various utility industry events. He has also co-authored several articles.

Katie Scherping - CFO, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers

Katie joined the Denver office of Arthur Andersen after graduating from NIU in 1982. Before joining Red Robin in 2005, she served in various senior financial roles with, among others, Alerte Centre (which she led out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy to emerge as a public company), Tele-Communications, Inc. (which she helped integrate with AT&T Broadband after their merger), and Tanning Technology Corporation (which she led through an initial public offering). Since Katie arrived at Red Robin, the company has grown from 250 restaurants with revenues from $486 million to over 450 restaurants with revenues of over $860 million. In 2006, Katie was awarded the Jean Yancey Award for Outstanding Women in Business and was the recipient of the 2008 CFO of the Year Award in the medium-sized public company category presented by the Denver Business Journal.
ACCOUNTANCY STUDENT RECEIVES OUTSTANDING WOMEN STUDENT AWARD

Kathleen Johnson was one of four NIU business students to receive the University’s 2011 Outstanding Women Student Award for academic and personal achievements as well as contributions to the overall NIU community. She was among 48 women from across the university to receive the award. Collectively, the 48 award winners represent undergraduate, graduate, and law students. The University’s program to recognize outstanding women students was created in 1980 and is held annually to celebrate their achievements, encourage participation in all facets of the university experience, and support the development of collaborative and competitive strengths. Congratulations Kathleen!

ACCOUNTANCY INTERN RECEIVES UNIVERSITY AWARD

Shilen Patel, an accountancy major at NIU, was selected as the recipient of the March 2011 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. Shilen interned with BDO USA, LLP. He praised his internship experience by stating, “This opportunity has really brought together all of the things I have learned in my academic career. This is why I believe the Accountancy Department emphasizes the importance of an internship throughout its program.” Joe Calabria, Assurance Manager of BDO, praised Shilen for his strong technical and communication skills and work ethic. Congratulations Shilen!
ERNST & YOUNG LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER DEDICATED

On May 3, 2012, the Department of Accountancy hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony opening the new Ernst & Young Leadership and Professional Development Center in Barsema Hall. Several NIU accountancy alumni who are Ernst & Young partners came back to campus for the ceremony. With an endowment campaign driven by alumnus Lance Smith (ACCY ’84), the Ernst & Young Leadership and Professional Development Center prepares accountancy students to be effective leaders and communicators. Thanks to the commitments of 15 Ernst & Young partners and the support of the Ernst & Young Foundation, a permanent endowment in excess of $600,000 has been established that will contribute to the operating budget of the Center and the ongoing development of NIU graduate accountancy students.

Using physical, virtual, and external space, the Ernst & Young Center develops the leadership and professional development skills students need in this age of constantly changing business environments. Center consultants provide services such as feedback on written assignments, mock interviews, presentation assessment and self-awareness development. Workshops on feedback delivery, facilitation skills, networking, personal branding, and email strategies are also hosted by the center.

The Ernst & Young Center also coordinates with The Second City, a Chicago based improvisational comedy club to offer students additional opportunities to develop their communication skills. Cast members from The Second City teach students improvisational skills by taking them out of the classroom and placing them on the same stage as famed comedians such as Stephen Colbert and Tina Fey. The improvisational exercises help students understand the importance of ‘thinking on your feet’ while also gaining an appreciation for developing sharp listening skills. Students come away considerably more conscious of not only what to say, but how to say it. Through the communication exercises, students realize how just slight differences of the same message can be interpreted many different ways.

The Ernst & Young Leadership and Professional Development Center is led by Jen Ellis (Professional Development Director) and Jeff Carroll (Leadership Development Director). The Center is open to NIU accountancy students pursuing their Leadership Masters in Accounting Science degree.

NIU ACCOUNTANCY STUDENTS WIN PWC xTAX CHALLENGE

Several NIU Accountancy students won awards in the 2011 PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) xTAX Challenge. The xTAX (short for extreme tax) Challenge is a program designed by PwC to foster interest among students in the world of tax and provide them with exposure to a “real world” tax case. xTAX teams have two weeks to research an assigned high level question about an important tax issue that has no one correct answer. The topic is generally one that students have not encountered before. Teams must consider multiple stakeholder viewpoints, collect information about alternatives and select a course of action. Developing a position on these important issues is difficult, challenging and exciting. The teams then prepare a presentation supporting their conclusions for a team of PwC professionals.

In addition to gaining experience with teamwork, critical thinking and communication skills, students also network with members of the tax profession.

NIUs first place team won $1,000. Congratulations to our winners!

The first place team from left to right: Willie Carter, Katherine Basham, Laura Holm, Yangfei Zhou, and Reid Mitchell
Department Welcomes New Faculty Member

Jeff Carroll joined the Accountancy Department as Director of Leadership Development in our revised Leadership MAS program. He worked for SSP-BPI Group for 7 years with involvement in all the firm’s practice areas, including Career Transition, Talent Management, Talent Acquisition and Executive Advisory Services.

Prior to joining BPI group, Jeff worked as a senior HR leader with GTE (Verizon) and Van den Bergh Foods, a division of Unilever, where he trained senior management in effective coaching strategies for high-potential individuals, among other responsibilities. In addition, he has also served as the vice president of HR for two middle-market service firms, with a focus on developing and implementing an HR strategy and organization closely aligned with the business mission.

Jeff also serves on the business advisory board at the College of Business at NIU and speaks on a wide variety of career topics to numerous companies and associations. Welcome Jeff!

Jim Young Elected President of Accounting Programs Leadership Group

Jim Young, Crowe Horwath Professor of Accountancy and chair of the Department is currently serving as president of the Accounting Program Leadership Group (APLG), a section of the American Accounting Association. The APLG has over 500 members comprised of accounting department chairs and graduate accounting program directors from across the United States. The APLG assists department chairs in the development of skills necessary to be effective leaders, influences the design and delivery of accounting education, assists program leaders with accreditation processes, and serves as an advocate for the academy in promoting policies that will produce high quality accounting education. In addition, Jim is leading the APLG through a significant revision of its strategic plan – to be presented to membership for approval later this year.

Linda Matuszewski Receives College and Department Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award

Linda Matuszewski was selected by the undergraduate accountancy majors in the Department and undergraduate business majors in the College of Business to receive the 2010-2011 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 Linda’s abilities in the classroom. Congratulations Linda!

Suzanne Youngberg Receives Department Excellence in Undergraduate Instruction Award

Suzanne Youngberg was selected by the Department’s undergraduate accountancy majors to receive the 2010-2011 Excellence in Undergraduate Instruction Award. This is the second year in a row that Suzanne has won this 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.

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Gary Burge, Consultant
Matt Garling, SunCoke Energy Inc.
Gordy Gruszka, Motorola Mobility
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Anthony Harmon, Grant Thornton LLP
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Accountancy Leadership Advisory Council (ALAC)

ALAC is a group comprised of students with evidenced leadership abilities who provide service to the department. Professor Rebecca Shortridge 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: Sarah Saldana– President, Kenneth Nagel–Vice President, Erika Delgado – Secretary, Leobardo Rodriguez– Treasurer, Jeanette Bonilla –Public Relations, Cristian Tinoco– Fundraiser Director, Daniel Santillanes - Social Chair Director, Elizabeth Aguirre– Director of Community Service and Ilya Pustilnik– 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.

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

NIU’s Gamma Pi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) had another terrific year in 2011. A group of NIU representatives participated in the Midwest Regional Meeting in Indianapolis, where then-President Amanda Wheet led the NIU team in earning First Place in the Region’s Best Practices Competition on “The Accountant’s Role in a Changing Business Environment.” Another group of BAP members represented NIU at the August National Meeting in Denver; 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 2011, we initiated another 50 students into permanent BAP membership. Our speaker and guest-of-honor at our April initiation banquet was NIU’s own iconic Dr. Don Kieso, Professor Emeritus, who reminisced about his time on faculty and the many changes to the University and Department since that time; and he offered thoughtful insights about the importance of leadership through a life of service.

We continued to be fortunate to have outstanding professional presentations on Wednesday evenings throughout the fall and the spring semesters on a variety of interesting topics. A representative sample includes the following: “Sustainability Reporting” (Deloitte); “Career Paths in Public Accounting” (Ernst & Young); “Fraud: the Human Element” (Crowe Horwath); “Work/Life Balance” (Grant Thornton); “Career Leadership Considerations” (Caterpillar); and “From Backpack to Briefcase” (Illinois CPA Society), to name a few of this year’s BAP programs.

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.

Important Dates for Employers!

Awards Banquet—September 5, 2012
Meet the Firm Night—September 12, 2012
Meet the Intern Night—November 7, 2012
NIU Alumni Golf Outing—June 3, 2013
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: Becky Calloway – President, Jasidney Nichols – External Vice President, Ryan Sims– Internal Vice President, and Tiffany Jackson – 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 2011, SAS had over 150 active members and is run by an executive board of fourteen members, making it the largest professional group on campus. SAS is currently run by an executive board under the guidance of faculty advisors, David Sinason and Linda Matuszewski.

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

SAS is an active participant in many community service opportunities including a clothing drive, blood drive, and food drive; assisting on bingo nights at the Oakcrest Retirement Center; serving and preparing food at Hope Haven; and assisting at the DeKalb Animal Shelter. Other events include a golf outing, bowling, an ice cream social and attending sporting events.

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