

ACCOUNTING NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 1

Welcome from Dr. Hollingsworth, Department Head of Accounting

Welcome to the fall newsletter from the Department of Accounting in the Gary W. Rollins College of Business. It has been an exciting and successful year and the future looks good for accounting at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) thanks to our high achieving students and productive faculty and staff. We continue to graduate excellent accounting and business professionals who are highly sought after by employers. Our faculty and staff are focused on helping students achieve their career goals of employment with accounting firms, public and private companies, and not-for-profit organizations, as well as graduate school. The number of employers seeking to hire our accounting graduates continues to grow each year, as evidenced by participation in our meet-the-firms event. The Department's Accounting Lecture Series hosted Jeanette Franzel from PCAOB last year and will host Dean Mead from GASB this year. Yes, the future is bright for accounting at UTC's Gary W. Rollins College of Business!



The College of Business was named the Gary W. Rollins College of Business on June 22, 2018 following a transformational gift of \$40 million from Gary W. Rollins & Kathleen Rollins of Atlanta.

THANK YOU TO THE ACCOUNTING COMMUNITY

On behalf of the of the Accounting Department in the Gary W. Rollins College of Business, we want to thank each of our community partners who have helped our program and clubs thrive this past year. Your dedication to accounting has given our students an invaluable experience through networking and learning events. We appreciate your investment in our students and look forward to collaborating with you this year.

HAPPENING THIS FALL

TSCPA UTC DISCOVER ACCOUNTING DAY

October 23: Please share with high school students who may be interested in a career in accounting. <https://goo.gl/inD8Cv>

For additional updates from the Gary W. Rollins College of Business, follow @UTCRollinsCOB on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook!

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NEW to UTC! Handshake is an online tool connecting students and employers. Visit utc.joinhandshake.com to join!

Students can search and apply for your job postings through their job feed.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Meet Ashton Mitchell, Recent Graduate

Ashton Mitchell is a recent graduate from UTC where she majored in Accounting. Ashton expresses that without the help of the College of Business at UTC she would not have had the opportunities that she did. The Business Living and Learning Community helped prepare her for interviews and networking while she also built a connection with Dean Dooley through Moc-Mentors. This mentorship led to an internship connection at The Edney Innovation Center. A lunch and learn with TVA, hosted by UTC, is how Ashton landed her dream internship in Fuel Accounting. Ashton received her first job out of college with Ernst and Young by connecting with employers at the annual Meet the Firms event held on UTC's campus. She recently accepted an offer from a Big 4 accounting firm where she now works for the IT Risk Advisory program in Birmingham, AL.



**MORE THAN \$47,000 IN
SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED
TO ACCOUNTING STUDENTS
IN THE 2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR**

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We congratulate Dr. Anne Wilkins who was awarded Tenure and named a UC Foundation Associate Professor effective August 1, 2018.



Beta Alpha Psi Officers 2018-19:

President - Caroline Spradlin
Vice President - Katie Maxwell
Secretary - Harleigh Burtis
Treasurer - Amanda Bissinger
Tutoring Coordinator - Tiffany Cherne

Institute for Management Accountants Officers 2018-19:

President - Tiffany Cherne
Vice President - Jacob Dobbs
Treasurer - Kaci Jones
Secretary - Hunter Wallace
Information Officer - Katie Maxwell

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

INSTITUTE FOR MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS:

The Institute for Management Accountants at UTC brought in more than 10 outside speakers to meet with students over the course of the 2017-18 academic year. The UTC IMA was awarded more than seven Certified Management Accountant scholarships in the last academic year. Five accounting students were sent to the National IMA Student Leadership Conference and won first place in the t-shirt design competition.

BETA ALPHA PSI:

The Eta Kappa Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at UTC had 43 members this past academic year. During that period, the organization hosted 18 speakers to campus and hosted the annual Meet the Firms event. At this event, BAP welcomed companies, accounting firms, and governmental bodies to interact with students about opportunities in the field. For the year, BAP volunteered for a number of organizations in the community. Specifically, members volunteered for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program sponsored by the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga. Through this program, members were able to help with income tax preparation for the taxpayers in the community. Additionally, BAP continued its longstanding tutoring program for Principles of Accounting students.