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Lundquist College of Business

# DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING PROSPECTUS 2014 ALUMNI ACCOLADES





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Kelly Bosch presents Anna Karvina Pidong the inaugural Moss Adams Diversity Scholarship. Karvina is one of seven scholarship recipients selected from campuses in the western United States based on her academic achievement, leadership skills, extracurricular activities, and communication skills.

**Cover, top:** The UO Accounting Alumni Network Annual Reception, Portland, summer 2014. Bottom (from left to right): Jingjing Huang, PhD '14, with David Guenther and Linda Krull; Jordan Patterson '09, MActg '10, and Joel Sneed at Meet the Firms; Marta Powers '02, MActg '03, and Charles Cowden MBA '71, at the Accounting Circle meeting last fall.

## DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

# TOP TEN

- 1** The **accounting faculty** was ranked second worldwide in publishing academic tax research over the past six years. They are ranked third over the past 12 years, and fourth over all years, according to ratings compiled by Brigham Young University.
- 2** **Ryan Wilson** received the Lundquist College of Business 2014 Goulet Research Excellence Award. This is the sixth consecutive year, and the seventh time in the past eight years, that a member of the accounting faculty has been honored with this award.
- 3** Accounting alumna **Tiffany Phillips '13** was awarded the esteemed Elijah Watt Sells Award for 2013. This award is for people who earned a cumulative average score above 95.5 on the CPA exam, completed testing over the 2013 calendar year, and passed all four sections on their first attempt. This is the second year in a row that a UO accounting alum has earned this honor.
- 4** Master of Accounting Program alum **Yujie "Jack" Zhang '13**, MActg '14, was one of only 97 students in the United States to win the AICPA Scholarship for Minority Accounting Students for 2013–14. The award recognizes academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to pursuing the CPA. Jack also was honored with the UO Centurion Award for his dedication and outstanding service as a student leader.
- 5** **Tiffany Phillips '13**, **William Geller '12**, and **Eric Seifert '12**, MActg '13, earned the three highest scores on the CPA exam in Oregon for 2013.
- 6** The accounting department designed the innovative **3+1 Accounting Pathway** for motivated students whose goal is to complete their 225 credits in four years.
- 7** Our **Beta Alpha Psi** chapter received "Superior Status" for the 11th consecutive year.
- 8** **Ryan Wilson** had three papers published and one paper accepted by three of the top five academic accounting journals.
- 9** **Angela Davis**, **Steve Matsunaga**, and **Kyle Peterson** had papers accepted by top accounting journals.
- 10** As of June 2014 commencement, **accounting students** earned the three highest GPAs in the Lundquist College of Business.

# HELLO from Dave

## Alumni Accolades

If you saw a headline that read "Oregon Alumni Sweep Top Three Spots at Recent Event," you'd probably think of track and field. And although we've had a good number of track-and-field stars as accounting majors over the years, the headline probably wouldn't bring the accounting department to mind. But accounting is exactly the field (or track?) in which the top three spots were swept last year by Oregon alumni. Three graduates of our accounting programs took first, second, and third places for the highest scores on the CPA exam in the state of Oregon. We'd like them to take a victory lap around these pages while we brag about them.

These former students—Tiffany Phillips, William Geller, and Eric Seifert—were recognized at the 2014 Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants Circle of Excellence, and we couldn't be more proud of them. They represent everything that's great about our accounting programs, and they point out a fundamental fact that everyone here in the Lundquist College of Business recognizes: The foundation of our programs' success rests on the quality of the students we attract.

Attracting great students isn't easy, and we work hard year-round to make it happen. Getting good students not only requires great faculty members, programs, and facilities, but also a great network of accounting professionals to work with our students and help us turn them into future business leaders. And bringing these professionals and students together requires a great student organization like Beta Alpha Psi. As with a great relay team, all of this requires a lot of practice, skill, and, most of all, effort.

Looking toward the future, our department is focusing on ways to make our programs even more attractive to prospective students. We're looking to find ways to connect



with potential students earlier in their academic life to get them thinking about accounting as a career—and how to prepare for it. We're working on ways to get students through the programs faster and more efficiently and to get them better prepared to work in a fast-changing global business environment. And we're focused on attracting a diverse group of students who recognize the value of service and who can become the future professionals that return to help keep our program strong well into the future.

Please join us in celebrating the successes of all our alumni—not just this year, but the countless successes achieved consistently over many decades. We're proud of all of you. We've had top scoring students in past CPA exams (Angel Davis '09, MACTg '10, and Kellan Davis '11, MACTg '12) and we plan to have many more in the future. Our students are great, and you help us make them better. When they graduate, they join the ranks of Oregon accounting alumni, a group that is truly exceptional. Thank you for your support of our students and our programs.

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "David A. Guenther".

David A. Guenther  
Head, Department of Accounting



**Tiffany Phillips '13**, highest scorer on the CPA exam in Oregon for 2013, and winner of the Elijah Watt Sells Award. Phillips is a staff accountant at Moss Adams in Eugene.



**William Geller '12**, second-highest scorer on the CPA exam in Oregon for 2013. Geller is an audit assistant at Deloitte in Portland.



**Eric Seifert '12, MACTg '13**, third-highest scorer on the CPA exam in Oregon for 2013. Seifert is a tax associate at AKT in Lake Oswego.

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## The Accounting Circle: Building Connections between the Profession and Education

Established in 1997, the Accounting Circle consists of more than 140 business leaders who actively support excellence in accounting education at the University of Oregon. The circle is the accounting department's strongest link to the accounting and business communities. The organization serves a vital fundraising mission, providing the financial backing necessary for the department's continuous improvement of its faculty, curriculum, and student programs.

Each fall, the Accounting Circle meets with the accounting faculty for an update on department finances, to discuss issues in accounting education, and to explore ways to better prepare students to enter the profession. After our meeting, we all attend the annual Accounting Circle tailgate party and then cheer the Ducks on to another football victory.

### Accounting Circle Associates

Four years ago, we established the Accounting Circle associates level for our supporters who are not quite ready to join the circle as a full member. Associate members contribute a minimum of \$750 annually while full circle members contribute a minimum of \$1,500 annually. The associates group has grown to 35 members and counting, and we look forward to continuing to expand membership at both the associates and full levels.

### Advisory Board

Our advisory board consists of 26 Accounting Circle members from public accounting and industry. The board meets annually in the spring, and this past year the board's attention focused on the 3+1 Accounting Pathway into the Master of Accounting Program, potential changes to CPA exam requirements, and possible tax and audit concentrations at the master's level.

If you would like to get more involved and become a member of the Accounting Circle, the Accounting Circle associates, or the advisory board, contact David Guenther at [guenther@uoregon.edu](mailto:guenther@uoregon.edu).



Grant and Elaine Jones at the 2013 Accounting Circle Tailgate Party.



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Erik and Brittany Parrish with their daughter, Emmi, at the 2013 Accounting Circle Tailgate Party.

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Associate Professor Ryan Wilson speaks at the 2013 Accounting Circle meeting while other accounting faculty members Kyle Peterson, Michele Henney, and David Guenther listen.

# FACULTY FOCUS

## Angela Davis

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
OF ACCOUNTING



Originally from Boise, Davis received her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Idaho (1993) and her PhD from the

University of Washington (2001). Prior to pursuing her PhD, Angie worked as an auditor for KPMG in Portland and as a corporate accountant for Albertson's in Boise.

Davis enjoys teaching at various levels. Last year, she taught Accounting Measurement and Disclosure to the master of accounting and MBA students. She says the work and educational experiences the master's students bring to the classroom make for dynamic and interesting discussions.

She especially likes bringing elements of her research to the curriculum and believes that exposing the students to academic research broadens their understanding of accounting and the role it plays in capital markets.

Davis also has fun teaching Intermediate Accounting I to the undergraduate accounting majors. She enjoys seeing them take the tools they learned from introductory accounting classes to step into a deeper examination of accounting issues, while watching the "light bulb effect" in action as her students' understanding of accounting matures.

Davis's research generally focuses on managers' voluntary disclosures. In a paper soon to be published in the *Review of Accounting Studies*, Davis and her coauthors investigate whether a manager's tendency to be optimistic or pessimistic affects the tone used in a firm's quarterly conference calls. They find that conference call tones reflect not only the current and future

performance of a firm, but also this manager-specific characteristic. Currently, Davis is working on a project related to corporate social responsibility and the payment of corporate taxes. She is also collaborating with UO PhD candidate (and Harvard Law School graduate) Joshua Cutler on a paper investigating securities litigation related to disclosure. Davis has also published research coauthored with her husband, UO economics associate professor Jeremy Piger. Although they are not working on any current projects, they may collaborate again in the future. She jokes, "It makes for interesting dinner conversation. Our kids just love listening to us discuss research ideas."

If she didn't sound busy enough, Davis is also the mother of two active boys, Henry, age 10, and Owen, age eight. They attend French immersion school in South Eugene and are involved in activities ranging from soccer to musical theater. Once the boys are fluent in French, Angie and her husband plan to take the family to France, so the boys can lead the family vacation *en Français*.

## Bruce Darling

INSTRUCTOR OF ACCOUNTING



You wouldn't know it from his low-key personality, but Bruce Darling has many stories to tell from his very interesting life.

He has hung out with the likes of Tom Petty, David Copperfield, and Pele. He has played softball with Bruce Springsteen, watched Meatloaf record the album *Bat Out of Hell*, and had the chance to play professional soccer. His hobbies include building model trains, competitive checkers, and sumo wrestling.

How does an accounting instructor and practitioner have such a varied history?

It all started after he graduated from college in Ohio, when he got his first accounting job doing bookkeeping for the Agora Theatre. The Agora was run by the LoConti family, most notably the late Henry LoConti, legendary for his contributions to the rock music industry. Henry's brother Nick was the house accountant, and took Darling under his wing. Darling recalls, "College gave me my degrees, but Nick gave me my education."

Working at the theater had its perks. Not only did Darling get great accounting experience, he also had access to great shows and cool introductions to up-and-coming musicians. Darling started his own accounting firm in 1980, with the Agora being one of his first clients.

Darling eventually went back to school and earned his MBA (1990) and master of accounting and financial information systems (1994) at Cleveland State University, where he

got his first taste of teaching. He went on to become an accounting instructor at Lake Erie College, then moved on to Stark State College, where he served as head of the accounting and finance departments. He found himself moving to the Eugene area after visiting a friend in Oregon and meeting UO accounting professors Dale Morse and Ray King. In 2002, Bruce moved into a house up the river near McKenzie Bridge, where he enjoys the beauty and quiet of the Northwest.

There are many reasons Darling loves teaching. For one thing, he feels it keeps him young being around young minds. He also finds teaching invigorating and loves being able to make a difference in students' lives.

Darling continues to run his accounting firm more than 30 years later, a much smaller practice than it used to be. If you run into Bruce, be sure to ask him about his days at the Agora.

# RESEARCH

The members of the Association of American Universities (AAU) are 62 universities with strong graduate programs, professional education, and research. The University of Oregon is one of only 36 public universities afforded AAU membership.

Consistent with the research mission of this select group, the UO accounting faculty conducts research in the fields of accounting and the accounting profession. This list of publications includes books and articles that were either published during 2013–14 or are forthcoming. Abstracts and complete copies of these papers may be obtained by contacting the authors.

## 2013–14 Publications

"The Effect of Manager-Specific Optimism on the Tone of Earnings Conference Calls." **A. Davis**, W. Ge, D. Matsumoto, and J. L. Zhang, *Review of Accounting Studies*, forthcoming.

"Are CEOs and CFOs Rewarded for Disclosure Quality?" K. W. Hui and **S. Matsunaga**, *The Accounting Review*, forthcoming.

"Financial Statement Complexity and Meeting Analysts' Expectations." J. Filzen and **K. Peterson**, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, forthcoming.

"Investors' Reaction to the Use of Poison Pills as a Tax Loss Preservation Tool." S. Sikes, X. Tian, and **R. Wilson**, *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, 2014, 57 (2–3): 132–48.

"Dual Class Ownership and Tax Avoidance." S. McGuire, **R. Wilson**, and D. Wang, *The Accounting Review*, July 2014.

"A New Measure of Accounting Quality." P. Hribar, T. Kravet, and **R. Wilson**, *Review of Accounting Studies*, 2014, 19: 506–38.

"Did FIN 48 Limit the Use of Tax Reserves as a Tool for Earnings Management?" R. Cazier, S. Rego, X. Tian, and **R. Wilson**, *Review of Accounting Studies*, forthcoming.

## 2013–14 Research Workshops

**Jennifer Brown**  
Arizona State  
University

**Jeffrey Hales**  
Georgia Tech

**Andy Leone**  
University of Miami

**Russell Li**  
University of Oregon

**Aaron Mandell**  
University of Oregon

**Becky Perez**  
University of Oregon

**Stephanie Sikes**  
University of  
Pennsylvania

**Roger Silvers**  
University of Utah

## Faculty Research Presentations

**Kyle Peterson**: "The Earnings Quality and Information Processing Effects of Accounting Consistency" (coauthored with R. Schmardebeck and J. Wilks), University of Utah, September 2013.

**David Guenther**: "Tax Avoidance and Firm Risk" (coauthored with **Steve Matsunaga** and **Brian Williams**), Illinois Tax Symposium, September 2013.

**Steve Matsunaga**: "Are CEOs and CFOs Rewarded for Disclosure Quality?" (coauthored with K. W. Hui), National Chengchi University, August 2013.

**Steve Matsunaga**: "Does Appointing a Former CFO as CEO Influence a Firm's Accounting Policies?" (coauthored with **Shan Wang** and E. Yeung), University of Melbourne and Singapore Management University, September 2013, and Hong Kong University, October 2013.

**Steve Matsunaga**: "Tax Avoidance and Firm Risk," Hong Kong University and Singapore Management University, September 2013.

**Ryan Wilson**: "Pricing Firms' Responsiveness to Shareholder Tax Incentives" (coauthored with P. Hribar and S. Savoy), University of Pennsylvania, September 2013, and University of Southern California, December 2013.

**Ryan Wilson** (discussant): "Repatriation Tax and the Value of Cash Holdings" by N. Chen, Western Region Meeting of the American Accounting Association, April 2014.



# PhD PROGRAM

The accounting department operates an active PhD program designed to train students for a successful career in academia.

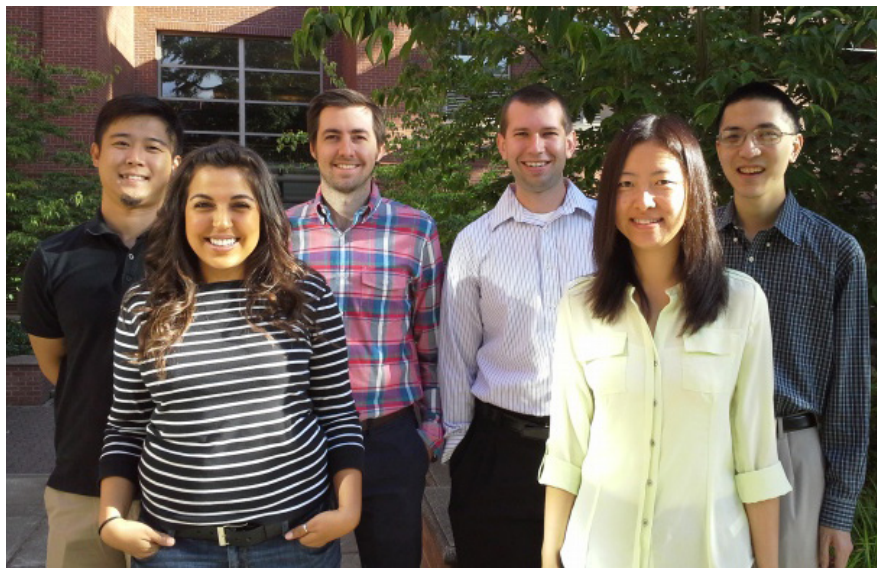
This fall, we welcome Courtney Roth and Kimberly Krieg into our program. Roth has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Krieg has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of California at Berkeley. Both students have several years' experience working in the tax department for public accounting firms and intend to focus their research on tax.

Jingjing Huang successfully defended her dissertation, "The Role of Taxes in Foreign Earnings Management: Implications for Pricing of Foreign Earnings." She accepted a position as an assistant professor of accounting at Virginia Tech University, where she will be teaching corporate taxation and continuing her research. Brian Williams, Shan Wang, Josh Cutler, Russell Li, Aaron Mandell, Becky Perez, Myron Chang, and Kaishu Wu are continuing their studies in the program. Both Williams and Cutler presented papers at the University of British Columbia, University of Oregon, and University of Washington (UBCOW) Conference in Seattle, Washington, and the American Accounting Association (AAA) Annual

Meeting in Anaheim, California. Perez is a recipient of the KPMG Foundation Scholarship and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Doctoral Minority Scholarship.

The doctoral program relies heavily on the financial support provided by the Accounting Circle and donors to the accounting program. This funding allows us to compete for the top candidates and provides additional research opportunities for our students. It also allows our students to focus on developing their research skills and generating a research portfolio that will enhance their placement opportunities.

We are always looking for strong candidates to join our program. Although doctoral programs and subsequent academic careers are demanding, they provide rewards (monetary and otherwise) that few careers can match. If you are someone who would appreciate the thrill of discovery, the feeling of accomplishment of seeing your work in print, and the satisfaction that goes with being a positive influence in the lives of your students, we hope that you will consider our program. Additional information regarding our PhD program can be found on our website at [business.uoregon.edu/phd](http://business.uoregon.edu/phd), or by contacting Linda Krull at 541-346-3252 or [lkrull@uoregon.edu](mailto:lkrull@uoregon.edu).



2013–14 accounting PhD students (from left to right) Kaishu Wu, Becky Perez, Aaron Mandell, Brian Williams, Shan Wang, and Myron Chang. Joshua Cutler and Russell Li are not pictured.

## PhD Student Research Presentations

**Joshua Cutler:** "Voluntary Disclosure and the Outcome of Securities Litigation" (coauthored with **Angela Davis** and **Kyle Peterson**), UBCOW Conference, September 2013, and Brigham Young University Accounting Research Symposium, October 2013.

**Russell Li:** "Innovation Efficiency and R & D Tax Credit" (coauthored with **Linda Krull**), Western Region Meeting of the AAA, May 2014.

**Aaron Mandell:** "The Role of Incentives and Governance in Master Limited Partnership Payout Policy," Western Region Meeting of the AAA, April 2014.

**Shan Wang:** "Does Appointing a Former CFO as CEO Influence a Firm's Accounting and Disclosure Policies?" (coauthored with **Steve Matsunaga** and **E. Yeung**), Western Region Meeting of the AAA, April 2013, Annual Meeting of the AAA, August 2013, and Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Midyear Meeting of the AAA, January 2014.

**Brian Williams:** "Do Socially Responsible Firms Pay More Taxes?" (coauthored with **Angela Davis**, **Linda Krull**, and **David Guenther**), UBCOW Conference, August 2013.

**Brian Williams:** "Tax Avoidance and Firm Risk" (coauthored with **David Guenther** and **Steve Matsunaga**), Annual Meeting of the AAA, July 2013.

**Brian Williams** (discussant): "Financial Reporting Precision: Measuring the Effectiveness of SOX (Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)" by T. Downen, Annual Meeting of the AAA, July 2013.



# MAcc PROGRAM

## The MAcc Community: Building a Flock of Ducks

The Master of Accounting (MAcc) Program graduated its first class in 2001 and will graduate its 15th class next June. Steady innovation and maturing in areas of curriculum, career planning, cohort building, international experiences, and faculty have occurred during that time period. But that is just part of the story. A program is about building and maintaining community—and all of us are part of that community. We are a living, growing, developing community.

Our alumni are filling the ranks all the way to the top of their organizations, expanding and exploring different companies, and expanding beyond the West Coast. They are giving back—increasingly joining the Accounting Circle, volunteering in communities, serving as sounding boards for new ideas, and helping to connect new MAcc students to their companies and firms. They are getting married, starting families.

### The Paths Our MAcc Ducks Have Flown

Some MAcc alumni have pursued the academic life. Two of our alumni are accounting professors at Pennsylvania State University and California State University, Fullerton.



Robin Clement (center) with her flock of 2014–15 graduate teaching fellows.

Many have risen in the ranks of public accounting. Several are partners at the firms in which they started their careers. Newer alumni have become senior managers, managers, experienced seniors, and newly minted seniors.

Others have great careers in corporate accounting. They have positions as CFOs, controllers, financial analysts, and tax analysts at companies such as Nike, Intel, Precision Castparts, Levi Strauss, and Uber.

Still other MAcc alumni work for the IRS, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the City of Albany.

Many alumni work in Portland, but many others have settled in Seattle, San Francisco, New York City, and other great cities across the country.

### Program Highlights of the Year

Last winter, the MAcc class and two faculty members returned to Nyenrode Business University in the Netherlands for the second annual international trip. Consistent with the first trip in 2012, all had a great learning experience. This time around, we included a day to explore international tax issues, as well as a visit to the Anne Frank House. Both experiences enriched the excursion in different ways.

Back stateside, we added a few new faces to the MAcc teaching team. Angela Davis taught Accounting Measurement and Disclosure, and new faculty members Nicole Johnson and Ryan Wilson taught Strategic Cost Management and Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation, respectively.

This fall, I am proud to launch the new 3+1 Accounting Pathway, an

accelerated track to the master of accounting degree. Many UO undergraduate students matriculate with substantial college credits earned during high school, and some of these students are accounting majors. The pathway is designed to help these highly motivated students complete their undergraduate accounting degree in three years with 180 credit hours, and then take the fourth year to complete the master of accounting degree. This new track is the result of extensive collaboration with the business college's undergraduate programs office, and an idea we have been excited about for some time.

As we plan for new students and learn about the career developments of our alumni, we are building our master of accounting community. It's thrilling for me to hear about our students' and graduates' successes. Please feel free to drop me a line anytime with your updates at [rclement@uoregon.edu](mailto:rclement@uoregon.edu).

*Robin P. Clement*

Robin P. Clement  
Director, Master of Accounting Program

### Master of Accounting Award Winners Class of 2014

#### Department of Accounting Awards for Excellence

Maggie Pietka

#### Federation of Schools of Accountancy Student Award

Mitchell Van Dyke

#### Outstanding Student (voted by fellow students)

Deena North

#### Becker CPA Review Course Scholarships

Kevin Ho

Danielle Sargant

#### Roger CPA Review Scholarship

Yujie "Jack" Zhang

### Graduate Teaching Fellows 2014–15

Nick Barton

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Steven Griswold

Alicia Gunther

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Rui Liu

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Paul Punia

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# BETA ALPHA PSI

## Opportunities Abound

**Lidia Wells**

Beta Alpha Psi President,  
2014–15

*Excerpted from a speech given at  
the Accounting Recognition Evening*

As I prepare for my final year of college here at the Lundquist College of Business, I can't help but think back and be thankful for all of the amazing opportunities that Beta Alpha Psi has offered me and continues to offer to every single one of our members. Our chapter is one of the best chapters in the entire nation and will continue to grow and get better with each year that passes and each new officer group. We have been very fortunate to be in the midst of amazing faculty members, willing professionals who come to our meetings, and active



members and officers who continue to look for new opportunities to take Beta Alpha Psi to the next level.

Beta Alpha Psi is known and respected by the business community as one of the most outstanding organizations of which one pursuing an accounting degree can be a part. The reputation of being a member of Beta Alpha Psi can open a variety of doors to different employers and to many amazing career opportunities. Potential employers know that when they see Beta Alpha Psi on someone's résumé, they are getting the very best. The very best is shaped here at the UO by providing our

members with many opportunities to be successful and encouraging them to undertake as many of those opportunities as possible. Whether it be by participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, tutoring, serving the community, or even being an officer—Beta Alpha Psi gives our members lots of opportunities to develop themselves and be successful.

I am so excited to be a part of such a diverse and hard-working group of people and to continue contributing to such an outstanding organization. I hope that we continue developing new opportunities for our members to get involved and allow them to develop themselves personally and professionally. I want each member to think about their Beta Alpha Psi experience as something that has helped their development—and maybe even the reason why they have found a job.

## Rising to the Occasion

**Jason Wetzel**

Beta Alpha Psi President,  
2013–14

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Much has happened this past year within Beta Alpha Psi, and I was pleasantly surprised with members who showed a willingness to rise to the occasion. One such instance involves our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA has always been run by students with at least one year of training under previous leaders. This year we were not afforded this luxury because our prior-year trainees had graduated and didn't return to the University of Oregon for a fifth year. Fortunately, we had a number of individuals take



this task on as a team. They kept things moving without missing a beat, even surviving an IRS audit of the work site. I commend Jack Walsh, Lidia Wells, and the rest of the VITA team for the work they put in to make this year's VITA program a success.

My office group helped keep the wheels on the bus all year long. This year's presidential role was a split campaign as Daniel Lee stepped in as president while I was completing a winter internship. I am impressed with the work Daniel put in to make Beta

Alpha Psi better for its members and for his pivotal role in making the regional conference happen that our chapter sponsored in Portland. I have received much positive feedback with the work Daniel has done, and I thank him personally for stepping in and doing a great job. As for the other officers—Samer Barghouti, Jack Walsh, Lidia Wells, Sam Woodell, and Reldon Yee—I'm proud to know them and look forward to seeing what they do going forward.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Accounting Circle members, accounting department, and faculty members for their continued support of our chapter. With their support, we have continued to successfully bridge the gap between student and professional life. It is truly a blessing to be part of a profession in which alumni and other professionals take time to give back to future accounting professionals.





Beta Alpha Psi officer group, 2014–15 (left to right): Chris Caldwell, vice president of external affairs; Ye Xu, vice president of finance; Kiana Malekhedayat, vice president of public relations; Lidia Wells, president; Kaley Vincent, vice president of correspondence; and Maria Stampfli, vice president of membership.



Brian Day of Ernst & Young proudly accepts his gift as BAP Professional of the Year.



Jason Wetzel presents gifts to Sam Woodell and Nicole Parks for their outstanding service to the chapter.

## Beta Alpha Psi Awards, May 2014

### Beta Alpha Psi Professional of the Year

Brian Day, Ernst & Young

### Beta Alpha Psi Outstanding Service Awards

Nicole Parks

Sam Woodell

## Beta Alpha Psi Speakers, 2013–14

Below is a sample of guest speakers and their topics at past Beta Alpha Psi meetings. If you're interested in speaking or otherwise getting involved in our chapter, contact Joel Sneed, Beta Alpha Psi faculty advisor, at 541-346-3417.

### AKT

"Construction Accounting"

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### Geffen Mesher

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"My Most Recent Project"

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"Fraud: What to Look for and How to Prevent It"

### Kernutt Stokes

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Ryan Wilson presents the Joseph L. Anstett Memorial MAcc Scholarship to Paul Punia.



Roy Matsunaga presents the Accounting Circle MAcc Student Scholarship to Wenying Cai.



Brandon Parker presents the John and Catherine Knox Scholarships to Cody Damman, Melanie Martin, Karina Padilla, and Nickolas Domenigoni.



Carey Wendle presents the KPMG Distinguished Achievement Award to David Gutmann.

## MASTER OF ACCOUNTING

### Accounting Circle MAcc Student Scholarship

Wenying Cai

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Courtney Vandegriff

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Carlie Thompson

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### Ernst & Young Accounting Excellence Award

Nicholas Rowland

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### Glenn Schneider Memorial Scholarship

Steven Griswold

### Grant Thornton MAcc Scholarship

Paul Punia

### Joseph L. Anstett Memorial MAcc Scholarship

Paul Punia

### KPMG Distinguished Achievement Award

David Gutmann

## MAcc Alumni Scholarship

Emilie Proulx

### Moss Adams MAcc Scholarship

Linkun Fu

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Emily Shade

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Peter Doubleday presents the Glenn Schneider Memorial Scholarship to Steven Griswold.



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Don Lance presents the OSCP Endowment Scholarship to Rixi Feng.



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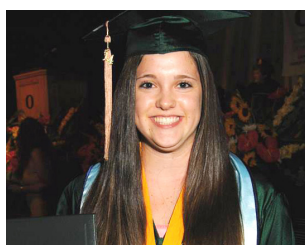
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Because Sydnée Jones couldn't accept the Different Drummer Scholarship in Honor of Paul Frishkoff in person, Professor Frishkoff honored her in absentia.



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In 2012, Colleen Greco pledged a generous gift to the Department of Accounting in honor of her late husband and UO alum Don Greco. Don was a long-time supporter of the UO accounting department, a founding member of the Accounting Circle, and a very loyal Ducks fan. The gift will fund the Donald and Colleen Greco Endowed Scholarship and will be used to support accounting students. The first scholarships are expected to be awarded in 2017. Colleen was recognized for her generosity at the 2013 Accounting Alumni Network Reception in Portland.



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<b>September 22–25</b>	Master of Accounting Orientation
<b>October 7</b>	Beta Alpha Psi Meet the Firms
<b>October 18</b>	Accounting Circle Fall Meeting and Tailgate Party
<b>January–February</b>	Beta Alpha Psi–OSCPA University Night
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<b>May</b>	Beta Alpha Psi Meet the Students
<b>May 20</b>	Accounting Recognition Evening
<b>June 11</b>	Master of Accounting Graduation
<b>June 15</b>	University of Oregon Graduation
<b>Summer 2015</b>	Accounting Alumni Network Reception (Portland)