President’s Message

Welcome back to the spring semester at Athens State!

We hope that your semester is off to a great start. My name is Latasha Davis, and I am a senior accounting student and the current Accounting Club president.

I would like to thank everyone who played a part in helping the Club reach new heights in the fall. Our club activities would not be possible without our wonderful faculty advisors, officers, members and the support of the University faculty and staff, as well as our community. In September, we hosted a “Meet the Firms” event with the help of Ms. Saralyn Mitchell and the Career Development Center. In October, we teamed up with The Smokin’ Box BBQ and served delicious food at the Fiddlers’ Convention. Thanks to everyone who volunteered – it is our biggest annual fundraiser! Then in November, Professor Corzine, Dr. Hammon, my fellow accounting officers, and I flew to Houston, Texas, for the IMA Student Leadership Conference. Over three days, we learned valuable insight about management accounting, leadership, fraud, forensic accounting, and even artificial intelligence. The conference had guest speakers from organizations such as Protiviti, the FBI, and even the former CFO of Enron. We wrapped up the semester by having a potluck, donating to the needy, and reflecting on the past year with our professors and fellow classmates.

We expect this semester to be just as exciting! We have a full schedule of upcoming speakers and events that will be occurring this. An announcement will be made in Blackboard whenever a club educational meeting is scheduled. Meetings are held in the Classroom Building Room 214 at noon on Thursdays. The meetings are designed to fit between your 11 am and 1 pm classes. A light lunch is served while announcements are made, and the guest speaker begins promptly at 12:30. If you are unable to attend on campus, an email with this Board Collaborate link will be sent out prior to the meeting so that you can join us online.

We hope that you will consider becoming a member of the Accounting Club to take full advantage of the benefits that come with being a student member of the IMA.

Latasha Davis
President

Mission Statement

To create a vibrant organizational community for students that will provide them with the necessary tools to compete effectively in the professional business community through programs that create education and networking opportunities, community and university involvement, and build a framework of highly ethical behavior.

Vision Statement

Perpetuate the IMA-gold standards of excellence for a world-class organization at both a national and local level.
Club Events

Alabama won in the Canned Food Drive, and a total of 782 canned goods were delivered to the Limestone County Churches Involved organization in December.

A big thank you to everyone on campus who donated canned goods or money!

The Accounting Club wants to thank Mrs. Corzine for all of her leadership, mentorship, and diligent work with students and coworkers at Athens State. She has influenced us to dream big and to be the best we can be. It is because of her we can excel in our daily lives on and off of campus. We appreciate her!

We would like to recognize the award she received from Athens State. She was awarded the “Individual Meritorious Award” for 2017. She was awarded for her hard work, dedication to the students and the University, and commitment to institutional goals.

On January 25th, Dr. Diann Hammon spoke to the Accounting Club about leadership in a presentation she titled “Leadership 101.” Dr. Hammon is an Assistant Professor of Accounting here at Athens State. She holds a Doctor of Business Administration degree from the University of South Alabama and is a licensed CPA. She is also an alumna of Athens State. She discussed the many faces of leadership—political leaders, explorers, executives—as well as the many different leadership types. She also discussed self-development plans we should all develop, whether that means to volunteer more in the community or pass the CPA exam. She encouraged students to seek growth opportunities by branching outside their comfort zone. She closed the presentation with “What kind or leader are you or what kind will you become?”

On February 8th, Karen Reetz the Wiley Regional Director for the Southeast came and spoke at an educational meeting for the Accounting Club. She came to inform the students about Wiley’s review program for the CPA exam and to answer questions students had about the exam itself. She gave the students an overview of the exam and what to look for in a review program. She also raffled off a Wiley CPA review system at the end of the meeting, and member Chazmyn Moore won! The CPA exam has four different parts that are normally taken at different times. Wiley suggests testing by the “Big Rock” theory which has the parts in this order: Financial Accounting and Reporting, Auditing and Attestation, Regulation, and Business Environment and Concepts.
In November, seven Athens State University Accounting students, Latasha Davis, Robert Smith, Jacob Perdue, Rachel Daniel, Cowanna Sales, Maria Rodriguez, and Mandy Logan, along with Professors Emily Corzine and Dr. Diann Hammon, attended the IMA Student Leadership Conference in Houston, TX. While there, students networked with hundreds of students from all over the country, and they received recognition for winning the Gold Award of Excellence, as well as being selected as an Outstanding Student Chapter. The students attended two industry tours—one of Minute Maid Park where they heard from Luke Franken, the Assistant Controller speak about accounting in the sports industry, and also Hess Corporation, both within walking distance from the conference.

On Friday of the conference, the Athens State IMA Student Chapter received the Outstanding Chapter plaque which can now be found on the 3rd floor of Sanders Hall. During the awards luncheon, our students sat and conversed with Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM, the former Controller of the State of Nevada. The students also attended leadership seminars all day Friday where they were encouraged to gain as much education and experience as possible, as well as valuable certifications in their field. After attending classes all day, the IMA hosted a bowling event in downtown Houston for all of the students, which included the annual T-shirt competition. This year’s T-shirt featured the World Series champions’ field with the CMA featured as a goal worth working toward.
Congratulations to our 2017 Accounting Graduates!

**May:**
Theresa Binkley
Kevin Breece
Zachary Brewer
Shannon Campbell
Shawna Clark
Paytox Cox
Shawn Craddock
Jonathan Donnelly
Amanda Garth
Jacqueline Hollis-Waller
Sharah House
Stacy Howard
Hannah Hudson
Era Hyatt
Sandra Johnson
Christopher Jordan
Amanda Lunsford
Danila Morris
Haley Newton
Emily Richards
Joy Rosales
Kristi Rowe
Jordan Smith
Karen Smith
Tina Stewart
Amy Stone
Audra Tanner
Tanya Valdez-Mojica
Jeffery Vernon
Tracy Wanzo
Austin Wilkins
Sarah Worsham
Adrienne Wright
Lindsey Wyatt

**August:**
Teresa Bates
Elizabeth Childers
James Griffin
Martha Hamm
Matthew Lawson
Emily Long
Margaret Mackey
Bethany Maze
Christopher McDonald
McKenzie Middleton
Leah-Marie Morris
Lisa Osborne
David Pearson
Michelle Strack
Zahra Urbanek

**December:**
Kira Bazzel
Ashley Bolden
Amanda Bunch
Jenna Daniel
Deana Davis
Sonya Delk
Barbara Hayes
Jeremy Holladay
Alyssa Humphrey
Caroline Malone
Kala Mathis
Kayla McClendon
Victoria Moore
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Upcoming Events:

February 13th - Mardi Gras Parade
February 15th - Educational Meeting Management Accounting
February 22nd - Nashville Career Fair
March 1st - Educational Meeting Ethics
March 3rd - Alabama Women Student Leadership Conference
March 15th - Adtran Industry Tour
March 19th - 23rd - Spring Break
March 29th - Educational Meeting CMA Information
March 31st - Deadline for Officer Nominations

Want to Join the Athens State Accounting Club?
Three Easy Steps:
1) Be a student at Athens State enrolled in at least 6 hours
2) Be a student member of the Institute of Management Accountants (www.imanet.org)
3) Email your IMA member number to Professor Emily Corzine

Maria Rodriguez, Accounting Club Webmaster, received a Staff Accountant position with Hall, Albright, Garrison, and Barnes in Huntsville. She is a government contract consultant and prepares quarterly, payroll packages, and credit card and bank statements.

Cowanna Sales, an Accounting Club Communication Director, received the position for IMA Campus Ambassador. This is a new position with IMA.

Rachel Daniel, an Accounting Club Communications Director, received an internship at Alan Vaughn CPA PC in Madison. She helps prepare tax returns and quarterly reports. She also does bookkeeping within Quickbooks.

Find out more about the CMA credential at www.imanet.org!

Feel welcome to contact any of our advisors or officers with any questions!

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