President’s Message

Greetings accounting students, welcome to a new semester and a new year for Athens State University and the Accounting Club! Since our last newsletter the club has been engaged in several events, including charities like our canned food drive and angel tree. In early November we sent several of our officers to the IMA Student Leadership Conference where we visited different industries and listened to many interesting speakers about topics ranging from leadership to new accounting topics and information on the CPA and CMA. On February 25th for the first time we will take our club on the road to Crabtree, Berger and Rowe, PC to witness professional accountants in action in their working environment and learn what we need to be able to succeed in the workplace. In March we plan to go to the Decatur campus of Calhoun Community College and promote our club to new accounting students. We also plan to have our own cart in the Athens Mardi Gras Parade once again this year! I hope everyone will have another successful semester and sign up for the upcoming Accounting Club officer elections!

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

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 Activities

Auburn won the Canned Food Drive!
The goods were delivered to the Limestone County Churches Involved organization.

Thank you to everyone who contributed funding to help sponsor two children for Christmas.

Members of the IMASC Accounting Club joined others for the Interclub tree trimming in Nov. Everyone enjoyed hot cocoa, cookies and other holiday treats.

Club members enjoyed a relaxed potluck meal and socialized as the fall semester concluded.

On November 19th, several students attended the Muscle Shoals Chapter of the IMA meeting. The guest speaker was Steve Sledge, CPA and Partner KPMG Audit. He gave an overview of the history of Blockchain and its possibilities. Blockchain technology is in its early stages but it is expected to have a huge impact on business in the future.

Karen Reetz from Wiley spoke to the Accounting Club on January 17th. She discussed the CPA exam, advantages of having the certification and pointed out strategies students could use to pass the exam. Karen shared about the Wiley CPA prep materials available for aspiring CPAs. She drew names for free Wiley study materials. Bethany Meadows, Sarah Gibson, and Pius Appiah were the lucky winners of free study materials.

On January 28th students attended the Muscle Shoals IMA chapter meeting with Dr. John Berzett. The subject was the new tax update taking effect this year and the speaker was Kent Quinn, CPA. He gave an overview of the most impactful changes accountants will encounter in preparing tax returns. This was excellent information for those planning to work on returns this tax season.

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

Amanda Bertagnolli, an HR professional from Crabtree, Rowe and Berger, spoke with the club on January 31st. She discussed Professionalism Within the Workplace. Amanda covered several items students should be aware of in the workplace. Some of which are: appropriate dress, social media presence, and conduct. Amanda stressed the importance of conducting yourself appropriately in the workplace, no matter how you feel about any given situation. This meeting was very informa-
Members of the Athens State University IMA Student Chapter Accounting Club attended the IMA Student Leadership Conference in St. Louis, MO from November 1st - 3rd, 2018. During the conference, participants had the opportunity to attend one of the following industry tours; St. Louis Cardinals Bush Stadium, The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, and Nestle Purina Headquarters. Following the industry tours, a Welcome Reception was held where participants were able to network with each other, along with companies in the exhibit hall. The conference offered a variety of topics, ranging from interviewing skills to information on blockchain technology. On November 2nd, during lunch IMA held their award ceremony recognizing various achievements of different students and student chapters. This year, our student chapter won the IMA Gold Award of Excellence and Outstanding Student Chapter. The second day closed with a very informative and motivational roundtable, titled Advice from the C-Suite: Lessons on Leadership, Learning, and Life. While each panelist journey differed, their message was the same. This message was to always present your best, and most important, don’t be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Following the roundtable, IMA hosted a night social, with line dancing, school t-shirt contest, and a mechanical bull. Our chapter won the t-shirt contest along with 500-dollar prize for the accounting club. Attending the IMA Student Leadership Conference was a great experience.

While attending the IMA Leadership Conference in St. Louis, Dr. Hammon, Jacob Perdue, and Kalie Ferris toured the Federal Reserve. The tour started with a brief explanation of the Reserve’s history and overview of what the Reserve does. This was followed by interactive activities which provided examples of economic choices. Afterward, CFO Marilyn Corona gave a brief lecture on things she has encountered during her varied work experience.

The cube holds $1 million dollars!
Congratulations on your new jobs and positions!

Mandy Logan: Staff Tax Accountant at Pearce, Bevill, Leesburg and Moore, P.C.
Cowana Sales: Marathon Electrical Services, Inc.
Angela Sotelo-Neri: Now full time at Construction Services Inc.
Jared Boyd: Internship at Alan Vaughn, CPA
Kalie Ferris: Internship at Alan Vaughn, CPA
Joshua Barhorst: Internship at MDA Professional Group
Lindsay Wallace: College of Business Work Study

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